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CASS LAKE - The Leech Lake Tribal College held its 2021 commencement ceremony Saturday May 15 on campus.

The College had a total of 24 graduates this spring. Students earned an array of degrees in the following fields of study: Liberal Education Stem Emphasis, Business Management, Law Enforcement, Indigenous Leadership and Integrated Residential Building.

Sydney Barret-Beaulieu was awarded the honor of being named LLTC's 2021 Valedictorian, and Salutatorian honors went to Justin Wilson. Both Barret-Beaulieu and Wilson gave speeches reflecting on their time at the college. Barret Beaulieu gave a somber speech that recognized those who didn't make it to graduation while reflecting on the support that came from college and family members that helped not only her, but her classmates make it to the finish line.

"I am so proud to see everyone here today, whether we had classes together or not—we're a part of the same LLTC family... Whether you finished in two years or ten years you still did it. We all faced huge life challenges during our education much like how we left campus during spring break March, 17 2020 and never came back. Many of us had to scramble to figure out online classes and many of us didn't have internet access or computers, however.. We remained resilient. Indigenous education is so beautiful because history tells us we shouldn't be educated, we're not meant to read and write, yet here we are." said Barret-Beaulieu.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the Tribal College Drum Group, and featured speeches, scholarships and awards recognition from various Tribal college staff and supporters. Following the ceremony, students and their families led a caravan parade route to celebrate.

Interim LLTC President Helen Montgomery said that many should realize this year's graduates are not ones to overlook, as they've overcome so many new obstacles other classes hadn't faced in the past.

"I am really really proud of this class of 2021 because they are a class who were in a strange place in the pandemic. They're not quite the famous class of 2020, so they're under-recognized for the accomplishment they have achieved--because for many of them the pandemic hit in the middle of their education or right at the beginning. They had to learn to adapt to an entirely new world, and for that I'm in awe of them," said Montgomery.

On behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, we would like to congratulate all of the graduates and their families. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your educational journeys and move into your future careers.

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President Biden Proclaims May 5, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden issued an official proclamation for May 5, 2021 to be recognized as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.

In an official press release, Biden spoke on the importance of remembrance of community members lost while detailing plans on how his administration plans to address racial disparities that are often the cause of the disproportionately high number of Native Americans who are missing or victims of violence.

"Today, thousands of unsolved cases of missing and murdered Native Americans continue to cry out for justice and healing. On Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, we remember the Indigenous people who we have lost to murder and those who remain missing and commit to working with Tribal Nations to ensure any instance of a missing or murdered person is met with swift and effective action.

Our failure to allocate the necessary resources and muster the necessary commitment addressing and preventing this ongoing tragedy not only demeans the dignity and humanity of each person who goes missing or is murdered, it sends pain and shockwaves across our Tribal communities. Our treaty and trust responsibilities to Tribal Nations require our best efforts, and our concern for the wellbeing of these fellow citizens require us to act with urgency. To this end, our Government must strengthen its support and collaboration with Tribal communities."

Biden said that all future Federal partnerships to address the number of missing and murdered Indigenous peoples will be governed by the Nation-to-Nation relationships with Tribal governments. Citing that the challenges in Tribal communities are best met by solutions that are informed and shaped by Tribal leaders and Tribal governments.

Naming the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation in particular as examples to be led by. In April, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Montana, and the FBI announced the Nation's first Tribal Community Response Plan, part of a Department of Justice pilot project to address emergent missing person cases in their community. When someone goes missing, it is often an urgent and time-sensitive situation.

The Tribal community response plan lays out a blueprint for how Tribal law enforcement; local, State, and Federal law enforcement; and community members can respond when someone goes missing from a Tribal community - resolving important issues of jurisdictional overlap and gaps in order to respond swiftly and effectively. Other Tribes and Native villages such as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma, Native Village of Unalakleet in Alaska, and the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan, are working with



Rallies and events were held across the state May 5 including this art installation in front of the State Capitol, posing as a reminder of the crisis Indigenous women and peoples face across the country.

Federal partners on their own community response plans.

Biden's administration has a number of on-going and upcoming projects that are aimed at helping tribal communities including:

- The 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by supporting the passage of the VAWA Reauthorization of 2021. Among other protections, this bill reaffirms inherent Tribal authority to prosecute certain non-Indian offenders extending protections from domestic violence and dating violence to Native American victims of sexual violence, stalking, trafficking, child abuse, elder abuse, and assault against law enforcement or justice personnel when crimes are committed on Tribal territory.
- The American Rescue Plan includes an additional \$35 million in grants for Tribes to provide temporary housing, assistance, and supportive services to victims of domestic and dating violence, as well as supplemental

- funding for the StrongHearts Native Helpline, and additional funding for services for sexual assault survivors.
- The Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives continues to convene the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Health and Human Services, to address the issues from a combined public health—public safety partnership.
- The Department of the Interior established the Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services to provide leadership and direction for cross-departmental and interagency work involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The MMU will help bring the weight of the Federal Government to bear when investigating these cases and marshal law enforcement resources across Federal agencies and throughout Indian country.







Some of the purchases the LLBO Health Division were able to make include: Handicap friendly transportation, a mobile clinic and vaccination trailers, as shown in the photos above.

LLBO Health Division Acquiring Much Needed Upgrades

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health department has gotten several new upgrades courtesy of the CARES act that will be rolled out to band members in the upcoming months.

These upgrades include handicapable transportation vans, mobile clinic trailers, vaccine trailers, generators for community clinics, new EKG machines, air purifiers, and modified vans for patient transportation.

Band member Stacie Smith, featured in photos, was the first band member to utilize the Eagle lift transport vehicle. The lift is the only one on the reservation which features a wheel-chair lift that can fully operate and pick up the chair and user.

Leech Lake Health Director Vince Rock said the new upgrades have been a long time hope for the Tribe and is ecstatic that Band Members can now begin taking advantage of all the new upgrades.

