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LLBO STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENDED TO MAY 18, 2020

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The LLBO Tribal Council has extended the Stay at Home order until May 18, 2020. All community members are also encouraged to wear cloth masks while outside of their homes.

MINNESOTA – Tribal communities are one of the susceptible populations when it comes to viral outbreak.

The widespread immune-weakening diseases amongst our communities makes Tribal and Federal government decisions incredibly important during this time--diabetes, heart disease, and cancer are some of the most prevalent diseases amongst our populations. A position that many across Indian Country have taken notice of while we face the corona outbreak.

As of April 13, there are 985 reported cases of coronavirus across Indian Country, all the way from Alaska to Tucson and 14 here at home in Bemidji, according to Indian Health Services records. Tribes across the State have braced for the impact of coronavirus by implementing their own stay at home orders, providing meals/groceries for tribal members, shutting down casinos and even going so far as to implement martial law and checkpoints in the hopes of protecting tribal members.

At the forefront of servicing tribal members in crises is Indian Health Services. Many of

the IHS facilities have moved to providing tips lines and switching pharmacies to drive up only. One of the biggest challenges IHS will face will be a supply and capacity shortage. The Federal Government has allocated more supplies in efforts to combat this.

Recently announced, is that the Indian Health Service has been given priority access to rapid point-of-care COVID-19 test systems as part of White House efforts to expand access to testing in rural communities. The IHS expects to receive ID NOW COVID-19 test kits from the federal government and begin distribution this month.

This test allows for medical diagnostic testing at the time and place of patient care, provides COVID-19 results in under 13 minutes and expands the capacity for coronavirus testing for individuals exhibiting symptoms as well as for healthcare professionals and the first responder community. Additionally, the IHS branch was given 250 analyzers and supplies for more than 9,000 individual tests. IHS is already working diligently to restock testing supplies for these analyzers and spreading supplies that are most impacted by the crisis.

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MCT POSTPONES UPCOMING 2020 TRIBAL ELECTIONS



MINNEAPOLIS – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe President Cathy Chavers issued a memo dated March 26, 2020 postponing the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election.

The primary election will now be held June 9, 2020 and the general election will be held August 18, 2020.

As stated in the Tribal Executive Committee Resolution amending the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance to postpone the March 31, 2020 primary election, absentee ballots cast prior to the enactment of this amendment or ballots case between the date of enactment of this amendment and the primary election shall be counted in the primary election on June 9, 2020.

The Election Boards should not send out anymore absentee ballots with the March 31, 2020 primary date. They shall hold the request until the new ballots are printed with the correct primary date of June 9, 2020. This will help eliminate the confusion of voters getting a ballot with the March 31, 2020 primary date after March 31, 2020.

The reservation election board shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all election material including but not limited to absentee ballots at all times are kept in a secure location.

Election Boards members with questions are encouraged to call Gary Frazer, at (218)-766-0713.

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UNEMPLOYMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDE

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – As of March 16 there have been 464,137 Minnesotans applying for unemployment in the state, including a number of tribal members.

Community members who are currently laid off are currently eligible for state unemployment, and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) \$600 stimulus disbursements.

WHO QUALIFIES?

According to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, you may be eligible for state unemployment benefits if:

- You are temporarily or permanently out of work.
- You have reduced hours because of COVID-19.
- You were told by a healthcare professional to stay home and avoid contact with others because of COVID-19.
- Your childcare is unavailable because of the virus outbreak, and you made a reasonable effort to find other daycare options, but none were available.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

You can apply online or by phone, however, due to the unprecedented number of people needing assistance, DEED suggests you do this on the website.

Online: www.uimn.org
Phone: Twin Cities area - 651-296-3644
 Greater Minnesota - 1-877-898-9090
 TTY users - 1-866-814-1252

Currently, DEED is asking folks to apply on days that match the last digit of your social security number.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- A driver's license or government ID
- 18 months of employment history (Each employer's name, address and telephone number)
- Dates of employment (month and year), Pay rate, Reason you no longer work for the employer)
- Bank and routing numbers for direct deposit

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE \$600 UNEMPLOYMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

Anyone who qualifies for state unemployment will automatically receive the additional federal compensation of \$600 per week offered through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

HOW LONG UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE BENEFIT?

The current average wait time is between one and two weeks right now.

ARE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TAXABLE?

Yes. Both the state benefits and the additional \$600/week from the U.S. Department of Labor are considered taxable income. You can opt to have federal and state taxes taken out of your state benefits immediately.

HOW MUCH MONEY CAN YOU GET ON UNEMPLOYMENT?

Unemployment benefits pay roughly half of your average weekly income with a maximum of \$740/week. You can collect these benefits for up to 26 weeks. The CARES Act however did authorize a 13 week extension to unemployment eligibility.

This does not include the additional \$600 you can receive from the federal government.

If the last digit of your Social Security number is:	Day of the Week	Time
0, 1 or 2	Monday	6 A.M. to 8 P.M.
3, 4 or 5	Tuesday	6 A.M. to 8 P.M.
6, 7, 8 or 9	Wednesday	6 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Any	Thursday	6 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Any	Friday	6 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Walz Issues New Executive Orders in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak in Minnesota

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – Following the extension of the stay at home order, Governor Tim Walz announced a new series of Executive Orders aimed at protecting Minnesotans, and more regulation extensions.

First in the series of announcements by the Walz administration is the controversial

“Executive Order 20-34” which gives first responders, addresses of people exposed to the virus. A statement from Walz’s office said that the Executive Order would allow the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to share the addresses where a positive COVID-19 case has been identified and may still be contagious with the DPS, who will then share

that information with a 911 dispatcher who will be able to notify first responders.

Executive Order 20-34 was written with safeguards to prevent the abuse of this data, and, according to Walz’s office, complies with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, which protects private data. Despite the safeguards in place many worry of the breach of privacy, private citizens are facing during the pandemic.

Keeping in tone with the states message of #StayHomeMinnesota, Walz also signed Executive orders

extending the closure bars, restaurants, and other public areas until May 3rd. As well as extending the state’s peacetime emergency order until May 13 and continuing online learning in the state through the end of the K-12 school year.

In the press release, announcing the peacetime extension Walz remained confident that the state is moving in the right direction by keeping Minnesotans home.

“Our actions have saved lives, but the threat remains, and our work must continue,” said Walz.

As COVID-19 Cases Rise in MN, Walz Strengthens Executive Orders

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – As the number of cases of COVID-19 has reached the 1000's in Minnesota, Governor Tim Walz announced the extension of the stay home Executive Order and implemented new Executive Orders in hopes of buying the state time.

In a press conference, Wednesday April 8, Walz addressed the press regarding the administration's decision to add an additional month to the stay home executive order.

Executive Order 20-20 originally was set to expire, April 10, then extended to May 4, will now expire on May 18, 2020. Walz cited information provided by the CDC, and epidemiological research provided by the U of M, on the effectiveness of social distancing.

Walz presented data showing Minnesota's increase in cases has slowed since the order was first implemented, but the true numbers of cases in the state are currently unknown due to lack of testing kits.

"This hasn't been done before so we're learning, listening and being smart about it...What I ask from Minnesota today is for a little patience, to continue doing what you're doing exactly right, to see the trends moving in the right direction, to know that we are not making you force the choice between your livelihood and your health. We are now in a position with this executive order going into effect that will give us a structure to start moving people safely back into the workforce and to be testing people to see who's immune," said Walz.



Walz believes data trends show that the state's peak will come in July, and that the hospitals will need around 3,000 beds to stay on top of things. A point he consistently repeated during the press conference as slowing the spread of the virus gives more time for the state to build hospital capacities on ventilators, ICU beds and PPE.

Walz says he does not want to follow states like Michigan or Louisiana that statistically looked optimistic, then quickly deteriorated due to lack of social distancing and proper protective measures.

"Do not get complacent, do not give up all the hard earned gains that you've made, do not allow ourselves to believe this is over because we're seeing a point in time positive set of data, because there are too many examples in real time within the last couple of weeks of other places thinking they were there and it very quickly turned bad," said Walz.

Exemptions to the stay at home order will be added in the coming weeks as the state develops protocols like for landscapers, golf course maintenance workers, or owners who need to stop into their business to manage inventory. Walz hopes the exemptions will help Minnesota's economy remain afloat.

