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Never Say Never

Washington football team set to finally change racist nickname

WASHINGTON – The Washington Redsk*ns name is officially being retired.

The name change announced Monday July 13 through a press release, will be effective immediately. Team owner Dan Snyder, and Coach Ron Rivera will begin overseeing development of a new name, and design for the team.

The move came less than two weeks after owner Dan Snyder, who once stated he would never change the name, launched a “thorough review” amid pressure from sponsors. FedEx, Nike, Pepsi and Bank of America all lined up against the name, which was given to the franchise in 1933 when the team was still based in Boston.

The name has had a harmful history with Tribal communities as it dehumanizes Native

Americans and encourages bigoted stereotypes. Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, who’s joined Minneapolis protests against the name spoke out late Monday afternoon.

“This decision is the right one - and it took WAY too long to get here. I am thankful my young Anishinaabe daughter will not have to grow up seeing this racist image of our people plastered on TV, jerseys & merchandise. This is an important first step. We’ve got more work to do” said Flanagan.

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson echoed Flanagan’s statements in an official statement from the tribe, citing the tribes want for any teams still using racist names to make a change.

“We are very glad to see the Washington

football team acknowledge that their former nickname has no place in today’s society”, said Leech Lake Tribal Chairman, Faron Jackson. “We want to extend a huge thank you and recognize the shareholders and investment firms who contacted Nike, FedEx and PepsiCo urging them to support this effort. We also want to recognize these companies for following through on their corporate commitments to diversity and inclusion, by pressuring the franchise owner to reach this decision. Indigenous people and Native organizations have been tirelessly campaigning to have these symbols removed for quite some time, we appreciate the assistance of all our allies in helping to move this particular case across the finish line.”

The team is expected to announce the new name and logo before the start of the 2020 season.

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Dakota Access Pipeline Shut Down for 30 Days For Environmental Review

By Kayla Duoos

NORTH DAKOTA – The Dakota Access Pipeline will be shut down until further notice.

A Federal Judge sided with the Cheyenne River Sioux, and Standing Rock Sioux tribes, Monday July 6, citing the need for further environmental review to be done on the site. The pipe-

line will need to shut down and remove all oil within 30 days, to abide by the judges orders.

The pipeline extends more than 1,000 miles from North Dakota



Leech Lake Gaming Sites Reopen with new Safety Guidelines amid COVID-19 Pandemic

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Gaming has an entirely new rulebook for the summer of 2020. Aimed at keeping both employees and patrons safe.

Since the reopening of Cedar Lakes, Northern Lights, and White Oak June 22, LLBO's new protec-

tion orders have been in place. The four step reopening plan began with only slot machines, alcohol service on the casino floor, snack bar grab-and-go items, gift shops and promotions opening.

Patrons that arrive at the casinos will be greeted at the door with a temperature check, and be required to wear a mask, there is

also multiple levels of sanitization from continual wiping down high touch areas such as slot machines, door handles, kiosks, etc. to using state of the art electrostatic disinfection equipment. Employees also are enforcing social distancing guidelines, offering gloves, hand sanitizer and complimentary masks/gloves.

Gaming Division Director Mike Auger said the changes have been tough but a necessary adjustment in keeping staff and patrons safe amid the outbreak.

"The COVID pandemic has reached all areas, including northern Minnesota. While Leech Lake Gaming cannot stop COVID, our Reopening Safety Plan, based on CDC, MDH, and LLBO Health Division guidelines. Our goal has been to provide the safest environ-

to Illinois – but the issue is the portion of the project that is buried under the Missouri River. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe said a leak will contaminate drinking water and sacred lands.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg said in the 24-page order that he was "mindful of the disruption such a shutdown will cause," but said he had concluded that the pipeline must be shut down.

The pipeline company said it could lose \$643 million in the second half of 2020 and \$1.4 billion in 2021 if shut down. The court said: "All of these financial losses would be absorbed by the owners of Dakota Access," particularly Energy Transfer Partners, the current parent company of DAPL after a merger with Sunoco."

But Boasberg's ruling is clear on that point that the shut down is necessary "given the seriousness of the Corps' error, the impossibility of a simple fix, the fact that Dakota Access did assume much of its economic risk knowingly, and the potential harm each day the pipeline operates, the Court is forced to conclude that the flow of oil must cease."

The Cheyenne River Sioux and Standing Rock Sioux tribes have yet to make a public statement on the decision.

ment for our employees and patrons. Some of our safety measures include extensive cleaning using state of the art processes, social distancing, requiring masks, no indoor smoking, limited services and amenities such as food and beverage, temp taking, etc," said Auger.

Phases two,three, and four of gaming's reopening plan include the reopening of the hotel, July 1st, as well as gradual reopenings of each individual event center; blackjack tables, sit down dining, bars, fitness and business center, entertainment, poker, bingo, valet. Phases are expected to change as further understanding of the COVID pandemic in the area is studied.

For further updates on LLBO's gaming reopening and phases, call 1-844-LL GAMING.



PHOTO: PETER HILL

Protesters gather on Highway 244 outside of Mount Rushmore over the Fourth of July weekend.

Protests During July 4 Weekend in North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA – Protests erupted over the Fourth of July weekend outside of Mount Rushmore regarding President Trump's impending arrival for the federal holiday.