"We need to make sure our people are getting the best treatment we can give them in all our communities, and we're beginning to get the orders we've needed to do so. These upgrades have been a blessing for us to build things back better."

Band members wishing to utilize the Eagle lift, receive PPE or set up an appointment at their nearest community clinic are encouraged to call 218-335-3500.



President Biden Nominates Muscogee Creek Nation Band Member, Lauren King for Western District of Washington District Court

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden put forth several judicial nominations, Wednesday May 12 for open seats across the country, among the list of nominees included a Muscogee Creek band member.

Lauren J. King, if confirmed, will have a lifetime seat in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington and will be one of just three Native American judges currently on the federal bench out of nearly 900 federal judgeships.

The other two are U.S. district judges Diane Humetewa and Ada Brown. King will also be the first ever Native American to hold this position in the state of Washington.

King is a band member of the Muscogee Creek Nation based in Oklahoma, and is currently an attorney at the Seattle-based law firm Foster Garvey, P.C. She has served as a pro tem appellate judge for the Northwest Intertribal Court System since 2013 and previously taught Federal Indian Law at the Seattle University School of Law.

Only four Native Americans have ever been federal judges in the 230-year history of the U.S. courts, Besides Humetewa and Brown, the other two were U.S. district judges Michael Burrage and Frank Howell Seay.

The National Congress of American Indians released a statement following Biden's announcement of support for King for the judicial seat, stating the importance of seeing Tribal members represented in the Judicial system.

"NCAI strongly supports the nomination of Lauren J. King, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, as the first ever Native American judge to serve on a federal bench in Washington state," said President Fawn Sharp of the National Congress of American Indians. Washington state is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes, making it critical that its federal judges better reflect the communities they serve and understand the unique histories of Native peoples and the legal principles that protect and preserve our standing under federal law."

King's nomination and possibly confirmation has the power to improve the representation of Native American tribes in influential federal court decisions. Biden's nominations will go to the Senate to be confirmed in the following months.



Minnesota COVID-19 update May 2021

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – As the state nears a 70% vaccination rate, Governor Tim Walz has announced a large roll back of COVID-19 restrictions that will take place over the coming weeks.

The first restriction to go will be the state-wide mask mandate, which will end Friday May 14th. This turn of events came about after Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials recommended Wednesday May 13 that fully vaccinated people will not need to wear masks in most situations.

The end of the statewide mask mandate does not preclude local governments from setting and enforcing their own mask requirements, including Tribal. Businesses will be free to make their own decisions about whether to ask customers or employees to mask up, but Walz said that the time has come to discontinue the mask mandate that has stood since July 25.

"It's been a long journey, but we did the things that needed to be done," Walz said as he unveiled the winding down of restrictions. "The job is not done until it's done, but the plan to finish it is on us now."

Minnesota health officials will still encourage mask wearing among those who are not fully vaccinated, but that guidance will not have the legal force of a mandate.

Also on Walz list of restriction

removals included business/restaurant closing times, and limits for outdoor dining and events like fairs, festivals and parades which were the first to go, May 7th and indoor/outdoor capacity limits will end May 28.

A look at the numbers as of May 14:

- The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 591,445. Of them, nearly 574,208 no longer require isolation.
- The state's death toll is now at 7,274 with 4,384 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.
- Health officials say approximately 9,590,371
 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 6425 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 218-368-4762

Haaland Reverses Trump Statutes, Seeks Tribal Consultation Regarding Climate Change

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – Deb Haaland's first few months leading the US Department of Interior have been busy.

Since taking the helm, Haaland has begun work reversing a number Trump era statutes that undermined Tribal sovereignty, while also sending orders for tribal consultation and starting a council to address climate change.

Two big orders regarding Tribes that Haaland has enacted include: SO 3399 and SO 3400.

• Secretarial Order 3399 establishes a Climate Task Force to coordinate work across the Interior Department, including accelerating renewable energy development and identifying actions to foster investments in energy communities. The Order also provides guidance on how science should be used in the decision-making process and improves transparency and public engagement in the Department's decision-making process. One key component of SO 3399 is the directive for the Interior Department to engage with tribes to seek their input through tribal consultation. The Order says, "Tribal consultation is a means to rectify this by recognizing the government-to-government relationship and considering Tribal interests in decision making."

• Secretary's Order 3400, which re-delegates the authority to review and approve applications to place land into trust to the Bureau of Indian Affairs regional directors. The Secretary's Order will not apply to gaming applications. This action reverses steps taken in 2017 that unnecessarily elevated land-into-trust decisions to the Department's headquarters staff, increasing the com-

plexity of the decision-making process and causing delays.

In addition to the Secretary's Orders, the Interior also withdrew three previous orders that impeded the Department's ability to take land into trust for Tribes and that were issued without adequate Tribal consultation. Going forward, the Department states it will engage in "meaningful and robust consultation with Tribes to learn about the challenges they face in the fee-to-trust process and in managing their own lands."

"At Interior, we have an obligation to work with Tribes to protect their lands and ensure that each Tribe has a homeland where its citizens can live together and lead safe and fulfilling lives," said Haaland. "Our actions will help us meet that obligation and will help empower Tribes to determine how their lands are used — from conservation to economic development projects."