Critical workers will continue their routines and restaurants will continue to be closed for dine-in.

Walz and Flanagan Administration Continues Tribal Support into 2020-2021

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – Supporting Tribal communities has been and will continue to be one of the cornerstones of the Walz and Flanagan administration. The recently released MN state budget proposal for 2020-2021, features a number of Tribally backed measures and actionary items.

Going into their second year Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan have made sure to continue to build on relationships they began in their first year. The installation of the 19-24 executive order, employed a number of Tribal members in government officers, and helped tribes gain a seat at the table.

Other tribally based focuses from the administration's first year included the creation of the MMIW taskforce which will be delivering a report this December, Tribal Child Welfare Funding budget increase, a budget increase for Tribal education, and an expansion of educational diversity training for state employees.

This year's budgetary focuses lean into the areas of tribal education, DHS repayments, Tribal housing crisis, fast tracking opioid treatment, and even free state park usage for tribal members.

EDUCATION

Indigenous Education for All The Governor recommends programming, staff, and services to support a new standard requiring all students to learn about the cultural heritage and contributions of tribal nations. This includes instructional model recommendations, curricular resource support and development, programmatic staff at the Department of Education to manage implementation, and funding for the Tribal Nations Education Committee to consult with schools to protect, strengthen, and advance the educational experience of indigenous students.

Restore Head Start Tribal Allocation Amount The Governor recommends restoring state tribal Head Start program funding to FY 2018 levels through a hold harmless provision. Since FY 2018, all but two tribal programs had a reduction of federal funding and thus state allocations. This proposal would create more reliable funding streams for these programs. Additionally, the Governor recommends a policy change that allows Head Start funds for all local agencies to be used for infrastructure as well as operations. Head Start is one of few programs that offer compre-

hensive services and serves children and families who are at 100% poverty.

HUMAN SERVICES

Repayment of Medication Assisted Treatment Overpayments The Governor recommends reimbursing the cost of repaying the federal government for overpayments made to tribes for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) through Indian Health services (IHS). Coverage for services provided by IHS are paid by the federal government. Minnesota has until August 2020 to refund the overpayment.

Expand Tribal Membership for Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council The Governor recommends expanding tribal membership on the Opioid Emergency Response Advisory Council to all recognized tribes within the state. Currently, there are only two tribal members on the council. This proposal was developed following tribal engagement and ensures each of Minnesota's 11 tribal nations are included in strategies to combat opioid addiction. This proposal funds reimbursement for expenses for new council members from the Opiate Epidemic Response Fund. This increase would be offset by lower grant spending within the fund.

Allowing Tribal Access To Housing Support Cost-Neutral Allocation The Governor recommends amending state law to allow tribes to access cost-neutral, lump-sum allocations of housing support funding, which are currently available only to counties. Cost-neutral allocations reduce burdensome administrative delays with the current system and help tribes and the Housing Support vendors they are working with focus on resolving housing crises instead of paperwork. This proposal also promotes equitable treatment between county and tribal governments.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Streamlining Free Admission to State Parks for Tribal Members The Governor recommends providing free state park vehicle permits to members of Minnesota's 11 federally recognized American Indian Tribal Nations. Numerous Minnesota state parks are home to sacred sites and lands that have significant cultural and spiritual importance to indigenous people. Providing free park vehicle permits will streamline the existing process of granting park access to tribal members for cultural and spiritual practices.

#StayHomeMN
Extended until May 18



Together, as One Minnesota, we can save lives.

April 8, 2020 Tribal Council Updates: Fishing Season Opened, DMV Registrations Extended

CASS LAKE – At a special meeting held April 8, 2020, the Leech Lake Tribal Council passed several resolutions continuing efforts to protect the health and welfare of tribal members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first resolution extends validity of Motor Vehicle Registration (tabs) issued by the Leech Lake DMV, which were valid as of February 29 and expiring prior to October 1, through October 31, 2020.

The second resolution opens the fishing season (angling only) for Leech Lake Band Members on Reservation waters immediately. Fishing permits valid for last season have been extended through July 1, 2020.

Full text of each resolution available below.

RESOLUTION EXTENDING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATES DUE TO COVID-19 LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE OFFICE CLOSURES

WHEREAS, The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (“Band”) is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to its inherent sovereign authority and its By-Laws, the Band’s Reservation Business Committee (“RBC”), made up of duly elected representatives, is the governing body of the Band, having all the legislative powers and responsibilities of the tribal government; and

WHEREAS, The RBC is charged with the responsibility of protecting and advocating for the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The RBC has previously asserted its sovereign authority to establish standards for the registration of motor vehicles to Band members residing on or near the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic threatens the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, and non-life-sustaining/saving Band programs have been closed to the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT WHEREAS, The RBC is charged

RESOLVED, That the Leech Lake RBC, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, does hereby order that all motor vehicle registrations that were valid as of February 29, 2020 and expire prior to October 1, 2020 shall remain valid until October 31, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Leech Lake Motor Vehicle Registrations will maintain the expiration month on their previous registration and all registration fees will remain unchanged; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this Resolution is effective immediately and remains: in effect until rescinded or amended by subsequent Resolution duly enacted by the RBC.

RESOLUTION TO OPEN FISHING SEASON EARLY FOR LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS AND EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF CURRENT PERMITS

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WHEREAS, The RBC is charged

with the responsibility of protecting and advocating for the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Covid-19 pandemic threatens the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, by potentially threatening food security for Band members residing within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, The traditional practice of fishing has been a source of food for Band members since time immemorial and continues to provide subsistence for Band members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Leech Lake RBC, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present, does hereby determine that fishing within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, including boundary waters identified in the Conservation Code of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, will be opened to Leech Lake Band members, who hold a fishing permit that was valid for the previous season, for angling only beginning April 6th, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution supersedes all resolutions regarding the opening angling date for Leech Lake Band members; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That this Resolution is effective immediately.

LLBO Resource Management issues guidance for 2020 Licensing, Wild Rice Sales

CASS LAKE – Due to the COVID 19 emergency declaration the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management is taking preventative measures to ensure we are not exposing our staff, constituents and permit vendors to unnecessary human interaction. To this end, RTC has passed a resolution that all 2019 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe fishing permits have been extended to July 1, 2020.

If your 2019 permit is lost or missing, please use your LL Tribal ID as we ask people not to visit permit vendors during this emergency. All other regulations and provisions remain consistent with 2019 regulations.

APRIL 8TH
Leech Lake Citizen angling opener, no personal netting
MAY 9TH
All other Tribal enrollees & LLBO member personal netting fishing opener

Another measure is a change to the business hours for wild rice sales at LLDRM. We will be open on Thursdays from 9:00a -3:30p during the duration of the COVID – 19 emergency and sales will be limited to Leech Lake Band member only. This is the limit exposure of our staff and ensure we have necessary resources if this emergency continues.

Orders of more than 5 LBS we are requesting that people fill out an order form at <http://llwildrice.com/products/> including the amount of rice wanted and the time you expect to be at the LLDRM so our staff can have these orders prepared and further limit exposure.

For further information, please contact Chief Conservation Officer Jamie Mitchell (218) 368-4767 or Acting Director Ben Benoit (218) 513-1275.

Miigwech and be safe!



Student Services

CONTACTS:

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	TUTORHELP@LLTC.EDU (text)
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EPA issues adverse decision on St. Regis Superfund Site cleanup in Cass Lake, ignores community concerns

Leech Lake Band questions the timing of the announcement amid the COVID-19 pandemic while the Tribal government is closed.

CASS LAKE – After decades of negotiations and hundreds of letters and public comments from community members, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced in a Record of Decision (ROD) for a cleanup plan of the Operable Unit 7 (OU-7) of the St. Regis Superfund site; a site wholly contained within the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Since 1995, when the USEPA took over as lead agency responsible for oversight from the State of Minnesota for the St. Regis Superfund Site, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been requesting a timely cleanup of the site and for the removal of contamination from the Reservation. Yet 25 years later, while Leech Lake and the world are in a state of emergency with a growing COVID-19 pandemic, the USEPA releases a decision that lays a path to allow a multi-billion dollar corporation the permanent storage of contaminated soil and hazardous waste within our homeland, the Leech Lake Reservation.

