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#### Cass Lake IHS

The current building will be undergoing expansion expected to be completed in 2024.

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#### **LLBO Hosts Quarterly Meeting in Onigum**

By Kayla Duoos

Onigum - The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting Friday, July 12 at the Onigum Community Center.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. 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. Time was also dedicated for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band.

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. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.







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#### **DHS Commissioner Meeting**

Cass Lake - The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) signed a tribal consultation agreement, Tuesday, June 25.

The tribal consultation policy came as a result of The Walz/Flannagan administration's Executive Order 19-25 which seeks to strengthen the relationships between Minnesota's tribes and state officials through several different methods. The DHS consultation agreement has added three new points of consultation for the tribe with the state department. Tribal nation specific consultation, advisory council consultation, and an annual consultation summit. Tribal officials now have the opportunity to comment directly on legislation and issues.

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Map showing OU1, the Treatment Facility & Commercially zoned land, OU2, the Containment Vault, OU3 the old City Dump Area, OU7, the dioxin contaminated soils and indoor dust. Residential zoned areas of the Superfund Site.

#### **BE HEARD**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe seek Residents comments regarding proposed action plans on Superfund site.

#### By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be returning to the reservation July 30th for a final cleanup proposal meeting on the St. Regis Paper Co. Superfund Site section Operable Unit 7 (OU7).

The meeting will be held at Cass Lake-Bena Elementary School at 6 p.m. Tuesday's meeting will cover cleanup proposals followed by a 2-hour block for verbal comments from residents on what the preferred action plan is for section OU7.

Section OU7 currently sits within reservation boundary lines, by the railroad tracks on highway 371, This area contains residential homes.

The contaminated soil from the superfund site within these areas are well above the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Hazardous Substance Control Act of 2001 (HSCA), which sets standards for acceptable chemical levels based on the Band's analysis of what will best protect our Tribal Treaty Rights and trust lands for our current and future generations.

The plan decided upon from this meeting will be the final remedial action proposed for section OU7. The EPA plans to address the remainder of the St.Regis site in separate actions.

DRM Environmental Deputy Director, Brandy Toft encourages residents to make an appearance at this meeting as this decision will affect band members for years to come, and will be a time for the community to learn about the site.

The public meeting is for the community, it's going to be a time for everyone to come and learn about the site and learn the facts, and to be able to ask questions and get direct feedback, and also learn how to take that information they learned from there, take it home, and provide formal commenting. These people do not live here, you do, they need to hear from you. When people speak, they are heard. We need people to speak up," said Toft.

DRM Environmental Director, Ben Benoit echoed Toft's sentiment and says this time is really for residents to show how much they care about their home and what's done with the land it's settled on.

"People should go to this meeting because this is our homeland and people need to tell the EPA that we do care about it, and you care what happens to it. That's the bottom line, if you don't come out and let your opinion be heard they're not going to know how vast our community who cares is," said Benoit. "The EPA has heard from our Government, now

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-Ben Benoit, DRM Environmental Director

they need to hear from our people."

The online and mail in comment period runs from June 17 through August 15, 2019. Please send your comments to EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Heriberto León before midnight, August 15, 2019 at leon.heriberto@epa.gov, or Heriberto Leon, EPA Region 5 (mail code SE-6J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

You can read the plans being considered as well as a full background on the superfund site on the DRM's website.



1986: Contaminated soil being dumped into the containment vault (OU2), which has sand covering the initial plastic lining.

#### ► DHS Meeting continued.

State and Tribal officials both shared their hopes for the agreement at the signing event, and tribal division directors all voiced issues they'd like to see addressed in the near future. Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who was present at the signing also spoke out saying the move DHS made to present this agreement and come to the reservation to sign it together shows a strong commitment from the state department.

"Coming here today, it shows good intentions. We always want to build on our relationships with state because we do have a lot of critical needs that need immediate attention. This agreement is a good starting point, it's going to be a joint team effort to ensure that good things happen," said Jackson.

Former DHS Commissioner Tony Lourey, said at the core the consultation agreement is really about being intentional and pro-



active in developing government to government working relationships and making them work to make a change.

"These are words on a page, it's on us to bring them to life and to make them meaningful and have them help us together on our partnership, and improve the lives and well-being of the communities, families and band members that you represent. We still have so much work to do but with strong partnerships and really recognizing the important role each of us play,

I'm hopeful that we're going to be able to make some real difference," said Lourey.

Lourey resigned July 15 as DHS Commissioner, and Governor Walz has announced Pam Wheelock as acting Commissioner.

The DHS will continue to honor the agreement signed by Lourey, and said this will be the first of many visits to the reservation in the future as they build upon the consultation agreement.



#### Congressman Pete Stauber Representative Visits Leech Lake

Cass Lake – Congressman Pete Stauber's field representative, Louis Crombie made a trip to the Leech Lake Reservation Wednesday June 19th.

Crombie's visit was one of many he's made since time in office to visit local constituents to hear their concerns and needs. Priority issues on the council's agenda included the DRM Secretarial Land Transfers, The Leech Lake Police Pension/IRS issue, and the Superfund site in Cass Lake.

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#### LLTC Receives Honorary Plaque in Recognition of Nicotine Free Campus

**By Kayla Duoos** 



**Pictured Left to Right:** Dean of Student Services Michelle Saboo, Dean of Academics Vikki Howard and Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Michael Verdugo.

Cass Lake – The Arizonans Concerned About Smoking group presented the Leech Lake Tribal College a plaque Monday June 24th in recognition of the tribal colleges achievement of becoming a nicotine free campus.

Outside of traditional use asema, the campus does not allow commercial smoking on site. The policy which was implemented in 2014 by the campus Wellness Center has been widely accepted by staff and students. Dean of Student Services, Michelle Saboo said the student and faculty support of the policy is really what gave the initiative the push it needed to be successful.

"I think it's huge to see how many students respect our policy, and that even elders on our campus will go off site to smoke. It really leads our community in that way to see elders respect the efforts we're trying to do here and in the community as a whole," said Saboo.

During the implementation period, the college hosted educational listening sessions, supported opportunities for traditional ceremonial tobacco use, and offered tobacco cessation support to those who wanted to quit smoking. Surveys that were conducted before and after the policy went into effect showed that the percentage of students who used commercial tobacco dropped from 49% to 41% in just one year.

Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service, and Bemidji/Cass Lake IHS employee Michael Verdugo who presented the plaque on behalf of the Arizonan organization, congratulated the school on their promotion of healthy lifestyles.

"This was a recognition that the tribal college received due to tireless work to eliminate the use of commercial tobacco on campus. They're one of select few Tribal Colleges that have made the effort to raise the awareness to students about the consequences of commercial tobacco use," said Verdugo during the brief ceremony.

Dean of Academics, Vikki Howard who was present during the ceremony stressed the health impacts that tobacco had on Tribal communities, and tribal women in particular.

"We know that here in Western Minnesota the rate of tobacco related illnesses and deaths in Native American Women is the highest, so setting the precedent for tribal communities and organizations to follow the same policy to promote tobacco free work and learning environments our campus here is important," said Howard.

