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# **The Ribbon Skirt**

#### By Kayla Duoos

ibbon Skirts are not only a distinct fashion piece to the non-indigenous eye but are also a historical and traditional form of identity among native women. Skirts are worn not only in traditional ceremonies but now in political protests, the U.S. Congress, and more recently the Minnesota Governor's office.

The ribbon skirt, which is a symbol of womanhood amongst native communities, tells a story of adaptation and survival. Mainly how tribal communities have adopted western culture and made it our own. The skirt: sacred, spiritual and political holds centuries worth of history between its seams.

The skirt got its bearings in the late 18th centuries as relationships between the Great Lakes tribes and French settlers expanded, and more goods including ribbon were exchanged. Ojibwe clothing which was previously made of animal hide began being replaced by garments of wool and cotton with the traditional applique style of ribbon work you see today being worked in over time.

According to the Milwaukee Public Museum, "The first recorded instance of ribbon work appliqué was on a Menominee wedding dress made in 1802. Ribbon work reached its peak in the last quarter of the 19th century, having moved out from its epicenter in the Great Lakes to several tribes in the Prairies, Plains, and Northeast. Though the materials used to make ribbon skirts are not native in origin, the method of applique done to create the folded looked of the ribbon has become a visual marker of identity for centuries."

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Attendees cheer on the Northern Dream Gymnastic Performance.



Club members face the Leech Lake Tribal Police in a game of kickball.

# **Boys & Girls Club Holds Event Filled Celebration Marking 20 Years**

#### By Kayla Duoos

the Leech Lake area celebrated the 20th anniversary of its charter, Saturday, September 14.

The anniversary celebration included a game area for children, arts festival, outdoor movie and a police vs club member kickball game. Northern Dream gymnastics performed at the event, following speeches by both alumni and founders.

The clubs origins come from a grassroots effort by local youth and community members who wanted to provide services for youth in the late 90's. Present to discuss this movement were founding members Randy Finn and Lorraine Nyberg. Finn who spoke first, looked back fondly on the years and gave praise to the youth leadership who helped launch the movement.

"The kids in this community have owned the club from day one, a lot of young kids

Cass Lake – The Boys and Girls Club of stepped up. The one thing I learned during that time, was that even a few people can start leading, it doesn't matter their age. Once you have someone leading, it's amazing how many people you can get to follow. With that support it's incredible how much you can get done," said Finn.

> Since the time of the clubs humble beginnings, the organization has expanded into four separate locations on the Leech Lake Reservation including clubs in: Cass Lake, Onigum, Walker, and Deer River. The club serves more than 950 members, ages 6-18 through after school and summer programming that covers development in 5 core areas. These areas include; health skills, character & leadership, arts, sports, education & career.

> Chairman Faron Jackson who was present at the event, spoke to his own experiences as a club alumni and shared why investing in programs that support the youth are important.

"As family leaders, community leaders, tribal leaders one of the biggest investments we can make is putting an investment toward our children. The memories made here are going to be long-lasting. When you talk about programs like the Boys and Girls club, you have good memories. The club helps a lot of families out, and helps guide kids. It's important to keep building on these established programs," said Jackson.

Executive Director, Rebecca Graves also spoke during the ceremony thanking club staff, board, and all of it's membership.

"If we can just help even one person, then this whole operation is worth it," said Graves

Each club is open every M-F, after school until 9pm. If you're interested in donating to the club, they are currently accepting donations through payroll deductions, you can contact LLBO Accounting for more information.

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## Bemidji State AIRC Holds Day of Welcome for the Beginning of 2019-2020 Year

Bemidji - School is back in session. students because they help identify

Bemidji State's American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) held its Annual Day of Welcome August 28 for new and returning students.

The AIRC serves Bemidji States' Native American students during the school year through a number of academic and traditional programming components. According the BSU website, at any given time the university has more than "150 American Indian students" on campus majoring in one of the campuses 65 fields of study.

The day of welcome is one of eight events the center is hosting to welcome beavers back to school. Other featured events include: Move in Parfait & Preparation, Orientation, staff meet and greet,When College Gives You Lemons, Chips & Chill.

Assistant AIRC Director Ann Humphrey says the welcoming events are important to incoming a sense of community, and increase visibility.

"This year the 12th Annual Day of Welcome is an exciting time to welcome all new and returning students to BSU and the strong connection it has with the AIRC. In Education as a whole, we know that when students are more engaged and can see the representation of their people in curriculum and social activities, students are more successful. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Welcome is a time that we all come together and start the year off in a good way, by sharing our language and culture and using those traditional practices front and center so that students feel welcomed and accepted," said Humphrey.

