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## 2019 State of the Band Address



By Kayla Duoos

Walker – The 2019 Leech Lake State of the Band Address was delivered by Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. on Friday, March 29 at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center.

Chairman Jackson's speech covered a wide variety of initiatives underway including announcing the early planning stages of a family healing center, the upcoming wellness center, and the return of the opioid summit as well as the launch of a youth summit regarding the struggle of addictions. Jackson also touched on the decision made to expand the youth program budget, the new housing developments and the Cedar lakes casino which is set to open this August.

Jackson also called for a moment of silence during his address to honor the late White Earth Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, who passed earlier this month.

More than 600 Band members were in attendance alongside state, tribal, and county officials. U.S Senators, Tina Smith and Amy

Klobuchar, US House of Representative for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Betty McCollum, as well as MN Attorney Keith Ellison all greeted the crowd remotely through video.

The overall theme of this years State of the Band Address was "Promoting Positive Energy." Chairman Jackson chose this years theme based on the power positive energy can have on both individuals and community as stated in his written letter.

"Positive energy gives people confidence and hope, encourages people to love

themselves, their culture and life, as well as to pursue nice things. Everything we do is ultimately for the sake of spreading positive energy. Part of promoting positive energy is building strong and lasting relationships with other organizations in our region. We continue to improve existing relationships and are constantly looking for pathways to build or repair other relationships that may be lacking," said Jackson.

Gary Charwood served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and Guest Speakers included: 8<sup>th</sup> District U.S Congressman Pete Stauber, MN Secretary of State Steve Simon, MN State Auditor Julie Blaha, and Leech Lake Band Member Tiffany Beckman M.D.

Mike Smith provided a blessing and invocation for the event and the Leech Lake Honor Guard posted colors on stage. Also in attendance was the Leech Lake Nation Drum group who provided both the welcoming and flag song.

Following the speeches, lunch was served and door prizes were gifted to those in attendance.

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Governor Walz Signs Executive Order Expanding Tribal-State Consultation

By Kayla Duoos

ST PAUL, MN – Governor Tim Walz latest executive order sets the framework for consultation between his administration and Tribes in Minnesota. The order, which was signed late in the day on April 4, replaces and expands upon an order issued by former Governor Mark Dayton in 2013.

"This order ensures the State of Minnesota and the eleven tribes engage in true government-to-government relationships built on respect, understanding, and sovereignty," said Governor Walz. "We are committed to meaningful consultation with the tribal communities in our state."

Walz reiteration of the order adds fifteen new agencies to the original eleven required to develop these policies.

The tribal liaisons will work with MN Tribal Nations to identify priority issues and submit them to the Minnesota Office of the Governor by October 1st of each year. It also includes a requirement for a wide range of state employees to attend tribal and state relations training. The order sets a deadline of June 30, 2019 for the listed state agencies to implement tribal consultation policies.

MN Department of Transportation Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Band Member, Levi Brown said the executive order is a great step forward and that any person working with or alongside Indian

Country should have tribal relations training to be successful.

"Too often there's government conflict between state and tribal nations when there doesn't have to be, and a lot of it is due to miscommunication and misunderstanding. A liaison can provide context on why an issue is important to a tribal nation, where a decision might be coming from and provide a communication line between a Commissioner of an agency and Tribal leadership.

"It is time for policy being done to Indian people to stop, and for policy to be done in partnership with Native Nations to begin and continue."

That line of direct communication is vital to a healthy, working relationship," said Brown.

The signing was announced at White Earth's "State of the Nation" address, where Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan was a guest speaker. Flanagan spoke on behalf of both herself and Governor Walz when announcing the Executive Order and their budget proposal.

"It is time for policy being done to Indian people to stop, and for policy to be done in partnership with Native Nations to begin and continue," said Flanagan while addressing the tribe.

Flanagan stated that their budget proposal reflects the administration's shared values, and that they will need everyone's full support to get their proposal through legislature. Native issues prioritized in Governor Walz budget proposal include: support of traditional



healers, investment in Tribal contract schools, holistic services to incarcerated band members, Indian Child Welfare, and providing full funding for the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force. Flanagan cited the task force and protection of Native women as one of the reasons she herself ran for office.

"One of the reasons I decided to run for Lieutenant Governor—because no little girl grows up thinking I want to be the second most powerful person in the state of Minnesota but the reason I did it, because too often our Native women at best, are invisible and at worst, are disposable and that is why I decided to run. You have to see us, you have to value us, you have to support us and this investment in missing murdered Indigenous women is one of the best ways for us to ensure that our Native women are not forgotten and that they are loved and they are valued," said Flanagan.

Lieutenant Governor Flanagan closed out her speech Thursday by presenting a signed proclamation from Governor Walz which designated Thursday, April 4, 2019 as "Terrence Tibbetts Day" in honor of the late White Earth Tribal Chairman.



Leech Lake Tribal College Faculty Attend Achieving the Dream conference

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Tribal College faculty made the trip out to Long Beach, California February 19th to represent the college at the annual Achieving The Dream conference.

Achieving The Dream now in its 15th year is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping community colleges develop plans to increase student successes and make institutional improvements. The conference brought out community leaders, policy makers, faculty, staff and investors committed to improving student outcomes.

Leech Lake Tribal College President, Raymond Burns spoke on the "Preserving Culture and Planning for the Future: An Exploration of Student Experiences at Tribal Colleges and Universities" panel that also featured Linda Garcia, the Assistant Director of College Relations and Cheryl Crazy Bull, the President/CEO of The American Indian College Fund.

The panel that took place February 20, covered a report released by the Center for Community College Student Engagement, which centers on understanding the student experience at tribal colleges and universities in comparison to Native American students enrolled at non-tribal colleges citing that students who attend Tribal Colleges feel higher rates of community and belonging. Burns, alongside his fellow panelists offered their perspective on what matters when engaging Native American students at any college campus.

"My perspective on the study was that it didn't really tell us anything, we didn't already know. It was nice to see what we've always assumed codified and backed up by facts, and data. That's always been a luxury tribal colleges sometimes can't afford—is to have someone who can actually crunch the numbers and make the data accessible. So, it was nice to see things we all suspected were actually true. It's always been a commitment of tribal colleges to work with our students in different and unique ways than most mainstream colleges do, and it's nice to see the data

backing up that our methods work better," said Burns. Burns continued, citing that Native students are often indicators of student success rates at college and that while the conference looked at student success levels across the board, it was often engagement levels in community and cultural events that kept students involved and successful on the tribal college level.

"I think from the tribal college perspective, culture is an ingrained part of who we are as an institution but because we were speaking to a broader audience of community colleges across the nation some of those who have extension populations of native students, it was also important for them to get a perspective of what native students need and for them to take the steps to help native students be more successful in their institutions, one of the things I don't think many people realize is that native students tend to be an indicator in a college setting. If you have a program set where native students are successful, it almost invariably follows that all other students are successful. So, I believe implementing some of the things tribal colleges do to work with students should have a long term beneficial effect for any school," said Burns. Attending the conference alongside Burns were the tribal colleges Dean of Academics, Dean of Student Affairs, and Registrar.

Closer to home, the Leech Lake Tribal College has now begin entering the final stages of year two in the three year Achieve the Dream program. Since joining the college has received support from the program in the form of personal data and leadership coaches who have helped the college collect and produce beneficial data. That led to the development of an action plan that will be implemented in the near future.

"It's been a beneficial relationship partnering with Achieve the Dream. It allows us to look at ourselves through an external view which is really good. Now that we've seen how to collect and use that data, it's going to be beneficial to us in the long run to look at moving forward with things that work and improving upon things that don't," said Burns.

LLBO Education Department Prepares Tribal Education Code

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Education Department is developing a new education code to redefine tribal sovereignty in education.

The code which has been under development since 2016 aims to make changes across the departments eighteen programs. Laurie Harper, the Director of Education who has been leading the reform, believes this is the first step of many to implement changes that will benefit the tribes youth in the long run.