Leech Lake Tribal College is proud to support their community through the efforts of this initiative. It is their hope that the positive inroads made by LLTC and other like-minded tribal colleges and universities will pave the way for many more schools to join the movement, leading to healthier students and Native communities.

For more information the colleges no-smoking policy, please check the tribal college website, Wellness page.

### **Tribal Council Quarterly Reports**

#### Secretary / Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose



Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer's
Summary
Remarks delivered at the
Quarterly Meeting on Friday
July 12, 2019

June 30, 2019, marks the end of the fiscal year for the Band's Governmental Activities. Prior to closing the books for the year, our balance sheet indicates an increase in current and capital assets, a decrease in current liabilities and long-term debt, and an increase to fund balance or fund reserves.

This past year this administration focused on budgets, capital expenditures, and additional revenue. Our focus in the upcoming year will be towards a long term financial strategy in order to keep our financial state of the band strong and stable.

#### New capital projects were:

- A new Veterans Cemetery in Cass Lake which the Band received a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the construction of the new cemetery at a cost of \$3.3 million dollars, which was finished in June 2019.
- Planning and preparation for purchase of the new Twin Cities office building. The

Tribal Council authorized funds from the General Fund account of \$2.7 million dollars for the purchase and with a set closing date of July 31, 2019.

- 60 Bed Homeless shelter on Tract 33 receiving funds from the billing revenue at a projected cost of \$2.3 million dollars with a projected completion date of September 30, 2019.
- The Assisted Living project that is currently in development and will be opening soon which is administered by the Health Division.
- Renovation of the Headstart/ Health building in Bemidji is in progress. This building was purchased last fiscal year, will serve 20 preschoolers.
- Other capital project planning discussions are S. Lake Community Center, Wellness Center, Treatment Center, and a Wild Rice Processing Center.

The Band's short term liabilities include amounts owed to local vendors, contractors while the long term debt are for loans for the Tract 33 Water Project and the Government Administration Building. The long term debt has steadily decreased as there has been no other loans added since the creation of the Government Administration building.

This administration is expanding the Band's Public Transportation system through the use of grant revenue from the Federal Highway Administration, MN DOT, and other federal sources. The plan is to connect all areas of the reservation with affordable transportation for all residents with access to work, doctor appointments, and other daily necessary trips.

The Band has been working with local broadband carriers such as Paul Bunyan Communications and Century link to ensure internet availability to residents in all areas of the reservation residents and to the programs for faster connectivity needed for quality health, education and community program services.

A major revenue source impacted by stricter regulation is the Opiate billing revenue. A large portion of the Opiate program revenue is being reduced by the State of Minnesota and will affect band programs that rely on this revenue source and may have to search other options or be discontinued if there is no other funding source. Programs currently funded by this revenue source include:

- 1. The Opiate Treatment Program
- 2. Human Services Administration
- 3. Elders Program
- 4. The Lyman Losh Homeless Shelter
- 5. Cass Lake Homeless ShelterConstruction and operation
- 6. Assisted Living
- 7. Sports and Recreation

(These programs and services may need to seek alternative revenue sources as this revenue source has been dramatically reduced due to a change in the billing process.)

The Band's Tax Agreement with the State has been amended to include reimbursement for the State tax on internet sales. The Band received increased revenue the past two quarters with increases projected in all future receipts. Leech Lake is the only tribe in Minnesota that has negotiated this tax increase into its tax agreement for an increase in sales tax revenue of approximately \$190 thousand per year. Also, the last payment for the withheld cigarette taxes was received in the amount of \$2 million.

The Band's General Fund and Special Revenue Fund have positive fund Balances. The Budget Ordinance requires an emergency fund for operations. During the last Federal government shutdown, these reserves were utilized to provide cash flow for all programs that the government had shut down. This emergency fund is especially critical for these types of emergencies to keep payroll and other operating costs funded. The LLBO had minimal interruptions

of services and programs during this time due to having these emergency funds on hand. All cash flow utilized during this time was replenished with the grant revenue that was reinstated after the shutdown.

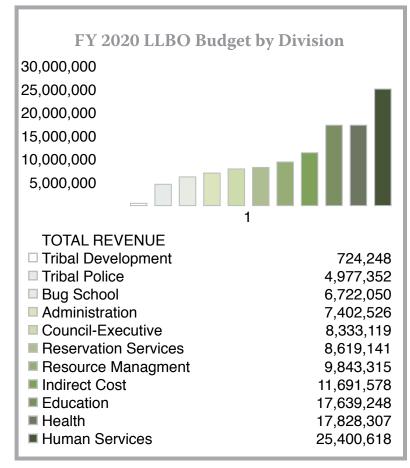
Cash Management reported interest revenue earned on reserves deposited as Certificates of Deposit at local banks of \$562 thousand dollars for this fiscal year, an increase of \$450 thousand dollars over last fiscal year.

The new fiscal year started July 1, 2019, and many elders and veterans requested the emergency funds available through the Tribal Assistance Program. We have over two thousand members age 55 and over. The Band has also budgeted for the annual tax rebate to be distributed in December to all members, including those under 18 years of age, which will be deposited into the Minor's Trust

fund. The Band continues to pay out to the members as they turn 18 years of age.

There were three budget amendments made throughout the past year by the budget committee presented to the Tribal Council for final approval in compliance with the Band's budget ordinance. Each amendment contains specific program budgets which are monitored daily for the Division Directors, Deputy Director, Executive Director, and the Tribal Council.

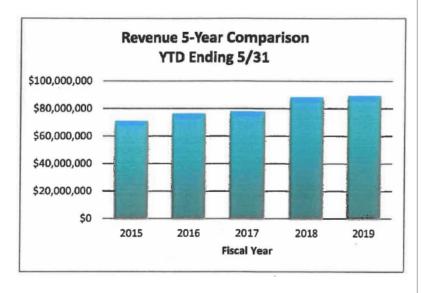
The Band's administration has approved a continuing spending resolution due to the FY 2020 Comprehensive Budget not being approved as of July 1st, 2019. The resolution allowed for temporary spending based on the previous year's budgets. The following is the proposed budget by division for FY 2020.



#### Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending June 2019

#### Revenue

Total revenue through May 2019 totaled \$89.5 million compared to prior year which totaled \$88.3 million. Revenue increased by approximately \$1.2 million compared to the previous fiscal year. Over the last 5 years, Leech Lake Gaming has saw increase in revenue each year. With the opening of Cedar Lakes this coming August, we hope to see revenue continue its' trend upwards.

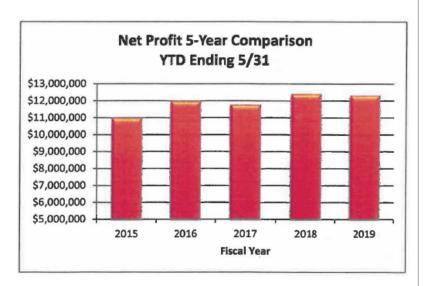


#### **Expenses**

Total expenses through May 2019 were approximately \$77.2 million, which is approximately an increase of \$1.3 million compared to 2018. Through May 2019, Cost of Sales equaled \$18.9 million, payroll totaled \$34.7 million and Operating expenses were \$23.6 million.