20 citizens were arrested, many from the surrounding Tribal Nations. The protesting group occupied Highway 244 outside of the landmark for nearly three hours, preventing ticket holders from entering the President's fireworks celebration.

Protesters cited that the Black Hills are sacred to local Tribes, namely the Oceti Sakowin and that Trump's administration opposes interests of Indian Country and other minority groups.

The National Guard declared the protest unlawful assembly and used shields, pepper spray and pepper balls to try to physically move people off the roadway. Nick Tilsen, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and social justice group NDN Collective, was voluntarily arrested at the end of the protest and charged with assaulting and stealing a shield from a woman with the National Guard.

He called the demonstration a success after he was released from jail on Monday.

"We let the world know and reminded the world who the rightful owners of the Black Hills are — the Oceti Sakowin, We made it clear that the President of the



Nick Tilsen, Oglala Sioux and NDN Collective member.

United States was not welcome in our territory, without the free prior and informed consent of our People and of our Tribal leaders." he said in a NDN Collective news release.

Both Tilsen and NDN Collective called for the closure of Mount Rushmore as a national monument and for the Black Hills to be returned to Lakota people.

LLBO Issues Resolution Requiring Face Coverings

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has passed a resolution requiring facial coverings in all Tribal buildings.

The resolution passed Thursday July 16, states that all staff and patrons entering a LLBO building must be wearing masks or cloth face coverings in shared public areas, hallways, or other common areas.

The published resolution which is in effect until further notice, was decided as the band has begun reopening offices. Cases have been trending upward in Minnesota for several weeks, in all parts of the state making the mask mandate a key point in keeping Tribal Members safe. Minnesota had nearly 1,500 more active COVID-19 cases than it did in mid-June, according to data released Friday July 10th.

There are currently 42,281 cases confirmed, 1,502 deaths within the state, death numbers remain on the decline as more young people

are contracting the disease, but are doing so through community spread. Keeping these numbers in mind, Governor Walz and Medical groups in Minnesota and the state Health Department have announced that a statewide mask requirement is also on the table. There are currently 23 other states who have similar orders in place.

"It's the easiest thing we can do to keep our business open, it's the easiest thing we can do to protect our neighbors, the science is behind it and we simply need people to do it. I would note that Goldman Sachs did a study around how to get people to wear masks and they looked at 20 states and unfortunately we ranked last in the number of people wearing masks here in Minnesota. So, we got work to do," said Walz.

Minnesota cities Winona, Rochester, Mankato, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Edina have all ordered mandatory mask-wearing in the cities' public spaces.



CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19, LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR LLBO MEMBER, VISIT:

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LLTC Going Mainly Online for the Fall 2020 Semester with a Select Few Hybrid and On-campus Courses.

To the students, faculty, staff of Leech Lake Tribal College and the community that we serve.

The Leech Lake Tribal College is committed to providing quality higher education that is grounded in Anishinaabe values. Our mission is defined by the Seven Grandfather Values and it is with these values in mind that we came to a decision as to how to proceed for the upcoming semester as we continue to weather the COVID Pandemic.

The Leech Lake Tribal College will operate in a modified fashion for the Fall Semester. The majority of classes will be offered online. Some

of our classes will operate in a hybrid fashion, that is there will be some classes and/or labs that will meet on campus during the semester on a very limited basis. And there are some classes which, by their very nature, must meet on campus. Those classes are identified in our schedule as to which classes are offered as Online, Hybrid or On-campus.

Needless to say, we are taking every precaution to ensure that anytime a class meets on campus, that strict health and safety guidelines are in place and stringently adhered to. We will be requiring that students can come to campus ONLY for classes that they are



enrolled in, or by prior appointment with the office that you are visiting. We are also mandating that all students must wear masks while on campus and we will be strictly enforcing social distance protocols.

I strongly urge you as a student to get in contact with your advisor and student services to figure out what is best for you in the upcoming semester. Even if you're not enrolled, talk to us and we can give you advice as to what will work out best for you and your academic career.

This is not something that any of us signed up for. And for you, as students, this represents a major change in your expectations of college life. We understand and want to do as much as possible to make this experience as productive and rewarding as possible. But we are doing this to ensure the safety and health not just of you, and not just for our staff and faculty (although those are considerations to be sure), we are doing this for the health of our families and our communities.

And, when it is safe for us to open up campus and have everyone return, we will gladly welcome you back to campus and greet you with open arms.

So, like almost every other college, we will be operating mostly online for Fall Semester. Please consult our schedule and your advisor for more information and details. And if you're new to Leech Lake Tribal College, don't hesitate to contact anyone in student services for more information about the College and what to expect in Fall Semester.

Take care, stay healthy and be safe.



LLTC Carpentry Program 2020

CASS LAKE – As the time for fall registration nears, the Leech Lake Tribal College carpentry program has been busy keeping their eye on the goal of making sure classes stay hands on and safe.

The Residential Carpentry program features coursework that provides students with a mix of technical and general education, theory and hands-on learning experiences. Students in the program progress from basic skills to those required of a carpenter's apprentice.

The program provides graduates with skills required of a carpenter in a variety of building construction settings common in rural, metro or reservation settings.

One of the current hands-on learning projects for students has been the completion of a tiny house. The house first started in Spring of 2020, was designed by students in the program with help from instructors.