District III Elder Birthdays



Joseph Aitken Linda Aitken James Allen Betty Allen Gloria Beaulieu Shirley Beaulieu Jathon Bebeau Kenneth Bellanger Tracey Benjamin Timothy Boisvert Evelyn Brown Sue Brown Glenda Bryan Anthony Budreau Melvin Burnette Annette Cloud Charles Dahle Carl Day Ramona Day

Tony Donnell Muriell Ellis Holly Evans Aaron Fairbanks Ronald Finn Kathleen Frazer Michael Garbow Keith Garton Barbara Haugen John Herrera Kenneth Hough **Ernest Howard** Evelyn Howard Nanette Howard Gerald Humphrey Matthew Hunt Fred Jackson Michael Johnson Beverly Kamrowski Francis Kangas

Matthew Kangas Verna King Carol Kingbird Gregory Kleeb Timothy Littlewolf Linda Losh Sharon Lovelace Nina Martin Rhonda Michaud Edwin Monroe Tony Morris Janet Northbird Richard O'Brien Michael Olson Garr Pemberton Phyllis Pendleton Diane Pieri Dawn Purdy Sue Robinson Berton Rock

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Thomas Rov Ernest Ryan Paul Smith Rosetta Smith Carol Staples **Charles Staples** Connie Taylor Kathy Thompson Victor Thompson Kenneth Tibbetts Annette Vaughan Kevin Wakefield Carol White Claire White Peter White Phyllis White Rodnet White Francis Wiggins Colleen William

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

New Indigenous-led program launches in Northeast Minnesota offering grant funding to Indigenous communities

Northland Foundation introduces Maada'ookiing to engage and partner with Tribal Nations and Indigenous people; first grant round opens May 1

Submitted by Jeanine Dahl

NORTHEAST, MN – The Northland Foundation announces a new program, Maada'ookiing, created to partner with Northeast Minnesota Tribal Nations & Indigenous communities.

Maada'ookiing means the 'distribution' in Ojibwe. In Indigenous community, the act of giving and sharing is recognized as a mutual act that benefits the entire community. It was in this spirit that Maada'ookiing was established.

"The program evolved from a desire by our Board of Trustees and staff to not only acknowledge the deep inequities that exist but to act on that knowledge," said Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation. "This program has been two years in the making, and we are proud and thrilled to introduce this new path to partner with Indigenous communities in our region."

INDIGENOUS GRANTMAKING

The program features grassroots grants up to \$2,500 to support creative solutions from Indigenous community. Northland plans three grant rounds in the next year, with the first round open to applicants starting May 1st. Grantmaking to individuals or informal groups rather than established nonprofit organizations, school districts, or governmental

entities is brand new to the Northland Foundation and not widely practiced in philanthropy as a whole.

The eligible geographic service area includes the Tribal Nations of Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake, Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (District I), and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (District II) and Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis County.

INDIGENOUS DESIGNED & LED The Northland Foundation entered into many conversations with Tribal elected leaders and Indigenous leaders in philanthropy, nonprofit, and other sectors to better understand how to build ongoing partnership. This exploration included a study of Northland's own history, the history of philanthropy to Tribal Nations and Indigenous-led nonprofits, and longstanding inequities in grantmaking. Nationally, less than 0.3% of philanthropic resources go to Native Americans in the United States. Northland Foundation worked in partnership with a Native-led design team to identify ways to increase resources that reach Indigenous communities in our region.

An Indigenous design team comprised of Tribal and other

Indigenous leaders formed to dialogue about community strengths and best approaches. This Native design team helped create the structure, strategies, and guidance for a program they named Maada'ookiing.

In December, LeAnn Littlewolf joined the Northland Foundation staff as Senior Program Officer, with an emphasis on coordinating Maada'ookiing. Littlewolf brings 25+ years of experience in community organizing, nonprofit program design and management, and leadership development to this role.

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BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS





Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School recently honored 11th grader Ameera J.-W. as Student of the Week. Ameera transferred to Bug O Nay Ge Shig this year with a deficit of high school credits, but has worked extremely hard to make up those lost credits. Because of her diligence, she is now on track to graduate on time next year, an outstanding accomplishment!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School recently honored Tehya C., an 11th grader, for her accomplishments. Tehya recently returned from California where she spent the winter with her grandmother and brother. In spite of being thousands of miles from school, Tehya still attended her advisory and classes every school day. And because she was two time zones to the west, she needed to get up extra early to get to her morning classes. Congratulations Tehya on your superior effort!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School recently honored Daunte R., an 11th grader. Daunte has done an outstanding job of attending his morning meetings, attending his classes, and coming into school on his designated day each week. In addition, he is always cooperative and friendly to other students and staff. Congratulations Daunte!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's 6th grade teacher, Mackenzie Sear, recently taught the 4th grade students how to use an archery bow and a compound bow. It was a very enjoyable skill-building activity



Alvera Reyes



Alvera Marie Reyes, age 72, of Cass Lake, MN began her spiritual journey on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at her home in Cass Lake with her family by her side. She was born on March 29, 1949 in St. Paul, MN the daughter of Manuel and Mercedes Reyes.

Alvera was an extremely outgoing person who enjoyed being with her family. She was a Blackjack dealer for over twenty years of her life and loved gambling. She was outspoken and strong. Alvera was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She missed the love of her life since he passed, Donald Bellanger. The two would travel together going to places like Las Vegas, Disney World and Washington DC where she got to meet President George W. Bush. She will be loved and missed by her family and friends.

The family that Alvera joins again are her parents, Manuel and Mercedes, her significant other and love of her life, Donald Bellanger, sons; Brant Reyes and Dwayne McFarlane, sisters; Della Jones and Karen Reyes, granddaughter and grandson.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her sons; Chris, Clyde and Steve Reyes all of Leech Lake, brothers; Orrin Reyes of Minneapolis, Tom Reyes of Hayward, WI and Mark Reyes of Cass Lake, one sister Anita Reyes of Naytahwaush, MN,

two grandchildren, Renee Bellanger and Flower Reyes. Other relatives and many friends.

A celebration of Alvera's life will be on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at the White Earth Family Office, Cass Lake, Minnesota. The urnbearer will be Chris Reyes. Her honorary urnbearers are Michael Reyes, Mark Reyes, Manuel Reyes, Dan Wadena-Reyes, Dave Jones and Daryl McFarlane. Inurnment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery Cass Lake, Minnesota at 1:00 p.m.