"Our kids are going to have their own dreams. We're going to have to figure out how to support them and make them a reality. That's the place I want our Education Department to be at, in a place where we can support people no matter their age. Dreams are not always going to be a four-year college degree. It takes time for folks to trust in a process that we can provide you with tools to get there. It's up to you to reach and out and take advantage of them," said Harper. The band currently offers support to students on track for both trade schooling and traditional two / four year degrees.

Changes the education department seeks to make include: training of departmental successors, furthering alternative education for workforce development, determining curriculum authority with local schools and the increase of cultural events in education institutions to further student engagement.

Harper says the education code plans to build upon work already done by many in the department, state, and county. The code, which is being developed in partnership



Laurie Harper, LLBO Education Director

with the Native American Rights Fund, will be exclusive to Leech Lake's needs.

"This isn't a "we're going to adopt someone else's plan and rename it as ours", this is truly a tribal education code that will be for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. It's not just an education department endeavor, it ties into the overall scheme of the future of Leech Lake. I really truly believe education is at the heart of any move forward. Identifying what our current needs are and what our future needs will be. I want to see more of our community members between the ages of 18-40 coming home to work for us. Doing so, is going to be one of the big ways that we can continue to move and change with the times and that has been my push" said Harper.

Band members will have several chances over the next few months to offer their input on the future direction of the education department. Band members input will be taken and added to an updated draft of the education code before a full resolution is presented to the Tribal Council at the July Quarterly Meeting.

The first meeting for band member input will take place in April, details will be announced in the near future.

# LLBO DRM Prepares 2019 Earth Day Celebration

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the average American spends 90% of their time inside which is a major factor in why this years Leech Lake Earth Day theme is “Get Outside.”

Going into this years celebration, Leech Lake’s Environmental Deputy Director Brandy Toft asks everyone to consider the theme and think about how much time they spend outside and what that means for both personal health and the environment.

“Why do we sit inside so much and play video games, watch tv, or go online? This years theme is all about if you aren’t outside caring for the resources, and experiencing them—they’re going to leave you because you will not be there to protect them. It’s all about engaging, so if you like to hunt, it’s about getting out there and understanding that resource so you can nurture it. If you like to gather, or you like to bird watch, or hike or just enjoy being outdoors, it’s understanding that you can’t do that in front of a screen,” said Toft.

The 2019 Leech Lake Earth Day celebration is expected to be bigger than last years event and has been ever-expanding since planning began. The event will feature a drone demonstration, fishing pond, solar demonstration, water table and various booths featuring activities for all ages.

The U.S Forestry Service, Headwater Science Center, Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL), Leech Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Solid Waste, Leech Lake Fish and Wildlife and more are expected to attend. The groups in attendance along with the Department of Resource Management will be answering questions, giving further information on solar energy, land preservation, sustainability measures and more.

Attendees will also have the chance to pick up a free shirt by writing one sentence online on the DRM Facebook page and in person during the event on what they love the most about living in Leech Lake.

Toft encourages everyone to come out to the event as it will be a great chance for the entire family to learn and celebrate Mother Earth together.

“Come learn, come celebrate with us. You can learn from us and we can learn from you, we’d love to hear your stories and what you’re seeing out there. This is a sharing of information and we’re really trying to make this year a little more expanded, inclusive and more interactive,” said Toft.

The Leech Lake Earth Day Celebration will take place Monday, April 22 at the Boys & Girls Club in Cass Lake from 12-4PM.

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- 1. Spend less time on your phone / limit screen time (Icon: Hand holding phone with 'slide to power off')
- 2. Turn off your work computer before you leave for the day (Icon: Computer monitor with 'POWERING DOWN')
- 3. Take a 15 minute walk during your lunch break (Icon: Person walking)
- 4. Stop using straws / plasticware (Icon: Straws and plasticware with a red prohibition sign)
- 5. Recycle (Icon: Recycle symbol)
- 6. Turn off the lights when you leave a room (Icon: Hand turning off a lamp)

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For more information about this event, please contact the LLBO Environmental Department at 218-335-7400.



## LLTC Holds Annual Across the Universe Event

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Tribal College STEM department held it’s 4th Annual “Across the Universe” event, Thursday April 4.

The event, which was open to the community, focused on instilling interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs by incorporating Native American teachings into the different activities.

Attendees had the opportunity to try nine hands on activities covering archeology, astronomy, virtual reality, robotics and rocket building. LLTC faculty as well as Minnesota University Duluth, Bemidji State University, Cass Lake-Bena Robotics Club and The Headwater Science Center participated in leading the sessions.

Melinda Neville who is the Natural Sciences & Technology Department Chair & Earth System Science Instructor at the Leech Lake Tribal College said the goal of this years event was to expand attendees horizons on how relevant the STEM fields are on a day to day basis.

“We really want to show our community different ways that science can be fun and applicable to Anishinaabe life. Our goal is to encourage more young students to consider STEM education and careers, but also recognize that science intersects with our lives on

a daily basis whether or not we realize that,” said Neville.

Neville also stated that the new partnerships outside of the college, gave more opportunities to provide examples and demonstrate how important it is to relate western ways of thinking about STEM to Native American culture.

“A particular example I can give on the importance of integrating Native culture with STEM fields is looking at climate change. Native communities and the Anishinabe way of life have always been intertwined with the natural world. The oral history that’s available through elders on what life was then to now, informs our science. We not only need that knowledge but we need Native people going into these fields and managing our natural resources.

The Leech Lake Tribal College currently offers three degrees in STEM; Forest Ecology, Earth Systems Science, and Liberal Education-STEM emphasis. Anita Cloud who is a recent STEM graduate and helped plan the event alongside Melinda said the event was important for the children in the area to see the opportunities they had not only in the field but close to home.

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# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose



Governmental Activities Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Thursday April 18, 2019

As of December 31, 2018, the financial statements of the Band reflect a stable and healthy current financial position. The budgeting and investment policies governing the financial structure and operations are working as intended and are showing growth in revenues and control of spending. Although the current financial condition of the Band is good, we must remember that the unmet needs of all areas are much greater and that we will continue to address those needs as much as possible with the resources available. This administration will continue to utilize our resources in the most fiduciary responsible manner with the intent of eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse of our limited resources and to provide programs and services in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

Revenues from Federal, State, and other sources (including third party billing revenue) for the 6 month period, beginning July 1,

**Fy 2020 Budget - All Divisions**

Administration	5,243,762	Reservation Services	17,661,147
Bug School	6,722,050	Resource Management	9,281,974
Council-Executive	9,204,745	Tribal Development	724,248
Education	13,888,308	Tribal Police	4,931,498
Health	18,468,044		
Human Services	25,370,953		
Indirect Cost	10,724,125		

2018 are \$33 million and \$8 million dollars from gaming and tax and license revenues. Budgeted Expenditures from those revenue sources are going as planned and we are projecting to be under budget by an estimated \$1 million dollars at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019. We have had two budget revisions to the original FY2019 budget with each Division Director submitting requests for their programs under their responsibility. All Divisions must report and are held accountable on a monthly basis for their spending. This administration is ensuring all internal controls and policies approved by resolution are adhered to.

This past winter was long and difficult due to terrible weather conditions. This administration supplemented the Energy Assistance Program with additional funding and employee loans for heating and electrical bills. Our Public Works programs put in many overtime hours due to after-hour freeze ups and furnace repairs. The heavy snows created safety concerns and were alleviated with constant plowing and clearing of roads and walkways. The Temporary Employment program assisted as well.

The Federal government incurred a partial shut-down that lasted 35 days due to Congress not enacting a full budget for fiscal year 2019. This left many agencies and other local governments such as our Nation, with little or no funding being received for the grant programs. However, this admin-

istration was able to continue operations with no major interruptions in services or programs, although there were some ripple effects felt due to other agencies not operating or only providing limited services. We will continue to plan and prepare for any future similar or other catastrophic events or emergencies as required by our budget ordinance. Also, the Division of Public Safety, under the direction of Kenny Washington and Duane Oothoudt, conducts major emergency operations and preparedness planning with a focus on collaboration from internal and external entities.

