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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

State of the Band 2021

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The 2021 Leech Lake State of the Band Address was delivered by Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. on Friday, March 26 at the Cedar Lakes Event Center via internet livestream.

Chairman Jackson's speech covered the effect the COVID-19 pandemic had on the tribe from community losses, working from home to the installation of the Incident Management Team, and the distribution of vaccines. Jackson called for band members to seriously consider getting the vaccine if they have not already, and held for a moment of silence to honor the community members lost to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A wide variety of initiatives were mentioned as being underway by Jackson including: the secretarial land transfer which will return 11,000+ acres to tribe, a potential move for LLBO to single handedly determine membership without MCT oversight, and the coverage of DHS overpayments by Governor Walz through the MN 2022-2023 budget.

Also discussed were a number of construction projects for walking paths, and bridges that will be done through partnership with MNDOT. As well as the grand opening of the S. Lake Community Center this summer, and the plans to build a homeless shelter in District One. Jackson ended his

speech on a hopeful note by reminding Band Members the strength they have in being Indigenous and being a united community front.

"We still have a lot of work to accomplish but we're strong people. We have always been resilient and we will persevere. As we pray for guidance from our creator--we don't pray for an easy life--we pray to be strong people who will make good decisions for our next generations to come...lets always remember we're all in this together" said Jackson.

Band members were encouraged to watch the livestream alongside both state, tribal, and county officials. MN Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, MN Secretary of State Steve Simon, US House of Representative for the 6th District Betty McCollum, and MN Attorney Keith Ellison all greeted the crowd remotely through video.

Mike Smith Sr. and Mike Smith Jr. provided a blessing and invocation for the event Also in attendance was the Nut Hill Drum group who provided both the welcoming, flag song, honor song and traveling song.

Video coverage of the event is available on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facebook and Vimeo page.

COVID Update: LLBO Will Postpone all Johnson & Johnson Vaccines per CDC and FDA guidance

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE – Today the CDC and FDA released a statement that they will be reviewing the Johnson & Johnson (J&J), also referred to as Janssen, COVID-19 Vaccine due to reports of blood clots in six participants. They have also recommended a pause in the use of this vaccine while these cases are investigated and reviewed.

Leech Lake has previously administered the J&J vaccine and encourages any person that has received the J&J vaccine who develops severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks of receiving their vaccination to contact their health care provider.

In accordance with FDA and CDC recommendations, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division will pause providing the J&J vaccine until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact your healthcare provider.

Right now, the adverse reactions appear to be extremely rare with only six reported cases and nearly 7 million J&J vaccines administered nationally. It should also be noted that this affects the J&J vaccine ONLY, side effects related to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are not part of this developing situation.

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Cass County Environmental Services & Leech Lake DPW/Solid Waste Continued Partnership Since 2004 in Disposing Garbage, E-Waste, Recycling & Bio-Hazard Materials for Citizens of Cass County & Leech Lake Band Members

Cass County & Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe had entered into an 'Agreement' on August 1, 2004 to address solid waste issues. In addition, the Cass County Environmental Services Department & Leech Lake DPW/Solid Waste Department developed an informal agreement in 2020 to provide free recycling services for all residents of Cass County at the transfer station located near Cass Lake.

The long-standing partnership between Cass County Environmental Services Department & Leech Lake DPW/Solid Waste Department will assure all constituents and customers a place to dispose garbage that is safety conscious and properly disposed waste.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe wishes to remind local residents and summer visitors that their Solid Waste Transfer Stations are open to everyone for disposal of their solid waste and household garbage; hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Monday thru Saturday and Wednesday and Friday closing hours are 6:00 pm. Cass County also partners with the Leech Lake Band to provide a container location for all your recyclable materials. These recycling bins are available for use at no charge to all resi-

dents and summer visitors to Cass County.

The Leech Lake DPW/Solid Waste and five Transfer Stations are open to the general public. In order for the general public to utilize the Leech Lake Transfer Station(s) for garbage, a punch card must be purchased at Teal's Market in Cass Lake or contact Leech Lake Solid Waste. A public notice has been issued at the five Transfer Station(s) with a fee schedule for garbage. Punch cards are \$20 dollars for 36 bags, curbside garbage pick-up is \$20 dollars per month for a weekly pick-up, cost per yard for demo is \$15 dollars a yard, tire rate is \$5 dollars per tire, and roll-off demo container rentals available.

Leech Lake Band provides a funded service for the Leech Lake enrollees at the five transfer stations. The only requirement at the transfer stations is that each customer must show an identification card to determine the amount to charge and items accepted. The transfer station is located at 6250 152nd Street, Cass Lake, MN 56633. If you have any questions, please contact Leech Lake Solid Waste at (218) 339-5289 or (218) 214-6677 or visit the website at: <http://www.llojibwe.org/rs/solid-waste.html>.



Minnesota COVID-19 update April 2021

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – Minnesota officials believe the vaccination rollout effort this spring will ensure that Minnesota does not relive the worst of the pandemic.

About 32.5 percent of Minnesota adults are completely vaccinated; 47.7 percent have received at least one vaccine dose, including about 84 percent of residents age 65 and older, the state Health Department said last month in a press conference. The newest numbers suggest the state may reach the milestone of half of adults with at least one vaccine dose before the end of the month. The Johnson and Johnson one shot vaccination recall is not expected to change this goal in the eyes of the state.

State officials held a press conference alongside Governor Walz to let the public know they are not aware of any cases of blood clots occurring among the more than 184,000 state residents who have received the single dose vaccine. Walz, being one of the Minnesota residents spoke directly to the state about the recall, and the take-away

"This recall is being done out of an abundance of caution. This is the way the system is supposed to work. I would anticipate this should be a relatively short pause," Gov. Tim Walz.