Alvera'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

Cheryl Chase



Cheryl Ann Chase "Mashkiki Kwe" (Healing Spirit Woman), age 65, died peacefully on April 9th, 2021 surrounded by love and family in Andover, Minnesota. Cheryl was born on December 11th, 1955 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Cheryl-iban Gaazagaskwaajimekaag gii-onjibaa (Cheryl was from Leech Lake Nation).

Cheryl selflessly and compassionately served others over a 43 year nursing career. Cheryl worked and went to school in both Hawaii and Alaska. Cheryl worked 19 years for the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association, working with families as a public health nurse. True to her nature, Cheryl worked up until and through her terminal diagnosis. Cheryl lived and loved fully and generously. The family that Cheryl joins again are her mother, Nadine Chase; her uncle, John C. Beaulieu; her nephew, Corey Chase; and numerous other family members, friends, and loved ones.

Cheryl is forever remembered by her daughter, Candace Chase; her granddaughter, Nadine Chase; her father, Walter Chase Jr.; her brothers: Walter Chase III "Butch" and John Chase "Punk;" nieces & nephews: Brianna Chase, Jordan Chase, Samuel Chase, Juliane Chase-Wilson; and numerous other beloved cousins, family, and friends.

A visitation for Cheryl will begin at 10:00 AM, Saturday April 17th, 2021 and will continue until the celebration of life 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.

"As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul, and body of our patients, their families and ourselves. They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel." – Maya Angelou

Cheryl'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

Karen Fairbanks

Karen Fairbanks, 69, of Mahnomen, MN, passed away peacefully amidst a small circle of loved ones and prayers at Essentia Medical Center on May 5th, 2021.

Karen, also known as "Boozh" or "Gookoosh", was born on November 25th, 1951 to Jack Fairbanks and Mary Jane Folstrum/ Fairbanks. She was the second born of 8 children and grew up in Lake George, MN. At the age of 10 with both parents deceased she and her siblings were split different ways and moved around and she lived with several different foster families in the MN area. MOST of whom she maintained loving relationships with throughout her life.

She graduated valedictorian from the Laporte High School in 1969. - then she went to nursing school at Bemidji Vo Tech.



She worked at Cass Lake Detox while married to David Wells.

Karen had 3 spirited daughters with him but later divorced and raised them on her own in rural Bemidji areas. She worked professionally as a seamstress to support her family and this talent later evolved into making regalia for the greater Ojiibwe nations throughout Minnesota and Canada. She was most known for her jingle dress making and extraordinary beadwork.

After Karen's daughters had grown she came to live in the White Earth community. She happily resided in Mahnomen and was loved by many. She was well known for both her generosity and fierce nature.

Karen enjoyed many things - such as playing bingo and cards, listening to music, dancing, socializing, and meeting new people. Karen never felt more proud than when she was surrounded by her family.

She will very missed.

Karen is survived by two daughters, Kerri (Terry) Jourdain of Laporte, MN and Sarah Headbird of Cass Lake, MN; one brother, Will (Lorraine) Klaus; three sisters: Sylvia Jean (Eddie) Lemay, Liz (Gary) Pierce, and Missy (Cliff) Fairbanks; 6 grandchildren; and her We'eh, Lorrie Lemay.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Mary Jane and Jack Fairbanks; her daughter, Mindy Swan; two sisters, Shirly Adams and Denise Dahl; and one brother, Freddy Fairbanks.

The wake for Karen will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 9th and continue until her 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Monday, May 10th all to be held at the White Earth Community Center in White Earth, MN. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in White Earth, following the service.

Karen'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

Collin Howard



Collin Lee Howard, "Bizhiw" which means "Lynx", 27 years young, of Walker, Minnesota unexpectedly began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, April 29th, 2021 from Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota. He was born the son of Lorraine Johnson and Vernon Howard, Sr. on September 27th, 1993 in Park Rapids, MN.

Growing up, Collin either had a Nintendo controller, a fishing pole or a basketball in his hands. He was always making jokes and you could hear his laugh from across the room. Collin graduated from Cass Lake/Bena High School and went on to complete two semesters at the Leech Lake Tribal College. He worked for TEP for many years. Collin loved to help his community, going to powwows, family gatherings and ceremonies.

Family that Collin is reunited with are his sister; Megan Nevitt, grandmothers; Leona Johnson and Rose Howard and a niece; Anavey Anderson.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his parents; Lorraine Johnson of Walker and Vernon Howard, Sr. of Deer River, sisters; Heather Goggleye of Bemidji,

Nancy (Mike) Fitzloff of Orono, Crystal (Rich) Howard of Deer River and Kimberly (Arthur) Howard of Walker, brothers; William Cloud of Hawaii, Vernon Howard, Jr. of St. Cloud and Keith Howard of Bemidji, grandpa; Floyd Johnson, Sr., many other relatives and too many friends to mention.

An overnight wake for Collin will begin at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5th and continue until his 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Thursday, May 6th all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Melvin Goodman and Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisors. Pallbearers are Vernon Howard, Jr., Keith Howard, AJ Johnson, Justice Humphrey, Rich Felt, Michael Washington, Arthur Anderson, Jage Hunt, Ronald Hunt and Lucas French. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

Collin's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family maybe left at www.northernpeace.com

Louisa White



Louisa Rose White, 58, "Waase Anakwadook Ikwe" which means "Shining Cloud Lady" of Columbia Heights, Minnesota journeyed for to spirit world on Saturday, May 1st, 2021 from Cass Lake, MN. She was born in Cook, MN on January 19, 1963 to Zora (Byrd) and Donald White.

Louisa was a free spirit. She loved her freedom to speak and be herself. She liked to listen to others tell their story, likewise she liked to be listened to when telling hers.

Louisa was altogether wise and very sophisticated. She deeply and strongly loved her children, and her family, and her friends, whom she loved spending time with. Whenever the opportunity arose, she enjoyed cooking for them. Louisa also loved listening to her music. She is deeply loved and will always be honored by her children, her family and her friends.