The AIRC is open every Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4pm, for more information on the centers events and programming, call (218) 755-2032





#### Leech Lake Band Members Graduate Cement Mason Apprenticeship Training

Minneapolis – MN DOT Tribal Cement Mason Union Pre-Apprenticeship Training Graduation took place on July 26, 2019. We had 7 from Leech Lake who graduated this day they are: Nicholas Blackbear, Chad Budreau, Derek Kingbird Jr, James Fisher, Jesse Cloud, Bryan Belgarde, and Robert White.

This was a very intense, 11 week program they successfully completed and now are on to jobs within the metro area and within Leech Lake.

We are proud of them and they have represented Leech Lake TERO and the Reservation in the most respectful way as possible, wishing them the best of luck in their future.

By Kayla Duoos

Walker – The first annual 7<sup>th</sup> Generation

Youth summit took place August 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The three day summit

is a follow up to a

well-received youth

panel that was held in

2018 during Opioid

Summit. The youth



## OJIBWE POW WOWS IN CASS LAKE RECEIVE DONATION FROM CENEX

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe honored for meaningful contributions to Minnesota Community.

Cass Lake – On September 4, 2019 the pow wow celebrations put on by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Cass Lake were recognized by Orton Oil Company and Cenex<sup>\*</sup>, the energy brand of CHS, for being a unique source of pride to northwestern Minnesota. As part of this recognition, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe received a \$5,000 grant from Cenex to support a pavilion at the pow wow fair grounds.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe determined the \$5,000 donation would go toward a pavilion that will be used during a variety of events, such as family picnics, the traditional moccasin game and of course, pow wows. The celebratory pow wows are a long-standing tradition for Native American tribes – especially among the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Cass Lake. It is a time to celebrate the community's culture through songs and dance for an entire weekend.

"Orton Oil Company is proud to celebrate traditions that make our town unique," said Frank Orton, general manager of Orton Oil Company. "Here in Cass Lake, we celebrate the traditions that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe bring to our community and it's exciting that the Cenex gift will help support celebrations for years to come."

The donation was made possible through a grant program that encourages local Cenex stores to share stories about what makes their communities unique. In total, more than \$100,000 will be given back to Cenex communities this year.

"The Cenex brand has a deep-rooted history of serving the people and communities of rural America," says Bryan Brignac, director of marketing at CHS, the nation's largest farmer-owned cooperative. "We are proud of our associates at Orton Oil Company who are highlighting ways that their hometowns are special."

#### About Cenex

Cenex, the energy brand of CHS, provides highquality refined fuels through nearly 1,500 locallyowned convenience store locations across 19 states. Consumers depend on Cenex fuels, lubricants, propane and renewable energy products to power homes, businesses and communities. CHS, Inc. (www. chsinc.com), which owns the Cenex brand, is a leading global agribusiness owned by American farmers across the United States with domestic and international operations including energy, agronomy, grain trading and food processing.

# "Stand Together For Change"

Substance Abuse Youth Summit Takes Place at Northern Lights Event Center.



Perinatal Opiate Program Coordinator Darla Johnson and Education Director Laurie Harper take the time for a photo with one of the Youth Summit attendees.

"Widookodaadiwag Coalition for Opioid Prevention", hoped to address youth needs in regards the drug crisis and work on spreading a message of prevention.

"The substance abuse out there in our communities, not only on Leech Lake, but throughout our whole country, it plagues our people and hits them very hard. We thought we would put the summit together to help bring that awareness, but most importantly let them know that we certainly care and want them to live," said Gary Charwood, Opiate Coalition Member.

The event covered the important topics by such as historical trauma, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in regards to addiction. The event also combined in cultural activities as a means of traditional healing. Spiritual healer Donald Dowd came down from Canada to offer his services to any youth in need.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who also gave opening remarks during the first day of the summit said addressing these issues head on and with the youth is truly what the community need, as they are the tribe's future. Jackson also touched on the importance of reaching out to one another.

"When something happens in our community, the whole community feels it. Don't be scared to ask for help. We take care of each other here, we watch out for one another. Ask your parents, families, elders in the community for help. They would never give you bad advice. They care for you," said Jackson.

All attendees were fed and eligible for door prizes. Transportation was also offered to and from the event from all 3 districts including; Bemidji and Walker.

A community wide opioid summit is expected to return this fall.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, please contact LLBO Addictions and Dependency Program at (218) 335-8308.

More Youth Summit event photos on page 14 ►



**Above:** Director of Basketball Academy George Ellis setting up drills for the students. **Right Middle:** Academy Instructor Alexias Garcia with students in between drills. **Bottom Right:** Elite Camp students run drills through the CLBHS gymnasium.