“We can only assume the timing of such an action is to mask the shame the USEPA is feeling as this pandemic limits both the community and the Band’s ability to respond,” stated Faron Jackson, Sr, Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Chairman Jackson continued, “this Record of Decision undermines the fair application of law, community input and sets the stage to unjustly shift the burden of contamination

and cleanup from the responsible parties to the Tribe.”

The Record of Decision ignores the Band’s petition for offsite removal and does not have local community or Tribal support. At the EPA-hosted public meeting held in July of 2019, the Cass Lake community stood up and voiced its opposition to the proposal outlined in the ROD and how contamination needs to be removed from the site. This has fallen on deaf ears as is shown in the EPA’s one paragraph summary within the 128 page record, dismissing the hours of public testimony, written comments, and a formal petition that the community submitted.

“The failure of the US EPA is apparent to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in this decision and we are exploring our options to appeal as we seem to be the only ones who care about our Reservation, the broader community and the impacts this decision leaves for our grandchildren to live with well into their future,” stated Benjamin Benoit, Environmental Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

For more information on the St. Regis Superfund site go to www.llojibwe.org/drm/environmental/superfund.html

For media inquires, contact: Irene Folstrom, Superfund Coordinator (612) 790-4013

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PRESCOTT FLINT LOOP & SAVAGE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASS LAKE, CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Band) proposes to develop 70 acres of wooded lot into a 30 home development on Reservation lands in Cass County. The proposed project consists of tree clearing, constructing roads and homes, thereby creating additional low income housing for Band Citizens. This document will assesses the potential for environmental impacts from the roads portion of the project.

This document is available for review for a 14-day period from April 22, 2020 to May 6, 2020. Comments should be addressed to:

Benjamin Benoit, Environmental Program Director
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
190 Sailstar Drive NW Cass Lake, MN 56633
Ben.Benoit@llojibwe.net
218-513-1275

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency declaration and closure of Prescott Community, copies of the Environmental Assessment & road plans will be available beginning April 22, 2020 at:

Leech Lake RTC:

190 Sailstar Dr. NW Cass Lake MN

(Telephone: 218-335-8200) or by request at Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, or online at:

Draft Environmental Assessment:
<https://www.leechlakenews.com/pflsea>

Proposed road plans:
<https://www.leechlakenews.com/pflsp>



Land O' Lakes Updates Packaging for 2020 and Beyond

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – The staple Minnesota brand Land O' Lakes has a new image after 92 years.

The brand most known for providing state residences with butter, milk and other dairy products took time over the last week to quietly remove the caricature of a Native American woman from its promotional design.

The former design featured a Native Woman on the cover, in a buckskin dress and feather head-dress. Kneeling, she offered a box of Land O' Lakes stick butter. The woman, entitled Mia by the company, first appeared on Land O' Lakes packaging in 1928. In a news release, Land O' Lakes President and CEO Beth Ford said the repackaging of its products comes at the company looks forward to its 100th anniversary.

“We've recognized we need packaging that reflects the foundation

and heart of our company culture—and nothing does that better than our farmer-owners whose milk is used to produce Land O' Lakes' dairy products,” said Ford.

While the company's logo change is not the direct result of Tribal criticism over the years, It's a welcome one to many. As mascot/logo debates have been at the forefront of Native American activism conversations for many years. Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, a White Earth Enrollee, took to social media to thank the brand for finally moving in a new direction.

“Thank you to Land O' Lakes for making this important and needed change. Native people are not mascots or logos. We are very much still here,” said Flanagan.

The new farmer-owned packaging is expected to be fully rolled out across Land O' Lakes products by the end of 2020.

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BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School had a hardy group of 12 staff members working together as a part of our Food Packaging Team, and in 2 hours they got 1500 meals prepped and packaged! As a team, they have decided to get together each Friday morning throughout the closure to package food for the next week.



Levi Brown pictured speaking with students and staff of Bug O Nay Ge Shig.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig Senior High students were fortunate to have a presentation about Leech Lake Civics. Levi Brown provided two groups of students with a wealth of information about their homeland and the importance of being involved in preserving its resources. The students left with a sense of pride for what past generations have preserved for them.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig and Cass Lake-Bena students enjoying a Moccasin Game practice at the High School. Both schools are forming teams to compete in future local events.



Pictured Left: Chelsea, Hunter and Rozalina with Senator Tina Smith. ***Pictured Right:*** Chelsey, Hunter and Rozalina pose for a photo during some downtime during the trip.



Last week the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School sent a delegation of students to Washington, D.C. for the American Indian and Alaska Native Youth Summit. The Close Up program provided the opportunity for students from different tribal communities to connect with one another in order to create a network of politically active and informed Native youth. The summit took place during the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council's Winter Session allowing opportunities for interaction with tribal leaders as they advocate for issues impacting Indian Country. In addition to onsite study visits to memorials and government agencies, students participated in workshops where they learned about and discussed the historic relationship between Native Nations and the U.S. government. Students also talked about current issues challenging Indian Country, including youth suicide, housing, and addiction. Additionally, students develop Tribal Action Initiatives where they worked with peers to identify an issue facing their community and develop a solution. The Bug O Nay Ge Shig delegation include two seniors, Chelsea Ducheneaux and Hunter Jackson, as well as Rozalina Hunt-Morris, a junior and the current LLBO Princess.

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.
 PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("Purdue"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC | 850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232 | **Email:** purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com | **Phone:** 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

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2020 POW WOW SCHEDULE

THE 2020 LLBO MEMORIAL DAY POW WOW AND THE 2020 S. LAKE POW WOW HAVE BEEN CANCELED. FOR MORE INFO ON FURTHER CHANGES TO THE 2020 POW WOW SCHEDULE VISIT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LLPOWWOWS

**Leech Lake Days
Traditional Pow Wow**
June 26 - 28, 2020
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Cha Cha Bah Ning 40th
Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
August 21 - 23, 2020
Inger, MN 56636

**Mii Gwitch Mahnomen
Days 58th Annual Traditional
Pow Wow**
July 17 - 19, 2020
Ball Club, MN

**Labor Day
Traditional Pow Wow**
September 4 - 6, 2020
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Onigum 22nd
Annual Traditional Pow Wow**
July 24 - 26, 2020
Onigum, MN 56484

**Battle Point
23rd Annual Traditional
Pow Wow**
September 18 - 20, 2020
Battle/Sugar Point, MN 56641

For more info call: 218-335-4483 or visit facebook.com/llpowwows



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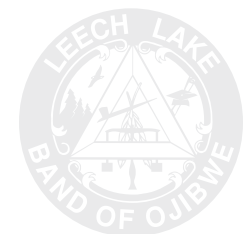
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District III Elder Birthdays

May

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Robert Aitken
Kenneth Mitchell
Mark Allen
Clyde Morgan
Sheryl Babineau
Dawn Morgan
Leonard Budreau
Herschel Ogema
Muriel Crawford
Yolanda Oxford
Calvin Day
Bill Pell
Paul Day
David Quincy
Norma Ducheneaux
Marcella Roy-Sargent
Audrey Emineth
Carmel Roybal
Cynthia Fairbanks
Tim Schulman
Deanna Fairbanks
Donald Smith
Karen Fineday
Michael Staples
Diane Fisherman
Terry Veo
Linda Fisherman
Robert Wakanabo
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John Whipple
Gordon Geving
Deborah White-Huesers
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Edward Wilson
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Roberta Johnson
Pauline Johnston
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Bernadine Kangas
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I Was That Student...

Boozhoo,

Jorge Mendoza Ndizhnikaaz, I am the new Dean of Student Affairs at Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC). I am both honored and humbled to have been given this great opportunity to work in a fantastic organization surrounded by an incredible group of professionals and community. While I am new to the Dean position, I am not new to the college, as I have been serving our students as the Academic Success Counselor since June 2017.

My journey to Northern Minnesota and to LLTC has been “full” for the lack of a better word. As briefly noted by the title of my introduction, I was that student...

I grew up in South Central Los Angeles as part of an immigrant family, so early in my education and not speaking any English, I was that student that continuously fell behind and struggled. However, with the encouragement and support of teachers and coaches, I made it through my early aca-

demical years and headed on to college. Classwork in college once again posed a challenge, as it was evident that my inner-city education had not prepared me for the private liberal arts college I was now attending. So once again, I was that student struggling through classes, needing focus and structure.