Instructor Saul Saucedo said the project has become a huge skill builder for many of his students as it's their first experience working with a model this small and with solar panels. Saucedo hopes that as more students learn how simple building can be, they can take their skills learned within the program and build more homes for either themselves or their families.

Looking forward to the new semester as students return, Saucedo hopes for the project to be finished within the year.

"It's gonna be a challenge to keep social distancing in place but it's not something that can stop us. Our program is hands-on and just following simple guidelines is what's going to keep students safe," said Saucedo.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Residential Carpentry Program, is encouraged to call Leech Lake Tribal College at (218) 335-4200.

SUPREME COURT RULING AFFIRMS TREATIES ARE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND

OKLAHOMA – The US Supreme Court has ruled that a large part of eastern Oklahoma is Native American land.

McGirt, 71, who claimed that state courts had no authority to try him for a sex crime committed on reservation land that belongs to the Muscogee Creek Nation.

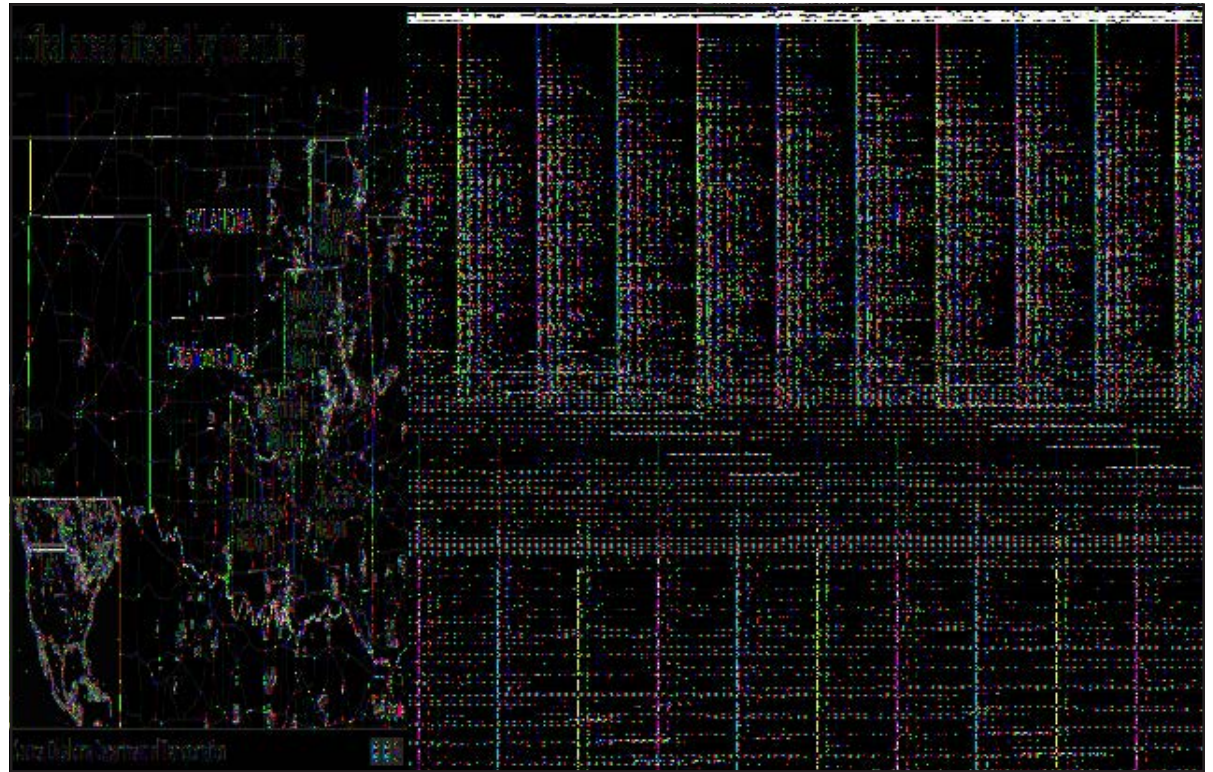
The court’s 5-4 decision hinged on the question of whether the Muscogee Creek reservation continued to exist after Oklahoma became a state. The final ruling written by Justice Neil Gorsuch, states that Oklahoma prosecutors lack the authority to pursue criminal cases against Native American defendants in parts of Oklahoma due to the existence of the reservation.

Following the ruling, the state of Oklahoma issued a joint statement with the Muscogee (Creek), Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole nations in which they agreed to work together on an agreement to address any unresolved jurisdictional issues raised by the decision.