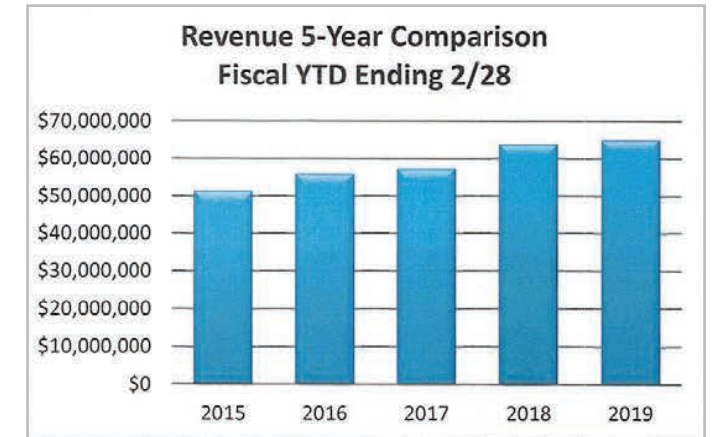
Our Management Information Systems department (MIS) including the functions of telecommunications, email and internet access, continues to improve and update our computer networking access and security. Maintenance and continuous investment in our Information Technology resources make it possible for us to provide services and programs utilizing the latest networking technology and software.

Our FY 2020 Budget process is near complete and ready for approval by the Tribal Council. We hope to address and fund as many areas as possible. Strategic planning sessions will continue to be conducted with a long-term focus to maximize and prioritize the use of our resources.

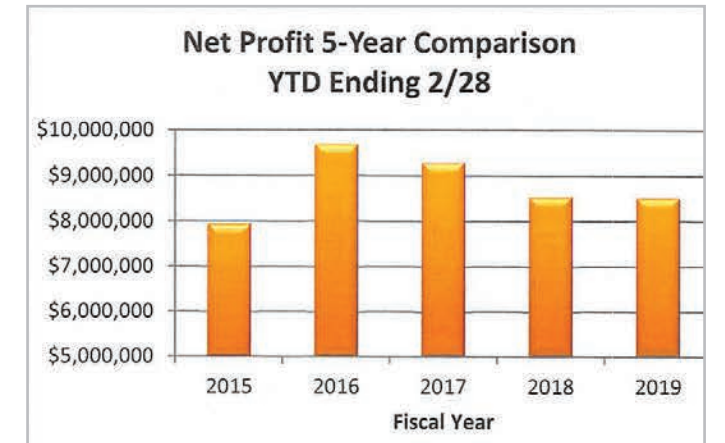
Please refer to the graph included for more detailed information regarding the FY 2020 budget.

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

**Revenue**  
Once again we see a continuation of the upward trend in revenue for Leech Lake Gaming. In comparison to the previous fiscal year, Gaming saw an increase of almost \$1.2 million in revenue as of February. Total revenue for fiscal year 2019 through February was roughly \$65 million. All three Casinos, along with Shingobee, saw increases in revenue while the C-stores and supply store saw decreases.



**Expenses**  
Total expenses are on the rise as well this fiscal year. Expenses through February 2019 totaled \$56.5 million. Compared to the same time frame, the previous fiscal year’s expenses were \$55.3 million. That is an approximate increase of \$1.2 million, with the increase being mostly in operating expenses.



**Net Profit**  
Net profit through February is nearly \$8.5 million. That is down slightly from the previous fiscal year by almost \$29 thousand.

**Forecast**  
Revenue and expenses continue their upward trend, with the result being a downward trend to net profit. Gaming will need to continue to monitor expenses, which includes Shingobee and the other small businesses. Cedar Lakes Casino construction project is under budget and on schedule. The opening for this casino is scheduled for Summer 2019, which is right around the corner.

# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Quarterly Meeting at Bena Community Center

By Kayla Duoos



BENA – Leech Lake Tribal Council held their regular Quarterly Meeting Thursday April 18 at the Bena Community Center. First on the agenda was the quarterly report given by Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. followed by the financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose, which featured financial data from both government and gaming operations (read Secretary Treasurer Report on page 5). 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 introduced and welcomed at the meeting. Also on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months and time dedicated for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band. The 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 July. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Division Report Summaries

### Tribal Court

- 100 new cases filed between January 1 through March 20
- Paul and Gary Charwood met with the ICWA Collaborative group and special guest Jerry Milner head to children's bureau for the federal government at the NLC, March 5
- Met with Deer River, Bug O Nay Ge Shig, and Cass Lake Bena to establish United Nations Tribal Youth council at each school (UNITY)

### Housing

- Conducted 60 Radon Tests
- Inspectors conducted 237 unit inspections for substandard conditions, health and safety issues in the LLH housing stock
- Modernization Department renovated 27 homes during this reporting period

### Roads and Construction

- Plowed area for Perch Jerk
- Snow removal throughout Leech Lake
- Inventory on signs
- Mission road ne project has been extended until summer 2019
- Surveying and staking for ongoing projects (Prescott, Bena bike trail)
- Locating monuments for surveying in the Onigum area

### Tribal Development

- Tribal Development Housing Initiative developed to address the housing needs of the band in a strategic and cost effective manner will begin with drawing up plans for potential apartment complexes across the reservation
- Construction for the Cass Lake area Homeless Shelter will start this spring with a goal to have a facility open by August-September 2019. The shelter will be under the human services division
- Veterans Cemetery Project Site selected and secured on the Veteran Memorial Grounds. This will be the first Tribal Veterans Cemetery that will be located on an Indian Reservation in Minnesota. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been awarded a Tribal Veterans Cemetery Grant in the amount of 3.3 Million on September 18, 2017, amount based on approved construction bid. completion date will be spring 2019
- Planning and Grant proposal submitted

and underway for the development of childcare services. Applied for ICDBG in the amount of \$700,000 for aforementioned project

- Planning underway for development of a new \$5 million health division building

### Reservation Services

- Community Services Emergency Home Repair Program
- Total Service Calls for Dist. I: 28
  - Total Service Calls for Dist. II: 23
  - Total Service Calls for Dist. III: 112
  - Total Service Calls for Other Reservations/ Programs: 4
  - Total Service Calls for Rough Boxes: 25

### Public Safety

- Completed reinstallation of the activation hardware for sirens
- Participated in interagency field deployment boom exercise
- Hosted hazwoper class
- Worked on LL population climate change vulnerability report
- Hired Taylor Humphrey and Chad Ashford



- Recently awarded \$719,962 to hire victim services staff to specialize in serving children, youth and families affected by crime. Part of this will be used to fund three additional Crime Victim Advocates.
- 2nd K-9 officer is going through certification, will be deployed in the next few weeks.

### Resource Management

- Environmental staff negotiated an agreement with Enbridge pipeline company that Enbridge will remove Line 3 that currently runs through the Leech Lake Reservation
- DRM Director and Forestry Program director have started an integrated resource management plaque that will help all of the DRM programs work together to sustain the bands natural resources

- Work continues to be done on congressional land transfer of 11,700 acres
- Assist in purchase of Two Points property
- Continued work on a MOU with the Chippewa National Forest to address forest service management priorities
- Met with new Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner

### Human Services

- Mental Health Professionals had a total of 834 client contacts for therapy and/or clinical consults
- 84 clients in Leech Lake Opioid Treatment
- 866 approved applications for 2019 fiscal year for energy assistance
- Tribal Referral has assisted with 192 completed applications for medical gas vouchers and and 173 medical checks

### Health Services

- Car seat program assisted 44 families and 62 car seats were distributed
- Start of teen outreach pilot program, that will eventually become school curriculum in 2029/2020 at Deer River, Bug-O-Nay

Ge-Shig, and Cass Lake. There talks to expand to 6 other learning institutions

- Staff member trained and licensed to be doula and breastfeeding consultant
- Tribal Statewide Health improvement partnership (SHIP) opened Cass Lake Ice Skating rink
- LLBO boxing program to begin implementing training schedules
- Community Health Services assessment will begin soon to determine what services are needed

### Education

- 20 people hired for positions through TERO 18 youthbuild participants have completed NNCER certification
- The Native American Rights Fund will be visiting the reservation soon to present the first draft of the updated reservation education code.

