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The History of Native American Heritage Month

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – November marks not only election season and Thanksgiving, but also Native American Heritage Month. A celebration of all things Indigenous. Native American Heritage month has been a recurring monthly event in November since April 3, 1990 when former President HW Bush signed a resolution declaring November “Native American Heritage Month”.

In a move that upset many in Indian Country,

President Trump declared November as a time to celebrate both Native American heritage and the country’s founders. Trump unveiled his new National American History and Founders Month proclamation to coincide with the National Native American Heritage Month declaration on October 31 of this year.

On November 5, 2019, Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan

marked the start of the month with an official proclamation recognizing Tribal Communities. Flanagan, in a post shared on social media, said “We’re proud to proclaim November as Native American Heritage Month. This month, we honor the vibrant Native American cultures that are a part of our state and renew our commitment to government-to-government relations.”

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

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

Our Home: Native Minnesota Exhibit Experience

New exhibit highlights the resiliency and strength of Native nations, communities and individuals.

Submitted by Minnesota History Center

Minnesota is a Dakota word that describes the reflection of the sky onto water, a well-known image in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This is Dakota homeland and Dakota people, and Ojibwe people who also call Minnesota home, are thriving here today.

Native Americans—Dakota, Ojibwe, as well as people from other tribal nations—have been in this area for thousands of years and still live in Minnesota now. The new exhibit “Our Home: Native Minnesota,” opening Dec. 7, 2019, at the Minnesota History Center shares their stories, and their enduring presence and deep connection to the land.

“We constantly hear from visitors and teachers that Native stories are fundamental to understanding Minnesota history,” said Kent Whitworth, MNHS director and CEO. “And now we have a permanent gallery devoted to the stories of today’s Native communities. These are inspirational stories of survival, resistance and resilience that offer hope for the future. These stories show



Quilled birch bark box made by Melvin Losh, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, 2010.

how Native people have retained cultural practices, teachings and values, and an essential connection to home.”

The exhibit uses historic and contemporary photographs, maps and artifacts to illustrate...

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LLTC Renews Yearly Grant Awarded by USDA

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Tribal College received an \$80,000 dollar grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The grant comes from the departments "Tribal College Initiative" program which has been around since 1994. The tribal college has been renewing their grant and part of the program since early in its inception. The program is national and has helped many tribal colleges across the US, including Red Lake, and White Earth.

The Tribal College has used the grant for various projects across the years including new furniture, equipment purchases, electronics and campus renovations.

Director of Operations, Bill Fredrickson said the grant is a "big deal" for the college and helps fund a ton of the colleges projects. This year's grant will be used on new furniture for the student lounge and new snow removal equipment.

Tribal College President Raymond Burns who was present at the grant signing said the grant helps the college meet its mission of providing a safe, and innovative learning environment.

"In order to provide the quality education that our students and the community expect, the Leech Lake Tribal College often has to reach out to find sources of funding that help support the College. The US Department of Agriculture has been an important partner in the success of Leech Lake Tribal



LLTC President Raymond Burns signs and renews the \$80,000 grant in Cass Lake.

College. With this grant, the College will continue to be able to offer those things which frequently are overlooked when talking about higher education (how to pay for desks, office equipment, etc.), but are as essential to its ability to offer outstanding educational opportunities for Leech Lake and the

surrounding communities," said Burns.

If you'd like to tour the college or have questions regarding the grant, you can visit them at 45 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8am-4:30pm.

Award Winning Minneapolis Author Pays Visit to Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

By Kayla Duoos

Bena – Seven months ago former Senator Al Franken asked his online followers to donate to a tribal schools library—that library being Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig's.

Frankens online plea to his 900,000+ Facebook followers led to \$83,000 dollars and over 5,000 books being donated to the school. The school used the donated funds to fully furnish the highschool library, provide new reading material for classrooms, and buy shelving units.

As the months have gone by since the initial outpouring of donations, a wide range of gifts and help still continues to come to the school. The latest "gift" being a guest lecture and reading from award winning author, and highschool english teacher Michael Bazzett.

Bazzett after seeing Franken's post, donated two copies of his novel "Popol Vuh." A mayan creation story meaning "the book of the woven mat."



"Popol Vuh," Author Michael Bazzett takes a quick photo with Library Media Specialist Laurie Villwock and Bug O Nay Ge Shig 4th & 6th graders after a reading of his novel at the newly constructed High School Library and media center.

The story originally sung and chanted by tribes had been previously been translated into prose—and now, for the first time, translated into verse by Bazzett.

Bazzett read to students ranging from 4th to 6th grade, including all of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shigs Nigaane program. Bazzett taught students mayan phrases from his book and had an open discussion with staff/students on the language differences.

Library Media Specialist Laurie Villwock who accepted Bazzetts initial donation and offer to speak at the school said expanding students verizons wasn't something she could pass up.

Bazzett's novel, "Popol Vuh" is available at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school library and at online retailers.



Pictured Above: A&D Youth Program Manager Toddie Wilson, Henrietta Sherer and Rowa Sherer shake hands in front of the dedication plaque.



Pictured Left: Newly installed A&D Youth Program sign at the new location.

LLBO Human Services Holds Open House and Dedication Ceremony for New A&D Youth Building

By Kayla Duos

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Human Services Division held an open house Wednesday October 16, for the new home of the adolescent outpatient program.

The new building located alongside Highway 2, was home to a church before being purchased by the Band. The adolescent outpatient program has been in desperate need of a new space as their numbers of patients have increased over the years with the program seeing referrals from 3 other cities in the county.

The adolescent outpatient program provides services and education to the youth, as well as families, on alcohol and drug dependency. This program is designed to provide a more structured treatment than the relapse prevention program. The program provides education on: alcohol abuse, drug abuse, co-occurring disorders, cross addiction and stress reduction.

The adolescent outpatient program also includes a focus on traditional healing and cultural events. Males and females ages 12-18, who reside on the Leech Lake Reservation are eligible for enrollment.

The new building is dedicated to Frances Sherer, one of the founders of the outpatient program. Sherer’s son Roy Sherer and sister, Henrietta Sherer were in attendance at the dedication. Both of Sherer’s family members and the elders who provided the building’s new name “Mash Kawi Gabaw Wiigamig (Standing Strong House)” were given gifts at the event.

Roy Sherer, who spoke following the building’s dedication thanked the staff for the acknowledgement of his mother and said one point of philosophy he wanted to share with staff going forward is that “wisdom is only wisdom if it’s shared.”

If you’re interested in more information on the youth outpatient program, please call (218) 335-8324.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Working Towards MOU with Itasca County

By Kayla Duos

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is continuing its quest to strengthen relationships with its neighbors by beginning talks with Itasca County on signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

The joint government meeting regarding future consultation took place Thursday, October 24 at Cedar Lakes Casino. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) discussed by the two groups would be a formal declaration of a partnership between the two governments, much like the award winning MOU that is currently in place with Cass county.