Right now, the adverse reactions appear to be extremely rare with only six reported cases and nearly

7 million J&J vaccines administered nationally. It should also be noted that this affects the J&J vaccine ONLY, side effects related to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are not part of this developing situation.

A look at the numbers as of March 12:

- The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 545,404. Of them, nearly 520,800 no longer require isolation.
- The state's death toll is now at 6,962 with 4,319 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.
- Health officials say approximately 8,641,543 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 5602 on the reservation.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS COVID hotline at 335-3426 or 335-3427 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are experiencing shortness of breath, please contact the Emergency Department at 335-3327 or dial 911.

IHS eligible community members 18 years and older are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. If you are interested please call the COVID-19 Vaccine hotline and reserve your spot now at 218-368-4763.

Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose



**Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer's
Summary
Remarks delivered at the
Quarterly Meeting on Friday
April 9, 2021**

Boozhoo. The financial position of the Band as of this quarter ending March 31, 2021, remains strong and steady. We began the fiscal year with a positive (Surplus) fund balance of \$19 million and with daily monitoring of our budgets and spending, we are estimating ending the fiscal year with a similar surplus. The Band's Budget Ordinance requires that we establish an emergency reserve and we have been maintaining that reserve fund balance for large scale emergencies such as the federal government shut down in 2019 that affected federal grant draw-down funding. The COVID-19 Pandemic also dramatically affected our cash flow, most noticeable on the Gaming side since we had to shut down the casino operations for over three months for public safety reasons. Both of these incidents could have put the band in a severe cash-flow situation, however, with the surplus reserves in place we were ready and able to continue operations.

This past quarter has been a continuation of operating in a semi-emergency mode during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure we are proceeding in the safest manner to continue to provide services and programs but still protecting

our employees and our community against the COVID-19 virus. There have been essential services and programs continuing to operate since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of these services have had the federal CARES Act funding to assist with providing services and mitigating the effects of the virus and its devastating effects.

This past week we held the public hearings on the LLBO Fiscal Year 2022 budget process for all three districts using the online Zoom meeting venue. Using this meeting venue will allow more people to attend the hearings as all you need is a cell phone or an internet connection from your computer. We are many months behind in getting this budget presented and approved due to the COVID-19 pandemic and loss of computer networks. Although there was short notice for these meetings, we continue to have the formal process to gather input and discussion from the pub-

lic to allow participation in the budget process. All information and financial schedules presented at these meetings will be made available through your district representatives. Comments, suggestions, questions and any discussion that occurred during these meetings will become a part of the FY 22 proposed budget presented to the full Tribal Council for final approval. A specific revenue item addressed at these meetings were the CARES Act revenues received and how were they spent. Please see the list below on the projects, services, and activities that have been funded so far by the CARES Act revenue.

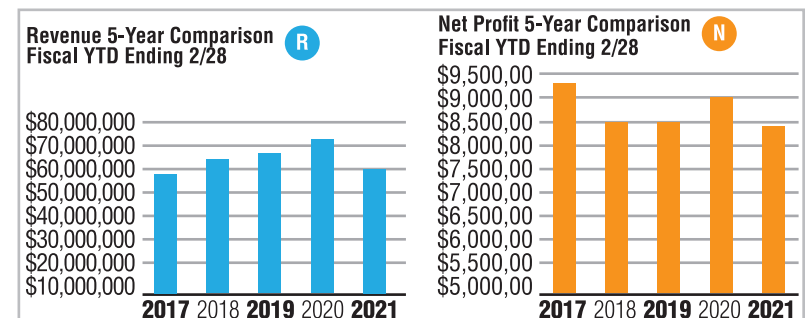
Among the many programs, activities, and services that continue to operate during the pandemic is the Minor's Trust Fund distributions. During this fiscal year, we have made 130 payments to individuals turning 18 for a total of \$370,374. Since the inception of the Minor's Trust Fund, we have made over 1000 individual payments ranging from \$200 up to \$3520 per individ-

ual for a total of \$1,714,390. The dividends included in each individual payment range from \$59 up to \$772. This fiscal year we contributed \$500 to each minor's account, rather than the \$250 that we have done in previous years.

As stated, the overall financial health of the Band has remained stable throughout this pandemic with the assistance of the CARES Act funding. The gradual re-opening of the casinos was a major factor in generating revenue to continue employment and to contribute to the Government budget, although not as much as in previous years. The U.S federal government's newest COVID-19 pandemic related pro-

gram, the American Rescue Plan, will contribute much more needed revenue in the near future help mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 and to assist the economy back to some sort of normalcy. This program is still being developed and we will keep everyone up to date of any new developments and how much more revenue we will be receiving and how we are able to use the funding under the new program.

The Band's annual Single Audit continues with the RSM auditors, however, due to the pandemic, the deadline for completion has been extended from March 31, 2021 to June 30 2021.



Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending March 2021

Revenue

For the period from July 2020 through February 2021, Leech Lake Gaming brought in revenue totaling \$60.5 million. Compared to that same timeframe in 2019, revenue decreased by \$11.5 million, as revenue was approximately \$72 million. Prior to fiscal year 2021, revenue had steadily increased year over year looking at the 5-year trend.

Expenses

The total of expenses from July 2020 through February 2021 was \$52.1 million. The previous year totaled roughly \$63 million, which is a \$10.9 million decrease. Cost of sales accounted for \$4.8 million of the decrease, as restaurants and other venues at the casinos are operating on a limited basis compared to previous years. Payroll and operating expenses decreased as well, by \$3.7 million and \$2.4 million respectively.

Net Profit

Net profit after expenses for this period is \$8.4 million. This is approximately a \$90 thousand decrease from fiscal year 2020. Although in fiscal year 2021 Leech Lake Gaming has had a significant drop in revenue, expenses have also decreased to bring net profit to a slight decrease.