In 1991 after attending a couple of other colleges and universities, I decided to enlist in the U.S. Army. Subsequently, in the course of a 25-year career, which was composed of numerous military assignments, positions, and deployments, I retired from the Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel having completed a Bachelors in Biology and a Masters in Military Art and Science. Most importantly, throughout my military career, I matured and developed the skills and desire to support and service my community. So, the transition to mentoring, advising, and caring for students seemed to be a perfect fit; for someone that just spend decades doing similar tasks for soldiers.

I am very fortunate and thankful to have been given the consideration and now the opportunity to assist in developing, mentoring, and caring for the students at Leech Lake Tribal College. LLTC is, without a doubt, one of the most caring and supporting organizations I have ever been part of, and I am incredibly proud to continue to be part of its journey.

~The path to knowledge is eternal~
-LLTC Motto



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EPA Announces Final Cleanup Plan for the St. Regis Paper Co. Site Leech Lake Reservation–Cass Lake, Minnesota

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved a document called a “record of decision,” which outlines EPA’s final cleanup plan for contaminated soil in the residential areas at the St. Regis Paper Co. Superfund site known as Operable Unit 7, or OU7.

The cleanup includes:

- Removing contaminated soil from impacted residential areas and replacing it with clean soil and vegetation.
- Burying most of the removed soil onsite.
- Covering the buried contaminated soil with a liner and clean soil.
- Monitoring the buried contaminated soil.
- Removing heavily contaminated soil and disposing it at an offsite facility.

The selected cleanup protects people and the environment. It also meets applicable rules and regulations by removing all contaminated soil in the OU7 residential area that is above cleanup goals consistent with the soil dioxin cleanup level established by the Leech Lake Band for properties within the reservation. There will not be a need for any deed restrictions to be placed on properties in the residential area. The estimated cost is \$21.4 million.

Copies of the record of decision and other site-related documents used in the selection of the final cleanup plan are available for review at www.epa.gov/superfund/st-regis-paper. They are also available at Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Division of Resource Management, 6530 Highway 2 NW, Cass Lake; Cass Lake City Clerk’s office, 332 Second St. NW; and Cass Lake Library, 223 Cedar Ave.

For more information, please contact Heriberto León at 800-621-8431, Ext. 66163, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays, or at leon.heriberto@epa.gov.



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Obituaries



Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas



Charlotte Ann Drumbeater-Voas, age 49, of Minneapolis, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Thursday, March 12, 2020. She was born on September 30, 1970 in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Gladys Burnette and Charles Drumbeater.

Charlotte grew up and was educated in Minneapolis after being adopted at the age of four by Jo and Duane Voas. She was a very happy, outgoing and friendly woman who was always helping her friends whenever she could. Charlotte loved to read, watch movies, listen to rock music and journal. It is rumored that she even wrote a book about her family at some point in her life. She was an artistic person, making birthday cards, collages and beading earrings, necklaces and some of her clothes. She will most definitely be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Family that Charlotte is reunited with are her father, Charles Drumbeater; son, Alexander Bellanger; significant other, William Bellanger; sister, Sharon Lee Drumbeater-Voas; niece, Brenda Renae Swearinger; aunt, Beverly Allen and her cousin, Everett Allen.

She leaves behind her sons, Brett Thorsen of Minneapolis and Michael Tanner of Bemidji; daughter, Renae Tanner of Bemidji; mother, Gladys Sandland of Minneapolis; adopted parents, Duane Voas and Jo Kallmeyn; sister, Gina Tanner of Bemidji; brother, Michael Grossohme of Pine River; grandchildren, Azaiah Jackson and one to arrive in May; aunties, Sharon Burnette, Roxanne and Marilyn Drumbeater; special aunt, Annette;

uncles, Ron, Willis and Michael Burnette and her many friends.

A Celebration of Charlotte's Life will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the Prescott Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Willis Burnette will be her Spiritual Advisor. Her pallbearers are Logan Allen, Tim Whitefeather, Johnson Whitefeather, Ethan Burnette and Steve Whitefeather. Her honorary pallbearers are her son Brett Thorsen and all her other relatives. At Charlotte's request, her cremains will remain with her mother and her son.

Charlotte'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

William Fairbanks Jr.



William Bungy Fairbanks, Jr., age 91, of Hackensack, Minnesota passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, MN. William was born in Onigum, MN on July 10, 1928 to Mary Bungee and William Fairbanks, Sr.

William was a private man who loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed reading, listening to music, watching movies and playing bingo. During his working years, he was a proud member of the United States Army and then was a heavy equipment operator for many years. Though his family knew little about him, he will be missed.

He is reunited with his parents, Mary Bungee and William Fairbanks, Sr.; half brothers and sisters, Ernest, Franklin, Eugene, Betty, Delores, Delaine, Marian and

Barbara; grandson, Matthew Martin and great grandchildren, Austi Ostlund and Vienna Peterson.

He is survived by his daughter, Nina (Wayne) Martin; grandchildren, Stephanie (Shawn) Wunderlich, Sarah (Jeremy) Ostlund, Michael (Rachel) Martin, Samantha (Gary) Gorman; many great grandchildren and cousin, Cheryl (David) Holk.

A celebration of William's life will be held at Northern Peace Funeral Home, 114 Tianna Drive, Walker, MN on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following his services. Inurnment will be in the Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following the services at 1:00 p.m.

William'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

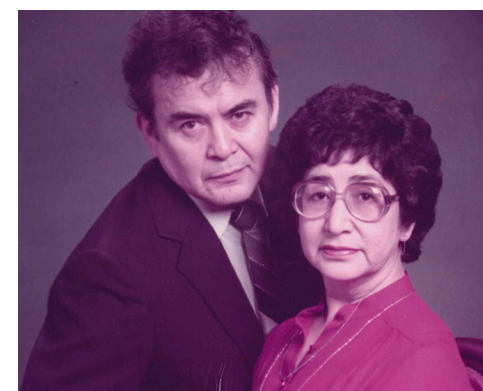
Hilda Beaulieu

Hilda Chase Beaulieu, age 85, of Bena, Minnesota lost her battle with cancer and began her journey to the Spirit World at 4:30 am on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. Hilda was born in Sugar Point, MN. on June 5, 1934 the daughter of Walter and Tillie (Whitecloud) Chase Sr.

Hilda loved spending time with her family, children, grandchildren, friends and nieces and nephews. Hilda and her husband were avid fishermen before Truman traveled onto the Happy Hunting Ground in October 1997. She also loved spending time hunting, swimming, reading, traveling and going to the casino. Hilda loved to play backgammon online and never missed her favorite TV game show Wheel of Fortune. She was a very private person but also loved to spend time with family and friends dancing, listening to Elvis, telling stories and she lived and loved life to the fullest.

Hilda was a hard-working woman with very high strong work ethics and worked 25 years for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, before that she worked at the University of Minnesota until reaching retirement age and moved home to Sugar Point. Hilda also worked for a trucking company in Roseville, MN. and the Duluth Bank of Commerce.

She will be dearly missed by all who love her. Hilda will be welcomed at the gates of heaven by the love of her life and husband Truman C. Beaulieu, her parents, her brothers, David, Donald, Harry and Arthur Chase Sr., her sisters, Lena, Leona and Marilyn (Chase) Hanson and her grandson, Leedon Beaulieu.



Family Hilda leaves behind to cherish her memory are her son: Randy (Ronda) Beaulieu, and daughter Debra E. Beaulieu, granddaughters: Aimee (Greg) Potter, Angela Beaulieu, Sonia Lightfeather, Cheyenne Lightfeather, grandsons: Jesse A. Beaulieu, Dylan Beaulieu and great grandsons: Cheyenne Beaulieu-Banks, and Robert Beaulieu, and her great granddaughters: Savannah Potter, RYANNE Jenkins, Leeanne Beaulieu, Lanahny Beaulieu-Banks and Dakota Beaulieu and Hilda's great great granddaughter Arya Gale, her brothers: Walter (Nadine) Chase II., Joseph (Sharon) Chase Sr., and Gerald Chase, a sister: Hazel Chase, best friend Teddi Redwing, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Hilda's family would like to say Gitchi Miigwech to Jesse A. Beaulieu, Angela Beth Beaulieu, Greg and Aimee Potter, Dakota and Nahny Beaulieu, the hospice nurses and doctors who took such extremely good care of our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great/Great great Grandmother. You all are loved and appreciated so very much for all your hard work keeping Hilda as comfortable as possible and will always remember how you all stepped up and went above and beyond to allow Hilda to leave this world with dignity. Love you all!