#### **Net Profit**

Net profit for period ending May 2019 equaled \$12.3 million compared to the prior year at \$12.4 million. That is a decrease of approximately \$100 thousand.



#### Forecast

While revenue has increased compared to prior year, so has total expenses, resulting in a slightly lower net profit. As previously mentioned, with Cedar Lakes opening in August, we expect to see an increase in revenue and net profit. Gaming will continue to monitor expenses throughout the new fiscal year with anticipation to see an increase in net profit.

#### Divisional Director Reports Summaries

#### **Tribal Court**

- There were 154 new cases filed between March 21, 2019 through June 20th, 2019
- Associate Judge Amber Ahola has been working on truancy process/issues. She has met with staff from Governor Walz Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the Northwest Juvenile Detention Center about creating a tribal advisory board for Northwest Juvenile Detention Center.
- There are ongoing projects throughout the Leech Lake Reservation in regards to educating and promoting the awareness of the crisis that is happening in our communities related to opioids.
- Planning continues for Youth Summit regarding opioid crisis, set to take place August 21s 22, 23.

#### **Tribal Development**

- The Tribal Development Housing Initiative has been developed to address the housing needs of the band in a strategic and cost-effective manner, the team behind this initiative will begin drawing up plans for 3-4 apartment complexes across the reservation, as well as duplexes.
- 546 wilder foundation reservation homeless surveys were completed. Survey results are expected to bring in funding to develop housing, transitional housing, and community supportive housing. Tribal Development is currently waiting on official release of survey report.
- Construction is under way for a homeless shelter in District 3, shelter is expected to open in September or early October of 2019.
- Tribal Development is coordinating with US Census 2020 to assist with data collection for band, as Native American populations are typically under represented.
- The Veterans Cemetery final completion and dedication was held June 6, 2019. Closeout will begin on grant used for project.

#### **Reservation Services**

- Community Services Emergency Home Repair Program
- Total Service Calls for Dist. I: 16
- Total Service Calls for Dist. II: 18
- Total Service Calls for Dist. III:
- Total Service Calls for Other Reservations/Programs: 1
- Total Service Calls for Rough Boxes: 20

#### **Resource Management**

- Snowshoe Hare habitat fieldwork completed, analysis of data expected to start soon.
- Information shared with various outlets regarding invasive species, in order to promote community awareness.
- Online story map is now available on the DRM website for band members to see the effects of climate change on the reservation.
- The orchard instillation collaboration project with Health Division continues. The blueberry planting at the Bena Community Center is completed, work will continue on Ball Club orchard following staff follow up. The Leech Lake Tribal College orchard is set to be installed July 8.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the Chippewa National Forest to address forest service management priorities is expected to be signed soon.

#### **Human Services**

- Mental Health Professionals had a total of 650 client contacts for therapy and/or clinical consults in the last reporting period.
- Leech Lake Opioid Treatment program has launched a woman's sweat lodge that will now occur twice a month, first lodge was held June 18, 2019.
- Tribal Referral has assisted with 196 completed applications for medical gas vouchers and 215 medical checks.

#### **Public Safety**

• Steps have been taken to

- establish a dive team for the tribal police department.
- Red Cross award received for partnership with them
- Large scale drug bust occurred in the reporting period in the Prescott area

#### **Roads and Construction**

- The Mission Road NE project has commenced, paving is complete. Project is expected to be completed by August 2019
- Speed bumps have been installed in requested areas.
- Surveying and staking has been occurring for ongoing projects such as the new casino area, Onigum area, and Bena bike trail ect.

#### Housing

- Housing inspected 10 Radon systems during this reporting period.
- Inspectors also conducted 152 unit inspections for substandard conditions, health and safety issues in the LLHA housing stock.
- The Modernization Department renovated 73 homes during this reporting period.

#### **Health Services**

- The car seat program assisted 65 families and 86 car seats were distributed this reporting period.
- There were 1463 registered participants for the annual memorial walk/run
- 3 nurses have become certified lactation consultants.
- Four schools agreed to have TOP programming as curriculum for after-school program (Deer River, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Bemidji Middle School, and Cass Lake ALC)

#### **Education**

- 225 students awarded funding for spring and summer session
- Grant for new childcare center in Cass Lake has been approved, the design process will start soon.

## BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS





**Photo (above) L to R:** Laurel Carlson, Tessa Wiegele, Bug O Nay Ge Shig Elementary Principal, Doris Adera and Jodi Perrington

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School recently received five awards from the Bureau of Indian Education for excellence in their Achieve 3000 Literacy Program as compared to all BIE Schools. The awards were: Highest Average Lexile Gain—Grade 5; Highest Average Lexile Gain—Grade 9; Highest Average First Try Score—Grade 12; Highest percent of Students with 80 plus Activities; and Highest Average Lexile Gain—Grade 7.





Alexianna at Science Center.

Benny and Rashaun in Life Skills Lab.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Summer School Program continues throughout the month of June with a focus on academics in the morning and fun educational activities in the afternoon. Students have had the opportunity to do pond research at Itasca State Park and to explore the Headwater Science Center as well as cultural, recreational and life skills activities at school.



**Photo Top:** Students pose for a quick photo outside the Whitehouse.

On May 19, six Bug O Nay Ge Shig Youth Leaders (two 8<sup>th</sup> grade & four 9<sup>th</sup> grade) travelled to Washington D.C. to attend Close Up. Bugonaygeshig Youth Leaders is a student organization that works to build a positive school community. This year Lanahny Beaulieu-Banks (8<sup>th</sup>), Helainea Roybal (8<sup>th</sup>), Tehya Carter (9<sup>th</sup>), Katrina Ducheneaux (9<sup>th</sup>), Cecelia Meat (9<sup>th</sup>), and Me-tahna Steeprock (9<sup>th</sup>) reached their fundraising goals and were able to attend Close-Up: Washington D.C. This program aims to develop the skills and attitudes of informed and engaged citizens. In addition to participating in interactive lessons on the process of and the history behind federal government, students toured national monuments, memorials, and museums. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade students had a day on Capitol Hill where they spent time with Senator Tina Smith and Representative Pete Stauber. They also visited the office of Senator Klobuchar and toured the capitol building.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Culture Camp was in full swing with over 100 students attending. Offerings include: Moccasin Game, Birchbark Work, Archery, Lacrosse, Black Ash Baskets, Ojibwe Language, Beading, Drum & Dance, Cultural Crafts, and Indigenous Games.









#### Welcome Babies Ceremony 2019

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake — The second annual Leech Lake Welcome Babies Ceremony took place Tuesday, June 25.

The ceremony which was held on the Leech Lake Veterans Powwow Grounds, was hosted by the bands Family Spirit Program. The ceremony is an effort by the program to return to the traditional Ceremonies that were once done for newborns in the tribe.