Those who precede her in death her loving and most caring friend; Charles David Vikre, her children's fathers; Bernard Dewayne Bower; her father; Donald Jesse White, her Mother; Zora Darlene White (Byrd), uncles; Daniel White and Richard White, sister; Sharon Rae White (St. John), brother; John Jay White, niece; Heather Rain Kingbird, and nephew; Anthony Wayne Hare, Jr.

Louisa is survived by her children; Billy (Krystal) White of Mahnomen, Kristen (Pete) Headbird of Cass Lake, Rudolph (Danielle) White of Columbia Heights, Angel (Larry) Bower of Henderson, KY, DeWayne Bower of Mahnomen, her children's father, Larry Duchane; brothers and sisters; Calvin Jean White, April Gale Greene, Donald Jay White, Robert James White, and Melody Joy White, her grand-children, and her great grandchildren.

The wake for Louisa will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7th and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Sunday, May 9th all to be held at the Battle Point Community Center in Federal Dam, MN. Anton Treuer will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Louisa will be Billy White, Kristen Headbird, Rudolph White, Angel Bower, DeWayne Bower, Larry Lovelace, Ethan Jackson and Dylan Headbird. Her honorary pallbearers are all her grandchildren. Interment will be in Boy Lake Cemetery, Boy Lake Minnesota, following the service.

Louisa'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

Mylan "Red" Smith

Mylan "Red" Leon Smith, 84, of Cass Lake, MN journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 the Bemidji Sanford I.C.U. in Bemidji, MN. Red was born in Lansing, Michigan on April 7th, 1937.

Red was raised on a farm by his Mom and Dad, three sisters and two brothers. He left his family in his early 20's. He was a free spirit, kind and generous to others. Red was a hard worker and very proud of his job



at the Graco Company in Minneapolis, MN where he earned his lifetime pension. He enjoyed fishing, beadwork, camping and having a few beers; in his latter years he quit drinking. Red liked telling stories and watching true stories on T.V. Red was a Christian, he watched Jimmy Swaggert on T.V. and would read his Bible many nights. He also enjoyed listening to ole time country, Al Green, and powwow music.

We are sure Red is in heaven and reunited with all his loved ones.

He leaves behind his female partner of 20 years, Marlene Clausen of Cass Lake, stepdaughter; Nicole Campbell of Cass Lake, stepson; Pack Redfeather, Sr. of Cass Lake, four grandchildren; Natalie Delgado of St. Paul, Frankie and Levi Campbell-Adams and Pack Redfeather, Jr. all of Cass Lake, the Fairbanks family of Cass Lake, the Cloud family of Cass Lake, the Hare family of Cass Lake and his many friends.

A funeral service for Red will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at the Cass Lake Alliance Church. There will be 2-hour visitation on Monday, May 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and a 1-hour visit on Tuesday morning from 10:00-11:00 a.m. both being held at the church. Pastor Mick Marino will officiate. Helping to lay Red to rest are Elliot Cloud, BJ Cloud, Pudgy Jones, Sr., Terry Lee Robinson, Byron Garbow and Richard Schulman. His honorary pallbearers are Stanley Chief and Anthony Hare. Interment will be in the Chippewa Bible Cemetery at Oak Point in Cass Lake, MN.

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



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Tracy Jackson/Norman Goggleye

Court File No. CP-15-42

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 13, 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 Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Margaret Mad-

eline Smith, DOB: 09/23/1943,

Court File No. CV-20-123

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS 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 Re: Estate of: Cheryl Marie Bowstring, DOB: 08/17/1961, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-46

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Cheryl Marie Bowstring, died March 6, 2021. 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 6th, day of April, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Carol Bowstring-Jenkins, surviving sister of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on April 6, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Carol Bowstring-Jenkins, PO Box 271 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Cheryl Marie Bowstring, 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 the Marriage of: Ashley Jean Beaulieu, Petitioner, vs., Jerod Marquee Beaulieu, Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

Case No. FA-21-32

NOTICE

that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, Jerod Beaulieu, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this case in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 190 Sailstar Drive NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, Tribal Justice Center, a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via publication in the DeBahJi-Mon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of Marilyn Drumbeater (custodian) and Julia Mitchell

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of Marilyn Drumbeater (custodian) and Julia

Court File No. CP-17-12

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 28, 2020, a PETITION TO TRANS-FER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the abovenamed parents. The next hearing date is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 11:00 am. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the Petition and hearing instructions. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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BUSH FOUNDATION SELECTS 24 VISIONARY LEADERS FOR 2021 BUSH FELLOWSHIPS

SAINT PAUL – The Bush Foundation today announced the 2021 Bush Fellows, 24 visionary individuals who are leading transformative change in their communities. The Fellows hail from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

The 2021 Fellows are:

Patricia Acevedo Fuentes Rapid City, SD

Kahin Adam Saint Cloud, MN

E.G. Bailey Minneapolis, MN

John Lee Clark Saint Paul, MN

Antonio Espinosa Maplewood, MN

Sandra Gabriela Filardo Eden Prairie, MN

Dr. Rachel Renee Hardeman Golden Valley, MN

Peter HillPine Ridge, SD

Salma Hussein Brooklyn Park, MN

Guled Ibrahim St. Louis Park, MN

Nathan Caleb Johnson Minneapolis, MN

Naomi Ko Savage, MN Wizipan Little Elk Mission, SD

Kimimila Locke Wakpala, SD

Brian Lozenski Mounds View, MN

Michelle Tran Maryns Minneapolis, MN

Natalie Nicholson Bemidji, MN

Dziwe Willard Ntaba Minneapolis, MN

Funlola Otukoya Minneapolis, MN

Courtney Schaff Fargo, ND

Jodi Rave Spotted Bear Twin Buttes, ND

Justin Terrell Richfield, MN

Mai Thor Oak Park Heights, MN

Michael Jon Westerhaus Minneapolis, MN

"The 2021 Fellows are addressing a wide variety of issues in communities around the region," said Bush Foundation Vice President of Grantmaking Anita Patel. "Each is seeking to be a stronger leader and greater force for justice and equity."