A wake for Hilda will be held on Friday, March 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, with the center to open at 8:00 a.m. Leonard Fineday and/or Genevieve Chase will officiate. Pallbearers for Hilda will be Greg Potter, Jesse Beaulieu, Dylan Beaulieu, Cheyenne Lightfeather, Cheyenne Beaulieu and Harry Chase. Her honorary pallbearers are Joseph Chase, Walter Chase, Gerald Chase, Hazel Chase and Teddi Redwing. Interment will be in the Beaulieu Cemetery Waboose at Bena, MN following her Saturday services. Due to health concerns, there will be not luncheon following the service.

Hilda'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

Gaa'Oziskwaajimekaag Gabe-gikendaasowigamig | **Course Schedule** | August 24-December 8 2020 | **Fall Semester**

Admissions (218) 335-4220 | **Financial Aid** (218) 335-4270 | **Student Advising** (218) 334-4211

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
ANI 100.1	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		100	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Elaine Fleming
ANI 100.2	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		100	T,TH	4:00	5:15	Elaine Fleming
ANI 298	Nationhood and Gathering of Manoomin	3			F	9:00am	12:00	Elaine Fleming
ART 100*	Introduction to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3		215	W	4:00	6:30	TBD
ART 110	Acrylic & Oil Painting	3		215	T	1:00	3:30	Karen Goulet
BIO 121*	General Biology I + Lab	4		108	T,TH	5:30	6:45	Steve Smith
BIO L121*	General Biology I Lab	--		108	M	5:00	6:40	Steve Smith
BIO 130	Wildlife Biology	4	BIO 121	108	T,TH	9:00	10:40	Steve Smith
BIO 200	Ethno biology	3		107	T,TH	1:00	2:20	Steve Smith
BLTD 114	Construction Safety	2		Trades	M,TH	9:00	12:00	Saul Saucedo
BUS 100	Introduction to Business	3		212	M,W,F	10:00	10:50	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 160	Human Resource Management	3	BUS 100	100	M,W,F	1:00	1:50	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 230	Management/Leadership	3	BUS 100	Online				Ryan O'Leary
BUS 260	Business Communications -Hybrid	3	BUS 100, ENGL 101	212	T	10:30	11:45	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 299	Business Internship	3	BUS 100	Internship				Ryan O'Leary
CARP 112	Welding	4		Off Campus				Al Bellevue
CARP 114	Framing Sustainable Design	5		Trades	T,W	9:00	3:30	Saul Saucedo
CARP 116	Footings and Foundations	3		Trades	TH	9:00	12:00	Saul Saucedo
CARP 200	Weatherization Applications	2		Trades	F	9:00	2:00	Saul Saucedo
CARP 214	3D Layout for Shop	2		302	M,W	1:00	1:50	Eric Kuha
CARP 226	Framing Sustainable Design III	3		Trades	T,W,TH	9:00	12:00	Rocky Carpenter
CHEM 100	Foundations of Chemistry	4		106	M,T,W,TH	3:00	3:50	Steve Smith
ECE 180	Child Growth and Development	3		Online				Delana Smith
ECE 220	Relations/ Management in Child Development	3	ECE 180	Online				Delana Smith
ECE 240	Children, Families and Communities	3	ECE 220	Online				Delana Smith
EDU 102.1	Miikana	2		117	M,W	1:00	1:50	Stacie Lyon
EDU 102.2	Miikana	2		111	M	5:00	6:40	Stacie Lyon
EDU 102.3	Miikana	2		117	T,TH	1:00	1:50	Stacie Lyon
ELEC 110	Intro to Electrical Circuit Theory	3		Trades	W	9:00	2:00	Rocky Carpenter
ENER 210	Intro to Solar	2		Trades	M	10:00	12:00	Rocky Carpenter
ENGL 096.1	Writing and Reading Skills	3		107/105	M,W,F	10:00	10:50	Joel Verschay
ENGL 096.2	Writing and Reading Skills	3		100/105	M,W,F	2:00	2:50	Joel Verschay
ENGL 101.1	English Composition I	3		100/111	M,W,F	10:00	10:50	Anyea Hake
ENGL 101.2	English Composition I	3		Online				Anyea Hake
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 101	111	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Anyea Hake
ENGL 200	Literature and the Environment	3	ENGL 101	107	M,W,F	11:00	11:50	Hake/Neville
ENGL 299	Special Topics in Literature: Student Publications	3			M,W,F	1:00	1:50	Joel Verchay
ESS 220	Atmospheric Science	3	MATH 150	106	M,W,F	9:00	9:50	Melinda Neville
FOR 101	Intro to Forestry	3		107	T,TH	1:00	2:20	TBD
FOR 210*	Freshwater Studies	4	BIO 140	107	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Melinda Neville
GEOG 200	Cultural Geography	3		Online				Stacie Lyon
GEOL 110	Intro to Geology & Earth Systems	4		108	M,W,F	2:00	2:50	Melinda Neville
GEOL 110L	Intro to Geology & Earth Systems Lab	--		108	TH	1:00	2:50	Melinda Neville
HIS 101*	U.S. and Indigenous American History-Hybrid	3	Online plus meeting each week on Wed.	302	W	2:00	3:15	Audrey Thayer
HIS 150	History of Leech Lake	3		109	T,TH	9:00	10:15	Elaine Fleming
ITECH 100.1	Computer Applications I	3		105	M,W	3:00	4:20	Eric Kuha
ITECH 100.2	Computer Applications I	3		111	T,TH	10:30	11:45	Eric Kuha
ITECH 150	Computer Applications II	3	ITECH 100	105	M,W,F	3:00	3:50	Eric Kuha
ITECH 190	Intro to Computer Science	3	ITECH 150	111	T,TH	9:00	10:15	Eric Kuha
LE 105	Intro to Criminal Justice	3		117	M,W,F	9:00	9:50	Frank Homer
LE 104*	Minnesota Statutes and Traffic Law	3		100	M	4:30	7:00	Ryan Solee
LE 210	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3	LE 105	117	M,W,F	11:00	11:50	Frank Homer
LE 280*	Police Ethics	3	LE 209	109	TH	5:00	7:30	Ryan Fisher
MATH 094	Algebra Skills	3		105	M,W,TH	11:00	11:50	Neah Goodwin
MATH 100	Technical Math	4	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 093 with a C or better	Trades	M,TH	1:00	3:30	Rocky Carpenter
MATH 140.1	Math Concepts	4	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 093 with a C or better	100	M,T,W,TH	11:00	11:50	Kelly Nipp
MATH 140.2*	Math Concepts	4		105	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Kelly Nipp

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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Cass Lake, MN 56633
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Honorable Paul W. Day **Chief Judge of Tribal Court**
Honorable Amber Ahola **Associate Judge of Tribal Court**

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Katie Westrum and Joseph White, Sr., Parents

Court file No. CP-17-45

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that on February 12, 2020, 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) 335-3682. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Aleis R. Rodriguez, Parent, Parent

Court file No. CP-20-01

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that on February 12, 2020, an **EMERGENCY CHILD PROTECTION PETITION** 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) 335-3682. 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.