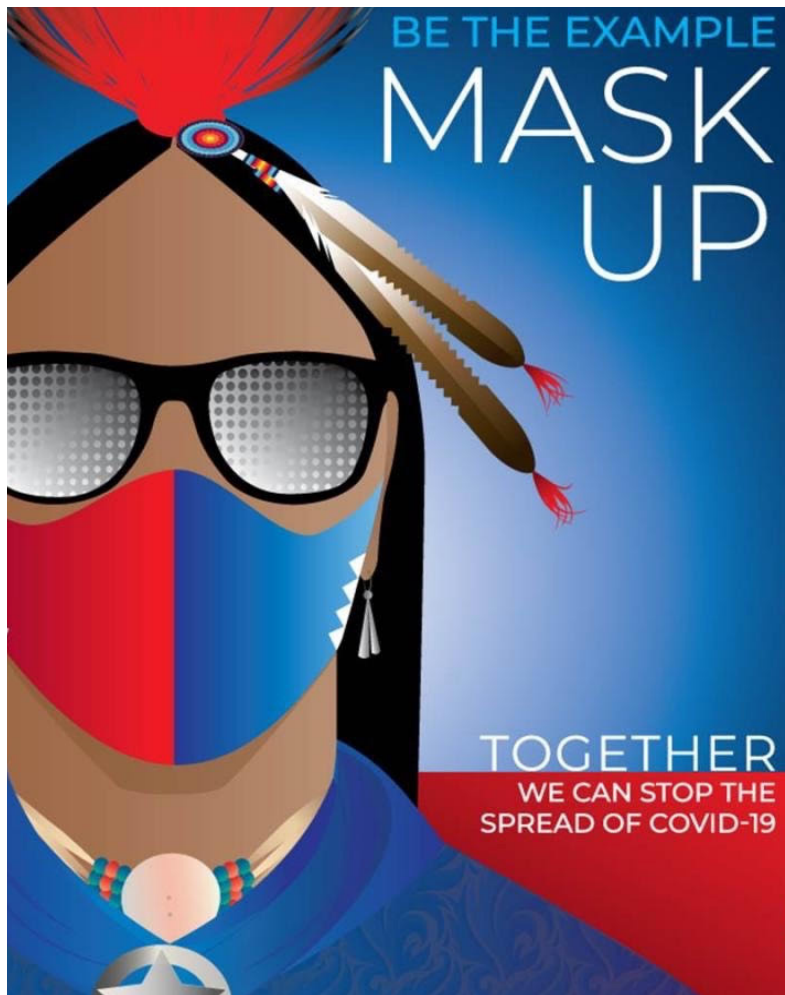
The final ruling only concerns jurisdiction, not land ownership, it will however have significant legal implications for eastern Oklahoma. Much of Tulsa, the state’s second-largest city, is located on Muscogee Creek land.

“The Nations and the State are committed to implementing a framework of shared jurisdiction that will preserve sovereign interests and rights to self-government while affirming jurisdictional understandings, procedures, laws, and regulations that support public safety, our economy, and private property rights. We will continue our work, confident that we can accomplish more together than any of us could alone.”

The case that opened the land rights issue was an appeal by Seminole Band Member Jimcy



Map outlining Native American Territories within Oklahoma affected by the Supreme Court Ruling.



District III Elder Birthdays

August



From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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Barbara Johnson
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Linda Johnston
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Julie Jones
Susan Swanson
Carol Kloehn
Laura Therriault
Cheryl Littlewolf
Nancy Washington
Leonard Losh
Randolph White

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



Obituaries



Adrian Burris, Sr.



Adrian Lee Burris, Sr., “Miizhiikwad” which means “Ray of Sunshine”, 33 years young, of Minneapolis, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, June 28th, 2020 from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital in Cass Lake, MN. He was born in Minneapolis, MN on July 23rd, 1986 to Brenda (Rock) and Woodrow “Joe” Burris.

Adrian loved his son, little Adrian Jr., very much and was an amazing dad to him. He loved to cook and hang out with his family and friends. Adrian was a very loving person with a big heart and smile. Adrian was loved by everyone and he will be deeply missed.

He is now with his grandparents, Geraldine (Stone) and Bernard Rock, Sr.; grandpa, Woodrow Burris, Sr.; grandma, Dora Raisch; aunties, Beryl Rock and Betsy Rock-Haas; cousins, Ronald Wayne Long, Jr. and Roland Skinaway and many other family members.

He leaves behind his son, Adrian Burris, Jr.; parents, Brenda and Joe Burris; sister, Jessica Rock; brothers, Joe Burris, Sr., Marcus Burris, Randy Burris and Levi Burris, numerous aunties, uncles, cousins and friends.

A wake for Adrian will begin at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1st and continue until his 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday, July 2nd all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Those helping to lay Adrian to rest are Randy

Burris, Marcus Burris, Levi Burris, Joseph Burris, Mike Burris, Jerry Rolo, Doug Eagle and DJ Burris. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Oak Point Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN immediately following his Thursday service.

Adrian’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.

Angela Bellanger



Angela Marie Bellanger, 41 years old, resident of Austin, Texas began her journey to the spirit world from her home on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020. She was born in Minneapolis, MN on January 6th, 1979 to Barbara (Wakanabo) and Sam Bellanger, Jr.

In her free time, Angela loved listening to all genres of music, going to bingo, watching her beloved Minnesota Vikings, and playing board games with her son JV III. Angela and her husband, Cameron, loved to eat sushi, go to the movies, and cook meals together. She had a passion for astrology. Angela had a deep love for her husband and her entire family. She had a great sense of humor, the most beautiful smile and always danced to her own tune. Angela traveled many miles, making many trips back and forth from Texas to Minnesota to visit her mother Barb, who recently passed. She will be missed enormously as she was the glue that held her family together. Rest in Paradise Ang, a truly strong and independent Anishinabe Ikwe.