# Area Youth Attend Timberwolves and Lynx Basketball Camp at CLBHS

#### **BY KAYLA DUOOS**

Cass Lake – The award winning Timberwolves and Lynx Basketball Academy visited the Leech Lake Reservation August 24 and 25.

The academy hosted a "Native American Elite Training Camp" that was open to all Native American youth basketball players in the Upper Midwest and Canada. The camp was led by the academy's coaches. Attendees were guided through areas of foundational development: ball control, balance, footwork, passing, sharp shooting, dynamic driving and finishing.

Attendees were given small gifts, as well as a ticket voucher to a Timberwolves or Lynx game for the upcoming 2019-2020 season.

#### LLBO DRM TAKING SIGN UPS FOR ANISHINAABE CULTURAL SKILLS CAMP

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management is hosting an Anishinaabe Cultural Skills Camp for youth October 17-20, 2019. Mentors will teach youth how to net fish and hunt deer, grouse, and ducks. Youth will also learn how to clean and process wild game and camp along with other useful skills to use in the woods and on the water.

Youth must complete a gun safety course before the camp to be eligible to participate. Youth must also be between the ages of 12-17 to apply. Applications are due September 30 and can be found on the Leech Lake DRM website or by stopping in at the DRM office. For questions please contact Tanya at 218-335-7428.

This camp is made possible because of a R3 Grant from the MN DNR and staff at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management.





#### ▶ Ribbon Skirt continued.

### Spiritual

Leech Lake Tribal College Instructor, Audrey Thayer says when it comes to skirts, people need to see them through two different lenses; a spiritual one and one that is political. In Ms. Thayers spiritual healing lodge, women often wear traditional ribbon skirts featuring colors sacred to the lodge and the tribe itself, often to identify themselves to the creator as a woman.

Thayer who follows her own individual lodge teachings is like many Indigenous-Americans who understands the importance of living and learning our culture. Throughout the years, many families have adopted different teachings about the skirt within ceremonies but Thayer believes regardless of one's individual and family teachings, it's important to recognize what the skirt means as an identity.

"Understand that it's both a political and spiritual significance when you see those ribbon skirts. It's about surviving genocide, we're still here, look at us, look at our beautiful nation here. The skirt ties us to the earth, ties



Louise Armour, a Menominee Medicine woman, wearing a ribbon work shawl and skirt. Photograph by Dr. Samuel Barrett (1915-16).



us to the ceremonies, and ties us to our political unrest of issues for indigenous people. I would know if I saw women in a ribbon skirt in town that they were connected spiritually or politically to an issue that I could identify," said Thayer.

#### Political

The ribbon skirt that we see today isn't far off from what had been adapted in the past for ceremonies, but it has now gained new meaning as it reaches the floors of the US democratic system and a new status of symbolism of native pride. Newly elected Minnesota Lieutenant Governor and White Earth enrollee Peggy Flanagan has often been photographed wearing traditional regalia, even during her swearing in ceremony. Flanagan herself says the skirt is reflective of her identity and cultural background.

"When I wear ribbon skirts, I feel the strength, love and protection of my Native sisters and aunties. It's an embodiment of my role as an Anishinaabekwe and a symbol of my identity in political settings. I feel the most powerful when I wear ribbon skirts because they are a reminder that I am not alone and that there is an entire community and generations of ancestors who are with me at all times," said Flanagan.

Flanagan is currently the highest ranked Indigenous woman in office. Alongside Flanagans successful office run in 2018 came Sharice Davids and Deb Haaland who both made history election night as they together became the first native American women ever elected to congress. Haaland has also been photographed wearing traditional clothing pieces relative to her Pueblo Laguna tribe signaling a change within the house, which had both written and unspoken rules Left: At a gathering which was part of the 2019 MMIWG Solidarity Walk in Bemidji, MN, organizers share their stories and experiences.

**Below:** Peggy being sworn in as Lieutenant Governor earlier this year. Photo by John Autey for Pioneer Press.



in the past few decades about both traditional garments, and pants being worn by women who held seats.

On the other end of the political spectrum lies the use and significance of ribbon skirts within social and indigenous movements. Both the 2016 Dakota Access Pipeline protests and the Missing Murdered Indigenous movement showcased the skirts symbolism at the forefront of their causes. The skirt saw a rise in popularity during the starting time period of both of these movements as more people than ever before were exposed not only to Native American activism but culture as well thanks to the men and women who remain involved in these causes.

Wenona Kingbird, Leech Lake Human Services Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator and a Bemidji MMIW event volunteer believes the skirts rise to prominence is what the community needed as the strength and identity held in such a garment is truly powerful. Kingbird herself even took time during Bemidji's 2019 MMIW event to hold a local class to teach community members how to make skirts, later even providing additional skirts she made to the events participants.