Forecast

The COVID-19 Pandemic that caused closures of our casinos at the end of fiscal year 2020, has continued impacts on Leech Lake Gaming operations, and ultimately affects revenue. Leech Lake Gaming will continue to operate as effectively and efficiently as possible during these times, and monitor expenses, to lessen the impact of decreased revenue on net profit.

Cares Act Spending

Gaming	7,595,892
Economic Stimulus Pmts. (All LLBO Enrollees)	9,004,500
Housing Assistance (LLHA rent April - July)	620,584
Network/Computers	1,744,138
Personal Leave Payout (Any employees over 240 hours)	634,616
General Fund - Essential Services programs	13,590,453
Masks, hand sanitizer, PPE, etc.	1,578,001
Food for Communities	188,546
Garbage Truck	174,801
IMT Wages (reimbursing Grant programs)	266,286
Veteran's Housing	262,647
Tribal Police – Equipment	740,061
Refrigerated Trucks/Egg & Produce Contracts	99,963
Post-Secondary Scholarships	44,189
Wild Rice	990,000
Boys & Girls Club	96,000
Quarantine Housing	724,855
Transportation Vans	135,000
ENP Vans	129,725
Cass Lake Area Food Shelf	145,500
Total Spent	38,765,756



LLTC President Raymond Burns. Photo: Ryan White | LLTC

Article by Melinda Neville | LLTC

Waasamoogikinwaa'amaading

A Virtual Conference on Post-Pandemic Online and Distance Learning at Tribal Colleges April 14 & 15, 2021.

Waasamoogikinwaa'amaading and Leech Lake Tribal College invite you to join the conversation on challenges and barriers to online and distance education at Tribal Colleges and other minority-serving institutions. How does future online education fit into nation-building and our service to our communities? This conference is open and free to all, but we especially invite TCU and MSI administrators, staff, and faculty.

- Student preparation, orientation, and support during online learning
- Cultural and language integration and online learning
- Successes and Failures: Lessons Learned in a Pandemic
- What does the new normal look like at TCUs?

This two day symposium will discuss lessons learned about student preparation and technology access, faculty training and resources, humanizing learning management systems, and cultural integration

challenges with computer based content. We are in the process of collecting information from potential attendees and speakers, and would like to hear from you. This conference is open to all, but we especially invite TCU and MSI administrators, information technology staff, and faculty.

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Gregory Cajete, University of New Mexico.
- Dr. Valerie Shirley, University of Arizona.
- Dr. Jeremy Garcia, University of Arizona.

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Wednesday, April 14 (Central Time Zone)

10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
10:15 AM	Welcome to LLTC
	Waasamoog
10:30 AM	Keynote Introduction and Address
11:30 AM	Break and Virtual Poster Session
12:00 PM	Concurrent sessions
2:30 PM	Conclude

Thursday April 15 (Central Time Zone)

10:00 AM	Opening Remarks
10:15 AM	Keynote Introduction and Address
11:00 AM	Break and Virtual Poster Session
11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions
1:00 PM	Break and Mingle
1:15 PM	Reconvene and Discuss
2:00 PM	Conclude

Register today at <https://lltc-waasamoog.us2.pathable.com/>

If you need help with registering for the virtual meeting please go to the Q&A page for more information <https://lltc-waasamoog.us2.pathable.com/faq>

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PUC Consumer Alert: Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Discount Increase

ST. PAUL – Beginning April 1, the monthly TAP discount for eligible landline telephone customers will increase from \$7.00 to \$10.00. Consumers residing on Tribal lands are eligible for an additional benefit of \$25.00. Minnesotans experiencing hardship paying their landline telephone bill should contact their telephone service provider for information regarding eligibility for TAP. Consumers can find the TAP application here. If further assistance is needed, contact the PUC Consumer Affairs Office at 651-296-0406, or 1-800-657-3782. Email at consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

TAP is a state program administered by the PUC that gives financial support to low-income landline telephone subscribers through discounts or bill credits. TAP is funded through a monthly surcharge collected by local telephone service providers on a per-access line basis from their customers. During its December 23, 2020, regular agenda meeting, the PUC approved additional financial support for low-income telephone subscribers, as well as the approval of a reduction of the TAP monthly surcharge from \$0.10 to \$0.07.

About

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regulates three cornerstone service industries in Minnesota's economy: electricity, natural gas, and telephone service. The Commission's mission is to create and maintain a regulatory environment that ensures safe, adequate, and efficient utility services at fair, reasonable rates consistent with State telecommunications and energy policies. It does so by providing independent, consistent, professional, and comprehensive oversight and regulation of utility service providers. Learn more at mn.gov/puc

Please contact Will Seuffert, 651-201-2217 or will.seuffert@state.mn.us if you have any questions.

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board has been very cautious about having in-person learning due to the high rate of covid among the native population. The school has used distance learning for a year now. On March 11, the School Board approved the finalized plan to re-open the school at the end of March using a modified hybrid plan that consists of having 1/4 of the students come in each day on a rotating basis. Students use distance learning on the other school days and families can also choose to have full-time distance learning.

The week of March 30 was the first week of having students at the school. An exciting week for students and staff!

MN Governor Walz Delivers State of the State Address

By Kayla Duoos

MANKATO – Minnesota Governor Tim Walz delivered the State of the State address, Sunday March 28.

The address which was live streamed from Walz's former classroom in Mankato, covered COVID-19 developments, the importance of education, and racial inequalities within the state. All large topics that have dominated headlines within the state through the last year.

Walz opened his speech mourning the loss of nearly 7,000 Minnesotans to the COVID-19 pandemic within the past year before thanking residents for getting the state to the hopeful point it's at now, with nearly half of all Minnesota adults vaccinated. Walz encouraged everyone to stay vigilant as he believes it's the only way to keep the state in the positive direction it is now.