# Camping in the Chippewa National Forest Notice to LLBO Members

Submitted by Ben Benoit, Leech Lake Environmental Director

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management has been working with the Chippewa National Forest to recognize the reserved treaty rights of Band Members to freely camp on federally managed campsites within the Leech Lake Reservation. The Forest Service in recognition of these rights has opened all Forest Service campgrounds within the Leech Lake Reservation for free use by all Band members and resident Indians. Many of the sites within these campgrounds require an online reservation; this article is to clarify the procedure for reserving a campsite or utilizing one of the many campsites that do not require an online reservation free of charge.

### Online Reservations

All federal agencies use [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) to manage campsite reservations. The USFS is no exception so the path to getting a campsite begins there. On the website, search for the campground and select the campsite that you are interested in reserving. Once the campsite is selected you can view the availability and plan the length of your excursion.

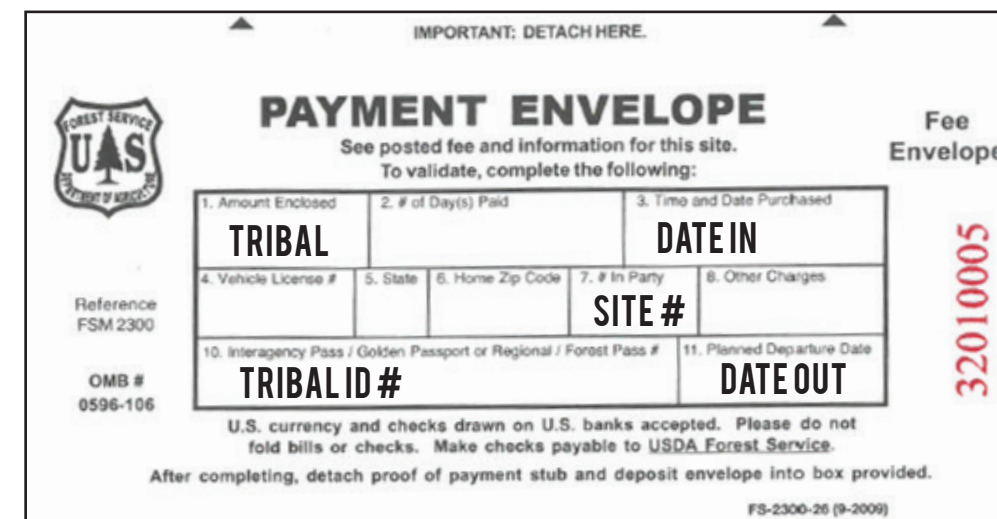
Using the campground name, campsite number and dates of stay you can fill out the form and turn it in to the DRM or any one of the Forest Service offices that provide the form. Once the form is received it will be passed to the appropriate USFS staff that can block out the reservation on the website. This process may take several days and you will be contacted to confirm the reservation was made or if questions arise. This form is available at:

- USFS Supervisor's Office in Cass Lake (218) 335-8600
- Deer River Ranger Office (218) 246-2123
- Walker Ranger Office (218) 547-1044
- Blackduck Ranger Office (218) 835-4291
- Division of Resource Management Office (218) 335-7400
- Print on the Leech Lake DRM website [www.llojibwe.org.com/drm](http://www.llojibwe.org.com/drm)


Some campsites within the Chippewa National Forest are not reserve able and there are envelopes available on site that are used for campsite registration. In the case of these campsites, fill out the envelope appropriately and use the site free of charge.

The only federally managed campground that is exempt from this process currently is the Winnie Dam and Leech River campgrounds as they are managed through the Army Corps. of Engineers. Work is ongoing to allow the same opportunity at that campsite as all the others within the Leech Lake Reservation. We hope to have a solution this summer.


Although use of the campsites is free and we are exempt from the length of stay rules, we should behave responsibly and remember that responsible use of all our resources will keep these campsites clean and available for seven generations.



Example: How to fill out USFS Campground Fee Envelope for Tribal Members



## Reservation Form for Tribal Use of Chippewa National Forest Campgrounds



- Reservations must be made 4 days ahead of arrival and can be made up to 6 months in advance.
- Only select campsites are available for reservation.
- Campsite availability can be viewed on Recreation.gov
- Fill out and submit this form to the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management (218) 335-7400 or any Ranger station on the Chippewa National Forest (218) 335-8600.
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment may be requested.

**\*\*IF SITE IS NOT OCCUPIED THE FIRST NIGHT OF RESERVATION THE RESERVATION IS VOID\*\***

NAME

CAMPGROUND NAME

PREFERRED SITE #  BACKUP SITE #

CONFIRMATION PHONE # & EMAIL

DATES TO BE RESERVED

By signing you confirm you are an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe or enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe with residence within the Leech Lake Reservation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_
Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or comments please contact the Leech Lake Environmental Director, Ben Benoit at (218) 335-7417.

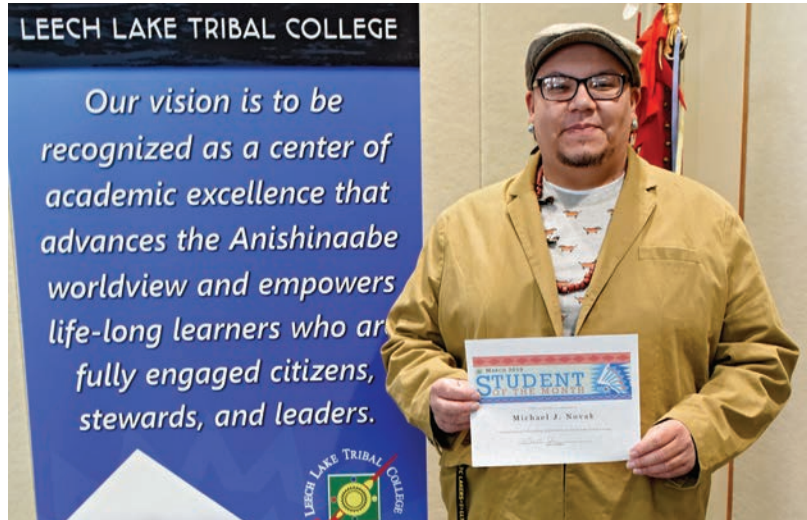
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# LLTC Student of the Month *Michael Novak*



Michael "Mike" Novak has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal Colleges March Student of the Month. LLTC's student of the month honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance. Novak is a first year student in the Indigenous Leadership studies program, and he is expected to graduate in May 2020. Novak chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal college after taking summer language courses, wishing to further pursue his education. Following Graduation, Novak hopes to transfer to Bemidji State University and build upon his skill set.

**Cass Lake - Bena High School Track & Field**

Boys & Girls		
05.02.19	Mahnomen High School	AWAY
05.09.19	Walker-Hackensack-Akeley H.S.	AWAY
05.14.19	Northome High School	AWAY
05.16.19	Lake of the Woods High School	AWAY
05.23.19	TBA Sub-Section Meet	TBA

**Cass Lake - Bena High School Baseball**

Boys		
05.02.19	Nevis High School	HOME
05.06.19	Red Lake	AWAY
05.09.19	Laporte	AWAY
05.10.19	Kelliher / Northome	HOME
05.16.19	Conference Tournament	AWAY - BSU

**Cass Lake - Bena High School Softball**

Girls		
05.02.19	Laporte	AWAY
05.06.19	Red Lake Country Central	AWAY
05.07.19	Blackduck Public School	AWAY
05.10.19	Kelliher / Northome	HOME
05.14.19	Fertile - Beltrami	HOME
05.16.19	Conference Tournament	AWAY - BSU

**Cass Lake - Bena High School Golf**

Boys		Girls	
05.02.19	Bigfork Golf on the Edge Golf Course	05.06.19	Park Rapids Headwaters Golf Course
05.03.19	Park Rapids Headwaters Golf Course	05.07.19	Deer River Blueberry Hills Golf Course
05.09.19	Deer River Blueberry Hills Golf Course	05.14.19	Red Lake Castle Highlands Golf Course
05.14.19	Red Lake Castle Highlands Golf Course		

**LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE**  
**MAY '19**

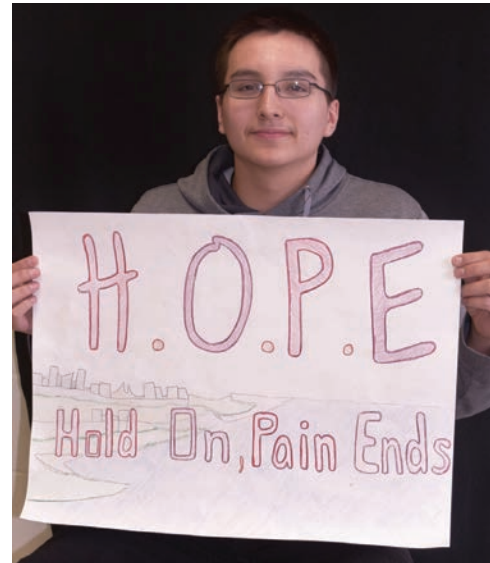
# CLB Poster Contest Winners

A poster contest raising awareness for Suicide Prevention was held at two area schools, Cass Lake Bena High School, and Cass Lake Area Learning Center. Karen Anoka, the Behavioral Health Case Manager for the Leech Lake Tribal Health Division, awarded four winners, two from each school. The winning posters will be enlarged for display at their schools and for distribution throughout the Leech Lake community.

Winners: Jade Seitz, Cass Lake Bena High School, Brent Fowler, Cass Lake Bena High School Corey Madigan - Cass Lake ALC, Josh Holstein - Cass Lake ALC

Suicide is 100% preventable, let's strive to make others aware that there is help. You are not alone!

Many times people feel like they are alone or just have nowhere to turn. There is always a person, someone that will listen to you at the end of the telephone when you call the National Suicide prevention lifeline! 1-800-273-TALK (8255). You can also Text: MN to 741741 and you will be connected to a trained professional if you prefer to text.



## Additional Area Crisis Numbers

- Cass:**  
Crisis Line (800)462-5525
- Beltrami:**  
Crisis Line (800)422-0045
- Hubbard:**  
Crisis Line (800)462-5525  
(800)422-0863
- Itasca:**  
Crisis Line/CRT (218)326-8565 or (800)442-8565
- Leech Lake Behavioral Health** - 218-335-3050
- Leech Lake Tribal Police:** 218-335-8277
- Cass County Sheriff:** 218-547-1424

# New Chiropractor at LLBO Health

Cass Lake - The Leech Lake Health Division has added a new Chiropractor to its team.

Tim Graupmann has is a licensed Chiropractor who has been practicing close to 30 years. Dr. Graupmann a Minnesota local, owned and operated his own chiropractic office in Grand Rapids, MN for many years before deciding to join the bands staff.

Dr. Graupmann looks forward to working with the band and believes chiropractic care is about making sure patients have the best care possible.

"I think this is a perfect fit, I can really focus on patient care here. I bring a lot of passion and energy into the practice and I take good care of whoever I see. I look forward to being a part of the team and enhancing everyone's lives through chiropractic care and working together with the different disciplines that Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has to offer. From the diabetic clinic to physical therapy, to occupational safety and health and the IHS," said Dr. Graupmann.

The services Dr. Graupmann will be bringing to the health division include general chiropractic care, ultrasound, muscle stem and cold laser therapy. District 1 and 2 band members will be able to make appointments through their district clinics and Cass Lake community members can call the diabetes center for appointments.



Appointments with Dr. Graupmann are available Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm at the following locations:

- Mon. (Split Schedule):** Bemidji (8:30am-11:30am) Ball Club (1:30-4pm)
- Tue:** C.L. Fitness Center
- Wed:** Bemidji IHS Clinic
- Thurs:** C.L. Fitness Center
- Fri:** Ball Club Clinic

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



The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Sugarbush Camp is in full swing with classes visiting the camp on a rotating basis so they all have a chance to help with the honored traditional activity. Pictured are Niigaane students Evan Gotchie and Jaylie LaRose Chase along with their teacher Maggie Goodwin.

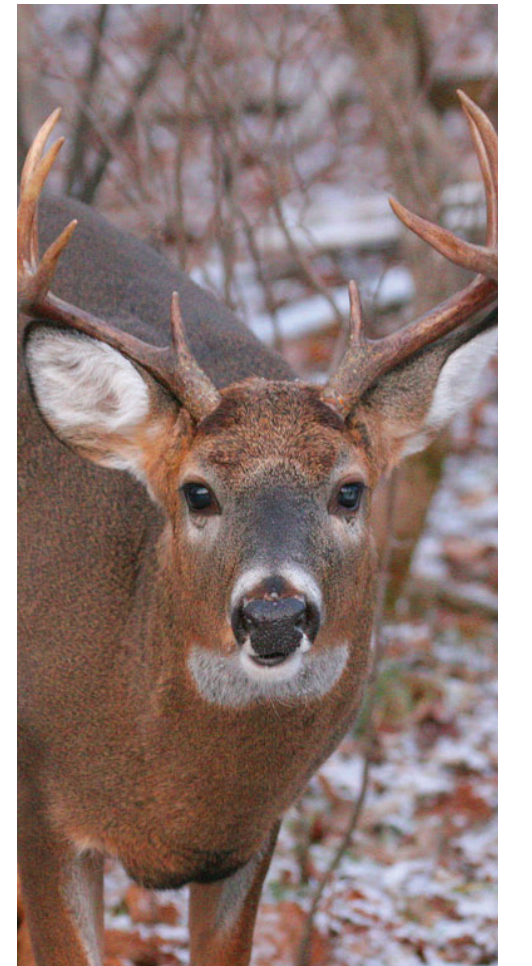


The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Anishinabe Knowledge Bowl Team recently sponsored a meet for 15 teams from northern MN schools. The event was held at the Northern Lights in Walker. Northland Remer's team took 1st place and Grand Rapids was 2nd.

# Chronic Wasting Disease in MN Deer

Submitted by Tanya Roerick, Wildlife Biologist, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management

Chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal brain disease which infects deer, elk, and moose, has previously been found in SE Minnesota. A new detection was recently made in Crow Wing County near Brainerd close to where it was found a few years ago in a captive deer herd. Diseases of this type are a concern to all of us because of its potential to affect our deer population, hunting, and health. The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management (DRM) wants to provide you more information on this matter and how you can help.



## What is CWD?

CWD is a disease caused by a prion and causes the infected animal's brain to deteriorate. It can be spread by direct and indirect contact (salt licks, bait piles, plants) between deer through saliva, feces, urine, and blood. CWD is always fatal for an infected animal and there is currently no treatment or cure.

## What is being done about CWD?

CWD has not been found on the Leech Lake Reservation. However, it is possible for CWD to be found here in the future if the disease continues to spread. At this time CWD can only be tested for by killing an animal because it requires the lymph nodes located in the head to be sent to a lab for testing. The Leech Lake DRM is not currently testing for CWD, but we did test a few year ago to determine if it was here. We will likely start testing again if the disease is detected within 50 miles of the Reservation boundary.

The Minnesota DNR is taking action to prevent further spread of CWD. In Crow Wing County, where the recent CWD-positive deer was found, the DNR is removing additional deer in the vicinity of the infected deer detection. This will allow the State to test for CWD in additional animals and lower the deer population within the area to reduce the chance of further spread of the disease. The DNR also has carcass movement restrictions and feeding bans in place.

## Signs of an infected deer:

- CWD is a slow progressing disease and can take years before symptoms appear. Below are some of the most common symptoms of CWD.
- Thin, sickly appearance
- No fear of humans
- Excessive salivation, thirst, and urination
- Drooping ears

## Will I be able to still eat deer meat?

At this time there is no evidence that CWD can infect humans. However, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that people do not consume the meat from an infected animal.

## How can you help prevent CWD?

- Do not bait or feed deer
- Eliminate attractants that cause deer to congregate in an area
- Report any ill looking or acting deer to the DRM Wildlife Biologist or Conservation Officer
- Do not import animals or part of animals from infected areas
- Do not dispose of deer parts in the wild where other animals may come in contact with them

Please report any ill looking deer to the DRM Wildlife Biologist or Conservation Officer.

If you have any questions regarding CWD please contact the DRM wildlife biologist at 218-335-7400

# Obituaries

## Ricky Cutbank Jr.



Richard "Ricky" Joseph Cutbank, Jr., age 49, of Bemidji, Minnesota journeyed home from the Jack Pines Group Home in Bemidji, MN on March 31, 2019. Richard was born in Bemidji, MN on June 27, 1969 to Angeline (Benais) and Richard Cutbank, Sr.

Ricky was a huge Minnesota Vikings fan and loved going to the games. He loved listening to country and gospel music. He was a believer in the Lord and thoroughly enjoyed going to church and his camp meetings. Ricky enjoyed fishing, shopping, movies, attending powwows, Vikings home games and attending every party he was invited to. He especially loved listening to his father and sister, Roselyn, sing to him. He loved his family very much; his memory will forever be cherished in our hearts.

He has been reunited with his mother; Angeline, grandfather; Albert Benais, Sr., many aunts and uncles, nephew; Terry Loeken, Jr., brother-in-law; James Guernsey, his special friend; Martha and other family members.

Ricky leaves behind his father; Richard (Lila) Cutbank, Sr. of Pennington, sisters; Roselyn (Terry Sr.) Loeken of Pennington, Beverly (Jesse Urrutia) Guernsey of Bemidji, Rebecca (Robin, Sr.) Windom of Wilkenson, Bonnie Watson of Pennington and Angela (Lawrence) Starr of Bemidji, auntie; Delores

Fineday, numerous nieces, nephews and many more relatives.

A wake for Ricky will begin at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 4 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, April 6. All services to be held at the Veteran's Memoria Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pastor Tim Brown will officiate. Pallbearers for Ricky will be Shaun Windom, Sr., Jack Cutbank, Daniel Loeken, Gary "Josh" Miettinen, Jr., Wakon Windom and Deland Starr. Alternate pallbearers are John Loeken, Neil Cutbank and Robin Windom, Jr. His honorary pallbearers are Cody Knutson, JT Knutson, Jeff Oakgrove, Jr., Scott Miettinen, Christopher Miettinen, Sr., all his nieces and nephews and the REM and Jack Pines Staff. Interment will be in the John Brown Cutbank Cemetery at Pennington, MN.

The family of Ricky would like to send a very special "Thank You" to our oldest sister Roselyn Loeken for being his guardian for the past 20 years and to the REM and Jack Pines Staff for taking such good care of him for us. Special thank you also to "Gramma" Karen.

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

## Randy White Sr.



Randolph Joseph "Betung" White, Sr., age 92 of Onigum, Minnesota began his journey home on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from his home. Randy was the oldest child of Joe White and Jennie (Ryan) Smith on December

11, 1926 in Onigum, MN.

Randy was born and raised in Onigum all of his life. In 1948, he enlisted in the United States Army. He spent all four years of his enlistment in Germany, achieving Corporal status. He became interested in boxing while in the Army; an interest that carried on throughout his life. Shortly after being honorably discharged from the Army, he met Virginia Martin and they were married on June 1, 1958. He and Virginia lived in Minneapolis while he worked for Univac (later Unisys) as an electronics technician and quality control. Some of the circuit boards that Randy worked on at Univac were sent to the moon, something that he was always very proud of. After 25 years with Univac, he and Virginia moved home to Onigum.

Some of Randy's favorite things were big band music, deer hunting, eating smoked fish, working on cars and playing at the casino. He was the biggest Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan, not ever missing a game. Randy had the greatest sense of humor and loved making people laugh.

Randy Sr. was a great dad who never picked sides and was always there for his kids. At his time of passing, Randy was the oldest elder in the Onigum Community. He had a good long life and passed as a free man who loved his Lord and Savior.

Family that Randy is reunited with are his parents; Joe White and Jennie Smith, infant daughter; Baby Girl White, daughter; Suzette Q White, stepson; Vincent Keith White, siblings; Lyman Sr., Marvin, John George, Cubbie, Kenny, Harry, Roger, Leota and Delores, sister-in-laws; Alvina Smith, Marcie Klevegard and Donna Mae Bruce, nephew; Patrick Smith and more relatives.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his children; Randolph (Dorothea) White, Jr. of Onigum, Diane (Jay) Wyoski of Onigum and Theodore White, Sr. of Deer River, brothers; Wilford "Chibeeb" Smith and Joe White, grandchildren; T.J., Vincent, Randy III, Nicole, Summer, Maria, Rachel, Brad, Elias and Billy, great grandchildren; D'Marko, Kellea, Karysa, Arian, Ka'Aliyah, Damon, Jaylon, Dylan, Gavin, William and Lilliona, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

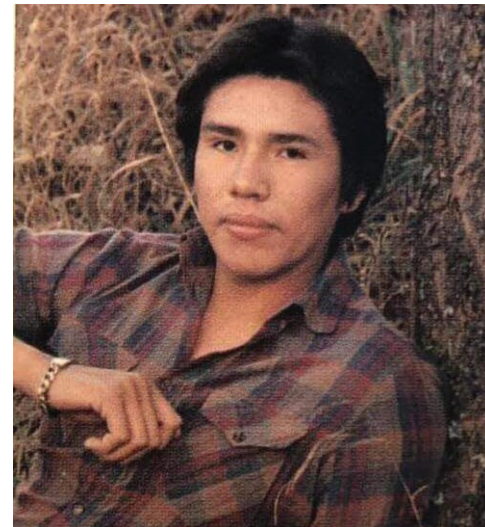
A wake for Randy will begin at 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 4 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, March 6 all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Deacon William Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers for Randy will be Theodore J. White, Sr., Bradley Day, Randolph White III,

Michael White, Larry Johnson, Jr. and Kevin Anoka. The alternate pallbearers are Bradley White and Gary White. His honorary pallbearers are Randolph White, Jr., Nicole White, Ashley Harrison, Lyman White, Jr., Vincent White, Elias White, William Big Bear, Jr., Maria Connor, Rachel Day, Theodore White, Jr., Summer Lee Morrison, and Johnny Peters. Interment will be in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, next to the love of his life, Virginia, at Old Agency, MN.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the Leech Lake Veteran Services, Faith in Action and St. Joseph's Hospice Services.

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

## Harlan Gale



Harlan Keith Gale, age 52, of Longville, Minnesota passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 29, 2019. He was born on March 2, 1967 in Cass Lake, MN to Frances (Sayers) and Counsel Gale.

Harlan grew up in the Onigum area and attended school in Walker, MN graduating in 1987. He was very outgoing person who enjoyed hanging out with his family and friends. Even though he liked to joke around and have fun he was always willing to help anyone out, if he could. Harlan was very close to his cousins Cam and Kenny Sayers for many years, before their passing. Hobbies that Harlan enjoyed were watching basketball, hunting and gambling. Harlan was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan, catching every game.

He is reunited with his parents; Frances and Counsel, grandma; Sarah Sayers, cousins; Cameron and Kenny Sayers and many aunts and uncles.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his children; Preston Schroeder of California and Alyssa Schroeder of Park Rapids, brother; Ernest Gale, sister; Holly Rabbit, one grandson, auntie; Mary LaDeaux and numerous other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Harlan will begin at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 2 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, April 4 all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Helping to lay Harlan to rest are Tony LaDeaux, Joe Jackson, Joe Wright, Leroy Gale, Merrill Cloud and Aaron Oothoudt. His honorary pallbearers are his children Preston and Aylssa Schroeder and all his family. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

Harlan'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)

## Chaske' Gordon



Baby Chaske' Gordon, "Mahto Cinca" which means "Bear Child" was born and taken into the hands of the Creator on February 23, 2019 at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is the son of Kelly Williams and William "Billy" Gordon.