The Cass County MOU has been in place for six years and provides a framework for multi-level communication and cooperation between the county and the band for natural resource management, community events and economic development.

Both MOU’s were presented to Cass and Itasca County with the idea in mind of making joint issues simpler. Present at the meeting to discuss crossover issues were tribal officials from the health department, public safety and human services.

Cass County Administrator Josh Stevenson, who is one of the two main points of contact between the county and the tribe, also attended and gave support to the joint partnership citing the many years and benefits it’s provided both governments over the years. Stevenson attested as well to how it’s shaped Cass County’s hiring process.

“I will say the relationship between Cass County and the tribe is built on trust and respect. Our main goal has been to come together. We represent the same people and we have to talk to each other about that It’s a top down process. When we hire department heads,

supervisors, we have interview questions about their experiences working with bands or tribes. It’s a big deal to the county board, that our hires understand this relationship is important to upkeep,” said Stevenson.

District III Representative, Leroy Staples-Fairbanks who was in attendance at the meeting voiced his support and gratitude that the Itasca County commissioners and staff were open to a partnership.

“This is about trust building, it’s not superficial. This is about relationship building and that’s what it’s going to take to get us to a good place with a formal document in place. This could have been done a long time ago but when it’s meant to be—it’s meant to be,” said Staples-Fairbanks.

The joint MOU is expected to be signed before the end of the year.

Error Discovered in Blood Quantum Rolls Corrected for a Thousand Plus Tribal Members

By Kayla Duos



Hinckley – Amid a tension filled meeting October 30, came the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes first action regarding blood quantum since the governments inception.

A series of blood quantum rolls were discovered containing 1,089 names of tribal members who were incorrectly documented as non-full blood.

All tribal members on the list have had their blood quantum rightfully restored and descendants of those on the list are encouraged to contact the BIA.

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who spoke following the announcement, reminded the audience that mistakes do happen and the council is taking all of the measurements possible to alleviate the situation.

“As humans, we all make mistakes and we have to own up to those mistakes. We always try to really think about these issues we deal with from the big picture, when we make these corrections, we don’t want to minimize the mistakes we make along the way,” said Jackson.

The constitutional reform committee is planning to further address blood quantum issues amongst the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes during the reform process.

If you’d like to share your voice, or become a constitutional reform delegate you can check the Leech Lake News event calendar for official meeting times and locations. These meetings are open to the general public.

► "Our Home" Continued.

...Dakota and Ojibwe life and relationships throughout history as well as long-held connections to the land. These artifacts include a star quilt made in 2014 by Gwen Westerman that references Dakota cosmology; items used by Ojibwe ancestors and people today to harvest wild rice and fish; and a panorama photograph from 1912 of the annual White Earth (Ojibwe) celebration with members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota) in attendance.

The exhibit is told in first person to demonstrate to visitors that Native people are connected to their past and are still here in Minnesota today. Much of the exhibit text is presented in Dakota, Ojibwe and English. "Our Home: Native Minnesota" is a long-term exhibit that will incorporate new content every few years.

"Our Home: Native Minnesota" opens with a free family day, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visitors can enjoy acoustic music with Mitch Walking Elk, hoop dance performances by the Sampson Brothers, demonstrations of birch-bark biting art-work with Denise Lajimodiere and traditional games like kansu kutepi (dice game), tasiha (ring and pin) and cankawacipi (spinning tops) with Jeremy Red Eagle.

For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/ourhome.

The exhibit is organized around six sections: Dakota homeland, Ojibwe homeland, relationships and identities, enduring connections, resiliency and agency, and service to community.

Highlights include:

- A star quilt designed in 2014 by Gwen Westerman (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) welcomes visitors
- Videos that introduce Dakota and Ojibwe history with oral histories and contemporary interviews with Dakota and Ojibwe community members
- Dakota and Ojibwe place names projected on the floor throughout the exhibit and a touchscreen map where visitors can explore how place names are pronounced
- A multimedia presentation in the center of the exhibit provides a place to reflect on Native people's enduring connections to the land
- A 1912 photo of the annual celebration of the White Earth Reservation (Ojibwe) with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota) in attendance. Visitors are invited to help identify family members in the photo
- Handcrafted textiles including basketry, leather, bead and quillwork from the late 1700s through the early 1900s
- An Ojibwe men's moccasin game set and items that speak to women's cultural practices, like a cradleboard and clothing made by Dakota women
- A military uniform shirt from Sgt. Shirley Quentin Red Boy who used Dakota language to help the US send messages during World War II
- Profiles of Native people today who are bringing back traditional foodways and lifeways through gardens, innovative restaurants and food trucks, and education-based non-profits
- Unpublished images from the Star Tribune of the Wokiksuye Ride in 2012, which honors the 38+2 Dakota men who were hanged following the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862

Consultants to the exhibit include members of the MNHS Indian

Advisory Committee and Native educators from St. Paul Indian Education, Minneapolis Indian Education, Bdote Learning Center and the University of Minnesota.

Location and Hours

The Minnesota History Center is located at 345 Kellogg Blvd. W. in St. Paul. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays (admission is free on Tuesdays from 3 to 8 p.m.), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Auxiliary aids and services are available with advance notice. For more information, call 651-259-3000 or 1-800-657-3773.

Admission

Admission to "Our Home: Native Minnesota" is included with regular



"Star Knowledge" star quilt made by Gwen Westerman, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota), 2014



"1862 Sung Ite Ha" horse mask
Made by James Star Comes Out,
Oglala Lakota, 2012

History Center admission of \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, veterans/active military and college students, \$6 ages 5 to 17; free age 4 and under and MNHS members. Buy tickets online.

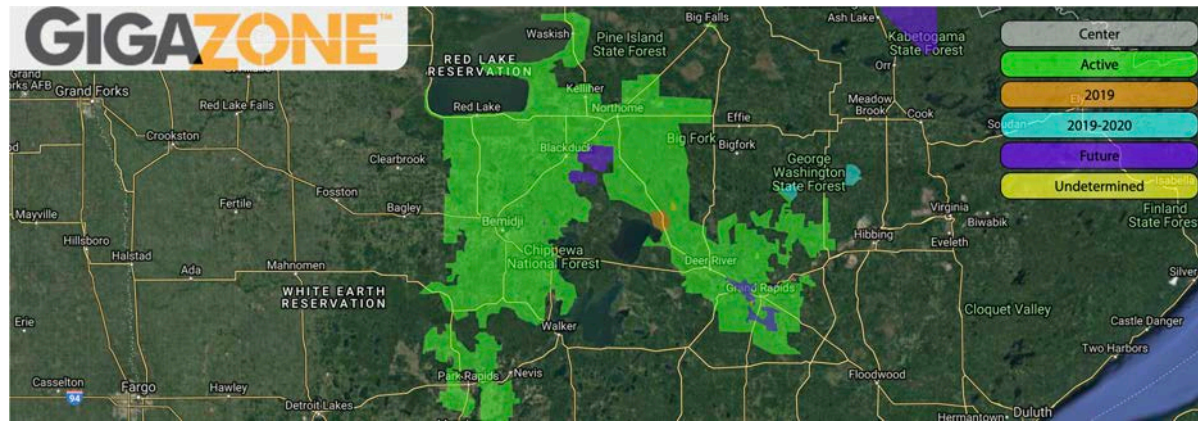
About the Minnesota History Center

The Minnesota History Center houses the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society and is home to the History Center museum with innovative exhibits, Gale Family Library, café and museum store. The History Center is located at 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. in St. Paul. For more information, visit www.minnesotahistorycenter.org.