"I think the skirt in general has really made a comeback, it has become more prominent. We use these skirts for ceremony and dancing and things like that and I think it makes people feel strong and it's empowering. I think when you look at movements like MMIW, it's driven by women. The strength of the women, we're going to want to wear our skirts, we're going to want to bring our strength into it. Those skirts are our identity, it houses us. The skirts we make touch the earth and the things that we as women are taken care of. I think it's a natural thing to want to do is wear these skirts with the movement," said Kingbird.

The skirts, and red dresses often seen in the MMIW movement are representative of the rising number of Indigenous Women who have been victims of violence and have gone missing without data or media representation. The MMIW movement which began in Canada in 2005 aims to combat these figures. Fellow MMIW movement coordinator Tamika-Jo Andy who is a member of the Indigenous Environmental Network women's leadership group Ogimaakwewiwin and Bemidji MMIW volunteer echoes Kingbird statements, that skirt is representative of strength.

"We're always going to be fighting for our identity and this is one of the ways we can symbolize 'we're still here'. I'm not going to wear slacks, or a dress shirt because I'm in the House of Representatives now, I'm going to wear what I'm comfortable in, what empowers me, and what lets me express myself," said Andy.

The dresses and skirts originally once hung to show remembrance of women, have become symbols of strength. The various groups who have pioneered this movement have gotten subcommittees put together and bills passed in Montana, Colorado, and Nevada to help our lost sisters. Minnesota's own MMIW task force became a reality this fall. They will begin working on legislation suggestions throughout the year and submitting a full report to the state in December 2020.

In part two of this history feature, we examine ribbon skirts in mainstream fashion and speak to designers and teachers in the area.

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History: The Leech Lake Band enacted the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance to address the need for Indian Preference in employment and business ownership on or near the reservation. This Ordinance recognizes the Bands inherent sovereign authority to regulate the activities of members and non-members that enter into consensual relationships with the Band or Band members brought about by commercial dealing, contracts, leases or other transactions. The key is consensual meaning that the band has the ability to require and/or negotiate Indian Preference into many types of commercial transactions for the most part the preference has been used for construction contracts funded by the federal and other sources.

How does all of this impact you? If you are interested in a trade TERO can assist you with working with contractors that have been hired under the Ordinance and who must complete a "Compliance Plan", with TERO staff that will outline the number and types of jobs needed for a specific project. These jobs will include highly skilled trades, laborers and trainees. Your best plan if you are interested in getting on these jobs is to contact TERO and get on their list of available workers this list is shared with contracting customers needing to fill in positions.

TERO supplied workers have been placed on many projects most notably the recent Cedar Lakes Casino expansion project. Laurie Harper, Tribal Education Director and Director of TERO made a commitment that the majority of construction workers on the Cedar Lakes Casino and Hotel construction would be TERO participants. According to official reports by the general contractor, the Cedar Lakes Casino and Hotel Construction averaged a daily TERO participation rate of 78%. The general contractor stated that this was the highest participation rate of TERO they had experienced in their construction projects across Indian Country.

If you are a band member interested in becoming a business owner, referred to as "Employer" under the Ordinance or have a current business there are opportunities to be either a prime or sub-contractor for construction projects on or near the reservation, contracted by the Band. If you are

looking to start a business it would be beneficial to contact TERO in order to get an idea on the size and types of projects past and projected to plan your business strategy. The TERO Commission Certifies which businesses qualify for the preference through a method available in the Ordinance, contractors are held to another "Compliance Plan" identifying how they made efforts to seek Indian owned businesses for each project. I would ask Laurie for additional comments: The Indian Preference paperwork can be requested through the TERO office at 218-335-8250 or via email at laurie.harper@llojibwe.org or Marilyn.wind@llojibwe.org

The Future of TERO, much depends on the Tribal government on where and to what degree they would like to expand the concept. A few Indian Nations like the Cherokee have developed significantly beyond the construction focus to include all major government contracting across many types of goods and services purchased by their Nation which can be a significant amount of dollars annually. The Cherokee Nation's Act also outlines the responsibilities of the Nation's procurement office in requiring Indian Preference in agreements it forms. Employment under the Cherokee TERO Act is treated much like an Indian Preference enforcement arm of the Nation to assure that Indians employees are assisted in filling jobs held by non-Indians through training and other job readying career development.

Currently, the TERO Commission has 5 openings; if you are interested in serving on the TERO Commission, contact Laurie Harper at laurie.harper@llojibwe.org. We are looking for folks with a variety of back-grounds including business administration, construction trades, personal owned businesses.