Tribal Chairman, Faron Jackson who was in attendance commended the Family Spirit program for planting the seeds in the previous year for the ceremony and expressed his hope to expand the event in the coming years. Jackson also touched on the importance of honoring the incoming generations.

"We need to stand up for our moms, for our grandmothers, for nimaamas, nokomis, for our great grandmother as they come together for a gift of a baby, abinoojiinyens. We're all in this together, our family circle starts with the birth of these young children and that's what we're here to recognize, the special gift of a life," said Jackson.

13 booths set up were set up at the event featuring the bands various family programs who provided information on school options,

safe sex practices, nursing, and car seats. Attendees also received a blanket, baby onesies and gift basket filled with childcare items from the Family Spirit program.

Patti Hurd, who is a Paraprofessional Health Educator for the Family Spirit Program said event is about making sure parents are recognized and helping band members become aware of the services the Family Spirit program can provide them.

"We hold this welcome babies ceremony every year in June and we're thanking the mothers and fathers for bringing us into the world and then giving back to them," said Hurd.

The Family Spirit program works with children ages 1-3, and addresses maternal psychosocial risks, social/emotional development for children, pre-natal care, breast feeding, and sober living. Participants in the program are alloted home visits on a regular basis from Para-Professionals from early pregnancy until your child's third birthday.

Band members interested in the program are encouraged to call Family Spirit at (218) 335-7235 or drop in at the programs office.

► Crombie Visit continued.



Crombie received a history lesson on the tribes past at the start of the meeting, as well as a tour of the Justice Center and the new Cedar Lakes casino, which is expected to open later this summer. Crombie while addressing meeting members stressed he understood the importance of building relationships in communities as a means to better serve those who live there.

"Our goal is to be as present in the community as possible, as Pete always says if you feel like you're communicating enough, communicate more, said Crombie.

Leech Lake Government Relations Attorney



Lenny Fineday who also attended the meeting said this was a great first step in building connections for the tribe.

"The larger purpose behind the meeting today is to really build up from the ground up relationship, and make sure it's as strong as can be, So they can hear our issues and they can think of us when certain issues or opportunities are brought up," said Fineday.

Congressman Pete Stauber currently serves Minnesota's 8th District which covers the Northeastern part of Minnesota. Including the counties of Cass, Parts of Beltrami County Crow Hubbard, and more.

#### Does your child need a yearly child & teen checkup, sports physical or Immunizations?

Leech Lake Health Division is having a Tribal Check-Ups at these locations:

Cass Lake : July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm Bena : July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm

(Transportation available to Bena clinic from Federal Dam, Sugar Point and Boy River)

**Onigum**: July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm

(Transportation available to Onigum clinic from Kego Lake)

Bemidji: July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm Ball Club: July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm Inger: July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> Noon-8pm

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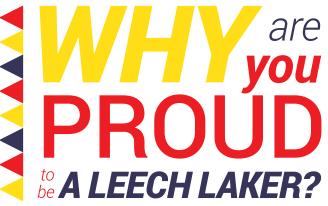
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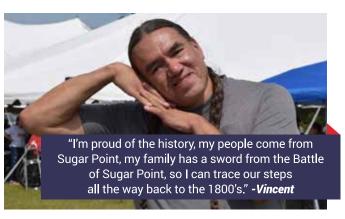




Special Coverage By Kayla Duoos













his question was routinely asked at the bands 3 day summer celebration "Leech Lake Days."

Answers varied from being a part of a community, to loving being in an area surrounded by so many abundant natural resources. The 2019 celebration is the 2nd annual for the tribe, and is even bigger than its predecessor.

This years event housed 12 booths from the bands various programs, a food tent, mobile kitchen, and childrens bouncy houses. The celebration also had over 15 activities running throughout the first 2 days. The Leech Lake days activities ranged from games, contests, crafting, all the way to cook-offs, car pile-ins and a best of "rez cars" display.

Leech Lake Deputy Director, Gordon Fineday who sat on the planning

committee said in his opinion, the event at its core is about celebrating sovereignty and being Anishinaabe.

"I think to everybody who's been on our planning committee has their own interpretation of what this event is, but for me specifically I think growing up here at home, we don't really have a chance to celebrate who we are, we always celebrate different things, different holidays. We never had a day designated for us and for who we are and to show that we're still here. That's what resonates with me. I wanted this event so my kids and my grandkids will have something that they can say hey im from here, this is home, we're still here," said Fineday.

The celebration preceded the bands weekend pow-wow which had been moved up from its traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July

date to coincide with Leech Lake Days. A move that was well thought out by both the powwow and Leech Lake days planning committees. The move is the bands first step in turning away from colonized holidays. Secretary Treasurer, Arthur LaRose said is he's happy to have seen the change happen as it represents bigger things.

"It's about our history, it's about who we are as a people, and it's a really good anishinaabe practice. It's just a wonderful beautiful day for all of us anishinaabe people to get together, have fun, socialize, laugh, do some physical activities and do good for ourselves," said LaRose.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who spoke on the mainstage during the event shared his belief that positive events like this is what furthers not only individuals but the community as a whole.

"As we build these positive and engaging activities for our families to be involved with, use this time to engage in dialogue. Leech Lake days is all about strengthening our communication line so we always know what's going on. We can do a lot with positive energy and positive thinking," said Jackson.

Band Member Vanessa Fairbanks who attended the event attested to Jackson's statement that the event was a positive one for community members. "My family came out and we did the walk run. It's just a great event to get out and bring my girls out," said Fairbanks.

The band already has plans in mind for expansion of next years celebration.

# JEECH LAKF



The Leech Lake Days community cleanup event focused in on the idea that "being proud of your community also means taking care of your community."

Over 200 community volunteers who stood by this motto hit the streets Thursday June 27th for the first event of the Leech Lake Days. Cleanup volunteers went through Tract 33, Tract 33 ½, Tract 34, Fox Creek, IHS to RTC, and the Mission area in district 3.

Leech Lake Project Accountant, Sharon Kolta who was apart of the cleanup crew for the IHS area said taking care of her community has been a priority for her for years, and that she's had visiting guests share how beautiful they thought the reservation was so dedicating time to upkeep that beauty has been a wonderful opportunity.

"I'm just really happy to be able to be out here. I think that it's a good idea to have Leech Lake Days like this because I think it's very important that we take the time and opportunity to

come out and clean because we need to keep our earth clean, keep our land clean, said Kolta.

Leech Lakes Department of Resource Management (DRM) **Environmental Deputy Director,** Brandy Toft said the cleanup is one of the many ways community members show their pride in being a band member.

"One of those is the beautify and take care of Mother Earth and her resources," stated Toft "The cleanup day provides a time for Leech Lake staff and the Leech Lake Community to join together to be proud of our community."

Volunteers all received bag lunches, and a special Leech Lake Days Community cleanup shirt.





The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe sits in w stronahold.