About the Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota Historical Society is a nonprofit educational and cultural institution established in 1849. MNHS collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and publishing. Using the power of history to transform lives, MNHS preserves our past, shares our state's stories and connects people with history. Visit us at mnhs.org.

The Minnesota Historical Society is supported in part by Premier Partner Explore Minnesota Tourism.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Broad Band Build-out Update

Submitted by **John Herrera**
LLBO Legal Department

Since last fall a major effort began to reach Band households with wired internet service. Two competing providers now cover much of the reservation with high speed services at various levels of speed. The two providers are Paul Bunyan Communications headquartered in Bemidji and the national provider in CenturyLink.

Paul Bunyan was the first to offer services within the reservation to areas that previously had been underserved. Paul Bunyan Communications was in a position

to deliver almost instantaneous services to various communities within the reservation simply by patching their main lines into nearby households. The efforts of CenturyLink have been more intense involving a substantial construction build out of main lines and lines to households. In fact, CenturyLink rented an office and equipment yard for their operations from the Band which will continue at least through the end of the year.

Having two or more providers will greatly assist in delivering a choice and variety of options in terms of

cost, equipment and services to Band member households. Having good communication is key and as this writer will attest to first hand living in Oak Point, it is necessary to an enhanced lifestyle and ability to conduct business anywhere when needed. Information on the Paul Bunyan delivery areas is included at www.paulbunyan.net The build out for Paul Bunyan can be seen in the map above.

Questions can be answered by the articles contributor: John R. Herrera MBA, JD Attorney Leech Lake Legal Department 218-368-2419

Retaining Biological and Cultural Legacies

Submitted by LLBO DRM



Boozhoo! My name is Colin Eagle, and I am the Band's Herbarium Assistant. A herbarium assistant helps the botanist with plant collecting, mounting, and the digitizing of specimens. A herbarium is a collection of plant species mounted on paper and archived in a climate and pest controlled cabinet that helps to protect them from decay.

At the moment we have two-thousand species located at the DRM compound on the Leech Lake Reservation. We are currently working on archiving the herbarium on a server, accessible on the internet. This work will be useful during research, and the preservation of native species from, and around the reservation.

This collection was initiated by Carol Mortensen, and with the help of DRM staff (Steve Mortenson, Jon Finn, Susan Kedzie) got the bulk of the work done. To honor her work collecting, identifying, and labeling specimens the collection has been named the "Carol Mortensen Herbarium." In an effort to expand the uses of the herbarium, we are going to be doing some community outreach, and some workshops about the herbarium.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

2019 District 3 Elder Christmas Party

District III Elders are welcome to join us for a day of fun, a nice holiday meal and visiting friends and family!

When Wednesday, December 18th 2019

Where Cedar Lakes Event Center

Time 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Eat, dance and be merry!

Food, music and door prizes!

For more information please call District 3 office:

Toni @ 218-335-3020 OR Keri @ 218-335-3706

District III Elder Birthdays

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

December

Debra Adams
Frances Littlewolf
Yvonne Amundson
Rosalie Lovelace
James Baker
Larry Madigan
Vernon Barsness
Arthur Mainville
Beverly Beaulieu
Betty McCormack
Robert Budreau
Jerry Morgan
LeRoy Campbell
James Nason
Valerie Chase
Vernon Northbird
Rowa Donovan
Lawrence Otto

Delores Fairbanks
Jacqueline Peltier
Johnny Fairbanks
Barbara Perleberg
Priscilla Fairbanks
Jerry Reyes
Jewel Finn
Debbi Roberts
Jennifer French
Bernard Rock
Cynthia Gale
Eugene Rock
Claricy Gonzales
Lisa Ronnquist
Colleen Gullickson
John Smith
Howard Hardy
Pricilla Smith

Ronald Hare
Wallace Storbokken
Rosetta Howard
Kevin TeJohn
Vikki Howard
Randolph White
Wallace Humphrey
Victoria White
Patricia Jackson
Nancy Whitebird
Carol Jenkins
Gloria Wilson
Cheryl Johnson
Gregory Wright
Annabelle Kingbird
Rick Wuori
Helen Lindemann
Todd Wuori

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

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig's 5th and 6th graders were visited by our school liaison officer, Aaron Carlson and his partner Officer Dave Brenna. The officers demonstrated their equipment and answered all the questions the students had regarding the duties of officers of the law. **Pictured ABOVE with Officer Brenna are** : Jage, Darnel, Aavery, and Mark.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School students read stories with the first graders once a week. This week the first graders and high school students got to bake cookies together!



Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig students in the Niigaane upper classroom completed constructing their rice knockers this week. After carving the sticks out of cedar and sanding them, they rubbed warm beeswax on them and buffed them. Miskwa Muckwa (Waylon Lopez-Ogema) is **Pictured LEFT** with his finished project.



Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School 5th and 6th grades went to Concordia Language Village to take part in mini workshops offered by Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation. The students were very interested and eager helpers. We were treated to a delicious gourmet lunch by the Village cooks. It was a highly productive day. Many thanks to BSWC!!

Event attendees who participated began the walk at the Boys & Girls Club.



Leech Lake Health Division Hosts 5th Annual Healing Walk

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The 5th Annual Healing Walk took place October 17, at the Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club.

The healing walk put on by the “Eliminating Health Disparities” program within the Leech Lake Health Division featured a fry bread taco dinner, informational health booths, giveaways and a live performance by local band “Corey Medina and Brothers.”

The performance was a tribute to this years theme “music is healing.” Corey Medina who spoke after the walk congratulated participants on their completion of the route and spoke to his own beliefs on the power of music.

Each walk since the events inaugural year has had a different theme accompanying guest speakers and performers. Past themes include: “To Heal our Community, Together We Walk”, “Laughter is Healing” and “Culture is Healing.”

Behavioral Health case manager and event organizer, Karen Anoka said the event has a personal meaning to her and many others in the community and was created with helping others in mind.