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

April Birthdays



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Hal Bowstring
Walter Brown
George Donnell
Simon Garbow Jr.
Wanda Gotchie
Sharon Gwerder
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Connie Nason
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Donald Sherman Sr.
Franklyn Sherman
Marlene Stately
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Allen Wilson Jr.
Darwin Wilson

From the
District I Office
Robbie, Stephanie, &
Zagajiw

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Helen Tibbetts
Shirley Young
Patti Giffen
April Greene
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Charles Campbell
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Michelle



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Yvonne Hardy
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Elaine Jenkins



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Theresa Kangas
Robert Whipple
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Donna Day
Mary Lou Ladeaux
George Wind
Lawrence Day
Sidney LaRose
Elizabeth Drumbeater
Arlene Larson
Kerry Elmberg
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Dale Fairbanks
Kenneth Harrison
Edward Fairbanks
Cecil Haugen
Judith Fairbanks
Earl Headbird
Karen Fineday
Caroline Hulett
Patrick Finn

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

► **LLTC FALL SCHEDULE CONTINUED**

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
MATH 150.1	College Algebra	3	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 093 with a C or better	105	T,TH	1:00	2:15	Kelly Nipp
MATH 150.2	College Algebra	3			Online			Kelly Nipp
MATH 155.1	Advanced College Algebra	3	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 150 with a C or better	105	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Kelly Nipp
MATH 155.2	Advanced College Algebra	3			Online			Kelly Nipp
MATH 210	Pre-Calculus I	3	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 155 with a C or better	107	T,TH	TBD	TBD	Kelly Nipp
MUS 250	History of Anishinaabe Music and Dance	3		110	M,W	10:30	11:45	David Northbird
OJI 101.1	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		109	M,W	2:00	3:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 101.2*	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		113	M,T,W,TH	4:00	4:50	Bob Jourdain
OJI 101.3	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		109	T,TH	1:00	2:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 102.1	Speaking Ojibwe II	4	OJI 101	109	M,W	10:00	11:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 102.2	Speaking Ojibwe II	4		113	M,T,W,TH	1:00	1:50	Bob Jourdain
OJI 201	Speaking Ojibwe III	4	OJI 102	113	M,T,W,TH	2:00	2:50	Bob Jourdain
PHIL 200	Indigenous American Philosophy	3		110	T,TH	1:00	2:15	Audrey Thayer
PSY 100	General Psychology - HYBRID	3		302	M,W	11:00	11:50	Stacie Lyon
PSY 220	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 100		Online			Stacie Lyon
SOC 101.1	Introduction to Sociology	3			Online			Mason Martin
SPCH 100.1	Speech and Communications	3	ENGL 101	110	T,TH	10:30	11:45	Audrey Thayer
SPCH 100.2	Speech and Communications	3	ENGL 101	110	T,TH	4:00	5:15	Audrey Thayer
TA 210*	Tribal Administration and Policy	3	Completion of 100 level Business Management core courses	110	M,W,F	4:00	4:50	Rob Aitken

Evening Classes (Fall 2020)

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
ART 100*	Introduction to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3		215	W	4:00	6:30	TBD
BIO 121*	General Biology I + Lab	4		108	T,TH	5:30	6:45	Steve Smith
BIO L121*	General Biology I Lab	--		108	M	5:00	6:40	Steve Smith
FOR 210*	Freshwater Studies	4	BIO 140	107	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Melinda Neville
HIS 101*	U.S. and Indigenous American History	3		302	T	4:00	5:15	Audrey Thayer
ITECH 100.1*	Computer Applications I	3		105	M,W	4:00	5:20	Eric Kuha
LE 110*	Minnesota Statutes and Traffic Law	3		100	M	4:30	7:00	Ryan Solee
LE 280*	Police Ethics	3	LE 209	110	TH	5:00	7:30	Ryan Fisher
MATH 140.2*	Math Concepts	4		105	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Kelly Nipp
OJI 101.2*	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		113	M,T,W,TH	4:00	4:50	Bob Jourdain
TA 210*	Tribal Administration and Policy	3	Completion of 100 level Business Management core courses	110	M,W,F	4:00	4:50	Rob Aitken

Online Classes and Internships (Fall 2020)

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
BUS 230	Management/Leadership	3	BUS 100		Online			Ryan O'Leary
BUS 299	Business Internship	3	BUS 100		Internship			Ryan O'Leary
ECE 180	Child Growth and Development	3			Online			Delana Smith
ECE 220	Relations/ Management in Child Development	3	ECE 180		Online			Delana Smith
ECE 240	Children, Families and Communities	3	ECE 220		Online			Delana Smith
ENGL 101.2	English Composition I	3			Online			Anyea Hake
GEOG 200	Cultural Geography	3			Online			Stacie Lyon
MATH 150.2	College Algebra	3			Online			Kelly Nipp
MATH 155.2	Advanced College Algebra	3			Online			Kelly Nipp
PSY 220	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 100		Online			Stacie Lyon
SOC 101.1	Introduction to Sociology	3			Online			Mason Martin

SUMMER 2020 Online Classes

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Online	Instructor
ANI 100	Intro to Anishinaabe Studies	3		Online	Elaine Fleming
SPCH 100	Speech & Communications	3	ENGL 101	Online	Audrey Thayer
ENGL 096	Writing & Reading Skills	3		Online	Joel Verschay
PSY 100	General Psychology	3		Online	Stacie Lyon
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3		Online	Mason Martin

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Essential Services

ELDERS HOTLINE

- Elders Hotline for COVID-19: [218-335-3003](tel:218-335-3003)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

- LLHA Administrative Office is Closed
- Emergency pager will be utilized for all emergency maintenance calls [218-759-6035](tel:218-759-6035)

FLEET

Public Transportation is suspended until further notice, maintaining and providing support to essential services and programs.

DRM

- Administrative building and public services closed, Exceptions:
- Wild Rice Sales– Thursdays ONLY (9AM-330P). Orders of 5 lbs or more: [218-335-7426](tel:218-335-7426) or <http://llwildrice.com>
- Licensing Agents– CLOSED (all 2019 fishing permits extended to July 1, 2020)
 - May 2– LLBO Citizens Angling Opener
 - May 9– Personal Netting Opener
- Conservation Officers– Patrolling as normal
- Environmental Incident Response and Regulatory Oversight– Continuing as normal

HUMAN SERVICES

- Opiate Treatment Program– OPEN M-F: 7AM-11AM, Transportation available
- Homeless Shelters– OPEN not accepting new clients at this time
 - Cass Lake Homeless Shelter [218-335-3607](tel:218-335-3607)
 - Bena Homeless Shelter [218-665-2250](tel:218-665-2250) or [218-513-6492](tel:218-513-6492) Jean Roper
- Child Welfare OPEN ([218-335-8270](tel:218-335-8270))
- Family Preservation OPEN
 - Gina Munnell [218-398-7625](tel:218-398-7625)
 - Maureen Peralta-Brown [218-308-5038](tel:218-308-5038)
- Behavioral Health– [218-335-3050](tel:218-335-3050)
 - Mobile Crisis Response Team, on-call only ([218-335-3021](tel:218-335-3021)), Leave voicemail, checked every 15 mins)
- Addiction & Dependencies– Crisis contact: Corey L. [605-838-6158](tel:605-838-6158)
- Recovery Center [218-335-6880](tel:218-335-6880)
- Tribal Assistance [218-335-3626](tel:218-335-3626)
 - Staff are working remotely
 - Check pickup will be arranged on a case by case basis
- Bimaaji Abinoojiiyeg– Emergencies Only
 - Darla Johnson [218-398-1695](tel:218-398-1695)
 - Valerie Cash [218-407-5766](tel:218-407-5766)
- Energy Assistance
 - Contact Connie Littlewolf [218-760-1688](tel:218-760-1688)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

(Public/Media Inquiries: [218-335-4483](tel:218-335-4483))

- Onsite at Incident Management Team HQ, maintaining all digital communications, media relations
- KOJB Radio– Continuing operations as normal with as much remote work as possible

- News– Operating remotely, regularly updating LLNews site and prepping Debahjimon for monthly publication.
- Events– all upcoming events cancelled until further notice

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hiring and Application Intake has been temporarily halted.