"The thaw is here, but in Minnesota we know better than to let our

guard down at the first sign of spring. I was in quarantine last week after being exposed to COVID-19—serving as an important reminder that the virus is still with us. We're monitoring closely as COVID cases have started rising again, spurred by new variants of the virus," said Walz.

"We must remain vigilant. The only way we will truly beat this virus is by continuing to socially distance, wear a mask, and get tested. Most importantly, Minnesotans need to get vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated will protect you and your loved ones. Getting vaccinated will get us back to the places we love and the people we miss. Getting vaccinated is how we end this pandemic."

Following the remarks on COVID-19, Walz briefly touched on the upcoming return to normalcy and how not everything should go back to the way it was—namely the status quo racial inequities

that have been highlighted within the state the last year, following the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd at the hands of state police officer.

"In 1961, Martin Luther King Jr gave a 48-minute speech in the high school's auditorium. His speech came during the peak of the freedom rides when black and white Americans rode buses through the South together to protest segregation. Dr. King was clear that the scourge of racism wasn't limited to the South. He said clearly that "no section of our country can boast of clean hands." We know this in Minnesota. Our state was thrust into the international spotlight following the death of George Floyd. Our deep racial inequities were exposed for the world to see. For many white Minnesotans, it was an awakening to a truth that Minnesotans of color have known all their lives. While our state ranks as one of the best places in the country for a white child to grow up, it often ranks as one of the worst for a child of color."

Walz remarked that incoming policy changes will seek to eliminate racial bias issues by providing more funding to communities of color, and the banning of the neck restraint used in George Floyd's death. Walz admitted it was a small step but one in the right direction.



Glen Stubbe | Star Tribune via AP, Poo

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz delivers his third State of the State address Sunday from his old classroom at Mankato West High School in Mankato, MN.

"Dr. King ended his speech at Mankato West with a call to action. He said that while nonviolent protest and policy change are critical—they won't usher in equality and dignity alone. It will take the realization that we are all in this together."

He looked out onto his audience at this school in Southern Minnesota and said, "We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools." "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality," he continued. "Tied in a single garment of destiny."

Minnesota, this has never been more apparent. The stakes are high, and we have proven that we are up to the challenge. We've proven that we know our destinies are linked with those of our neighbors. We've proven that we are willing to love and sacrifice for one another--through hardship and heartbreak. We've shown that a team, weary from loss with the odds stacked against us, can come together, dig deep, and persevere."

You can stream Governor Walz State of the State address in full on the office of the Governor of Minnesota Youtube page.

StrongHearts Native Helpline Launches Text Advocacy

EAGAN – StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) has expanded operations and is now offering text advocacy. The expanded service launched on Friday, April 2. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline's number: 1-844-762-8483.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the

National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication options so victim-survivors can decide what is a safe and appropriate option for them.

"We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-

survivor who needs it," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence."

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced

violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors. For American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance.

To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat



advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly-trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.



Obituaries



Clarence "Koosh" Staples



Clarence "Koosh" Staples, age 52, of Cass Lake, Minnesota graced this earth from November 5, 1968 to March 24, 2021. He was the son of Cecelia (Staples) and Clarence Drouillard.

Koosh was born in Bemidji, MN and grew up in the Bemidji/Mission area until he moved into his own apartment in Cass Lake, where he lived the rest of his life. He enjoyed walking and riding his bike, especially to go see his brothers John and Julio during his nightly routine. Koosh became a father in 1988 to Natasha Marie Fineday who has blessed him with four beautiful grandchildren, who he absolutely adored. He was passionate about his family and spent his free time with his nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Koosh was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan, liked watching T.V. and was always there to help others out whenever he could.

Family that Koosh is reunited with are his mother; Cecelia "Bone", father; Clarence, sisters; Linda "Sis" Staples, Louella "Anna" and Barbara "Punkin" Drouillard, niece; Jessica, and special great niece; Emily "Em" Morris and other relatives.

He leaves behind his only child; Natasha Fineday, grandchildren; Amador Jr., Julian, Jorge and Adrian Ocampo, siblings; Beverly Schoenborn, Douglas DeFoe, Andrea Tauaa,

Michael "Julio" Staples, Kenneth "John" Staples, Sr., Dennis (Margaret) Staples, Sr., Denise (Victor) Staples, Darryl (Claudette) Drouillard, Sr. and Burnham (Ramanda) Drouillard, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Wake services for Koosh will begin at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27th and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral services on Monday, March 29th all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Helping to lay Koosh to rest are Kenneth Conger, Randy Drouillard, McKenzie Swanholm, Cory Drouillard, Richie Budreau, Nicolas Budreau, Jerret Wind, Jacob Morris and Kenneth "Nunu" Staples, Jr. His honorary pallbearers are Elizabeth "Liz" Morris, Shana Drouillard, Jasmine Drouillard, Vanessa Budreau, Chey Chey Budreau, Jamie Lee Staples, Aleigha Fineday, Dennis Staples, Jr., Ryan Staples, Lil Nunu III, Anthony Swanholm, Franny Thompson, David Drouillard, Darryl Drouillard, Jr., Gordon Jackson, Dominic Jackson, Dedric Jackson, Amador Ocampo, Devin Fineday, Donavin Fineday, Connie White, Emma Staples, Adrian Staples, Ashley Brown, Koda White, Sammy White, Daniel Drouillard, Seraya Drouillard, Lakeshia Drouillard, Taneisha Drouillard, Serena Morris, Joe Wind and "Baby Mama, the one and only Dawn Fineday". Interment will be in the Fairbanks Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his Monday service.

Koosh'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

Freda Oothoudt

Frieda Marie (Smith) Oothoudt, age 78, of Onigum, Minnesota went home to her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 21, 2021 with her family by her side. She was born on October 21, 1942 in Cass Lake, MN, one of 15 children born to Frances Gould and John Smith, Sr.