Family that welcome her to the spirit world are her beloved mother, Barbara Bellanger; father, Samuel Bellanger, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Hubert and Josephine; paternal grandparents, Samuel and Ruby; brothers, Ryan Shawn Wakanabo-Bellanger and Samuel “Porker” Bellanger III.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, Cameron Dick; son, Joaquin Vargas III; siblings, Miranda Bellanger, Brandon Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Lance Johnson and Robert Fairbanks; aunts, Holly Fairbanks and Brenda Bellanger; uncle, Paul Wakanabo; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A wake for Angela will begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 3rd and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, July 4th all being held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Waa-maajaa’iwed is Steve Jackson. Music by Marvin Rogers. Pallbearers for Angela will be Douglas Fairbanks, Mark Jimenez, Ben Moe, David Gonzales, Todd “Chico” Tibbetts, Sr. and Travis Smith. Her honorary pallbearers are Candace Gotchie, Dana Meza, Allen Smith, Crystal Tibbetts, Sarah Wakanabo, Shaw Day, Andrea Fairbanks, Falon Fairbanks and Ashley Fairbanks. Interment will be in the Townsite Cemetery at Ball Club, MN following her services.

Angela’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

Clayton Oothoudt III

Clayton Oothoudt III, age 51, of Onigum, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 from his home with his family by his side.

Clayton was born on November 29th, 1968 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Anna (Tiokasin) Sheffield and Clayton Oothoudt, Jr. He attended school in Riverside, California for a brief time during his younger years. Clayton really enjoyed traveling and visiting with his family and friends. His enjoyment of all genres of music was unique. Clayton was a motorhead that loved working on cars, getting greasy, riding dirt bikes and building motorbikes for his kids. If you knew Clayton, you knew that he had a rude and crude sense of humor and that he loved making people laugh. We will miss him!!!

He is welcomed to the spirit world by his son, Clayton “B-Boy” Oothoudt IV; his maternal grandparents, Rose Nason and George Tiokasin, Sr.; and paternal grandparents, Elizabeth and Clayton Oothoudt, Sr.



Family left behind to cherish his memory are his parents, Anna Sheffield and Clayton Oothoudt, Jr.; wife, Juanita Oothoudt; children, Charissa, Cherice, Jeremy, Douglas, Gerald, Cory, Leann, Joseph, Mish, Nevaeh, Winter, Chauncey and Jamie; grandkids, Angel, Priscilla, Seferino, Graciella, Sage, Bricen, Baby Doug, Riely, Emery and Jacinta; siblings, Michelle Oothoudt, Mardelle (Sam) Reese, Colleen (Harley) Graves, William (Roberta) Pemberton, Jennifer Johnson, Mike Aubid and John Aubid, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and his friends.

An overnight wake for Clayton will begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 26th and continue until his 10:00 a.m., funeral service on Saturday, June 27th all to be held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Pallbearers for Clayton will be David MaGee, Alton Bebeau, Josh Deegan, Winter Cloud, Luis Solis and Todd Miller. His honorary pallbearers are Dan Oothoudt, Duane Oothoudt, Dale Jackson, Louis Deegan, Jr. and Bill Long. Interment will be in the St. Joseph’s Cemetery at Ball Club, MN immediately following his Saturday service.

Clayton’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

Francis “Frank” Oothoudt

Francis “Frank” Lee Oothoudt, age 50, of Whipholt, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Friday, July 3rd, 2020 from Nevis, MN. He was born on May 14th, 1970 in Cass Lake, MN to Freida (Smith) and Ray Oothoudt.



He attended Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School, Flandreau Indian School and ultimately graduated from Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School. In his early childhood, Frank would go on the Pow Wow trail as a traditional dancer where he traveled throughout North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Canada. As he grew older, he developed a love for the game of football, basketball, boxing, and baseball. He played quarterback and running back for the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Silver Eagles and enjoyed playing in summer basketball and baseball leagues into his adult life. As a young adult he enjoyed his time working as a car detailer which became a hobby. He also enjoyed working many years with his dad and brothers as a carpenter with Oothoudt Construction. His latest employment included Leech Lake Housing and Northern Lights Casino Grounds Department.

Frank and LaVonne knew each other all their lives and in the summer of 1992, they began dating. It was not long after that Frank moved in with LaVonne and Sheana. About a year later, Frank and LaVonne welcomed the first of their four children. He loved his kids and grandkids very much. He enjoyed singing to his grandkids and finding antique toys to play with his grandkids. He was so proud of his kids...saying to LaVonne, "we have some pretty awesome kids, don't we?" His love for his kids showed through his sense of humor with them, having one-on-one heart to hearts, and sharing stories. Over the years, he and LaVonne raised several other children; many of whom were family members and even some of their children's friends.

Frank enjoyed working as a Fire Keeper and Arena Director at the Onigum Pow Wow. Making sure everyone was safe was important to him. He had a big heart and was always looking out for others whether it be relatives or friends in the community...he was always willing to lend a helping hand to

those he cared about.

Hobbies he enjoyed included picking diamond willow to carve canes; rummaging, antique shopping and collecting; as well as summer family trips to many Pow Wows, west coast road trips to Washington; Valley Fair; Wisconsin Dells; and kids sporting events.

Frank was Christian, he enjoyed reading the bible and prayed every day.

Family that Frank is reunited with are his father, Ray Oothoudt; sister, Rosalinda Oothoudt; grandma, Frances Jordan; grandpa, John Smith; grandparents, Betty and Clayton Oothoudt, Sr.; uncles, David Smith and Leo "Bart" Jordan; nephews, Jason Howard, James Elmberg and Alonzo Smith; cousins, Linda Morrison and Clayton Oothoudt III; great nephew, Watson Smith; great niece, Dominique Smith, father in law, Harold Thompson; sister in laws, Wendy Thompson and Valerie Sweedman and other family members.