This reputation is exactly what inspired t to host the Wild Rice Cook-off. Court Cle brainstormed for a long time on what the the staff contemplated an ingredient that the idea fell into place.

"Well at the first planning meeting, it was come up with an event to be held at Lee we decided to have some type of food c rice because the band gives us a couple why not a wild rice dish contest," said Ri

The four judges from the Legal Departme categories; creativity, taste, texture and p competition but only the chef of the "Iroi first-place prize. Band Member Katie Kert to a biscuits and gravy has been in the r

"I have been preparing this wild rice dish impromptu modification for it-at the last I think it went really well. I added them for top, so I included it and it worked out rea

Kertig who has been cooking since the a to her not only as an Indigenous chef, bu a dream of opening a restaurant. Kertig shared more of her meals at Leech Lake

When I found out I won, I felt like crying Preparing a meal is not just cooking its i put into your cooking. I learned that at a



hat many claim to be a Mahnomen

he Leech Lake Days Legal Department rk Amanda Richardson said the staff e theme of the cook-off should be. After was accessible to community members,

asked that each division or department ch Lake Days. It took us a little while but ontest. We figured everyone has wild of pounds every year, so we thought chardson.

ents staff based their decision on four presentation, 13 contestants entered the n Gookoosh" dish walked away with the igs prize winning dish, which was similar naking for quite some time.

for years except today was kind of an minute I decided to make some biscuits, or presentation and I tried to go over the ally well," said Kertig.

nge of 10, said the win had meant a lot ut as someone who is currently pursuing has business plans in the works, and Days through her first ever food stand.

because cooking is so important to me. nurturing people, it's also the spirit you young age from my grandma, so not



only do I make sure I keep a good energy when I'm cooking for others. It was an honor to have been chosen and I want to thank the Legal department for the opportunity," said Kertig.

First, second and third place entries in the contest walked away with entertainment prizes.

#### **COOK OFF WINNERS**

- 1. "Iron Gookoosh" Katie Kertig
- 2. "Wild Rice Popping Renos" Alicia Bowstring
- 3. "Dam Good Hotdish" Gina Munnell
- 4. "It's not sticky rice-It's wild rice" Toni Pemberton







The competition was stiff at the Leech Lake Days Frybread eating competition.

All 20 competitors all had different strategies of consuming the bread in hopes of walking away victorious. Methods ranged from pouring water on the bread, to avoiding meals day of, but a newcomer who had the will to push through ultimately walked away with the title.

Chris who is a Leech Lake Band member and youth in the community began the competition with 24 ounces of frybread and ended with 5.5 ounces. Chris successfully pushed past his fellow competition which included last year's title holder.

Chris said the only advice he could give to others who also hope to victorious in coming years is to just "keep eating."

Jess Harrison, who runs 'Jess's fry bread' stand and works at the Leech Lake Mens halfway home supplied over 300 pieces for Friday's competition. Preparing that amount of bread took Harrison around 4 hours for her and help to complete. This is the 2nd year Harrison has been asked to help in the event and she said making the decision to say yes was an easy one for her.

"I'm always glad to help out in events. I'm always putting on fry bread fundraisers for our programs clients activities. I enjoy the rewards of helping, and the compliments," said Harrison.

The winner of the fry bread contest walked away with a one of a kind frybread champion belt.











The Leech Lake Days Community Art contest saw a second successful year.

The event saw 26 entries, and close to a hundred voting ballots were cast. The contest which was originally a new venture to Human Resources staff the previous year, has now become something the team looks forward to. Leech Lake Band member and Technology Development Planner Cari Tabor, believes holding events like the art contest are important to the community as a whole.

"I think this type of event is important because our band members are creating art everyday at home and sometimes we don't get to see what other people are doing. It's amazing when you get to discover other people's work. It's just incredible to see the talent on our reservation," said Tabor.

Many of the H.R. staff at the event echoed Tabor's remarks and as a majority of the group create traditional crafts in one way or another. Fellow Human Resources staff, Joy Lawerence said the event goes beyond the voting, and surface level appearances as it exposes many to new pieces of art to the community and youth.

"This event is about teaching our young people and showing them the crafts that our ancestors and great grandparents did," said Lawerence.

1st

1st

2nd

3rd

**ADULTS BASKETRY** 

**CHILDREN 5-11** 

Sydney Harper

Dazzlyn, Age 10

Jacie, Age 5

Miika, Age 10

Winners in the 3 adults and children categories walked away with monetary prizes.

#### **ADULTS BEADING**

1st Alexis Graves 2nd Vincent Morris 3rd Kari Munnell

#### **ADULTS MIXED MEDIA**

1st Michael Jones 2nd Aryn Tanner 3rd Frances Lyons

#### **CHILDREN 12-17**

1st Cecelia, Age 15 2nd Mya, Age 12

## LEECH LAKE DAYS

# POW NOW

Cass Lake, MN | Veterans Memorial Grounds



















Students pose for a quick photo before boarding their charter to the 43rd Annual United National Indian Youth (UNITY) Conference. The group consisted of youth councils from Deer River, Northland Community School, Walker Hackensack Akeley, Cass Lake Bena Schools, and Bug O Nay Ge Shig. 35 students attended and participated in the conference which had taken place July 4-8 of 2019 in Orlando Florida.





ONIGUM POW WOW GROUNDS ONIGUM, MN

**JULY 26-28, 2019** 

#### **Emcees**

Faron Jackson Gary Charwood

**Arena Director** 

Roman Oothoudt

**Spiritual Advisor** 

**Gus Spears** 

**Co Host Drums** 

Ojibwe Nation Nut Hill

#### **Friday**

Registration 5:30 PM-7 PM

Grand Entry 7 PM

Royalty Contest 7 PM

#### **Saturday**

Flag Raising 10 AM

Registration 11:30 AM-1 PM

Grand Entry 1 PM

Registration 5:30 PM-7 PM

Grand Entry 7 PM

#### Sunday

Flag Raising 10 AM

Registration 11:30 AM-1 PM

Grand Entry 1 PM



#### Arlund Wakefield



Arlund Bruce Wakefield, "Ogitchiidawg" which means "True Warrior", age 61, of Cass Lake and formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Friday, June 14, 2019 from the Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley, MN. He was born on October 29, 1957 in Minneapolis, MN to Delores (White) and William Wakefield.

Arlund was a caring man. He exemplified honesty, integrity and was a true warrior. He enjoyed a good joke, a healthy conversation and was a problem solver. He enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed dancing at the powwows. Arlund was a fighter right up until the end, he knew the Creator was ready for him to go home. Arlund called himself an "urban neeg". He was educated in Minneapolis and attended the Minneapolis Community College. Arlund has always tried to do what was right. He enjoyed sobriety for many, many years. He cherished his friends and his many relatives. Arlund will be missed!

Those welcoming Arlund to the spirit world are his parents; Delores and William Wakefield, several siblings, aunts and uncles and other relatives.