“Four years ago, a small group met during a talking circle and issues were discussed regarding violence and grief. At that time, I was angered at the acts of violence that were being done

within our community to homeless elders and members of the community. My father was one of them. We discussed how we could come together as a community to heal. A healing walk was discussed and planned. The purpose of this healing is for the whole community to come together to heal from all types of issues surrounding violence, loss of loved ones, homelessness, drugs, etcetera,” said Anoka.

The healing walk was open for participants of all ages, and saw a wide variety of attendees.

The event is expected to return again next October.

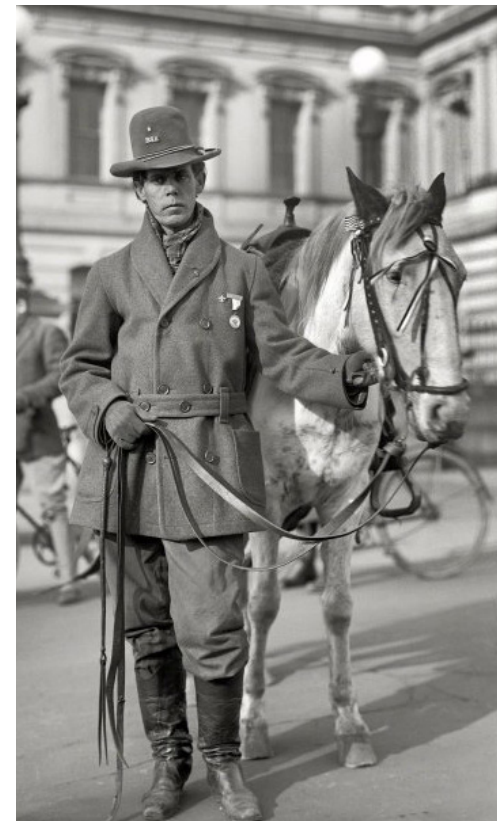


► *Native American Heritage Month continued.*

One of the earliest documented advocates of heritage month before it went to the government level, was a Seneca man named Dr. Arthur C. Parker who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y at the time. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs historical recollection, Parker convinced the “Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the First Americans” which they did for a running of 3 years from 1912 to 1915. Across the country at the same time Reverend Red Fox James also known as Red Fox Skiukusha began a 4,000-mile trek on horseback to Washington, D.C., to petition the United States for an “Indian Day.” James also travelled state-to-state seeking support for U.S. citizenship to be extended to American Indians which did not happen until 9 years later in 1924. Later in 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day for the state.

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

Since that time as requested by Congress, Presidents have been making proclamations yearly honoring the achievements of the American Indians. The National Congress of



Pictured: Reverend Red Fox

American Indians says this “month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.”

Celebration events are currently happening throughout the reservation and neighboring cities. Please check the Leech Lake News calendar for more information.

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LLBO Band Member Tax Rebate Info

The 2019 Tax Rebate for Leech Lake Band Members will be distributed on December 12 and 13, 2019. The amount of this years rebate has been set at \$250.00. Out of Country, Out of State, Out-State Checks and all other checks that were not picked up at the Distribution sites will be mailed on Tuesday, December 18, 2019.

2019 REBATE DISTRIBUTION DATES & TIMES	
AMOUNT:	\$250
DISTRIBUTION DATES: TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 2019	
DIST 1	
Ball Club Center 30975 Arctic Rd Deer River, MN 56636 (218) 246-8210 Phone December 10, 2019, 9 am to 8 pm	Inger Center 53736 County Rd 146 Inger, MN 56636 (218) 659-2685 December 11, 2019, 12 noon to 5 pm
DIST 2	
Bena Community Center 15032 Old Housing Dr. Bena, MN 56626 (218) 665-5305 Phone December 10, 2019, 10 am to 6 pm	Bena Community Center 15032 Old Housing Dr. Bena, MN 56626 (218) 665-5305 Phone December 11, 2019, 10 am to 4 pm
DIST 3	
Cedar Lakes Casino 6268 Upper Cass Frontage Road NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 December 10 and 11, 2019, 10 am to 6 pm	Northern Lights Casino 6800 Y Frontage Road NW Walker, Minnesota 56484 December 10 and 11, 2019, 10 am to 6 pm
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe-Twin Cities Office 2438 27th Ave. S Minneapolis, MN 55406 Phone: 612-729-0554 December 10, 2019, 7 am to 7 pm	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe-Twin Cities Office 2438 27th Ave. S Minneapolis, MN 55406 Phone: 612-729-0554 December 11, 2019, 8 am to 4:30 pm
DULUTH	
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe-Duluth Office 212 W 2nd Street, Suite 2 Duluth, MN 55802 Phone: 218-481-7412 December 10, 2019, 9 am to 5:30 pm	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe-Duluth Office 212 W 2nd Street, Suite 2 Duluth, MN 55802 Phone: 218-481-7412 December 11, 2019, 9 am to 5:30 pm
Out of Country, Out of State, Out-State Checks and all other checks that were not picked up at the Distribution sites will be mailed on Monday, December 16, 2019.	

INFORMATION WANTED

On August 18, 2018, a 34 year old woman was impaled by an attached ladder on a Rave water trampoline at Acorn Hill Resort on Leech Lake. The resort was under previous ownership at the time of the accident. She survived, but has horrible injuries. We are seeking former employees, dock workers, cabin cleaners, or guests who may have information or photographs of the condition of the ladder before this accident.

Please contact Negen Investigative Services 218-454-0853.

NOTICE

Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees Vacancy

The Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees is seeking nominations from interested Leech Lake Band Members to fill one vacancy.

Applicants must meet all three of the following criteria :

- Must be from District I
- Must have knowledge of and ability to interact in traditional Anishinaabe ways
- Must live on the LL reservation

All interested individuals, may pick up an application or request one via email :

Leech Lake Tribal College

6945 Little Wolf Road NW

Call: Linda 218-335-4285

Email : linda.goggleye@lltc.edu



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www.leechlakenews.com/events
 to stay up to date and informed on
 all events occurring around the
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Obituaries



Lila Robinson



Lila Mae Robinson, “Chi-Mah-Quah” which means “Big Bear”, age 63, of Cass Lake, MN passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2019 with her loving family by her side. Lila was born on January 7, 1956 in Cass Lake, the daughter of James, Sr. and Vina (Bongo) Allen.

Lila grew up in the Minneapolis area and moved to Cass Lake and graduated from Cass Lake High School. She attended cosmetology school in Minneapolis and moved back to work in the Cass Lake area. Lila worked for the Leech Lake Band in the areas of Human Services, Elderly Nutrition, and Housing before her retirement. Following her retirement, she was a stay at home care giver to her husband, children and grandchildren. Lila was an avid baker and cook. She loved cheering on the Vikings and the Twins next to her husband Mutt. She enjoyed traveling and loved going to pow-wows as well as, sewing, making regalia, beading, and spending time with her family. Lila really loved her sister get-a-way weekends.