As the oldest daughter of the family, Frieda was the matriarch of the family. Being a loving person, she left her door open for everyone and offered a plate to all who walked through her door. She was a very honest person, never sugar coated anything she said



and always had the right thing to say. If Frieda wasn't at home taking care of kids, you could find her at the casino or thrift shopping. She also enjoyed doing puzzles and collecting knick knacks. She was a very artistic woman, she was always creating something; from sewing blankets and clothes to making birch bark baskets, dolls, and beading. With her sister Kathy, they owned Ojibwe Arts, where they sold their creations. Many of her nieces, nephews and grandkids worked at "the shop" so she was able to go rummaging. Frieda imprinted many hearts along her way and will be dearly missed by all who love her.

Family that Frieda is reunited with are her husband; Ray "Chic" Oothoudt, sons; Joseph Howard and Frank Oothoudt, daughter; Rosalynda Oothoudt, parents; Frances Anne Gould and John Judd Smith, Sr., sister; Lynda Smith, brothers; David and Leo "Bart" Smith, grandsons; James Elmberg, Jason Howard, Eric Rico and LeRoy Gale, granddaughter; Zendayh Russell and many special nieces and nephews.

Those left behind the cherish her memory are her children; Stephan Howard of Cass Lake, Patrick Howard of Onigum, Daniel Oothoudt of Old Agency, Aaron Oothoudt, Sr. of Old Agency and Lavae Oothoudt of Old Agency, her siblings; Michael Smith, John Smith, Jr., Wayne Smith, Terry Smith, Robin Jordan, Jerry Jordan, Gloria Beaulieu, Kathy Frazer, Theresa Jordan, Margaret Jordan and Beverly Jordan, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, one great great granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

An over night wake for Frieda will be held at the Onigum Community Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24th and continue until her 11:00 a.m. Christian Burial on Thursday, March 25th, 2021. Father Timothy Lange will officiate. Helping

to lay Frieda to rest are Roman Oothoudt, Dion Oothoudt, Charles Oothoudt, Wesley Oothoudt, Joseph Gale, Deondre Gale, Kevin Rico and Craig Rico. Alternate pallbearers are Jeremiah Smith, Dave Smith, Jake Bellanger and Carl Frazer, Jr. Her honorary pallbearers are her six brothers, five sisters, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN immediately following her Thursday service.

Frieda'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

Nadine "Granny" Chase



Nadine Lucille Chase (Hodder) "Granny", age 86, died peacefully on March 13, 2021 surrounded by family in Andover, Minnesota. Nadine was born on September 13, 1934 near Waboose Bay in Bena, Minnesota. Nadine-iban Gaa-zagaskwaaajimekaag gi-onjibaa (Nadine was from Leech Lake Nation).

Nadine championed advocacy for the next seven generations and served her community through various different roles and titles throughout her lifetime, but perhaps her most sacred role was that of leader and matriarch of the family.

The family that Nadine joins again are her mother, Dorothy Veronica Hodder; brothers, John C. Beaulieu & Charles Beaulieu, "Chuck"; sister, Wendy Beaulieu; and grandson, Corey Chase.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her husband of 67 years, Walter Chase Jr.; brother, Cheyenne (Jeanette) Hodder; daughter, Cheryl Ann Chase; sons, Walter (Elizabeth) Everett Chase III, "Butch" & John Charles Chase, "Punk" (Kris Rubin); granddaughter and long-term caregiver, Candace Chase; granddaughter, Brianna

Chase; grandson, Jordan Chase (Michelle Corneillier); grandson, Samuel (Kaylee) Chase; granddaughter, Juliane Chase-Wilson (Colby Wilson-Chase); great-grandchildren: Taylor Waggoner, Cora Stasik, Zelda Chase, Chase Stasik, Lucille Wilson, & Nadine Chase; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loved ones.

A visitation for Nadine will begin at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 20, 2021 and will continue until the service at 1:00 PM all held at the Dave Morgan Community Center, 15085 Old Housing Drive Bena, Minnesota 56626. Interment will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery next to the community center following the service on Saturday. The family is asking that attendees honor social distancing protocols in order to keep everyone safe; masks are required.

In lieu of donations for the family, please make a memoriam gift directly to the Alzheimer's Association so that efforts and research can continue towards a cure.

Nadine'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

Louis Junco



Louis Albert Junco, 86, of Cass Lake, MN died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

Services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at the Cass Lake White Earth Office located in the old American Legion building in Cass Lake. A wake will begin at 3 pm Friday, Feb. 26th and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Fineday Family Burial Grounds in Pennington, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji assisted the family.

Louis was born May 8, 1934 in the White Earth Hospital in White Earth, MN, the son

of George Junco and Mary J. LaQuier. He was raised and educated in Pennington, MN. At the young age of 4, he was an orphan and at the age of 12, he joined the "Fineday" family in Pennington, and helped raise many children in their families. He served our country in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956. He returned to Minnesota where he worked as logger for a number of years. He moved to Cass Lake and has resided at Leech Lake Heritage Manor for over 23 years.

He is survived by his grandchildren Marilyn Wind, Diane Fineday, Dawn Fineday, Natasha Ocampo, Jaymz-Dawn Desjarlait, Jamie Lee Staples, Cassandra Kingbird, Karen Wind and special friend Molly Van Nett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel/Joe Fineday, James/Delores Fineday, George Fineday, Sr. Glenn/Anna Fineday, Percy/Eunice Fineday, Henry/Annie Fineday, John Fineday, Barbara Fineday, Peggy Fox, Roberta Fox, Patricia Fox, Robert Fox, Charles Kingbird, Sr., Aabenooji Kingbird-Bushey, Sheryl Fineday- Hill, Michael Sargent Kenneth Sargent, Katherine Fineday. Active Casketbearers are Kenneth Staples, Jr., Alfred Desjarlait, Sr., Derek Kingbird, Jr., Dennis Staples, Jr., David Kingbird, Amador Ocampo, Sr., Devin Fineday, Gordon Fineday, Colin Rushman, Ryan Staples, Sr. Donavin Fineday, Travis Gale, Robert Fineday and special friend Molly Van Nett.