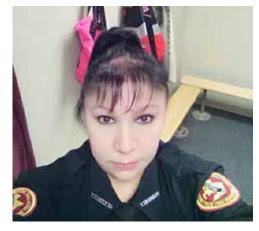
Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his son; Jared Hisgun of Sisseton, SD, daughters; Kristen Cox of Minneapolis, Leann Charwood of Red Lake and Renae (Blake) Charwood of Bemidji, brother; Kevin Anoka of Minneapolis, sister; Lavonne Anoka of Minneapolis, granddaughters; Olivia Moose and Amanda Martin, numer-

ous nieces, nephews, many more relatives and friends.

An overnight wake for Arlund will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, June 22 all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Arlund are Richard Bevins, Sheldon Boyd, Devery Fairbanks, Mike Robinson, Faron Jackson and Larry DeMar. His honorary pallbearers are Blake Wood, Rocky Papsadora, Avis Poupart and all his Urban and Rez Shinabs. Interment will be in the Battle Point Burial Grounds at Sugar Point, MN following his Saturday services.

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

#### Holly (Gale) Rabbitt



Holly Jean (Gale) Rabbitt, age 50, of Walker and formerly of Boy River and Inger, began her spiritual journey on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Sanford Medical Center of Northern Minnesota, Bemidji, surrounded by her loving family.

Holly's time on this earth began March 25, 1969 in Cass Lake, the daughter of Council Gale and Francis Sayers. She completed her education at Walker School and went on to get her Associate's degree at the Leech Lake Tribal College, majoring in criminal justice. For many years, she worked in security at Northern Lights Casino.

Olivia Moose and Amanda Martin, numer- Holly will be most remembered for her time

at pow wows, her many friendships, and for raising her grandson, Izaiah Corr, since infancy. He was her special son. The donation of her corneas to the Lion's Gift of Sight will mean clear vision for another and part of her will remain to help others.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Onigum Community Center at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2019. A visitation will be held one-hour prior. Father Matthew Cobb and Deacon Bill Butcher will officiate. Her honorary urn bearers are all her family and friends.

Those welcoming her on her journey include her parents, her husband Steven Rabbitt, Sr., her brother Harlan Gale and several aunts and uncles.

Those left with happy memories are, sons Joseph and LeRoy Gale of Walker, stepsons Steven Rabbitt Jr., Jared Rabbitt and Tyler Rabbitt, all of Inger, daughter Jade Gale of Minneapolis, step-daughters Brianna, Jessie, Endonnis, and Dana Rabbitt, all of Inger, brother Ernest Gale of Bemidji, and mother-in-law Leona Wakanabo of Inger. She will be warmly remembered by grandchildren Deondre Gale of Walker, Izaiah Corr of Bemidji, LeRoy Gale, Jr. of Walker, Jayvon Gale of Minneapolis, Ralph Golden, Jr. of Minneapolis, Cecilia and Layla Gale, of Walker and Frieda Gale of Bemidji; and her aunt, Mary LaDeaux, as well as her special sisters/cousins, Teresa Solis and Antoinette Wright and brother cousin, Tony LeDeaux,

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

#### Jaxon Whitebird

Jaxon James Whitebird, 13 years young, of Cass Lake, Minnesota and the Mukwa Clan journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, June 21, 2019. He was born on November 16, 2005, in Bemidji, MN to Candice Rae Jackson Whitebird and David James Whitebird, Jr.

Jaxon loved sports. He began playing basketball at the Boys and Girls Club under Coach Gil Zamora with their team called Ojibwe Thunder, they traveled many times to the Minneapolis area to compete in many tournaments. He later went on to play with the Leech Lakers Basketball program under Roman Brown, Joe Fowler and Jon Staples. This last year he finished as a 7th grade Cass Lake-Bena Panther under Randy Johnsrud. Jaxon was an excellent athlete who also participated in the Cass Lake-Bena football,



baseball and track and field programs. Most importantly, Jaxon loved all of his family dearly.

He is welcomed to the spirit world by his grandfathers; David Whitebird, Sr., Tim St. John and Lavern "Cubby" Smith and brother; Raymond Kraskey.

Jaxon is survived by his parents; Candice Jackson Whitebird, David Whitebird, Jr., Cindy Jackson Kingbird and Will Kingbird, Sr., grandmothers; Patty Jackson, Linda Jane Butcher, Louise Jackson and Viola Kingbird, brothers; Kingsly Whitebird, Dedric Jackson, Andrew Kingbird, Will Kingbird, Jr., Gabriel Kingbird, Dakota Jackson, Jared Jackson and Tyrell Jackson, sisters; Taneisha Kraskey, Tia Rae Jackson, Deja Whitebird, Ahrayah Whitebird, Taryn Kingbird, Sunshyne Kingbird, Talecia Jackson, Shanielle Jackson, Tyra Dunn and Tyarra Jackson, nieces; Skyleigh Kraskey and Kambri Kingbird, nephews; Jacian and Armani Kraskey, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

An overnight wake for Jaxon will begin at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 30 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, July 1 all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Father Matthew Cobb and Father William Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers are Andrew Kingbird, Will Kingbird, Jr., Daniel "Boomer" Jackson, Shaun "Banooj" Butcher, Corey Butcher, Kyle Butcher, Thomas Jackson and Jeff Jackson. His honorary pallbearers are Angelina Whitebird, Tim Jackson, Connie Whitebird, Cale Wilson, Antonio Windom, Joey Lindgren, Kaydin Lee, Dennis Smith, Jr., Allen Fairbanks, Jordan Hughs, Robert Fairbanks, Jr., Gaven Brown, Gil Zamora, Roman Brown, Joe Fowler, Jon Staples and Randy Johnsrud. Jaxon's cremated remains will be kept and cherished by his family.

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

#### Margaret (Beaulieu) Hardy



"Guy" Margaret "Muggs" (Beaulieu) Hardy, "Nenookaasi" which means "Hummingbird" 79, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Friday, June 21, 2019 from the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN. She was born on September 29, 1939 in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Ida (Fairbanks) and George Beaulieu.

Born and raised in Bemidji, blessing our lives with a hero's love and loyalty. She taught us dedication to family, friends and those in need. With a dedicated heart and strong will spirit and soul, our family had to sadly let her go.

Grandchildren, children, adopted families galore, Margaret "Muggsy" Hardy was a matriarchal beauty we adored.

A life filled with enjoyments of going to the casino, beading, rummaging, recycling and porcupine work, helping those in need and dishes she cooked. Her "Tuna Mac" was infamous, she would make it for often for other services. Muggs grew up watching her brothers 8 track race in the cities. That sparked an interest in her, and she began racing in the powder puff races and diagnosing mechanical issues by ear. Muggs loved feeding and watching her hummingbirds and she couldn't go to bed at night without watching Stephen Colbert. Margaret was a collective soul of treasures, a hummingbird always on the go.