HEALTH DIVISION

The following services continue to be available via phone or with limited services:

- Ball Club Clinic:
 - Available for telehealth & phone triage. Limited medication delivery also available. [218-246-2394](tel:218-246-2394)
 - Inger clinic patients are encouraged to call Ball Club clinic for their needs as well.
 - Medications from pharmacy are being delivered daily to Ball Club clinic and weekly to Inger clinic.
 - Patients may call from the parking lot for delivery to their car (preferred) or knock on the clinic door to pick-up.
- Bemidji Clinic:
 - Available for phone triage, medication pick-up and delivery only. [218-444-7186](tel:218-444-7186)
- Onigum & Bena Clinics:
 - Patients in these communities who normally have medications delivered to clinics may be eligible for medication delivery to their homes. Contact Stephanie Oothoudt at [218-335-4500](tel:218-335-4500) to arrange delivery.
- Diabetes Clinic:
 - Available for telehealth. [218-335-4511](tel:218-335-4511)
- Behavioral Health–Health Division:
 - Referrals for Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence and Suicide Prevention, Case management care services by phone, [218-335-7211](tel:218-335-7211) or email karen.anoka@llojibwe.net
 - Also Crisis Response advocate and liaison to appropriate help.
- CHR:
 - Available for essential appointments: Dialysis & cancer appointments. [218-335-4500](tel:218-335-4500)
- Elderly Nutrition Program:
 - Continued meal delivery (no congregate dining) [218-335-8314](tel:218-335-8314)
- Elder Services:
 - Avis Poupart [612-759-0787](tel:612-759-0787)
 - Transportation suspended, Limited commodity delivery
- Elderly Waiver:
 - Available by phone. [218-335-4531](tel:218-335-4531)
- Food Distribution:
 - Services available with social distancing in place. [218-335-2676](tel:218-335-2676) Phone orders only. Applications through door only. Will do intake over phone and issue food by passing through door.

- Home Health Care:
 - Essential prescription delivery. Essential cares: wound care, injections, labs, blood monitoring. [218-335-4500](tel:218-335-4500)
- Maternal Child Health:
 - Available for telehealth for existing and new patients. [218-407-2989](tel:218-407-2989)
- WIC:
 - Contact [218-335-8291](tel:218-335-8291) or [218-335-4546](tel:218-335-4546)
 - Available by phone for scheduling, phone interviews for services, curbside essential services.
 - Supplement program will be delivering, left at front door
- EMS Services:
 - Continuing as essential and critical with no change in service.

Assisted Living:

- We will be operating 24/7 for our residents but our building is closed to visitors and the general public.
- Contact [218-335-4500](tel:218-335-4500) and your call will be directed to Assisted Living staff.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

- All LLBO Community Centers–CLOSED, exceptions made for official community food prep/distribution and funeral services
- All emergency operation will continue as requested. All regular work orders and cleaning will be put on hold. Cleaning supplies for essentially staffed programs will be delivered upon request.
- All services can be accessed through the main office.
 - Emma Brown [218-335-8318](tel:218-335-8318)
 - Marilyn Glass [218-888-2147](tel:218-888-2147)

DPW

- Vern Lyons, Director [218-760-7256](tel:218-760-7256)
- Karrie Wilson [218-407-3657](tel:218-407-3657)
- Community Services:
 - All emergency operations will remain accessible. All regular work orders will be put on hold.
 - All services can be accessed through the main office.
 - Dave Jones Work: [218-335-3785](tel:218-335-3785)

SOLID WASTE

- All garbage runs will continue on the regular schedule; Friday will be a makeup day if residence is missed during regular run.
- Call ahead to be picked up on Fridays.
- Cass Lake transfer site will maintain regular hours
 - Richard Jones [218-335-5289](tel:218-335-5289)
- Inger, Ball Club, Bena and Onigum Transfer sites will retain normal operating hours.

WELL & SEPTIC

- Emergencies only [218-335-3717](tel:218-335-3717)
- Bill Masten, Program Manager: [218-407-4281](tel:218-407-4281)

LEECH LAKE TRIBAL POLICE DEPT.

- Dispatch– Open 24/7
- Administration M-F 8-4:30, Limited in-person contact
- Crime Victims' Advocates (On-Call), Limited in-person contact
- DMV– Limited Hours, please call ahead: [218-760-2501](tel:218-760-2501)
- Animal Control/Pets for life, Limited in-person contact

GENERAL ELECTION BOARD

[218-335-7222](tel:218-335-7222) or [7219/7249](tel:7219/7249)

- Open 10am-2pm for phone inquiries only
- In person absentee voting will resume April 13 **(date subject to change)*

EDUCATION

- WIOA
 - Norma Jackson [218-368-3395](tel:218-368-3395)
- YouthBuild
 - Julie Nubbe-Gordon [218-368-2329](tel:218-368-2329)
 - Marilyn Budreau [218-214-3549](tel:218-214-3549)
 - Eric DeVault [218-368-0077](tel:218-368-0077)
- TERO
 - Marilyn Wind [218-214-1174](tel:218-214-1174)
 - Ben Moe [218-308-5076](tel:218-308-5076)
- MFIP/NEW
 - Dawn Jackson [218-760-5730](tel:218-760-5730)
 - Sharon Mainville [218-368-3340](tel:218-368-3340)
 - Cori Harper [218-831-1001](tel:218-831-1001)
- TEP
 - Tuffy Fisher [218-214-1835](tel:218-214-1835)
 - Carrie Bellanger [218-335-3555](tel:218-335-3555)
 - Kathy BlackWolf [612-860-4821](tel:612-860-4821)
 - Jeff Howard (Inger) [218-328-4946](tel:218-328-4946)
- Ed Admin
 - Laurie Harper [218-839-5821](tel:218-839-5821)
 - Dorothy Robinson [218-556-7590](tel:218-556-7590)

EHS/HS/Child Care– [218-335-8345](tel:218-335-8345)

- ECD Adm Pgm Super Tracey Rich
- ECD pgm Super Bethany Stangle
- Nutrition pgm Super Cree Fredrickson
- Transport Pgm Super Natalie Zobava
- Maintenance Pgm Supr Reuben St. Cyr
- AOB HS Class Isabella Rushmeier
- AOB HS Class Erika Kiley
- AOB Early HS Lead Mary Seelye
- AOB Early HS Cheryl Ballek
- Curriculum Melissa Week
- Curriculum Support Stormy Campbell
- Curriculum Emma Gillman
- Curriculum Support Amanda Sutton
- Kitchen Mackenzie Goodrich
- AOB Nutrition Lead Cree Headbird
- Maintenance Jeff Leecy

TRIBAL ROADS

- Office [218-335-8214](tel:218-335-8214)
- Shop [218-335-2598](tel:218-335-2598)

CHILD SUPPORT

- Contact [218-339-8600](tel:218-339-8600)
- Open Monday & Tuesday 8AM-2PM, Thursday 10AM-4PM

CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE LIST

MN UNEMPLOYMENT

If your employment has been affected by COVID-19, you can apply for unemployment benefits. Applicants eligible for unemployment benefits affected by coronavirus if: A health-care professional or health authority recommended or ordered them to avoid contact with others.

- They have been ordered not to come to their workplace due to an outbreak of a communicable disease.
- They have received notification from a school district, daycare, or other childcare provider that either classes are canceled or the applicant's ordinary childcare is unavailable, provided that the applicant made reasonable effort to obtain other childcare and requested time off or other accommodation from the employer and no reasonable accommodation was available.
- Governor Walz's executive order waives the non payable or "waiting" week to ensure applicants have access to unemployment benefits as quickly as possible.

While all applicants for unemployment benefits must actively seek suitable employment, Governor Walz's executive order stipulates that you may look for suitable work that does not pose a risk to your health or the health of others. If you have only been laid off temporarily, you can meet work search requirements by staying in contact with your current employer. Finally, Governor Walz's executive order waives the ordinary five-week benefit limitation for business owners who had previously elected coverage and have become unemployed as a result of COVID-19.

Please Call for Unemployment:

- Twin Cities area: 651-296-3644
- Greater Minnesota: 1-877-898-9090;
- TTY users: 1-866-814-1252

HOUSING

- MN Executive Order 20-14 signed by Governor Walz will suspend evictions and writs of recovery during the outbreak period.
- The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation will help those affected by the outbreak through the MCT special forbearance relief program

HOTLINES MN DEPT. OF HEALTH

- COVID-19 Health questions: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Schools and child care questions: 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

LOCAL HOTLINES

- Itasca County Public Health now offers an information phone line: 218-327-6784. Our Public Health team will answer and return calls Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

LIMITED TESTING AVAILABLE AT

- Indian Health Services
- Sanford Clinics

DRIVE UP PHARMACY

- Indian Health Services, Cass Lake MN
- Thrift White Pharmacy, Walker MN
- Walgreens Pharmacy, Bemidji MN

RESERVATION AREA SCHOOLS

Bugonaygeshig:

- Two meals a day (10 per week) will be provided to students via delivery every Tuesday, please contact the school at 1-800-265-5576 for more information.