Those left behind to treasure his memory are the love of his life, LaVonne Thompson of Whipholt; children, Sheana (Steve) Hanson of Nevis, Roman Oothoudt of Onigum, Marissa (Elyjah) Oothoudt of Whipholt, Charles (Bonnie) Oothoudt I of Walker, Dion Oothoudt, Torie Thompson, Anthony Fairbanks, Taryn Thompson and Felix Fairbanks of all of Whipholt; brothers, Stephen (Nina), Joseph (Rana), Patrick (Rose) Howard, Daniel and Aaron Oothoudt; sister, LaVae Oothoudt; grandbabies, Bryson Tavian and Freya Guinn, Charles Oothoudt II and Brynn Hanson, numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and many friends.

An overnight wake for Frank will begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9th, 2020 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. service on Friday, Jul 10th all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Pastor Paul Haddix will officiate. Pallbearers for Frank will be Roman Oothoudt, Charles Oothoudt I, Dion Oothoudt, Sam Reese, LeRoy Gale, David Smith and Jeremiah Smith. Alternate pallbearers are Conrad Smith Cory Butcher, Deondre Gale, Damian Thompson, Elyjah Guinn and Steve Hanson. His honorary pallbearers are Robin Jordan, Roger "Teets" Butcher, Ken Fox, Lance White, all his grandchildren and his many nieces and nephews. Interment will be in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN following his Friday service.

Frank'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

Guy Fairbanks



In Loving Memory of Guy James Fairbanks

Guy James Fairbanks, 59, St. Paul, MN, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the University of Minnesota Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis. Guy was born in Minneapolis on August 1, 1960 to his parents Herman and Nancy Fairbanks. He lived the majority of his life in Minneapolis with part of his childhood in California, Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa and lived in Cass Lake for 8 eight years in his early adulthood. Guy returned to Minneapolis and attended college at the U of MN for 3 years majoring in Business. Guy married Barbara Dudley on June 9, 2001 and they made their home in St. Paul. He worked at various jobs in the cities doing Building Maintenance and was currently a Van Driver for Treasured Transportation.

Guy loved going to Powwows, spending time with family and relatives, watching the MN Twins, Vikings, and the Wild and he loved harvesting wild rice. His pastimes were Bingo, Keno, Sudoku, Cribbage and watching the History Channel and PBS on TV. Guy loved animals especially a special cat named Kitty.

Guy is survived by his wife Barb, Step daughter Tara Lovejoy, Maplewood MN, Step son Todd Nelson (Renee), Hudson WI, mother Nancy Fairbanks, Red Lake MN, brother Devery Fairbanks, Bemidji MN, sister-in-law Margaret Fairbanks, Cass Lake MN, and special cousin Alden J. Fairbanks, Minneapolis MN and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, four grandchildren, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father Herman S. Fairbanks, sister Tamara M. Fairbanks, and brother Thomas M. Fairbanks Sr.

Guy's Pallbearers are: Thomas Fairbanks Jr., Kyle Fairbanks, Tony Clark, Joseph Clark, Calvin Sargeant and Evan Henry.

Visitation and Remembrances for Guy Fairbanks will be held at All Saints Episcopal

Mission Church, 3044 Longfellow Ave., Minneapolis MN on Thursday, July 1st from 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Due to the Co-vid 19 and social distancing the visitation will be for relatives and close friends only.

Funeral arrangements are provided by the Chilson Funeral Home, Winsted MN. On-line condolences can be directed to www.thechilsonfuneralhome.com

Janice Brown



Janice Jessie Brown of the Loon Clan, age 82, of Remer, MN began her spiritual journey on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the Serenity Living Home in Remer with her sister Leona by her side. She was born on January 3, 1938 in Federal Dam, the daughter of John and Lettie (White) Morrow.

Janice was one of many children taken out of the home and placed in an orphanage home in Duluth, MN where they taught her the Catholic religion. The also taught her how to clean up, do washing and ironing clothes. She always made sure that her sisters had clean clothes to wear. Later, Janice left to go to a place for older girls when she was fourteen years old. Janice was a loving sister who cared about her family. They were a close family, always caring for one another. She would cry when someone hurt the family. Janice was like a mother to her family. When she left, her sister was alone. The last words they told each other were "I love you."

The family that Janice joins again are her parents; John and Lettie, husband; Clinton Brown, daughters; Elizabeth Strong and Brenda Skinaway, sisters; , Eunice, Darlene and Carolyn, brothers: Hartly White, Arthur and LaVerne Morrow, uncles; Porkey, Tom, Dan Sr. and Simon White; aunt, Rachel Greene and others; a lot of nieces and nephews, too many cousins to mention.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:
Mariza Brown, Parent

Court File No. CP-18-52

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2020, a **PETITION TO SUSPEND PARENTAL RIGHTS** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. 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: Ro-
zanna Roy and Brandon J. White, Parents

Court File No. CP-18-30

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2020, a **PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact 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: Tra-
cy Jackson and Norman Goggleye, Parents

Court File No. CP-15-42

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 1, 2020, a **PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact 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.