Honorary Casketbearers are his friends at Leech Lake Heritage Manor.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Lucas Hilton Sr.



Lucas Michael Hilton, Sr. whose Ojibwe name is "Ma'iigan Bimose Bezhigo" which means Wolf Who Walks Alone", 23, of Bemidji and Cass Lake, MN died Sunday, February 21, 2021 at Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

Traditional Services will be held at 10:00 am Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin at 11 am on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Cass Lake Facility Center and will continue until the time of the services. Interment will be at the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Lucas was born February 10, 1998 in Duluth, MN. He lived there until he was a year old. He then grew up in Cass Lake. He loved to make people laugh and was known as the life of the party. Once he became a father, his life was all about taking care of his sons. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Growing up he was protective of his 2 younger brothers and his friends. He was helping others and had a big heart. Luke was a rare type of person and his energy was unmatched. He was proud of the fact that he holds the record for being locked up the most times in Northwest 27 times. Aside from the run-ins, Lucas was always a genuine good homie to all his friends and loved ones. He will be truly missed dearly by everyone who knew him.

Lucas is survived by his two sons, Lucas Michael Hilton, Jr. and Kaiden Joseph Hilton; brothers, Shane Oehler, Tyler Oehler, Bryce Anderson, Bentley Kappenman, Donavin Oxford, Edwin Armstrong, Michael Amstrong, Matthew Lowry, Jordan Nubbe and Odie Bermodes; sisters, Joden Anderson, Kayla Hanks, Seneca Keezer, Hattie Keezer, Lori Senogles, and Elissa DeWitt; mother, Rebecca (Jaun) Elvira, fathers, Andrew Anderson and Andrew Oehler; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; grandmothers, Jewell Finn, Joni Hilton, Debbie Vogt, and Rita Marcell; and grandpa, Jesse "Jake" Evans, Sr., the mother of his 3 children Anevay Keezer, special uncle Randall Seeyle, special aunt Skippie Finn.

Lucas was preceded in death by his daughter, Lufe Gladys Hilton, uncles, Jesse Evans, Jr. and Lorin Losh, brothers, Donnavin DeWitt, Lance Robinson, Joe Nadeau, and Kyle Domrese, sister, Melissa Hanson, grandparents and many other family members.

Honorary pallbearers will be Lucas Hilton, Jr., Kaiden Hilton, and Matt Lowry, Jordan Anderson, Chev Wind, Donavin Oxford, Shealynn Jones, Randall Seeyle, Tyler Randberg, Jr., Stacy Bellanger, Kayla Hanks, Kortini Kohlhoff, Kalli Kohlhoff, and John Evans.

Active pallbearers will be Kody, Kyle Kohlhoff, Bentley Kappenman, Jordan Nubbe, Shane, Tyler Oehler, Edwin Armstrong, and Bryce Anderson.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Kenneth Gwinn



Kenneth (Kenny) R. Gwinn passed away from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Lung Disease on March 4, 2021 in Moses Lake, WA. He was born on August 14, 1956 to Charles and Margaret (Stuber) Gwinn of Wapato, WA. Kenny was an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Kenny attended Parker Heights, Wapato Junior High and then went on to attend high school at Chemawa. After graduation he hit the road with our Dad to become one of the best truck driver ever! He always appreciated Dad teaching him the ins and outs of being a truck driver and made a long-life career in doing so until his illness forced his early retirement. Kenny loved to go to the mountains, he loved to fish, hunt and camp.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Kelley of Moses Lake, WA., his children Heather, Margie, Robert, Nick and Lacey and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His siblings, Sandy Aleck-Ohms, Elizabeth Gwinn, Melissa Castilleja, Shirley Alvarado and one Uncle, Marvin Stuber of Garibaldi, OR. He is preceded in death by his son Kenny Jr., our Dad and Mom, our brother Jim Aleck Sr. and several Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents.

Graveside services will be at the Wapato Reservation Cemetery on Friday March 19, 2021 at 1:00pm. (Please practice safe COVID19 Protocols, Masks and 6 ft. apart)



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: John Joseph Raisch Jr., DOB: 07/08/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-20-110

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, John Joseph Raisch Jr., died August 21, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 25th, day of February, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., upon

the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by John J. Raisch III, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 25, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, John J. Raisch III, PO Box 1914 Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Joseph Raisch Jr., decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Margaret Madeline Smith, DOB: 09/23/1943, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-20-123

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Margaret Madeline Smith, died December 12, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on

the 11th, day of March, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Beverly Beaulieu, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on March 11, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Beverly Beaulieu, 1318 Porcupine Rd., Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret M. Smith, decedent.

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: J.D.R., DOB: 10/01/2016. Terry LaDuke, Petitioner, And Whitney Smith & Thomas Robinson Respondents.

Case No. FA-20-124

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 22, 2020, a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. You, the

respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before July 13th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Facility Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Through a federal grant, Leech Lake Human Services is able to assist individuals and families with expenses related to rent, utility and energy bills, and other household expenses.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a current renter with a formal rental agreement or lease, and
- Have a total family income of less than 80% of the Median Area Income; and
- Have past due expenses; and
- Have had to have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Be categorized as one of the following;
 - Member of any of the six Minnesota Chippewa Tribes; or
 - An employee of either the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Housing Authority, Leech Lake Gaming or Bug O Nay Ge Shig School.
 - A tenant of Leech Lake Housing Authority, or
 - Be a client of a social services or similar service with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

If you meet all eligibility requirements, please proceed with the application.