Walker:

- The school district will be providing sack lunches for students on a "grab and go" basis. Please contact Marci in the superintendent's office to sign up for school lunch services.

Cass Lake Bena:

- CLB is offering school Lunches with pick up times at the following locations, please call 218-335-2203 and ask for Food Services for more information.

<i>Thunder in the Sky</i>	12PM
<i>Maingaan</i>	12:25PM
<i>Mission</i>	12:40PM
<i>Porcupine</i>	12:55PM
<i>Plantation</i>	1:05PM
<i>Norway Heights</i>	12PM
<i>Tract 34</i>	12:15PM
<i>Allen's Bay</i>	12:35PM
<i>Wejack</i>	12:45PM
<i>Tower Hill</i>	12PM
<i>Onigum</i>	12:40PM
<i>Stony Point</i>	12PM
<i>Pennington</i>	12:40PM
<i>Bena</i>	1:10PM
<i>Prescott</i>	12PM
<i>Fox Creek</i>	12PM
<i>Wilkinson</i>	12:35PM
<i>Oak Point</i>	1PM

Bemidji:

- Children enrolled in ISD 31 schools are eligible to receive free meals during the shutdown, please visit the school website to fill out the food home delivery form.

Deer River:

- As part of the school shut-down, "to-go" breakfast, lunch, and snack for students and children ages 18 and under, will be available at delivery sites within our school district boundaries at no charge for all students.

Delivery Sites: (These sites will have food available for pick-up between 9:30 am and 11:00 am).

- Ball Club Community Center
- Bena Community Center
- Bowstring Store
- Gosh Dam Place/Winnie Dam
- Inger Community Center
- King Elementary
- S. Lake Community Center

*Deer River Public Schools will be delivering student meals Thursday March 26 and Friday March 27 to all listed delivery sites.

CHILDCARE

- Cass Lake Bena Schools will be providing child care for any child between the ages of 5-12, who are children of medical personnel, essential county workers and children of school personnel. CLB childcare program will run from 7:45 am – 3:45 pm and located at the District Resource Center, ALC location. For further information please call the District Office at 218-335-2204 or the Boys & Girls Club at 218-335-4058.
- Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Schools Childcare will be provided for children 4-12 years old at WHA; hours of operation are 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday; please call 218-547-4206; breakfast and lunch are available during this free childcare as well, at no cost. Please call ahead of time so they can prepare to serve you. WHA identified list to provide care for: MnDOT Employees, National Guard, Water Treatment/Wastewater, Day-to-Day Operations for Gas and Electric Utilities, Food Distribution Workers, Public Works Employees, Solid Waste Management, Infectious and

Hazard Waste Management, Telecommunication Network Operations.

- Deer River Schools will provide childcare designed for school aged children K-age 12 on SCHEDULED school days from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm; all children attending will be offered breakfast, lunch and snack. Deer River Schools will hold daycare services at KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Please call 218-246-8860 so they can prioritize space and plan to provide day care services. They will support those families who are employed in healthcare, emergency services, and other areas critical to keeping our communities going.
- Bemidji Area Schools is providing daycare to all district children of parents who are considered critical care workers; ages are 12 years down to age 3. Please contact the Bemidji School district for more information.
- LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE: As of March 23, 2020, the Early Childhood Center has a childcare operating out of the Cass Lake AOB site; hours of operation are 7:30 am – 5 pm; age range is 0-5. Our focus will be Emergency Management Staff, Indian Health Service and Clinic; LLBO Human Services Essential Programs' Staff. Please call 218-335-8345.
- LLBO is reviewing the childcare services plans and continuing to update and revise it with the consideration that we may expand to 24 hour child care. We are also working with area home care providers and within our Child Care Licensing standards to provide the 24 hour and overnight childcare possibilities. This is an ever changing and dynamic situation and this will be updated as soon as possible.
- The full list of eligible workers for free childcare can be found at: School-Age Care for Children of Emergency Workers: Priority Categories of Workers on the Minnesota Department of Education Website.

LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Bemidji:

- Bemidji Food Shelf is open Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m., due to the corona virus outbreak customers will no longer be allowed inside the Food Shelf. Customers will wait in their vehicles and volunteers or staff will bring out pre-packed boxes.

Cass Lake:

- The Cass Lake Area Food Shelf will now be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week from 10am to 2:45pm.
- The Food Shelf will be open to all people with the priority going to ELDERS, HANDICAPPED AND ILL INDIVIDUALS. Those people who are unable to get their food due to self-isolation or lack of transportation, please call 987-3000 to receive information on home delivery. (Limited home delivery is available.)

Walker:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday: Open from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday of the month: Open from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Closed on the 5th Tuesday of the month

Deer River:

- Deer River Area Food Shelf will continue to provide food every Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. However, for the safety of the people we serve and our volunteers, the lobby area will not be open. Instead, a volunteer will be at the main door taking names and the number of people in each household. You may then wait in your car until your number comes up. A volunteer will place your items into a cart for you to collect at the exit door.

Updated Grocery Store Hours:

- Teals: 7am-8pm *7am to 8am hour is designated shopping time for elderly and immunocompromised patrons
- Target: 7am-9pm *9am-10am every Wednesday is designated shopping time for patrons who are elderly, pregnant or otherwise vulnerable.
- Walmart: 7am-8:30pm *6am-7am every Tuesday through April 28 will be designated shopping for customers 60 and older.
- Superone Foods: 7am-9pm *7am-8am shopping time is reserved for elderly, immunocompromised, healthcare staff, and first responders.

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“Protect yourself”



Personal protection equipment is in low stock around the country, but there are still ways you can protect yourself with materials you have at home or can order for curbside pickup from local grocery and craft stores.

As of April 3, 2020 the United States Center for Disease Control recommends that all Americans wear masks whether they are sick and exhibiting symptoms or not. Wearing a cloth face mask can help slow the spread of the virus. This guidance comes from recent CDC studies that show a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

Meaning that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

Things you should know about Face masks

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

CDC DIY INSTRUCTIONS

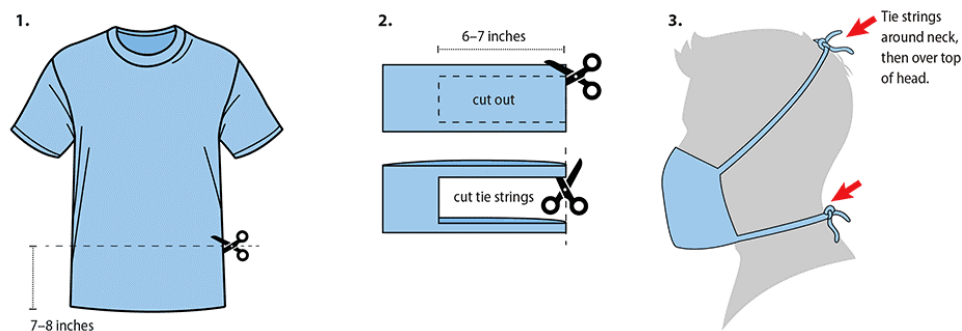
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>)

Quick Cut T-Shirt Face Covering (No Sew Method)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

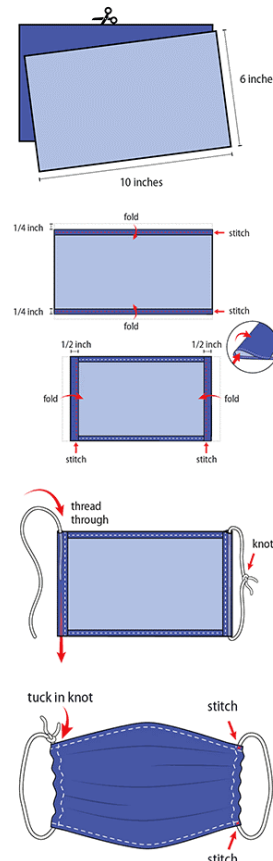
Tutorial



Sewn Cloth Face Covering

Materials

- Two 10”x6” rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6” pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine



Tutorial

1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric.

2. Fold over the long sides $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along the short sides and stitch down.

3. Run a 6-inch length of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight.

Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.

4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the mask on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.

Bandana Face Covering (No Sew Method)

Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20”x20”)
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial