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Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are brother; Jack Morrow, sisters; Barbara Shipley and Leona Shaugobay, grandchildren; Russell and Janice, great granddaughter; Dakota C. Marie Ver Meer.

A one-night wake for Janice will begin at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020 and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Monday, June 22 all held at the Sugar Point Community Center. Spiritual advisor for Janice will be Giiwedin Biidige. Pallbearers will be Jonathan Shaugobay, Randall Shaugobay, Joel Shaugobay, Russell Skinaway, and ... Honorary pallbearers will be Dakota, Russell, and Leona. Interment will be held in the Battle Point Burial Grounds in Battle Point.

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

Justin Day



Justin Craig Day, 34 years young, of Bemidji, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital in Cass Lake, MN. He was born on August 13th, 1985 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Annette Day and Curtis York.

If you knew Justin, you knew that he loved to laugh and was always teasing and joking around with everyone. You also knew that he loved his kids more than life and enjoyed every minute that he got to play with them. Some of Justin's hobbies were going to pow-wows and playing Keno at the casino. He also liked playing his game Call of Duty / Black Ops; but his favorite was chillin' and grillin' at the lake with his family and friends. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Justin is reunited with his three unborn children; one unborn sibling; grandpas, Earl Day, Jr. and George York; great grandparents Steven and Marie Littlewolf; great aunts,

Joyce, Carol and Brenda Littlewolf; great uncles, Kenneth Sr. and Richard Littlewolf; and cousins, Faye Nelson and John Ross, Jr.

He leaves behind his mother, Annette Day of Cass Lake; father, Curtis (Lynda) York of Milwaukee, WI; significant other, Cori White Eyes of Bemidji; son, Jaisias Day; daughters, Harmonee Little, Natalie Beaulieu, Jr., Saraye Day, Sacoya Day, Dream Day, Lynniah Armstrong and Emery (Denver) Brown; brothers, William Jones, Jr. and Nathan York; sisters, Jessica (Brandon) Day-White, Nicole Taylor, Selena Jones, Ashley, Briana and Samantha York; grandchildren, Ameirah Brown-Madigan and Chaske Kingbird; grandmas, Donna Day and Marlene York; aunts, Cheryl Littlewolf, Verna King, Della Littlewolf and Rebecca (Steve) Day; uncles, Cedric (Annette) Littlewolf, Ron (Jenny) Littlewolf, Timothy (Laura) Littlewolf, Brian Littlewolf, Joshua Day-Littlewolf, David Day, Andrew York and George York, Jr., special aunts, Tracy Morrow and Joy Morris; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and all his friends.

An overnight wake for Justin will begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 10th and continue until his 10:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, July 11th all taking place at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Justin are Ronald Staples, Jr., William Jones, Jr., Amos LaDuke, Denver Aragon, Mikey Harrison and Frank Bigbear, Jr. The alternate pallbearers are Andrew Staples, Melvin King and Jim Beaulieu, Jr. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his services.

Justin'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

Kathleen "Kathi" Roy

Kathleen "Kathi" June Roy, age 56, of Cass Lake, began her spiritual journey on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at her home in Cass Lake with her loving family by her side. She was born on November 12, 1963 in Cass Lake.

Kathi was raised and educated in Cass Lake. She was a very generous and giving soul who was the first to volunteer and was always willing to give a helping hand. Kathi loved spending time with all her numerous nieces and nephews. She was very comical and no matter the situation, she always had people laughing. Kathi was an outgoing person who liked attending pow-wows and being outdoors. She enjoyed making crafts from nature's finds. She will be loved and missed



by all her family and friends.

The family that Kathi joins again are her great grandmother Ida Staples, grandparents; Morris and Josephine Roy and one brother Todd Roy, Sr.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her mother; Marcella Sargent of Cass Lake, sisters; Andrea (Paoa) Tauaa of San Diego, CA, Sharlene Roy of Cass Lake and Alane Roy of Cass Lake, a special nephew; Bentley White, numerous nieces, nephews and a wide variety of friends.

A wake for Kathi will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020 held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and will continue until the 12:00 p.m. service on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 held at St. Charles Catholic Church. Father Kuriakase Nediakala will officiate. Interment will be held in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service at the church. Pallbearers helping to lay Kathi to rest are Todd Roy, Jr., Vincent Roy, Paoa Tauaa, Scott Johnson, Jeff Burnell and Mario "Moddy" Rodriguez. Alternate pallbearers will be Wade Wilson and Richard Croaker, Sr. Honorary pallbearers will be all her friends and family.

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

Tillie "Toot" Chase

Tillie "Toot" Chase, born February 2, 1964, passed away unexpectedly on July 1, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN.

She is preceded in death by her parents Valentine and Arthur Chase.

She is survived and will forever be missed by her children Ursala (Philip) Pankonin,



Shanda (David) Martin, Amanda Watts and Quint Ironnecklace; her grandchildren Christopher, Aneema, Guinevere, Thaddeus, and Auberon; her siblings James, Roberta, Arthur, Valerie, Joseph and David; her fiancé Daniel Ritzman, and her large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Toot will be remembered for her strength. She was a fighter, with an enviable resilience and fierce determination. Toot turned pain into strength and conquered many of life's obstacles.

Toot will be remembered for her beauty. She was beautiful in her youth and in her maturity. She was beautiful in her heart with her ready ear and her open door.

Toot will be remembered for her love. She enjoyed singing, dancing, and spending time with her family, particularly her grandchildren with whom she shared so much of her goofiness. Her other great love was her pets, Elvis and Lexie, the two most spoiled dogs you would ever meet. Her last days were spent with her beloved fiancé, her precious puppies, and her loving family.

The visitation will take place at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN starting Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The visitation will be followed by a funeral service on Monday, July 6 at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Lenny Fineday will officiate. Helping to lay Toot to rest are Art Chase, Dan Ritzman, Quint Ironnecklace, Joe Chase, Jim Chase, David Chase, and Philip Pankonin. Her honorary pallbearers are all her family and friends. Tillie's body will be interred in the Washburn-McReavy Hillside Cemetery at Minneapolis, MN per her request.

Please wear a mask to keep Toot's family safe.

Tillie'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

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders July Birthdays



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2020 U.S. CENSUS OUTREACH

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's a once in every 10 years opportunity to shape the future of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

If you're American Indian, you can help your Tribal community and programs across the state to receive their fair share of federal funding by following these three steps.

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STEP 1: FILL OUT THE FORM

- Minnesota receives close to \$15.5 billion dollars in Federal Funding annually based on U.S. Census data.
- If you're American Indian, but you don't fill out the form, your community could lose federal funding for tribal programs such as Head Start, SNAP, TANF, and WIC.
- If an American Indian family of four isn't counted, your community could lose significantly more funding for these tribal programs.

STEP 2: LIST YOURSELF AS 'PERSON 1'

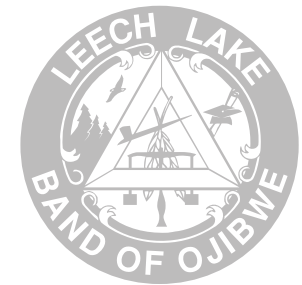
- If you're American Indian, and you live in a mixed, Native and non-Native (White) household - whether you're a spouse or significant other - please list the American Indian Person as 'Person 1' for question 5.
- If 'Person 1' says he or she is 'American Indian,' then the entire household is counted as one with a American Indian head of household.
- 'Person 1' doesn't have to be male or pay more than half of the household expenses.

STEP 3: WRITE IN YOUR TRIBE

- If you're American Indian, please list the name of your federally recognized tribe - Leech Lake Band for example - for question 9.
- All of the federally recognized tribes in Minnesota are listed at <https://mn.gov/portal/government/tribal/mn-indian-tribes/>

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow, Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc. ✓

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Emergency Relief Assistance to Tribal Members Verification of Need Form

Program Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be an enrolled LLBO Tribal member.
2. Must be 18 years or older on or before 07/22/2020.
3. Must demonstrate a need for assistance by checking at least one box on the Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic below.*
4. Individual must sign and return this Form on or before 10/01/2020 to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Eligible Tribal members 18 and over may receive a one-time payment of \$1,000.

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ DOB: _____

Tribal ID #: _____ Last 4 SSN: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Furloughed or Terminated from Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and Cleaning Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed at start of pandemic | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Owned Business closed or run at diminished capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Health Care Expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine Costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Child Care Expenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Explain, Use back of page if necessary. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Grocery and/or Food Delivery Expenses | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expenses related to Home-Schooling | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expenses related to working remotely | _____ |

Disclaimer: In submitting this application, I declare and certify that the information and documentation is true and correct regarding the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. I further agree to assist the LLBO in seeking any further necessary verification of the submitted information upon reasonable request. Contact information submitted on this form will be updated in the Tribal Enrollment database.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the program?

All enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who are at least 18 years of age as of July 22, 2020.

Qualified applicants must also have experienced an economic impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and check at least one box in the "Economic Impact" section of the application.

How do I apply?

Online Application will be available at:

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/201954426093153>

Online applications will open on July 22, 2020 and will close on October 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Paper Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2020.

How do I submit my application?

All band members are encouraged to use the online application whenever possible. Paper applications can be mailed to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

When will I receive my payment?

Applications will be processed in the order they are received. Online applicants who submit their information with no errors can expect to receive their payment within two weeks. Please allow at least two weeks from the date of submission before inquiring on the status of your application. Paper applications may take longer.

How will I receive my payment?

All checks will be processed and mailed directly to band members using the information provided on the form. There will be no in person pickup.

How much will I receive?

Each approved applicant will receive a one-time payment of \$1000.00

What if I do not know my enrollment number?

In order to obtain your enrollment number, your social security number and other information will be required. Please contact one of the following numbers: 218-335-3601, 218-335-3602, 218-335-3677, 218-335-3604

The online application is not working for me, what do I do?

If the online application is giving you an error or won't allow you to submit, please call 218-335-4483. This is for errors with the online application only, no information on application status or other items will be available.

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5 things to know

A contact tracer from your state health department might call if you've been exposed to COVID-19. But scammers are pretending to be contact tracers, too. Here's how you can spot the scam.



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Never share account information with anybody who contacts you asking for it.



Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number.

Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you.



Your immigration status doesn't matter for contact tracing, so real tracers won't ask.

If they do, you can bet it's a scam.



Do not click on a link in a text or email.

Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Talking to a real contact tracer helps stop the spread of COVID-19. Reporting scammers helps them, too. Report fake contact tracers to your State and at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)



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For more information about contact tracing **visit your state health department's website** and

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