For more information contact Leech Lake Tribal Assistance Program at (218) 335-3626, (218)335-3762, (218)335-4499, and (218)335-4443.

Info Page: <https://www.llojibwe.org/tribalassistance/era.html>

Application Link: <https://www.llojibwe.org/tribal.../09.5911.ERA.Application.pdf>

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State to Pay Back MN DHS Error on 2019 Overpayments

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – Governor Tim Walz has made a move to correct the Department of Human Services (DHS) overpayments that were announced last year.

In a switch up of previous narratives in which DHS demanded repayment of the \$29 million dollars in overpayment to both the Leech Lake Band and White Earth, Walz's \$257 million supplemental budget proposal for 2022-2023 includes a line item for the state to pay back the funds themselves- taking the stress off Tribes.

If the Legislature approves, the payments would bring Minnesota a step closer to resolving a year-long saga that has strained the state's relationship with the White Earth Nation and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Office of the Legislative Auditor conducted an investigation following the discovery of the overpayments and reported that "trou-

bling dysfunction at the Department of Human Services" leading to the mistake. Both bands have had consultation with the Walz administration regarding his supplemental budget and are in favor of the proposal.

"We followed DHS guidance from the very beginning," said Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee. "From the outset, we have believed this is the State's issue to resolve and we are pleased that the Governor has taken the initiative to propose funding that would finalize this matter and hold the tribal stakeholders harmless."

"We feel this measure in the Governor's supplementary budget resolves this particular matter and we urge the Minnesota Legislature to speedily enact this budget proposal, so DHS and the tribes can move forward together and continue to provide high quality services to our citizens that will help bring healing and wellness." Chairman Jackson concluded.

Leech Lake will continue to work with the Governor's office, DHS and legislative officials to see this matter resolved in a manner that does not negatively impact the services the Band provides.

A vote on the states supplemental budget will take place in the coming months.

► J&J Vaccine Continued

Read the full CDC and FDA statement below

Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

The following statement is attributed to Dr. Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director of the CDC and Dr. Peter Marks, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine. In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. Treatment of this specific type of blood clot is different from the treatment that might typically be administered. Usually, an anticoagulant drug called heparin is used to treat blood clots. In this setting, administration of heparin may be dangerous, and alternative treatments need to be given.

CDC will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Wednesday to further review these cases and assess their potential significance. FDA will review that analysis as it also investigates these cases. Until that process is complete, we are recommending a pause in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution. This is important, in part, to ensure that the health care provider community is aware of the potential for these adverse events and can plan for proper recognition and management due to the unique treatment required with this type of blood clot.

Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of health problems following COVID-19 vaccination very seriously. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Health care providers are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>

View full statement: <https://www.cdc.gov/med.../releases/2021/s0413-JJ-vaccine.html>

District III Elder Birthdays

May

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

- Robert Aitken
- Mark Allen
- Kerry Anderson
- Ramona Anderson
- Sheryl Babineau
- Lani Birt
- Leonard Budreau
- Dorthea Cloud
- Muriel Crawford
- Calvin Day
- Paul Day
- Norma Ducheneaux
- Ramona Dunn
- Audrey Emineth
- Cynthia Fairbanks
- Deanna Fairbanks
- Karen Fineday
- Diana Fisherman
- Linda Fisherman
- Marti French
- Gordon Geving
- Emma Graham
- Lawrence Hardy
- Donnie Harrison
- Susan Headbird
- Patrick Jackson
- Darrell Johnson
- Orville Johnson

- Roberta Johnson
- Pauline Johnson
- Thomas Jones
- Bernadine Kangas
- Patricia Laudenback
- Douglas Liila
- Kathleen Lindahl
- Genevieve Lowry
- Clyde Morgan
- Herschel Ogema
- Yolanda Oxford
- Carol Parsons
- Bill Pell
- David Quincy
- John Rock
- Marcella Roy
- Carmen Roybal
- Ronald Russell
- Tim Schulman
- Troy Smith
- Michael Staples
- Amberly Tesch
- Terri Veo
- John Whipple
- Deborah White-Huesers
- Edward Wilson
- Rebecca Windom
- Raymond Wittner

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

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS

Every Tuesday

April & May

218-335-4556

Schedule an appointment at the Adolescent and Maternal Child Health Building (HD4)

note:

Enter in a drawing for 50.00 gift card after appointment.

LLBO Health Division



Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders April Birthdays



District I

Hal Bowstring
Walter Brown
George Donnell
Simon Garbow Jr.
Wanda Gotchie
Sharon Gwerder
Donald Munnell
Samuel Jenkins Jr.

Patrick Murphy
Connie Nason
Douglas Oothoudt
Donald Sherman Sr.
Franklyn Sherman
Marlene Stately
Robert Washington
Darwin Wilson

From the
District I Office
Robbie, Stephanie, &
Zagajiiw

District II

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

From the
District II Office
Steve, Lindsey, &
Michelle



District III*

Peggy Hunt
Randy Finn
Cherilyn Martin-Wade
George Gogleye
Evelyn Monroe
Crystal Goose
Brenda Northbird
Gary Hanson
Terrance O'Connor
Yvonne Hardy
Joann Ortley
Kay Jackson
Leslie Reese
Louise Jackson
Linda Reese
Anthony Jenkins
Franklin Robinson
Elaine Jenkins

Bryan Rock
Rose Johnson
Dawn Schubel
Maxine Johnston
Jo Ann Staples
Susan Jones
Eunice Taylor
Margaret Jordan
Clyde Tibbetts
Robert Adams Sr.
Theresa Jordan
Beverly Tonce
Robert Charwood
Theresa Kangas
Robert Whipple
Clifford Cloud
Jeffrey Kingbird
LeRoy Whitebird

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

From the District III Office
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**all coupons must be used
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources
115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more info.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON APRIL 30, 2021