She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many. Our family and community have lost a wonderful soul that can never be replaced and will always be loved and dearly missed.

The family that Lila joins again are her parents, James and Vina; her husband, Mutt; and her brothers, Gary and Rodney.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her children, Angela, Aaron,

Ashley, Andrew and Anthony; sisters, Gloria, Margaret, Betsy, and Aileen; brothers, James and Michael; 19 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends.

A wake for Lila will begin at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3, 2019 and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Tuesday, November 5, all held at the Veteran’s Memorial building in Cass Lake. Father Bill Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers helping to lay Lila to rest are, Romondo Papasodora, Blaine Reich, Jerome Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Tyler Larsen and Gary Allen. Alternate pallbearers are James D. Allen and Michael Allen. Honorary pallbearers are Marcy Roy, Sharon Roy, Marilyn Roy, Jennie Reyes, Rose Robinson, Cindy Kingbird, Terri Goggeley, Kelly Geiger, Sue Robinson, Pat Broker, Dawn Premo, Teresa Wagner and Yvonne Armstrong. Interment will be held in the Pine Gove Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service on Tuesday.

Lila’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

Melissa Johnson

Melissa Jean Johnson, 43 years young, of Duluth, Minnesota and the Bear Clan journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, October 24th, 2019 from the Emeralds at Grand Rapids, MN. She was born in Minneapolis, MN on May 14, 1976, the daughter of Darlene Monroe and Lawrence Johnson, Sr.

Melissa was a free-spirited woman who loved going to concerts and powwows. She could never just stay in the house; she was always out and about with her friends, except when she was hosting her holiday or game day parties. Melissa was always cooking for her family and parties and hated it when something didn’t turn out. She had the best sense of humor and loved making other people laugh. Melissa was always honest and wasn’t afraid to speak her mind. Her fur babies Jackson, Bizhiki and Wolfie held a special place in her heart. Melissa embraced her native culture and was very spiritual; she loved speaking Ojibwe and never said “good-bye” but “Gigawaabamin”. She loved getting



dressed up and playing her music loud, but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her children and granddaughter Elysia.

Family that Melissa is reunited with are her father, Lawrence Johnson, Sr.; sister, Christina Johnson; grandmas, Isabella Monroe and Irene Johnson; aunts, Adeline and Tonya Monroe; uncles, Harold, Clyde and Calvin Monroe; nephew, Sonnie Ringley and the father of her children, Peter Jones.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children, Delbert (Sarah) Rushman, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Jalyssa (Bernabe) Johnson of Walker and Jazlynn Jones of Cass Lake; her mother, Darlene Monroe of Onigum; granddaughter, Elysia Rushman; brothers, Lawrence Johnson, Jr. and Sundance Johnson; sister, Brenda Johnson; aunts, Evelyn Monroe, Wanda McFagen, Elaine Saccoman and Betsy Johnson; uncles, Lewis Taylor, Bill Pell, Roger and Edwin Monroe; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Melissa will begin at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, October 28 all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Pastor Mark Olson and Father William Butcher will officiate. Helping to lay Melissa to rest are Delbert Rushman, Jr., Lawrence Johnson, Jr., Sundance Johnson, Jason Silcox, Ty Butcher, Trevor Kingbird, Shaun Butcher, Dean Jackson, Jr. and Dennis Smith. Alternate pallbearers are Dion Jackson, Bill Pell and Bernabe Lequire. Her honorary pallbearers are all her family and friends. Interment will be in the St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency, MN immediately following her Monday service.

Melissa’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

George “Jeeb” Jenkins, Jr.



George “Jeeb” Thomas Jenkins, Jr., age 78, of Bemidji, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. He was born on August 27, 1941 in Winnie Dam, MN, the son of Elizabeth (Quincy) and George Jenkins, Sr.

George attended school and graduated from Deer River High School in 1959. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy. Upon returning home from the Navy, he attended and graduated from Haskell Jr. College with a carpentry diploma. His work experience includes moving furniture in the Minneapolis area for the Cedar Van Lines, he was a carpenter for the Leech Lake Reservation for several years, where he helped construct some of the tribal buildings. Before retiring, George spent 27 years working as in mechanical maintenance for Leech Lake Gaming. He was a proud lifetime member of the Native American Church.

On June 11, 1983, George married Carol Bowstring. Together they had two children, George Thomas Jenkins III and Marya Kay “Tum” Jenkins. Some of George’s hobbies include attending powwows, playing cribbage, traveling with his family and gathering wild rice. He looked forward to his yearly goose and deer hunting trips as well as his annual trip to Valley Fair. George liked watching old westerns all types of sports, but especially football and basketball and was an avid Minnesota Vikings, Twins and Gophers fan. His most favorite things to do was spending time with his children and grandchildren and attending family gatherings. He had a great sense of humor and really enjoyed teasing and joking around with people. While George liked all kinds of different foods, his favorites were fried wall-eye, fry bread with peanut butter or real butter, wild rice, peanut butter sandwiches, oatmeal with bacon grease, mac hotdish and baked beans. George will be sadly missed

by all who knew his smiling face.

Family that George is reunited with are his daughter, Marya "Tum" Jenkins; his parents, George and Lizzy Jenkins, all but one of his brothers and sisters.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 36 years Carol Jenkins, his son, George III; grandchildren, Allisyn, Tailyn, Cedes, Kalina and Petey; brothers, Tony Jenkins, Sr. and Perry Funmaker, several nieces and nephews; his foster children, Samantha and Miranda; his foreign exchange student from Spain, David; sister-in-laws, Marilyn, Betty and Sherry; brother-in-laws, Jake, Joe and Kelly and other family members.

An overnight wake for George will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November 3 and continue until his 2:00 p.m. funeral service on Monday, November 4 all to be held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Tony Jenkins, Sr. will be the officiant. Laying George to rest are Dale Bohn, Anthony Jenkins, Jr., Phillip Johnson, Leon Jenkins, Jake Bowstring, Travis Gale, Mike Egan and Danny Ruiz. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Tuttle Cemetery at Winnie Dam, MN.

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

Brenda "Binky" Smith



Brenda "Binky" Lee Smith, 62, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. She was born the daughter of Vivian (Brown) and James Smith on January 20, 1957 in Cass Lake, MN.

Binky was a caring and loving friend to all

who needed her. A woman who never turned on a friend or her family. She was a true friend who was respectful and was respected by all. Binky lived her life by the following... "Always be true", "Never back down from your word" and "Family before everyone". She was devoted to her family and friends, which was why her house was always full. She will forever be in our hearts.

Family that welcome Brenda to the spirit world are her parents, Vivian and James Smith; siblings, Karen, Glenda, Daniel and Cheryl Brown; aunties and uncles, Frank, Daniel, Rose, Delia, Veronica, Molly and Mike Brown and a special cousin, Sherman Brown, Sr.

Those left to remember her spirit are her son, Shawn Smith, Sr. of Minneapolis; sister, Deborah Brown of Cass Lake; brother, John Smith of Cass Lake; two grandchildren, Alicia and Shawn Smith, Jr.; special friend, Leanne Brown, numerous nieces and nephews, and too many other friends and relatives to list.

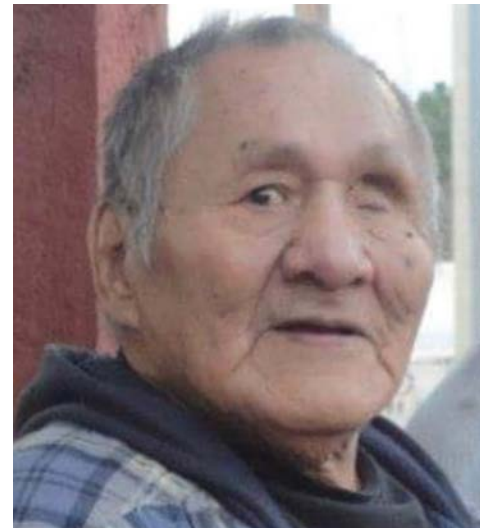
The wake for Brenda will begin at 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 28 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. traditional services on Wednesday, October 30 all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Advisor. Helping to lay Brenda to rest will be Ken Harrison, Cleveland Harrison, Joseph Brown, Dennis Brown, Jr., Jeffrey Brown, Chuck Headbird, Memphis Brown and Ben White, Sr. Special alternate pallbearer is Gordy Harrison. Her honorary pallbearers are Leanne Brown, Bea Dunn, Mara Folstrom, Teresa McFarlane, Tanya Jones, Marilyn Staples, Darlene Bellanger and all her other friends and relatives. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN.

Brenda'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

Daniel Kingbird

Daniel Kingbird, Sr., age 90, "Moosh-ki-nay-aush" which means "Snow Gathering Up Against the Fence By the Wind, Gathering There" of Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Kingfisher Clan began his journey to the spirit world on Monday, November 4, 2019 from the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He spent his last moments holding his great, great grandson Dewe' iganag Daniel while being surrounded by loving family.

He was born November 24, 1928 in Redby,



MN to Scott and Delma (Critt) Kingbird. His family moved to the Mission area near Cass Lake in 1940. He married Betty Ann Staples; together they raised four children, three girls and a boy; Cindi, Linda, Patti, and Daniel Jr.

Daniel joined the US Navy in the 1960's sending for his family to join him at each city, every time, coming back to the place he loved and the people he missed at Mission corner, where his mother was always waiting for his return. He loved being surrounded by numerous grandchildren laughing and squealing, always keeping a couple under his wing.

Family that welcome Daniel to the spirit world are his parents, Scott and Delma Kingbird; his siblings, McKinley, Arnold, Sidney, and Loretta; his children, Cynthia Lucille Kingbird, Michael Wayne Kingbird, Daniel Kingbird, Jr., Linda Lucille Kingbird and Barbara Ann Brown.

He leaves behind his daughter, Patti; a sister, Della; and numerous grandchildren.

A wake for Daniel will begin at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 6 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, November 8 all to be held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake/Mission, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Daniel will be Bernie Brown, Sr., Bernie Brown, Jr., Curtis Brown, Sr., Tyler Butcher, Isaiah Kingbird, Jim Kingbird, Kevin Kingbird, William Kingbird, Jr., Austin Swanholm, Scott Swanholm, Jr. and Shane Swanholm. His honorary pallbearers are Daniel Charnoski, Julian Charnoski, Barney Kingbird, Norman Kingbird, Michael Anthony Kingbird, William Kingbird, Sr., Scott Swanholm, Sr. and Jean Wright. Interment will be in the Mission Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission, MN

Daniel's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online

condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Kimberly Brown

Kimberly Frances Brown, age 56, of Walker, Minnesota journeyed home on Thursday, October 24, 2019 from the Essentia Hospital in Deer River, MN after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. She was born in Cass Lake, MN on September 27, 1963 to Hazel (Reese) and Charles Nordmarken.

Kimmy, who grew up in Minneapolis, was a very outspoken woman with a contagious laugh. She enjoyed the night life of the city and beverages with her friends. Kimmy enjoyed playing the slots at the casino, going to rummage sales, playing bingo, watching the food channels, speaking her mind on Facebook and getting back rubs from her grandchildren. She was a great mother, grandma, daughter, sister and friend. Kimmy moved back home to Onigum to be with her family during her final days.

She is welcomed home by her father, Charles Nordmarken; sister, Kari Nordmarken; brothers, Walter Brown and Darrin Olson; grandma, Margaret Reese; uncle, Sam Reese; niece, Donna Jones and nephews, Jesse and Cory Jones.

She leaves behind her children, Michelle and Brandon Brown both of Onigum and Timothy "TJ" Brown of Lengby; her mother, Hazel Nordmarken of Onigum; siblings, Robert "Bobby" Brown, Jay and Krisi Nordmarken all of Onigum; eight grandchildren, four (and one on the way) great grandchildren, her best friend, LeAnna Ferguson, many other relatives and friends.

Wake services for Kimberly will begin at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 27 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN and continue until her 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, October 29 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker, MN. Father Timothy Lange will officiate. Pallbearers for Kimberly will be Brandon Brown, T.J. Brown, Isaiah Nordmarken, Justin Nordmarken, Areccio Brown, and James Johnson. Her honorary pallbearers are Jay Nordmarken, Robert "Bobby" Brown, Fena Reese, Peggy Reese, Frank Reese and all her family and friends. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN immediately following her Mass.

Kimberly'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



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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Vanessa White, Parent.

Court File No. CP-18-02

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 9, 2019, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586 or 3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Kenneth Wayne Gale, DOB: 02/18/1950. Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-96

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Kenneth Wayne Gale, died November 1, 2016. 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 8th, day of October, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., **upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Matthew Gale, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 8, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Leah Monroe, 10491 Sugar Point Dr. NW Federal Dam, MN 56641 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Gale, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the

Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Robert Charles Whitefeather, DOB: 03/04/1968. Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-146

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Robert Charles Whitefeather, died July 28, 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 24th day of October, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., **upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Deanna Fairbanks, surviving

sibling of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 24, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Deanna Fairbanks, 1422 Sage Dr. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Whitefeather, decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Edna Marion Whitefeather, DOB: 10/26/1926 Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-112

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

above-named decedent, Edna Marion Whitefeather, died August 10, 2010. 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 24th day of October, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., **upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** by Deanna Fairbanks, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 24, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Deanna Fairbanks, 1422 Sage Dr. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edna Whitefeather, 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

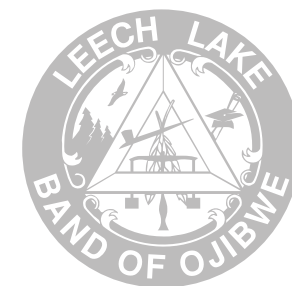
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Jessie L. Kingbird, Parent.