Some of the past trainings have included Cement Masons training, Flagger training and CDL Training. Our future trainings include Construction basics, Safety and construction worksites and a variety of other related trainings. If you're interested in TERO related trainings, contact Marilyn Wind, TERO Compliance and Training Officer at Marilyn.wind@llojibwe.org



#### LLBO Family Spirit Program Sponsors Dine' Welcome Babies Celebration

We do the "Welcome Baby Celebration" just before the LLBO "Leech Lake Days" Celebration.

Because of our Celebration reaching National News, we were instrumental in another Reservation in Navajo (Dine') territory doing their own "Celebration of Mothers and Babies" in Window Rock, AZ.

One of our Home Visitors went to the Phoenix area to visit her family, so before she left she took gifts with her and letters of support to the Window Rock Celebration on behalf of our Nation, our Division, and our LLBO Family Spirit Program. The Window Rock Folks were so excited to know we were sending a representative from our Nation to their Nation and they mentioned us (LLBO) as one of their sponsors. The Home Visitor was Emily Shelton-Paraprofessional Health Educator/Home Visitor. She assisted in setting up their very first Celebration, which was a two day powwow, and she was asked to give a speech so she spoke to the people on behalf of the LLBO people and leadership. She presented the gifts we sent which were baby blankets, baby t-shirts, Baby wipes, Diapers, and cooler bags for carrying baby bottles or breast milk.



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



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#### Wenona Harrison



Wenona Faye Harrison, age 42, of Minneapolis, Minnesota began her spiritual journey on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. She was born in Minneapolis, MN on December 28, 1976 to Katherine (Harrison) Smith and Frank J. Keezer.

Wenona was a simple woman who loved living life to the fullest and cherished being able to spend time with her family and her granddaughter Ramira

Family that she has been reunited with are her father, Frank J. Keezer; two sisters, Dora Keezer and Leah Harrison; grandpa, Henry Harrison and many other relatives.

She is survived by her children, Dominic and Jacob Mayokok and Dacey Harrison; mother, Katherine Smith; sister, Ann Harrison; brother, Nathaniel Harrison, grandma, Veda Harrison; two grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles, more family members and her friends.

An overnight wake for Wenona will begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 16 and continue until her 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, August 17 all to be held at the her high school years, she was very popular

Mission Community Center in Mission/ Cass Lake, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for her will be Michael Harrison, Joe Wilson, Sr., Clever Harrison, Josiah White, Ben White and Kenny Harrison. Alternate pallbearers are Michael Mitchell and Joe Ducheneaux. Her honorary pallbearers will be Francisca D. all her family members and all her nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Mission/Cass Lake, MN.

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

#### Vanessa Howard



Vanessa Lynn Howard, 37 years young, of the Bullhead Clan and Minneapolis, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Sunday, August 11, 2019 from the Hennepin Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Vanessa was born to Jean (White) Howard and Michael Howard on April 27, 1982. She was born and raised in Cass Lake, MN. She attended Cass Lake-Bena School and graduated in May of 2000. Vanessa enjoyed playing volleyball and softball growing up. During

and was the Senior Class Vice President. She was the perfect teenager; always telling her mom and dad where she was going and was never once late for curfew. After graduating high school, Vanessa attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kansas from August of 2000 until May of 2001 and then graduated from the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corp in 2002. Vanessa held many job positions; she was an Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Office for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, she worked as a Client Advocate for the First Nation Recovery Center and as a Financial Worker for Hennepin County Human Services. She found great joy in helping others, and it showed in the kind of work she chose to do.

She was a free spirit and always the life of the party, Vanessa's sense of humor could make you laugh for hours. She was always well dressed, beautiful and elegant and the first to eloquently express her opinion. Vanessa adored her family, she was very caring, strong willed and our protector! She never allowed anyone to bully her mother, siblings, kids or her nieces and nephews. Her presence will be sadly missed by all.

Family that Vanessa is reunited with are her brother, Mikey Howard, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Lillian and Hartley White, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Stella and Thomas Howard, Sr.; special cousin, Deanna White and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; too many to list.

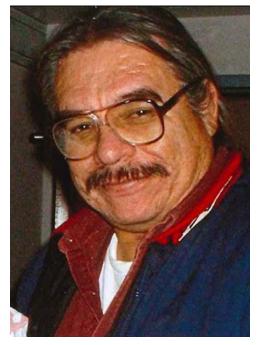
Those she leaves behind are her mother, Jean Howard of Minneapolis; her father, Mike Howard, Sr. of Cass Lake; her babies, Mikey Saice and Mia Rasmusson; brothers, Nathan and Nicholas Howard both of Minneapolis; sisters, Darla Howard of Minneapolis and Nichelle Howard of Cass Lake; aunties, Linda Morris, Donna and Peggy White and Dorothy Robinson, uncles, Hartley White, Jr., Leonard, Thomas Jr., James and Ron Howard; nieces, Jenika Howard and Marissa Hill, nephew; Jared Hill; special cousin, Rosalie White; father of her children, Kenneth Rasmusson; step children, Paul, JR, Brandon and Jordan Saice; her very special fur baby, Millie and several great aunts and uncles.

An overnight wake for Vanessa will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15 and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, August 16 all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Vanessa are Nathan Howard, Nicholas Howard, Kenneth Rasmusson, Kenneth White, Larry Wade, Brandon White, Sr., Stephon White, Paul Saice, Jr., Jordan Saice, Darrick Brown, Joshua Hare and Calvin Sargent. Her honorary pall- and cared for his wife, children, grandchildren

bearers are Mikey Saice, Mia Rasmusson, Jean Howard, Darla Howard, Michael Howard, Jenika Howard, Hartley White, Jr., Linda Morris, Donna White, Peggy White, Rosalie White, Laura Chase, Lillyann Cuevas, Pamela Russette, Diana Sanders and Natalie Lovelace. Interment will be in the George Johnson Memorial Cemetery at Winnie Dam, MN.

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

#### Martin Robinson



Martin (Mutt) Ernest Robinson, "Ozha Wa Schko Geshick" which means "Blue Sky" age 65, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away at his residence surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, August 17, 2019. Martin was born in Cass Lake, MN on June 6, 1954, the son of Richard and Gladys (Bobolink) Robinson.

He was a highly respected man and committed to his community. He was involved in J.O.M., Leech Lake Housing, LIEC, Cass Lake-Bena School Board, Anishinaabe Legal Services and the Pow Wow circle as a traditional dancer and staff carrier. He was a member of the Ojibwe Hymn Singers. He was a proud fire fighter, 1st responder and worked at the Leech Lake DNR. Martin coached little league baseball. He participated in the 1997 Team Minnesota Indigenous Games. He was also active with the MN Chipps sports team.

Martin always made time for his family. He was a great and loving family man who loved and great-grandchildren. He was also very close to his siblings and his uncles.

He was a humorous and vocal man that wasn't afraid to stand up for what he believed. He enjoyed cheering on the MN Twins, the MN Vikings, harvesting wild rice and he loved to travel.

Our family and our community have lost a wonderful soul that can never be replaced and will always be loved and dearly missed.

Family that Martin joins are his parents, Richard and Gladys Robinson; brother, Terry Lee Robinson; and sister, Bonnie Robinson-Morgan.

He is survived by his wife, Lila; children, Angela, Aaron, Ashley, Andrew and Anthony; siblings, Richard, Sue, Larry and Kelly; 19 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; uncles, Dennis and Bobby; and numerous other family members and friends.

Wake services for Martin will begin at 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 19 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, August 21 all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lakes, MN. Father Matthew Cobb and Father Bill Butcher will officiate. Prayer Leader will be Jim Allen. Pallbearers for Martin will be Jon Finn, Ken (Koosh) Beaulieu, Robbie (Can) Budreau, Sr., Pat Northbird, Ben Cameron and Charles (Chuck) Bobolink. His honorary pallbearers are Terri Goggleye, Jennie Reyes, Mag Papasodora, Sophie Jacobs, Colin (Corky) Harper, Liz Staples, Patty Broker, Harry Entwhistle, Al (Koko) Folstrom and the MN Chipps. Burial will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

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

#### Sheena Michaud

Sheena "Bee" Louise Michaud, "Misko Equay" which means "Red Woman", 32 years young, of Laporte, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on September 3, 2019 from the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Sheena was born on February 22, 1988 in Minneapolis, MN to Debbie Jackson and David Michaud, Sr. She attended school in Walker, MN and graduated from Laporte High School in 2007. Sheena loved being with her family whenever she could. She enjoyed watching her many TV shows, a few being NCIS Los Angeles, Chicago PD, The www.northernpeace.com



Kardashians and Chrisley Knows Best, but her all-time favorite was WWE Wrestling. Sheena's journey began too soon, and she will be deeply missed.

Family that welcome Sheena to the spirit world are her dad, David J. Michaud, Sr.; nephew, Taledray Michaud; maternal grandparents, Rose and Fred Jackson, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Martha and Frank Michaud, Sr., cousins, Laurie Mike, Renae Jackson, Raymond Kraskey, Jaxon Whitebird and Curtis Headbird; other cousins, and many aunties and uncles.

She leaves behind her mom, Debbie Jackson of Laporte; siblings, Nathan Jackson, Sr., Jessica (Christopher), Stephanie, David Jr. (Danielle) and Christopher Michaud, Sr., Michelle Wilson and Raeanne Dunn, maternal aunties and uncles and many other relatives.

Wake services for Sheena will begin at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 7 and continue until her 12:00 p.m. traditional service on Monday, September 9 all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Sheena will be Nathan Jackson, Sr., David Michaud, Jr., Christopher Michaud, Sr., Daniel "Boomer" Jackson, Nathan Powers, Thomas Jackson and Patrick Jackson. Her honorary pallbearers are Jessica Michaud, Stephanie Michaud, Raeanne Dunn, Amy Jackson, Roseanne Jackson, Michelle Wilson, Christopher Staples and Quisha Shanta Terry-Gjestrum. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

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

#### Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation **First-Time Homebuyer Education Classes**

Saturday, September 28, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. OR Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building 15542 State 371 NW Cass Lake, Minnesota

First-time Homebuyer Education is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for qualified buyers.

Please reserve your spot in one of these free classes with Cyndi Cwikla at 218-335-8582, extension 150 or ccwikla@mnchippewatribe.org

No Childcare is provided so please make other arrangements.

We are seeking bids from Band members for wreath/garland orders for our casino properties.

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#### **Adam Nason** 218.368.4143

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In Re the Guardianship of: M.B.W., DOB: 08/27/2010; M.E.W-W., DOB: 06/10/2012. Amber Whitebird, Petitioner and Abigail Whitebird & Jonathan Whitefeather, Respondents.

Case No. FA-19-14

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a(n) Trial in the above-en-

titled matter will be held on October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Tribal Justice Center, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court. **You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing.** 

If the petitioner fails to appear at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, the matter may be dismissed by the Court.

- If the respondent fails to appear

at the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above date and time for the hearing, default judgment may be taken against you at that time and the requested relieve may be granted to the petitioner.

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

#### 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

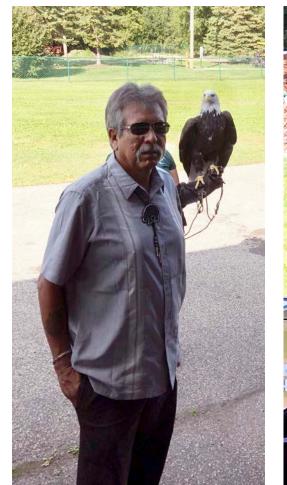
#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: L.K. III, Minor Child, DOB: 10/11/2017; S.K., Minor Child, DOB: 01/02/2019. Andrea Humphrey, Petitioner, And Vanessa Smith & Llewellyn Kingbird Jr., Respondents,

CASE NO. FA-19-77

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 29, 2019, **a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor was filed** with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 24th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Initial Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.





#### Annual Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Twin Cities Picnic 2019

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Twin Cities Office recently held it's Annual Picnic Friday, September 6 in the metro area. The event was held at Veterans Memorial Park in Richfield, MN where Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. was present *(pictured far left)*, Spritual Advisor Mary Lyons (pictured left), LLBO staff and approximately 100 Band members who reside in Minneapolis attended the celebration.







# PANTHERS Face tough tigers team at home

#### BY KAYLA DUOOS

Cass Lake – The Cass Lake-Bena Panthers football team struggled to keep their defense tight, resulting in a 0-41 loss against the Pine River-Backus Tigers, Friday, September 13.

Friday's home game was the third game of an early, but tumultuous season for the Panthers who currently have an 1-2 season record. First quarter saw a quick touchdown by the Tigers Jake Poehler that included breakaway at the 36 yard line, just one of many for the Tigers that evening.

Poehler also threw pointing earning passes to both Pine River Backus's Rian Struss and Trevor Redding in the second quarter that led the Tigers to a 34-0 halftime lead. The Panthers struggled to keep pressure on the Tigers throughout both halves.

Third quarter saw a series of fumbles by the

Panthers followed by Tigers, Connor Tulenchik closing out scoring for the game with a 60-yard dash. The Panthers continued throughout the fourth quarter to get back on track but couldn't quite get where they wanted to be, ending the game 0-41.

Leading the Panthers in rushing was Sophomore Joe Briski at 70 yards, and Freshman TrayVaughn Lee led the team in tackles, with 10 takedowns.

Panthers Coach Henry Ruud said even though the game was a particularly tough one for the team there was plenty of great highlights for the team and he expects them to pull things around as the season progresses.

"We had 5 turnovers in the game which is hard to overcome. We are a young team that is getting better everyday. We had some offensive and defensive plays that worked really well, and some that did not. Learning is a process that we are understanding as players and coaches," said Ruud.

The Panthers play again September 20 at home against Red Lake County, next months game schedule can be found on page 15.

BOX SCORE	1	2	3	4	F
CASS LAKE-BENA	0	0	0	0	0
PINE RIVER BACKUS	21	13	7	0	41

#### Take a Kid Ricing 2019 Hosted by Leech Lake DRM

The annual event was held at Mud Lake where kids attending could rice, enjoy a lunch provided by the DRM and receive a t-shirt commemorating the event.





#### ALL LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS 18 YEARS AND OLDER

If you have moved in the past year, please make sure to update your address with the accounting office. You must send in a signed W-9 Form. The W-9 Form can be found at *www.irs.gov*. Mail to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Attn: Accounting. PO Box 60, Cass Lake, MN 56633 or fax to the Accounting Office, 218-335-3781. You may also email your W-9 to *LLBOAP@llbo.org*.

For the 2019 Tax Rebate, updated address requests will be accepted through October 31, 2019.

If an address change request comes in after October 31, 2019, there is no guarantee your address will be updated in Accounting. To ensure your check is forwarded to your new address, you must file a forwarding address with your local post office.

2019 rebate checks will be distributed at designated locations as in the past years. Checks not distributed at the designated locations will be mailed.

Further information will follow regarding amount of the rebate check, distribution dates and locations, and mail dates.

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders September Birthdays

#### District I

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Gotchie Jr. Leo Robinson Terry Hardy Myrna Johnson Ernest Michaud James Dodson Marella Anthony Bebeau 28Sherman Diana **Goggleye** Harold **Bivens Beatrice** Hardy Shirley Bibeau Joseph Brvan Ir Russell Cloud David Denasha Irene Evers Wanda Jackson Norma Lyytinen Claudia Parks James See lye Jr. Irving Wakanabo Paul White Donald James Whitebird Cordelie Wilson Linda Wilson Yvonne

From the District I Office Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiiw

#### **District II**

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From the District II Office Steve & Michelle



Robert Beaudreau Bonnie Rock Curtis Brown Michael Roy Myron Buffalo

Linda Sailor William Butcher Margaret Smith Patricia Cook Michael Smith Jimmy Day Kimberly St. John John Dunn James Taylor Iris Fairbanks Michael Troy Donald Finn Thomas Whipple Kirby Finn Juanita White Robbie Finn Patrick White Patsy Gordon Russell White **Beverly Hensley** Gary Wickner Colleen Hess-Mitchell **Richard Wilson** John Howard Helen Jacobs Floyd Johnson Della Kingbird Robert Losh Ruby Lowry Aubrey Lyons Ronald Mitchell Marcia Morgan Dorothy Oakes Barbara Ornelas

**District III\*** 

Betsy Allen

Victoria Reich

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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

▶ Youth Summit continued.





*Above left to right :* Chairman Faron Jackson conducts the events welcoming speech. 2019-2020 Leech Lake Princess leads the pow wow Grand Entry for the Summit. Comedian Don Burnstick performs.





*Pictured left to right :* Youth show off their indigenous style in the Ojibwe Fashion Show. Youth Summit attendees enjoy a match of traditional Lacrosse.



Cass Lake – Monday September 16, Leech Lake's Housing board met with Minnesota's Housing Commissioner, Jennifer Ho. The board alongside other Leech Lake officials discussed housing priorities for the band, followed by a tour of on-going housing developments throughout the reservation. Pictured Left to Right: Harry Entwhistle, Terri Goggleye, Amanda YoungRunningCrane, Rachel Robinson, Jennifer Ho, and Sam Johnson JR.



# 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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Security Guard~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-121 Lead Security Guard ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-123 Security Guard ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-124 Lead Maintenance Technician ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-125 Maintenance Technician ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-126

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED 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 Case Manager (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-104 Onigum Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-110 Bena Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-111 Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-112 Ball Club Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-113 Compliance Director ~ RTC Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-101 Ball Club Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-098 Compliance Director ~ RTC Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-101 Ball Club Family Service Advocate ~ Education~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-098 Treatment Coordinator ~Human Services-OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-099 SACA Coordinator ~ PT~ DRM ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 19-093 Peer Recovery Coach (1 male) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-015C Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ \$13.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-076B Fitness Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-075B Maintenance Technician ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-078B Cook – Ball Club ~ Education ~ \$12.53/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-082 Carpenter ~ DPW/FM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-084 Diabetes Educator ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-039B Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-033 Bena Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.31/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-029 Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-033 Bena Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$12.31/hr: ~ Job Code: 19-029 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: 19-009B 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: 18-169 & PT (3): 18-168 MHWH Technician (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-160 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: 18-130 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-130 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132 CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-130 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132 CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132 CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-131 Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Cod 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:18-063CSugar Point: 18-062C Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054