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her parents; George and Ida Beaulieu, daughter; April J. Hardy, son; Daniel J Hardy, siblings;

Kenneth Beaulieu, Sr., Anson Beaulieu, Roy Beaulieu and Robert Holstein, aunties; Dora Duffy, Ruby Losh and Beatrice Losh, uncles; Henry Johnson and Robert Johnson.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children; Howard Hardy of Cass Lake, Yvonne Hardy of Cass Lake, Mary Lou Hardy of Bemidji and all of her grandkids, great grandkids, sisters; Donna Beaulieu of Bemidji, Shirley Beaulieu of Bemidji, brothers; David Beaulieu of Bemidji and Larry (Connie) Beaulieu of Cass Lake, other relatives, many friends and her "Homie" Angie Headbird.

A wake for Margaret will begin at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 24 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. service on Wednesday, June 26 all to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Margaret are Paul Wenell, Mike Olson, Chris "Gumby" Fisher, George Beaulieu, Kenneth "Guy" Beaulieu and Leo Fisher-Jones. Honorary pallbearers are her "Homie" Angie Headbird, all of her grandkids and family. Interment will be in the Sugar Bush Cemetery following her service.

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

#### Patrick Staples



Patrick Louis Staples, age 70, "Ogichidaa Bines" which means "Warrior Thunderbird" of the Wolf Clan and Laporte, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world from his home on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, with his family by his side. Patrick was one of 11 children born to Margaret (Charwood) and Charles Staples, Sr. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on December 30, 1948.

Patrick was born in Cass Lake, MN and

was the 10th child of 11. He was educated in Cass Lake and Bemidji, Bemidji College and Vo-tech. In 1967, Patrick enlisted into the United States Navy. He moved to Minneapolis in 1968, where he met Carol on his 20th birthday. They later started a family of three girls. Patrick and Carol moved back to the Cass Lake area in 1994 where he loved to spend time with his family. He enjoyed playing cards and Yahtzee and his casino time to play Jacks or Better Draw Poker. Patrick kept busy playing tennis, softball and basketball. He was an excellent hunter, with an excellent shot, and fisherman but his most special times was the time he spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His grandbabies were his world!!

He is welcomed to the spirit world by his parents; Margaret and Charles Staples, Sr., and his siblings; Betty Staples, Delores Morrow, Charles Staples, Jr., Catherine Adams, Cecilia Drouillard, Roberta Staples-Wind, Richard Staples Naomi Countryman and Samuel Staples, Sr.

Patrick leaves behind his significant other of many years; Carol Staples, daughters; Patricia (Kevin) Staples, Roberta (Wayne Sr.) Norby and Robyn (Marlon) Staples all of Cass Lake and Rebecca Larson of Minneapolis, a sister; Barbara (Jim) Staples, grandchildren; Maria, Cherelle, Mary, Angela "Bunz", Savannah, Vanessa, Kayla Boo, Joseph, Wayne Jr., Robert, Charles, Kevin Jr., Marlon "Nemo", Martine, special grandson; Niswi, 19 great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, numerous other relatives and friends.

A wake for Patrick will begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2019 and continue until his 12:00 p.m. traditional service on Saturday, July 13 all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Dylan Adams will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Patrick will be Joseph Norby, Wayne Norby, Jr., Robert Johnson, Joel Potter, Sr., Louis LaBarge, LaDrake Powell, Sr., Darryl Drouillard and Travis King, Sr. His honorary pallbearers are all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of his nieces and nephews, as they all were so special to him, Wayne Norby, Sr., Kevin Johnson, Sr., Michael "Julio" Staples, Rick Wilson, Sr., Michael "Moss" Staples, Dave Swanholm, Robin Kelly, Sr., Donald Kelly, Sr., Daniel Kelly, Sr., Charles Kelly, Jr. and Ian Lussier. Interment will be in the Fairbanks-Staples Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission, MN following his Saturday services.

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

#### Robert Fairbanks



Robert Alvin Fairbanks (Bah-Bii-Dosh) passed away June 4, 2019 at his home surrounded by his wife and children. Robert was born in Oklahoma City on July 9, 1944 to Albert and Lucille Fairbanks. He was the eldest of eight children. Robert graduated from Capitol Hill High School in 1962. In 1967, he married Linda Geer, and together they had six children. Robert was a medical negligence attorney in Norman, Oklahoma.

He enjoyed fishing with his children and grandchildren, coaching softball, and serving as a Scout leader. He was an animal lover and advocate. In retirement, he enjoyed making Native American flutes and drums and researching and writing on Native American history, culture, and law.

Robert valued education and was constantly learning something new. He encouraged his children, and even strangers he would meet around town, to pursue various educational opportunities. He graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science and later earned a Juris Doctor from The University of Oklahoma, a Master of Business Administration and Master of Criminal Justice Administration from Oklahoma City University, a Master of Laws from Columbia University, a Master of Arts in Medical Sciences from Stanford University, and Master of Education from Harvard University. Robert was a professor of law and political science at several universities.



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

200 Sailstar Dr. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418 Honorable Paul W. Day Chief Judge of Tribal Court Honorable Amber Ahola Associate Judge of Tribal Court

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In Re the Guardianship of: E.W., DOB: 11/30/2013; H.W., 11/20/\*20016; M.W., 12/20/2006; S.B., DOB: DOB: 11/26/2006; A.H.. DOB: 06/06/2012. Sheila Lyons, Petitioner. And Melissa Wakonabo & Henry Wakonabo, Respondents.

Case No. FA-19-26

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that on March 8th, 2019, a Petition for Guardianship of a 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 file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 8th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Guardian-

ship of:

L.M.W.V., Minor Child, DOB: 01/10/2010; Devon Northbird, Petitioner, And Allaurah Isham & Levi Villebrun, Respondents,

Case No. FA-19-55

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 3rd. 2019, a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondents herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before August 27th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m., the date of the Trial 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 De-BahJiMon 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 Re the Estate of: Janice Jean Hunt, 09/15/1954 Decedent.

DOB:

Court File No. CV-19-31

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

above-named decedent, Janice

Jean Hunt, died December 8,

2018. A hearing was held before

the Honorable Amber Ahola,

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

23rd, day of April, 2019 at 1:30

p.m., upon the filing of a Peti-

tion for Formal Adjudication

of Intestacy, Determination of

Heirs and Formal Appointment

of Personal Representative by

Matthew Hunt, surviving sib-

ling of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on April 23rd, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Matthew Hunt, 8587 Midway Dr. NW Walker, MN 56484 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Janice Hunt, 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.

#### **REWARD**

\$100.00

STOLEN LARGE WHITE CROSS FROM GRAVE OF LEO FAIRBANKS from Fairbanks Mission Cemetery.



Please call with any information

218-335-8855





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#### ► Obituaries continued.

A member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Robert was an advocate for Native American rights and advancement. He was the founder, President, and Executive Director of The Native American College Preparatory Center in Minnesota, which provided Native American students with challenging educational opportunities. An expert on Native American law and the founding Editor-in-Chief of The American Indian Law Review at the University of Oklahoma School of Law, Robert authored several books, scholarly articles, and commentaries on Native American sovereignty and constitutional law issues, for which he won several awards.