Court File No. CP-17-16

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 9, 2019, a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed** in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586 or 3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Turkey and Wild Rice Giveaway / Gift Card Distribution Areas

Turkey Distribution for D1,D2,D3: Thurs, Nov.21 10am-6pm | Gift Card Distribution for TCO: Fri, Nov.22 7am-6pm | Gift Card Distribution for Duluth: Thurs, Nov.21 9am-5.30pm

D1 Distribution Areas:

Ball Club Community Center and Inger Community Center

D2 Distribution Areas:

Bena Community Center, Sugar Point Community Center and Kego Lake Community Center

D3 Distribution Areas:

Cass Lake DRM and Onigum Community Center

Gift Card

Distribution Areas:
Twin Cities Office
2438 South 27th Ave.
Minneapolis, MN

Duluth Office

212 W 2nd Street Suite 2
Duluth, MN

Elders, if you need your turkeys delivered please contact your local LIC. Miigwech!

LLTC Lakers hold 7th Black and Yellow Game Event

By Kayla Duos



Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Tribal College Basketball team began this season facing off with one of the toughest competitors—their predecessors.

In the seventh annual black and yellow game sponsored by the school, former Lakers alumni donned their jerseys once more and took on this year's team in two 25-minute halves. Coach Brady Fairbanks said the night more than anything a great warmup for his players and a way to connect with the community.

“This event is about getting everyone together and



Team Roster

- 1 Arnold Kingbird **G SO** | 3 Javon Rodgers **G SO**
- 4 Jason Abeyta **G FR** | 5 Nathan Armstrong **G SO**
- 15 Jared Brown **G/F FR** | 21 Adrian Rice **F FR**
- 24 Raul Washington **G/F FR** | 32 Jordan Lawrence **F FR**
- 34 Damiray Birge **F SO**

getting the community together and having fun for the kids. There's not too many big events in the area for kids and this is something since I started the program that we've done every single year,” said Fairbanks.

The black and yellow game

every year features gifts for children, alumni recognition and introduction to the 2019 team. The Lakers had a big shakeup in its roster this year, with only four returning players and five incoming freshmen. Among those freshmen are a few familiar faces like Jared Brown who

played for the Cass Lake Bena Panthers last season. With a new team and a new season, Fairbanks said the team's strategy has changed.

“Last year when we started the year off we had a lot of height, this year we have a lot of speed and shooting-

not so much height. So, we've had to do a lot of changing of the way we go about training, but we're going to come out strong,” said Fairbanks.

The Lakers play their first home game December 6 and

7 against Trinity Bible at the Cass Lake Bena High School and host the NIAC conference championships in late February. For more information on this year's Lakers schedule, please check the Leech Lake Tribal College Facebook page.

Cass Lake - Bena High School Varsity Basketball

Boys

12.09.19	Laporte	HOME
12.12.19	Pine River-Backus	HOME
12.13.19	Red Lake	HOME
12.16.19	Blackduck	AWAY

Girls

12.03.19	Pine River-Backus	HOME
12.09.19	Laporte	HOME
12.13.19	Red Lake	HOME
12.16.19	Blackduck	AWAY
12.17.19	Nevis	HOME
12.19.19	Bigfork	AWAY
12.20.19	Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	AWAY

Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School Basketball

Boys & Girls

TBD

LLTC Lakers Basketball

Mens

11.01.19	Black & Yellow	HOME
11.13.19	Hibbing	AWAY
11.15.19	NDSCS	AWAY
11.16.19	Lake Region	AWAY
11.22.19	NHSC	AWAY
11.23.19	NHSC	AWAY
11.26.19	Central Lakes	AWAY
11.30.19	Bay College	AWAY
12.01.19	Gogebic	AWAY
12.06.19	Trinity Bible	HOME
12.07.19	Trinity Bible	HOME
12.13.19	Turtle Mountain CC	AWAY
12.14.19	Turtle Mountain CC	AWAY

LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER '19

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders November Birthdays



District I

Kathleen Miller
Gary Charwood
Edward Gotchie
Candace Gotchie
Warren Goggleye
Charles Grauman
Gerald Bowstring
Elizabeth Wakanabo
Ralph Schaaf
Lucille White
Pete Hunt
Mabel Roy
Donna Cloud
Selma Jackson
Simon Jackson
Donald Wilson
Mary Wilson
William Evers Jr
Lorayne Harper
Shannon White

From the
District I Office
Robbie, Stephanie, &
Zagojiw

District II

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

From the District II
Office Steve, Lindsey,
& Michelle



District III*

Bonnie Beaulieu
Terrance Morris
Sharon Bebeau-Cavitt
Eugene Northbird
John Bedeau
Suzanne Northbird
William Bedeau
Steve O'Brien
Willis Burnette
Clayton Oothoudt
Sheryl Charwood
Joseph Plumer
Janet Cloud
Richard Raisch
Eleanor Craven
Walter Reese
Richard Cutbank
James Samuelson
George Donnell
Jeffrey Sande
Dean Elmberg
Antoine Sengoles
Anita Fahlstrom
Rowa Sherer-Nason
Donald Fairbanks
Linda TeJohn
Jerome Finn
Lana Tucker
Glen Fisher
Lyman White
Mary Goggleye
Carol White
Russell Goggleye
Timothy White
Charles Hanson
Robin Windom
Robyn Headbird
Shari Headbird
Debra Jackson
Kenneth Johnson
Marlene Johnson
Roselyn Loeken
Vincent Lowry
Darlene Monroe
Cynthia Morris

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

**all coupons must be used
within Birthday Month**

INAUGURAL WECOVERY WALK

A number of Leech Lake Programs including the Opioid Treatment Program, A&D Program, Leech Lake Housing and both Leech Lake and Red Lake Sober Squad's hosted the First Annual WeCovey Walk in Cass Lake on November 6, 2019. Chairman Faron Jackson and District III Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks attended the walk and spoke to the 404 attendees that registered. A healing song and lunch concluded the event.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Youth Activities Program
Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Program



RFP

The Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Program (YCDPP) is seeking a Program Evaluator for the 2019-2020 program year. Position begins Dec. 1, 2019. The Evaluator reports to the Program Coordinator & Program Manager. Evaluator will visit with staff, attend various events & design evaluation tools. Program year ends June 30, 2020. Evaluation report is due to the State on August 30, 2020. The position report is paid 10% of the grant or \$11,291.00. Submit Letter of application, resume & credentials to the YCDPP Program, 190 Sailstar Drive, Cass Lake, MN 56633. Phone 218-335-3653/3728/3689 by November 15, 2019.