The Bush Fellowship provides Fellows with up to \$100,000 over 12 to 24 months to pursue education and learning experiences that help them develop the skills and relationships to foster large-scale change in their communities and region. The Fellowship is distinctive in its flexibility, allowing Fellows to define what they need to become more effective and equitable leaders. Fellows can use the funding to pursue such things as education, leadership training, networking and mentorship.

"We believe in investing in people who can address challenges today and who are driven to grow their ability to have even greater impact in the future," Patel said. "We see past Bush Fellows at the forefront of solving our region's most critical issues, and we are excited to see the impact these new 2021

Fellows will have in the coming years."

Fellows are selected by a diverse group of community leaders from across the region. From this year's 538 applications, a committee of Bush Fellow alumni selected quarterfinalists for one-to-one mentoring sessions with a Bush Fellow alum. Semi-finalists shared more about their vision and plan with Foundation staff, and finalists completed interviews with a selection committee of community leaders.

"These 24 Fellows are committed to strengthening their capacity to lead large-scale, equitable change," said Patel. "In this time when our region faces reckoning around racial justice sparked by the murder of George Floyd, inequities exposed by COVID-19 and challenges to Native sovereignty, we need leaders who can imagine new systems and transform existing ones. We find inspiration in the vision these Fellows offer our region as they work inside and outside of systems to foster new and just approaches."

More than 2,400 people have received support from the Fellowship. The Bush Fellowship counts among its alumni playwright August Wilson; The Sioux Chef founder and CEO chef Sean Sherman; former Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson; author and storyteller Kevin Kling; founder of the Healing Justice Foundation Dr. Joi Lewis; epidemiologist and infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm; South Dakota poet laureate Lee Ann Roripaugh; Minneapolis City Council member Andrea Jenkins; Humanize My Hoodie Movement co-founder Jason Sole; and former special assistant to President Obama for Native American affairs Jodi Archambault.

The Bush Foundation will accept applications for the 2022 Bush Fellowship beginning August 10. The Bush Fellowship is open to anyone age 24 years and older who wants to build their ability to make change happen. Applicants must live in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or one of the 23 Native nations that shares the same geography.

NATALIE NICHOLSON — Bemidji, MN



Natalie Nicholson (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation) understands the persistence required to achieve a dream. The former Olympian and world champion curler was also a first-generation college student. As a nurse, she co-leads the Indigenous Breastfeeding Coalition in Minnesota to help re-establish a strong, traditional breastfeeding support

network for Indigenous families and caregivers, and to help health care providers understand how to help improve rates of breastfeeding in Native communities. She wants to address health disparities in Native populations by providing culturally specific health care services for Indigenous people. She seeks to blend Western medicine and traditional Native American healing practices with her community members. To advance her vision, she will study with Indigenous advisors and healers, complete her doctorate in nursing practice, and take the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant exam in the future, which will make her one of only a dozen Native Americans in the country to hold this lactation certification. She will also seek training in leading complex systems through change.

► Maada'ookiing Continued



A nine-member Maada'ookiing Board was established of representatives from the region's Tribal Nations and other Indigenous community leaders to oversee and guide the program. Two of the members also serve on the Northland Foundation's Board of Trustees. Members are:

- Baabiitaw Boyd, Misizaaga'iganiing Anishinaabe, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Shane Drift, District I Representative Bois Forte Tribal Council, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
- Mary Harrelson, Gichionigaming Akiing Gichigami Anishinabeg, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Alexandera Houchin, Fellow/Citizen of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Leanne Johnson, ISD 701 Indian Education Program Director, Couchiching First Nation
- April McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer, Gichionigaming, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Jaylen Strong, Bois Forte Heritage Center and Cultural Museum Director, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
- Melissa Walls, PhD, Great Lakes Hub Director, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, Bois Forte & Couchiching First Nation Ojibwe (1st generation descendent)

"Moving forward with grantmaking to individuals, our staff team knows we will have a learning curve. This is new ground for Northland. We're fortunate to have such esteemed leaders as LeAnn and an incredible Board guiding the work," said Director of Grantmaking, Erik Torch.

LEARNING and CAPACITY BUILDING

In addition to grantmaking, Maada'ookiing will also involve ongoing relationship-building and convening on issues important to Indigenous people. Indian Education and Indigenous Economic Development are two such community-identified topics.

"Even after 35 years as a foundation in Northeast Minnesota and connecting with Tribal Nations and Indigenous-led organizations, we know we have more to learn about being in true partnership with Indigenous communities," said Tony Sertich. "This program is an exciting opportunity to grow our understanding, engage more effectively, and generate ideas and resources."

Anyone interested in discovering more about Maada'ooking and details of the grant opportunity is encouraged to visit https://northlandfdn.org/special-initiatives/maada-ookiing.php or email LeAnn Littlewolf, Senior Program Officer, at LeAnn@ Northlandfdn.org.

Cultivating **Seeds of** Change

Priscilla Day, longtime social work professor, to retire in May. The impact of her three decades of work reaches considerably beyond UMD.

By Lissa Maki

Priscilla Day is a Master Gardener. It's a title earned by those with an exceptional knowledge of gardening. But beyond plants, Day's masterful nurturing and cultivation techniques extend to ideas and people.

"I like to plant seeds and pursue ideas," says Professor Day as she humbly reflects on her career. For nearly three decades she has done so as a faculty member in the UMD Department of Social Work.

An enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Day has long been committed to bridging relationships between the university and tribal communities and increasing American Indian college enrollment. She has been instrumental in shaping culturally responsive curriculum and programs during her time at UMD and ensuring inclusivity on cam-

Day's research focuses on tribal child welfare and American Indian family and cultural preservation. The impact of her work reaches considerably beyond UMD. It has influenced the way all of Minnesota's child welfare workers are trained. She is also called upon for her expertise in ongoing, national-level tribal child welfare work.

Three Decades at UMD

As Day retires later this month, she's recognized for many signifi-

2016, Day was honored with the prestigious University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service. She has won the admiration and respect of colleagues for her skillful collaboration, unique style of leadership, and passion for pursuing social justice.

"Professor Day's integrity and commitment to service are unparalleled," says Dean Jill Pinkney Pastrana of the College of Education and Human Service Professions. "She's an incredibly effective educator and leader who has had a tremendous influence on UMD students, colleagues, and programs over the years. Her tireless work has made UMD a more inclusive and welcoming place and will have an enduring impact."

In 1987, Day was one of the first students in UMD's Master of Social Work program. She was recruited by an American Indian faculty member, Professor Joyce Kramer.

"Joyce was the first Native faculty I ever had. That was really meaningful to me," says Day. "I began to see the power of education at that

After graduating, Day returned to work for her tribe in Leech Lake in mental health services. Encouraged again by Kramer, Day later applied to work at UMD and became a faculty member in 1993. "I thought about it as a way to make a powerful difference in people's lives," Day

Day rose through the ranks to cant contributions to UMD. In become a full professor in 1999.



Bree Bussey (left) and Priscilla Day (right) with Leech Lake Child Welfare Director Dawn Eckdahl at the University of Minnesota-Duluth's Summer Institute in American Indian Child Welfare.

While at UMD, she helped to start a conversation about educational disparity and the need for an educational pathway from tribal colleges. This led to the development of the UMD Bachelor of Social Work program.

"Her vision for what the Department of Social Work needed to be to support American Indian students was visionary," says Bree Bussey, director of the Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies (CRTCWS). Bussey is an alumna of the MSW program and was mentored by Day. "Having Priscilla as a constant in the Department of Social Work made a big difference for me as a student and scholar."

Day served as social work department head twice. She says she used this role as an opportunity to make some changes and worked to "institutionalize and embed a more inclusive way of working" within the department.

CRTCWS, which is based within the Department of Social Work, benefited from Day's vision, hard work, and leadership. For more than 13 years she served as the center's director, garnering national attention for its trailblazing work and bringing in millions of dollars in external grant funding.

"During that time we really took the center from an on-campus focus to a community-based focus," says Day. She talks about cultivating different voices and skill sets during this process in an effort to assemble a powerful team that could work together to make lasting change and be sustainable once she retired.

Day is praised by her CRTCWS colleagues for this leadership style, which creates a nurturing atmosphere that encourages and supports others. "She sees things in people that they don't necessarily see in themselves. She helps them realize their potential," says Karen Nichols, CRTCWS associate direc-

Bussey says one of the most important lessons she learned from Day was the difference between leadership and authority. "Leaders grow other leaders," says Bussey. "You find strength in other people and then celebrate and grow those strengths."

Broader Impact

The CRTCWS is nationally recognized for its work to improve American Indian child welfare practice. This groundwork laid by Day and her team was also instrumental in starting the Tribal Training Certification Partnership to train all new public child welfare and tribal workers in Minnesota on the Indian Child Welfare Act

Karen Nichols, CRTCWS associate director, credits Day for her "incredible hard work and diligence" and also for the humility with which she approaches her work. "It's not about Priscilla Day, it's all about families and children ... that's one of the things that has made her so well respected."

Nichols also lauds Day's commitment to offering American Indian cultural activities and immersion experiences to non-Native students and child welfare workers. "She's gone out of her way to help

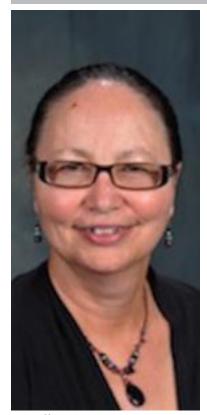
social workers understand why it's so important to follow the law of ICWA," says Nichols. The education and training doesn't just present information, it helps get at why it's important so that social workers making decisions get it in their hearts-'What I do and the decisions I make really do matter to families and kids."

Bussey points to Day's skill in creating spaces where people come together to learn, unlearn, and engage in systems change work together. "Often we talk about her unique ability to help non-Native people understand how they can become allies and work across systems for change," she says. "That takes a certain kind of leadership. The work she's done is challenging work. Her ability to navigate challenging situations has been a critical aspect of everything."

In addition to her many leadership roles at UMD, Day has held a number of state and national leadership positions. She served as the board chair of the Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees, as a board member for both the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) and the American Indian Social Work Educators, and on the CSWE Commission on Educational Policy.

Day has initiated many enduring projects that have an impact on communities in Minnesota and beyond, including: the Culture and Language Institutes, Raising Healthy Anishinaabe Children research, the Annual Summer Institute in American Indian Child Welfare for tribal child welfare workers (2007-present), the Annual Winter Institute which became the Minnesota ICWA Conference (2010-present), Cultural Competence Learning Circles and several curricula for the Minnesota Department of Human Services on the Indian Child Welfare Act.

When asked about her greatest accomplishment, Day points to her former students who are "committed to racial, economic and social justice and strengthening the voices of tribes in the university and at state and national levels to change systems for a more equitable future."



Priscilla Day

Retirement Plans

May 21 is Day's official retirement date. But she's not slowing down anytime soon. Day will continue to serve as a consultant for several national organizations, including the Children's Bureau Capacity Building Center for Tribes, the Center for Native Child and Family Resilience, James Bell Associates, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute.