Police Officer ~ LLTPD ~ Job Code: 21-061

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON APRIL 23, 2021

BH Traditional Healing Administrative Assistant ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-056

Administrative Assistant ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-057

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Tribal Planner (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-005

Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter – Full Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-006

Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter – Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-007

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009

Transportation Vehicle Operator (3) (Part Time) ~ Fleet Management ~ Job Code: 21-010

Transportation Dispatcher (Part Time) ~ Fleet Management ~ Job Code: 21-011

Public Maternal Child Health Nurse (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-015

Government Relations Manager ~ Administration ~ Job Code: 21-017

Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018

Pre School Teacher (Sugar Point/Remer) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-020

Pre School Teacher (Onigum) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-021

Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023

Cook (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-024

Cook (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-025

Family Service Advocate (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-026

Family Service Advocate (Bemidji) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-027

Maajigin Center Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-029

Twin Cities Office Director ~ Twin Cities Office ~ Job Code: 21-031

Recreation & Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-032

Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-033

Driver (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-034

Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-036

Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-037

Pre School Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-038

Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-039

WIC Competent Professional Authority ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-040

Nutritionist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-041

Invasive Species Technician (Seasonal) (2) ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-043

Aquatic Invasive Species Technician (Seasonal) (2) ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-044

Biological Technician ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-045

Ecological Restoration Technician (Seasonal) ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-046

Forestry Fire Dependent Stand Restoration Tech (Seasonal) (2) ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-047

Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-048

Assessment Worker ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-049

Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ Job Code: 21-051

CNA/Home Health Aide (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-052

Home Healthcare RN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-053

Custodial Maintenance (Twin Cities Office) ~ DPW ~ Job Code: 21-054

Conservation Officer ~ Division of Resource Management ~ Job Code: 21-058

Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-059

Procurement Clerk ~ Purchasing ~ Job Code: 21-060

On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-062

On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-063

► *Obituaries Continued*

Preston White



Preston Kier White, “Niigaani Winini” which means “Young Man in Front”, 14 years young, of Longville, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world from his home on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. He was born on February 19, 2007 in Coon Rapids, MN, he is the son of Donna White and Duane Kier.

Preston enjoyed dancing and drumming at powwows and competing at both. He was highly respected for his knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions, learning to grass dance and sing at the age of three years old. This allowed Preston to share his talents with the young ones who wanted to learn the Ojibwe ways. He was an avid basketball player and was a WWE fanatic. He collected figurines and never missed a Monday Night Raw.

One of Preston’s greatest accomplishments

and proud moments was when he and the Northland Drum Group sang honor songs to President Obama and at the 2018 Super Bowl in Minneapolis.

Preston was a great listener, always taking time to listen to his family and friends as his love and respect for them was enormous. He will be missed by all including his powwow family.

Family welcoming Preston the spirit world are his brother; Arnold Wade, grandparents; Lillian and Hartley White, Sr., uncle; Joseph White, aunties; Rachel and Shirley White, nephew; Phillip Wade, Jr., many other aunties, uncles and cousins.

He leaves behind his mom and dad; Donna White and Duane Kier, siblings; Diane White, Laura (Dave) Chase, Phillip Wade, Sr., Larry (Sharlene) Wade III and Cory Jones, aunties; Peggy White, Linda Morris, Jean Howard and Bonita Desjarlait, uncle; Hartley White, Jr., many more relatives and friends.

A one-night wake for Preston will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, March 27 all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Darryl and Arnold Kingbird will be his spiritual advisors. Pallbearers for Preston will be Anthony Chase, Caleb White, Larry Wade III, Brady Wade, Nate Howard, Keith Carmona, Dusty Chase and Dylan Chase. His honorary pallbearers are Bambi Brown, Leah Monroe, Logan Monroe, Jay Cotton, Isaiah Heinley, Tre Flowers, Denasha Flowers, Brandi Wade, Andrew Jackson, Erin Cash, Claire Jackson, Shawntay Chase, Jarred Pemberton, Phillip Wade, Jake Robinson, Ryan Robinson, Terry Robinson III, Dave Chase, Sr., Rodney Johnson, Alivia Wade, Caitie White, Darryl Kingbird and all

his powwow family and friends. Interment will be in the George Johnson Memorial Cemetery at Winnie Dam, MN. To help preserve and protect our elders, the family requests that you observe the COVID-19 protocols by wearing a mask, to include all children. If you are not feeling well, please honor Preston by staying home and placing tobacco out.

Preston’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.

Sylvia Gale



Sylvia Jean Gale, age 67, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Friday, March 26, 2021 from the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN. Sylvia was born on January 31, 1954 in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Helena (White) and Albert Gale.

Sylvia was blessed to be able stay home and raise her children, something she cherished deeply. She had a big heart and loved helping others whenever she could, she also enjoyed making quilts, ricing, working with birch bark, beading and making maple syrup. Sylvia will be missed by all who loved her.

Family that welcomes Sylvia to the spirit world are her daughter; Tammy White, her son; Terrance White, Jr., mother; Helena Gale, grandsons; Xavier and Manomin White, brothers; Michale, Clinton, Melvin, Sterling and Phillip, grandparents; Mary and Clarence White and nieces; Jolene Goose, Marlea and Julie Weyaus.

Those she leaves to mourn her are her son; Adrian White, Sr., brother; Stuart Gale, sister; Cindy Gale and all of her grand kids.

Wake services for Sylvia will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30 and continue until her 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Thursday, April 1 all to be held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Tony Jenkins, Sr. will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Sylvia will be Eli Goose, Cody White, Carl White, Raven White, Terrance White and Steve Richardson. Alternate pallbearers are Tim Goose and Clinton Bryan. Her honorary pallbearers are all her grandchildren and her best friends Mary Kangas, Theresa Kangas and Roberta Meeshenow. Interment will be in the Ryans Village Cemetery at Bena, MN following her Thursday services.

Sylvia’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

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