Baby Chaske' is welcomed to the spirit world by his grandma; Louise Shelley, auntie Kathy Jo Gordon, great grandpa; George Earth and many more relatives.

He leaves behind his parents; Kelly Williams and William "Billy" Gordon, grandma; Lisa Gordon, grandpas; Damascua "Troy" Williams and William "Bim" Frank Gordon, great grandma Moose, aunties; Ashley and Cordelia Williams, Kayla, Gerri, Charlotte

and Jessica Gordon, uncles; David Waybenais and Kyle, Jacob, Brandon, John and Dakota Gordon, lots of cousins and other family members.

An overnight wake for Baby Chaske' will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1 and continue until 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, March 2 all to be held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Baby Chaske' will be his uncles David Waybenais and Kyle Gordon. His honorary pallbearers are Damascus Williams, Cordelia Williams, Ashley Williams, Geraldine Gordon and Kayla Gordon. Interment will be in the Windom Burial Grounds at Pennington, MN following his services.

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

## Franklin LaRose



Franklin "Doc" William LaRose, Jr. of Bemidji, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on March 29, 2019 in Grand Rapids, MN. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on August 13, 1955 the son of Franklin Sr. and Delores LaRose.

Doc met the love of his life, Cheryl in 1989 and they were married in March of 2011. He was a strong advocate for Indian rights. Doc knew and understood the treaties and sovereignty rights of the MN Chippewa Constitution inside and out. He used this to help other people to understand their rights. Doc enjoyed the traditional activities in life which included, hunting, harvesting, ricing, fishing, netting, and sugar bushing for Maple

syrup. He was a legal aid for native rights and later supervisor for the TEP program on the Wood Crew. Doc enjoyed his sports which included boxing, baseball, and football. He was a huge Minnesota sports fan. Doc strongly believed in the good of everyone and he never had a bad thing to say about anyone.

The family that Doc joins again are his wife; Cheryl, parents; Franklin and Delores, grandparents, sister; Roxanne LaRose, children; Tammy and Pierre, grandson; Mahnomen White, and nephew; Daniel Wilson.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his son; Adrian "Guy" White, daughter; Juanita (Clayton) Oothoudt, brothers; Timmy, John and Larry, sister; Paula, special sister; Carol Blue and Lori "Queenie" Gellings, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Doc will begin at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 31, 2019 and will continue until the 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Tuesday, April 2, all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Spiritual advisor will be Ron Winters. Active pallbearers will be Clayton Oothoudt, Frank Raisch, Tony LaRose, Chauncey Oothoudt, Raven White, and Rogers Davis, Jr. Alternate pallbearers will be Edmund Williams, Jr., and Joseph Briski. Honorary pallbearers will be Marvin Hanson, Tuffy Fisher, Archie LaRose, Michael LaRose, Michelle LaRose, Darron Wilson-LaRose, Doug and Gerald Butcher, Jeremy Jones, Frank LaRose, Sr., Mish and Winter Cloud and the TEP Wood Crew. Interment will be held in the LaRose family burial grounds in Cass Lake following the service.

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

## Guy Mountain

Guy Elliot Mountain entered the spirit world on January 13, 2019 age 23. Guy loved his family very much, he always had a smile. He especially liked to bring family together for a day of fun. He will be remembered for his big heart and kindness.

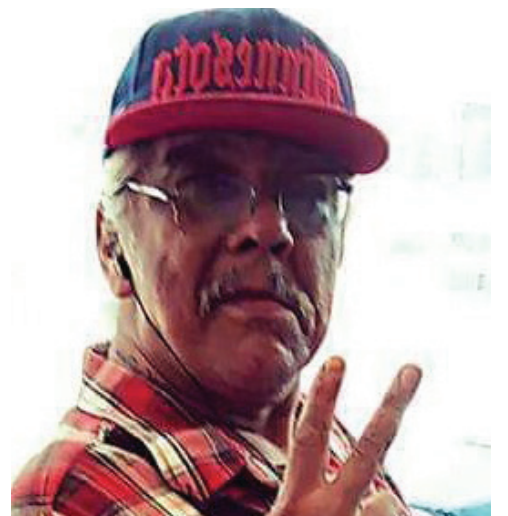
He is survived by his parents Irie Lyons and Bernard Mountain. Grandparents Iris and James Fairbanks. Brothers Keith, Andrew and Lukus Mountain and Anthony Lyons. Sisters Bernadette Mountain, Hayden and Shaneice Lyons. Aunts Juanita (Julian) Fairbanks, Nicole (James) Fairbanks, Geri



(John) Fairbanks, Nattie Hunt, Cindy (Will) Kingbird, Kelly and Carri Jackson. Uncles, Jay Lyons, Ernest, Nate, Jessy and Justin Hunt, Ryan Butcher. Many cousins and relatives.

Those that greet him, his grandfather Ernest Hunt, grandmother Cleo Mountain, aunt Lisa Dakota, great grandparents and cousins that went before him. He will be greatly missed by his family.

## Charles Thompson III



Charles "Sonny Boy" George Thompson III, age 61, of Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world unexpectedly from St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. He was born in Cloquet, MN on October 30, 1957 to Sylvia (Paquette) and Charles Thompson II.

Charles grew up and attended school in Minneapolis, MN. His given nickname was Sonny Boy but he decided that he wanted to be Chaz Westmiller instead. So, from then on, he was Chaz. Chaz's favorite thing to eat, as a child, were "Dagwood" sandwiches.

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# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Kelsey R. Burns and Bernard D. Brown, Jr., Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-51

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 28, 2018, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Emma L. Harper and Roger J. Buck, Parents.

Court File No. CP-18-21

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 6, 2019, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody**

**was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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.

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jessica R. Beaulieu, Daniel R. James, and Aaron Jones, Sr., Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-57

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 11, 2019, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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: Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., DOB: 05/23/1961 Decedent.

Court File No. CV-19-07

### NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., died January 13, 2019. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 5th day of February 2019 at 11:00 a.m., upon the **filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Beverly Whitebird, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Review Hearing held on March 19, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Shawn Staples, 750 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW Apt. 10, Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90)

days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: M.B. W., Minor Child, DOB: 08/27/2010; M.E.W., Minor Child, DOB: 06/10/2012; Amber Whitebird, Petitioner, And Abigail Whitebird & Jonathan Whitefeather, Respondent.

Case No. FA-19-14

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 18, 2018, 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 June 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the Pre-Trial 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

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 23, 2018, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Brittany

White (fka Littlewolf), and Travis Slack, Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-31

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 20, 2019, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Alexis Rodriguez, Parent

Court File No. CP-17-18

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 8, 2019, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Heather Te-John and any man who claims to be the father of K.F.T., Parents.

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### ▶ Obituaries continued

He enjoyed his job with Day Labor so much that he would go to work even if he was not feeling well. Chaz also enjoyed going to powwows, listening to his 80's and 90's R & B music and taking all the neighborhood kids to the park. He loved playing at the casino, watching wrestling, and taking random road trips. Chaz cherished his family the most. He loved spending time with his children and going to family gatherings. Chaz was such a softie when it came to his granddaughter Pam "Gosh Darn" that he posted many videos of her putting make up on him, and he was proud of it. He left us too soon, we will miss you....

Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Elisa (Whipple) Mason



Elisa Dora (Whipple) Mason of Minneapolis, was born on August 21, 1960 in Cass Lake, MN to Anna Mae (Whipple) Burnette and Dave White. She began her spiritual journey on April 6, 2019 at her home in Minneapolis.

Elisa loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed attending Powwows and many other cultural events. She loved her children and grandchildren more than anything and she will be missed dearly.

Elisa is survived by her children; Casey Anderson (Tony), Mary Anderson (Ray), and RJ Anderson (Kerry). 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, her sister's; Doreen, Michelle, Rhonda, Renee and Tara Burnette, stepdad; Ron Burnette, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family that Elisa joins again are her parents, maternal grandmother; Dorothy Whipple, daughter; Rebecca Anderson and grandson Tyrese Anderson.