Robert served in the United States Air Force as a contracting and manufacturing officer, logistics officer, and judge advocate. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, assigned to First Flight Detachment, 90<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam—Studies and Observation Group. He was a graduate of the Air War College. He retired in 1992 in the grade of Colonel after 25 years of service. Robert's military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Honor Staff Service Medal First Class, and numerous other awards and decorations.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Richard Edward Fairbanks. He is survived by Linda, his wife of 52 years and their six children, Chele Crosby and husband Durand, Kim Fairbanks, Robert Fairbanks II, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Fairbanks and wife Marissa, Richard Fairbanks and wife Jessika, Joseph Fairbanks and wife Alexandra, grandchildren Carl Wienecke and wife Monica, Alex Crosby, Nicholas Crosby, Bailey Fairbanks, Nathaniel Wilkins, Tyler Wilkins, Benjamin Fairbanks, and Dahlia Fairbanks; siblings, Tawana Fairbanks, Duane Fairbanks, Denise Landrum, Priscilla Fairbanks, Johnny Mac Fairbanks, Kathryn Fairbanks, and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### Upcoming



#### Pow Wows

57<sup>th</sup> Annual Miigwech ... .. July 19, 20, 21 Mahnomen Days Traditional Pow Wow *Ball Club, MN* 

21st Annual Onigum · · · · · · · July 26, 27, 28 Traditional Pow Wow Onigum, MN

39<sup>th</sup> Annual ChaChaBahNing --- August 23, 24, 25 Traditional Pow Wow *Inger, MN* 

Labor Day Celebration ••••••••August 30, 31, Traditional Pow Wow September 1

Ball Club, MN

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Battle Point **September 13, 14, 15** Traditional Pow Wow *Federal Dam, MN* 

#### Cass Lake IHS Expansion Plans Set to Take Place Through 2024

The Cass Lake IHS is committed to improving the Healthcare Facility that serves the Leech Lake Band and is pleased to share that it is beginning a series of expansions and improvements to the facility that will continue for the next 5 years. The planned expansions and improvements are as follows:

- Phase 2.1 (2019-2020) 10,000 Square Foot Property and Supply Addition includes new Receiving, Central Supply, Biomedical and IT service areas, site improvements and utility and infrastructure for Phases 2.2-2.4. Includes Geothermal and Solar Energy Reduction Projects.
- Phase 2.2 (2020-2022) 40,000 Square Foot Multi – Level Clinical and Maintenance Addition includes a new 16 Chair Dental Clinic, New and Expanded Optometry, Audiology, Radiology, Clinical and Physical Therapy and Rehab Space, HIM, and Purchased Referred Care Departments, Maintenance and Support Services Space and Site Improvements.
- Phase 2.3 (2022-2023) 10,000 Square Foot Renovation of Existing Administration and Dental Space removing existing aged structures from the site.
- Phase 2.4 (2023-2024) 5,000 Square Foot Hospital Renovation and 1,500 Square Foot Addition of a new Entrance and Waiting Area for the Hospital.



The first of these expansions, Phase 2.1, is currently under way with an estimated construction duration of 1 year. During this expansion minimal impact to patient care is expected. During all phases of construction, the facility will remain open, however temporary modifications will likely occur to allow for construction and departmental moves. These will be communicated to the LLBO. Patient care and safety will remain our highest priority. Thank you for your patience during construction. We look forward to improving your access to quality healthcare.

Miigwech, Cass Lake IHS

#### Leech Lake Civics Training

By Kayla Duoos



Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Civics training has added a new understanding of tribal sovereignty for employees.

The recently added training is the result of passed resolution by the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee earlier this year. The Civics training covers history,

political rights, operations, culture and citizens rights of the tribe in an interactive format. All new hires and incumbent Tribal Council members are required to complete the training.

MN Department of Transportation Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Band Member, Levi Brown who conducts the training said the training is an important piece in understanding governance while in a cultural based setting.

"I think if you're going to function within an institution such as a government you have to have an understanding of where that government powers come from, what the role of the government institution you work for is, and you have to really have a better understanding of why this government might do certain things based on its culture. There's a cultural tie between who we are as an Anishinaabe to how we govern today. Thats where Leech Lake Civics comes in," said Brown.



LuAnn Robinson, a band member who completed the training, said the presentation is something that has been long needed on the reservation.

"We all need to understand the role we all play in ensuring our livelihood and that our communities and community members are thriving within the government. The more knowledge and understanding we have as band members will only make our future generations that much stronger and capable of accomplishing anything they set out to do. It's up to each and every one of us to be accountable for living the best life we can live, and it's up to us to gain the knowledge and pass it on," said Robinson.

Civics training is held the  $4^{\rm th}$  Thursday of every month, Interested employees can contact Human Resources for further information and registration.

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders July Birthdays





#### District I

Betty Motter
Geraldine Howard
Louis Boyd
Ronald Wilson
Edwin Goggleye
Beverly Devault
Doreen Johnson
Spencer Shotley
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#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe **Water Quality Standards Application**

Public Comment Period: May 31 to July 15, 2019.

#### Application for Treatment in a Similar Manner as States (TAS) for Water Quality Standards

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) of Minnesota has applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and administer water quality standards. Approval of the application would allow Leech Lake to adopt, review, and revise water quality standards and to certify that discharges comply with those water quality standards for all surface waters within Leech Lake's Reservation.

The Band intends to set standards for all surface waters within the Reservation that meet the EPA's regulatory definition of the "Waters of the United States," The current boundaries and legal description of the Reservation were established in a 1973 federal consent decree entered into by LLBO, the state of Minnesota, and the United States. A listing of surface waters located within the Reservation for which the Band intends to set water quality standards can be found in the application as attachment 15.

#### **EPA** is Requesting Comments

The EPA is currently reviewing Leech Lake's application and is requesting comments on the Tribe's application to regulate surface water quality in the waters described above. Comments will be accepted until July 15, 2019.

#### For More Information

A copy of the complete application with supporting maps is available for review on EPA's public notices website: https://www.epa.gov/mn/leech-lake-band-ojibwe-application-treatment-statewater-quality-standards and at the following locations:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Government Center 190 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Justice Center 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facility Center 16128 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 Cass County Clerk 303 Minnesota Ave. NW, Walker, MN 56484 City of Cass Lake 330 Second St., Cass Lake, MN 56633 Cass County Environmental Services P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484 Itasca County Environmental Services 123 NE Fourth St., Grand Rapids, MN 55744 U.S. EPA Region 5 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL

#### Public Comment Period through July 15, 2019

Comments, questions or more information about this application should be submitted in writing to:

#### **David Horak**

Tribal Program Manager U.S. EPA Region 5 State and Tribal Programs Branch WS-15J 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 horak.david@epa.gov 312-353-4306

#### **Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings**

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources 115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697 Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more info.

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JULY 26, 2018

Urban Child Welfare Program Manager ~ Human Services/TCO ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-094 Data Clerk/Project Coordinator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-095

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 2, 2018

Urban Child Welfare Case Manager ~ Human Services/TCO ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-099 Cook – Bena ~ Education ~ \$12.53/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-097

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