December 2019 WIC Schedule

Call for an appointment: 218-335-8291 or 1-800-282-3389

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	3 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	4 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	5 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	6 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm
9 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	10 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	11 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	12 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	13 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm
16 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	17 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	18 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	19 Ball Club 10am – 3pm Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	20 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm
23 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	24 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:15pm	25 Leech Lake Band CLOSED	26 Ball Club 10am – 3pm Cass Lake 8:15am-3:30pm	27 Cass Lake 8:15am-3:15pm
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**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 NOVEMBER 29TH , 2019

- PT Dispatcher ~ DPS/Tribal Police ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-169
- FT Dispatcher ~ DPS/Tribal Police ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-170
- A & D Men's Program Facilities Maintenance Supervisor ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-171
- Electronic Records Clerk ~ Human Resources ~ Job Code: 19-161

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Licensing/Support Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-172
- Tribal Planner ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19- 19-173
- Grant Writer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-174
- Planning Assistant ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19-175
- Bena - Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ Job Code: 19-165
- Ball Club – Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ Job Code: 19-166
- Sugar Point/Remer Pre-School Team Leader ~ Education ~ Job Code: 19-167
- Transcriptionist ~ Leech Lake Public Safety ~ Job Code: 19-168
- LPN (Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 19-163
- Crisis Response Mental Health Professional ~ Human Service ~ Job Code: 19-164
- Case Manager~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-138
- Homeless Shelter Technician~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-140
- Family Violence Program Manager~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-143
- Procurement Clerk ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-155
- Tribal Police Officer ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-19-156
- Foster Care Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-149
- Lead Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-147
- MnTRECC Program Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-148
- Pre-School Teach - Inger ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-151
- Receptionist ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-150
- Assisted Living Security Guard (4) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-136
- Transportation Dispatcher (PT)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-133
- Operations Coordinator~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-134
- Urban Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-135
- Maintenance Technician ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-126
- Internal Investigator ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-127
- Preventative Service Representative~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-128
- Transportation Vehicle Operator (FT) (5)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-129
- Transportation Vehicle Operator (PT) (3)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-130
- Community Health Worker ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-120
- Community Rink Attendant (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-122
- Environmental Specialist ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-118
- Nutritionist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-103
- Case Manager (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-104
- Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-112
- Treatment Coordinator ~Human Services-OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-089
- Peer Recovery Coach (1 male) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-015C
- Fitness Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-075B
- Diabetes Educator ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-039B
- Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-055
- Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-033
- Police Officer/Casino ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-022
- Youth Program Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Winnie Dam/JV: 19-017B
- Driver (2) ~ DPW/FM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-016
- Cook ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-009B
- 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
- Maternal Child Health Nurse (2) ~ Health ~ \$28.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-157
- 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
- Cass Lake Family Service Advocate ~ Education~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132
- CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-119
- Program Accountant (1) ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-118
- Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader (2) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-099
- Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-095
- CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-079
- Youth Activities Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: C.L South: 18-064C
- Mission:18-063C
- Sugar Point: 18-062C
- Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054



CEDAR LAKES
CASINO • HOTEL



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PROMOTIONS & EVENTS

1 844 LL GAMING



WIN
AND CHEER IN THE
New Year
2020

**PRE NEW YEAR'S EVE
HOT SEATS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
DEC. 27-28
6PM-11PM
2 DRAWINGS EACH HOUR**
\$2020
IN BOTH CASH & FREE PLAY GIVEN AWAY EACH NIGHT

**HOT SEATS
TUESDAY
DEC. 31
2PM-2AM
2 RANDOM DRAWINGS EACH HOUR**
\$20,200
IN CASH & FREE PLAY
TOP PRIZES OF \$2,020
(6PM-7PM, 9PM-10PM & 12AM-1AM)
&
**POP & DROP
10AM-2AM
2 RANDOM DRAWINGS EACH HOUR**
SELECTED GUESTS POP A BALLOON TO WIN UP TO \$500 IN FREE PLAY

Presents & PRIZES

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
6PM-11PM, DECEMBER 6-21

ELECTRONIC DRAWINGS
Pick a holiday stocking to win up to \$700 in cash, Free Play and Target gift cards.
2 drawings each hour.

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS
Unwrap a present to win smokeless grills, cookers, video doorbells, video calling devices, vacuums and more.
2 drawings each hour.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO HOTEL Walker, MN
CEDAR LAKES CASINO HOTEL Cass Lake, MN
WHITE OAK CASINO Deer River, MN

Earn one entry for every 10 points earned starting December 1st. See Players Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.

SLED INTO THE NEW YEAR

WIN 2020 POLARIS ASSAULT 144 & TRITON TRAILER
Valued over \$13,000

DRAWINGS JANUARY 1*
1 SNOWMOBILE AND NEARLY \$4,000 IN CASH & FREE PLAY GIVEN AWAY AT EACH CASINO

6pm-7pm (2) \$100 Free Play and (2) \$100 Cash
7pm-8pm (2) \$150 Free Play and (2) \$150 Cash
8pm-9pm (2) \$300 Free Play and (1) \$300 Cash
9pm-10pm (2) \$1,000 Cash

CEDAR LAKES CASINO HOTEL
Walker, MN • northernlightscasino.com
Cass Lake, MN • cedarlakescasino.com
Deer River, MN • whiteoakcasino.com

*Must be present to win. Earn 1 entry for every 10 points through December 30th, 2019. See Players Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.

MORE WAYS TO WIN
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

1-\$100 Free Play electronic drawing held each hour.
3-\$50 Free Play Hot Seat drawings held each hour.

Swipe your Players Club card for every 25 points and win up to \$50 in Free Play.

10am-10pm

Earn one entry for every 10 Players Club points. Entries do not carry over to the following week.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO HOTEL Cedar Lakes Casino & Hotel

HAIRBALL

DEC. 28
TICKETS: \$19/\$24/\$29

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO HOTEL

RONNIE MILSAP

JAN. 25
TICKETS: \$20/\$25/\$32

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO HOTEL

Shingobee SPECIALS
5pm-9pm

Monday All You Can Eat King Crab Legs: \$36
Tuesday All You Can Eat Mini Fry Bread Tacos: \$12
Wednesday Build Your Own Pasta: \$17
Thursday All You Can Eat Pork Ribs: \$15
Friday All You Can Eat Fish Fry: \$12
Saturday Smoked Prime Rib: King-\$25, Queen-\$17

SUNDAY WING DAY (10am-11pm): 75¢ Wings & \$2 Pounders

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

FEB. 21
TICKETS: \$35/\$45/\$55

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO HOTEL