A wake for Elisa will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 10, 2019 at The Division of Indian Works in Minneapolis. A second wake will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday April 11, 2019 and continue until her traditional service at 10:00 a.m., Friday April 12, 2019 all being held at the Bena Community Center, Bena, Minnesota. Waa-maajaa'iwed, Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Elisa will be Roland "RJ" Anderson Jr., Roland Anderson Sr., Bruce Anderson, Robert Anderson, Jerome Anderson, and Miles Anderson. Honorary pallbearers are her many friends and family. Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery at Bena Minnesota.

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

# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources**  
**16126 John Moose Drive - 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 APRIL 26, 2019

- Onigum Youth Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-052*
- Archaeological Technician (3) ~ DRM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-051*
- Coach/Driver ~ Health ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-050*
- Shelter Security Guard ~ Human Services ~ \$16.00/hr. ~ Job Code: FT: 19-049 & PT: 19-048*

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON APRIL 19, 2019

- Shelter Advocate ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: FT: 19-047 & PT: 19-046*
- Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ \$15.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-045*
- Professional Development Coordinator ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-044*
- Compactor Driver Operator ~ DPW ~ \$16.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-043*
- Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-042*
- Admission Specialist ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-038*
- Records Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-025B*
- Planning Assistant ~ Tribal Development ~ \$17.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-024B*
- Cook ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-009B*

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-033*
- Bemidji Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-032*
- Food Service Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-030*
- Bena Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.31/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-029*
- Seasonal Invasive Species Crew Leader ~ DRM ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-028*
- Grant Writer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-023*
- Police Officer/Casino ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-022*
- Driver (2) ~ DPW/EM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-016*
- Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-006*
- Construction Manager Assistant ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-181*
- WHWH Technician (3) ~ Human Services/A&D ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-179*
- Compliance/Legal Officer ~ TERO/Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-173*
- Certified Nursing Assistant ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: FT (6): 18-169 & PT (3): 18-168*
- Procurement Clerk ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-167B*
- Baseline Services Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-163*
- Driver Operator ~ Tribal Roads ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-161B*
- MHWH Technician (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-160*
- WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-159*
- Maternal Child Health Nurse ~ Health ~ \$28.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-157*
- Ball Club Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-155*
- Planner (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-154*
- Advanced Practice Provider (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-145 Cass Lake Infant*
- Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-140*
- Cass Lake Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-139*
- Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-138*
- Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-137*
- Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-136*
- Cass Lake Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132*
- Crisis Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-130*
- CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-119*
- Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-118*
- Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader (2) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-099*
- Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: Cass Lake: 18-095*
- YouthBuild Construction Trainer ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-080B*
- CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-079*
- Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054*
- Claims Specialist ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-018B*

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders April Birthdays



## District I

Hal Bowstring  
Walter Brown  
George Donnell  
Simon Garbow  
Clara Jackson  
Samuel Jenkins Jr.  
Donald Munnell  
Patrick Murphy  
Douglas Oothoudt  
Leonard Seelye  
Franklyn Sherman  
Donald Sherman Sr.  
Marlene Stately  
Darwin Wilson  
Burton Wilson

From the District I Office  
Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiw

## District III\*

Peggy Hunt  
Randy Finn  
Cherilyn Martin-Wade  
George Goggleye  
Evelyn Monroe  
Crystal Goose  
Brenda Northbird  
Gary Hanson  
Terrance O'Connor  
Yvonne Hardy  
Joann Ortlej  
Kay Jackson  
Leslie Reese  
Louise Jackson  
Linda Reese  
Anthony Jenkins  
Franklin Robinson  
Elaine Jenkins  
Bryan Rock  
Rose Johnson  
Dawn Schubel  
Maxine Johnston  
Jo Ann Staples  
Susan Jones  
Eunice Taylor  
Margaret Jordan  
Clyde Tibbetts

## District II

Helen Tibbetts  
Shirley Young  
Patti Giffen  
April Greene  
Rays Losh  
Charles Campbell  
Darrell Gale  
Alvin White

From the District II Office  
Steve, Amos, & Michelle



Robert Adams Sr.  
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Beverly Tonce  
Robert Charwood  
Theresa Kangas  
Robert Whipple  
Clifford Cloud  
Jeffrey Kingbird  
LeRoy Whitebird  
Donna Day  
Mary Lou Ladeaux  
George Wind  
Lawrence Day  
Sidney LaRose  
Elizabeth Drumbeater  
Arlene Larson  
Kerry Elmberg  
James Littlewolf  
Dale Fairbanks  
Kenneth Harrison  
Edward Fairbanks  
Cecil Haugen  
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Earl Headbird  
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From the District III Office  
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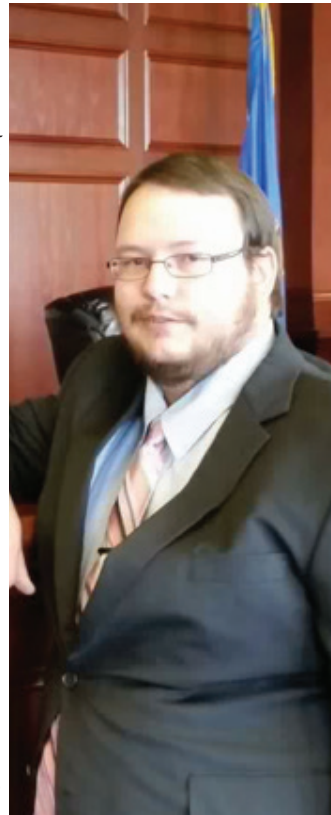
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NOTICE  
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 15, 2019, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian/parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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.

## Anishinaabe Legal Services

Longtime paralegal Mary Shequen Smith resigned after 40 years of legal services to the community. Mary had developed close relationships working with the local elders and elders' councils. ALS will still plan to keep the priorities of estate planning and other services for elders and disabled individuals. We want to introduce the community to our current elder law attorney: Taylor Burdick. He became part of the team in August 2018 and worked on a variety of legal issues during the past year. He is a 2017 graduate of the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He was the Vice President of the National Native American Student Association (NNALSA) and Administrator of the 2017 NNALSA Moot Court Competition. Taylor is an enrolled member of the Muskogee Nation and native to Northern Minnesota. In 2016, he clerked for the Leech Lake Tribal Court. In his spare time, Taylor continues to develop his passion for Indian Law by volunteering with local students pursuing their law careers.

Call 1-800-422-1335 to apply for free legal services today! ALS has offices in Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth.



## Senator Tina Smith Visits Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School

BENA – Minnesota Senator Tina Smith visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school Friday, February 22. Smith met with Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, alongside Leech Lake band and school officials. The senator discussed the secretarial land transfer, as well as increasing education funding for Native programs.

Across the Universe continued.►



"As Anishinaabe we have to walk in two worlds, it's hard because you can get lost in one side or the other, there has to be a balance there, and a lot of schools don't maintain that balance as well as they do here. What we're trying to showcase here is what the tribal college can actually do and what it can offer for the parents so when the little ones start coming they'll consider the STEM field and coming here," said Cloud.

Gozi, a 6th Grader at Walker-Hackensack Akeley who attended the event alongside a handful of his classmates was excited about the different activities and shared his favorite subject in the STEM field.

"I'm looking forward to the virtual reality down by the library, I like math. I got an A at my school," said Gozi.

One of the highlight events of the night was a demonstration from the schools rocket launch team, Phil Benoit who is a first year LLTC student and club member said making

the decision to volunteer at the event was a simple one.

"I think it's important for kids to learn about science and this is a good chance to get them outside and have some fun," said Benoit.

Tribal College President Raymond Burns who was also in attendance cited the community event as something necessary to foster interest in STEM to students at a young age.

"It's really important the college reach out to the community with events like this, especially for events that emphasize STEM. In the STEM field, Native Americans and women are extremely underrepresented. So it's important for us to get the word out there that STEM isn't a scary thing and can actually be fun," said Burns.

If you'd like to hear more about Leech Lake Tribal Colleges STEM department, you can call Melinda Neville at 218-335-4232.

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## Native American Artist-in-Residence Program

with the Minnesota Historical Society

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