With retirement, Day expects to have a more flexible schedule where she can focus on the projects she's most passionate about and attend more community and cultural events. She calls herself a "voracious reader" and looks forward to having more time for reading, gardening, boating, and spending time with her family (including three children and 10 grandchildren), friends, and dogs on the Leech Lake reservation where she lives with her husband.

I'm grateful to the University both for my master's degree and for giving me this opportunity. I believe I made a lasting contribution," says Day. "Having the opportunity to do this work with the tribal community, I'm grateful for that—it's been really rewarding. I'm proud of the work I've done."



MAY 24 - JULY 9, 2021

ART 116 Introduction to Beadwork 3 credits

ENGL 096 Reading & Writing Skills

Speaking Ojibwe I

ENGL 101 English Composition I

OJI 101

M-Th 1-2:45

3 credits **TBD**

4 credits M-F 10-11:45

CARP 114 Framing Sustainable Design I 5 credits M-F 9-3:30 **CARP 206** Framing Sustainable Design II 3 credits

Hybrid*

Polysynchronous*

Asynchronous*

Synchronous*

On Campus

On Campus

*Synchronous online classes are those that require students and instructors to be online at the same time.

*Asynchronous Instructors provide reading materials, recorded lectures, tests, and assignments that can be accessed at any time during a specified period.

3 credits

*Polysynchronous classes meet once per week via zoom and all other class materials will be posted online, i.e. recorded lectures, tests, course modules.

*Hybrid_classes where some instruction and activities take place on campus and some take place online.



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

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Class Mode	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
ANI 100.1*	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Elaine Fleming
ANI 100.2*	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	4:00	5:15	Elaine Fleming
ANI 298 ***	Nationhood and Gathering of Manoomin	3		Hybrid***	Zoom	F	9:00	12:00	Elaine Fleming
ART 100***	Introduction to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3		Hybrid***	215	W	4:00	6:30	Karen Goulet
BIO 121*	General Biology I + Lab	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	4:00	5:15	Steve Smith
BIO L121***	General Biology Lab			Hybrid***	108	W	4:00	5:40	Steve Smith
BIO 130	Wildlife Biology	4		Hybrid***	108	M,W,F	2:00	3:15	Steve Smith
BIO 200*	Ethno biology	3		Hybrid*	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	2:20	Steve Smith
BIO 204*	Introduction to Environmental Science	3		Asynchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	online		Melinda Neville
BLTD 114***	Construction Safety	2		In Classroom	Trades	T,TH	11:00	12:00	Saul Saucedo
BUS 100*	Introduction to Business	3		Hybrid	100	М	11:00	11:50	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 160*	Human Resource Management	3	BUS 100	Hybrid	100	М	1:00	1:50	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 230**	Management/Leadership	3	BUS 100	Asynchronous*		Or	Line		Ryan O'Leary
BUS 260***	Business Communications	3	BUS 100, ENGL 101	Hybrid***	212	TH	10:00	11:50	Ryan O'Leary
BUS 299**	Business Internship	3	BUS 100	Asynchronous		Or	Line	·L	Ryan O'Leary
CARP 112	Welding	2		In Classroom	Redby	TBD	TBD	TBD	Al Bellevue
CARP 114***	Framing Sustainable Design	5		In Classroom	Trades	M,W,F	9:00	3:30	Saul Saucedo
CARP 116***	Footings and Foundations Design	3		In Classroom	Trades	T,TH	1:00	3:30	Saul Saucedo
CARP 200***	Weatherization Applications	2		In Classroom	Trades	F	9:00	3:30	Rocky Carpenter
CARP 210	3DLayout for Shop/Construction	2		Synchronous	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	1:50	Eric Kuha
CARP 226***	Framing Sustainable Design III	3		In Classroom	Trades	M. 11-1	W. 9-1:00		Rocky Carpenter
ECE 180**	Child Growth and Development	3		Asynchronous**	On Line			Delana Smith	
ECE 220**	Relations/ Management in Child Development	3	ECE 180	Asynchronous**	On Line				Delana Smith
ECE 240**	Children, Families and Communities	3	ECE 220	Asynchronous**		Or	ı Line		Delana Smith
EDU 102.1*	Miikana-Stem	2		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	1:00	1:50	Stacie Lyon
EDU 102.2*	Miikana	2		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	1:50	Joel Verschay
ENER 150	Intro Renewable Energy	3		Hybrid	Zoom	T,TH	10:30	12:00	Brent Silvis
ENER 210	Intro to Solar Energy	2		In Classroom	Trades	М	9:00	11:00	Rocky Carpenter
ENGL 096.1**	Writing and Reading Skills	3		Asynchronous**		Or	Line		Joel Verschay
ENGL 096.2*	Writing and Reading Skills	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	10:00	10:50	Joel Verschay
ENGL 096.1**	Writing and Reading Skills	3		Asynchronous**	On Line			Joel Verschay	
ENGL 101.1*	English Composition I	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	10::00	10:50	Anyea Hake
ENGL 101.2**	English Composition I	3		Asynchronous	On Line			Anyea Hake	
ENGL 200*	Literature and the Environment	3	ENGL 101	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	11:00	11:50	Hake/Neville
ENGL 201	English Composition II	3	ENGL 101	Polysynchronous	Zoom	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Anyea Hake
ENGL 299 *	Special Topics in Literature: Student Publications			Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	2:30	3:45	Anyea Hake
FOR 110***	Woodland Plants	4		Hybrid***	Zoom	M,W	9:00	11:00	Brent Silvis
FOR 210***	Freshwater Studies	4	BIO 140	Hybrid***	107	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Melinda Neville
GEOL 110*	Intro to Geology & Earth Systems	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	2:00	2:50	Brent Silvis
GEOL 110L***	Intro to Geology & Earth Systems Lab			Hybrid***	108	TH	2:00	3:50	Brent Silvis
HIS 101*	U.S. and Indigenous American History	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	W	3:00	4:15	Audrey Thayer

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Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Prerequisite	Class Mode	Room	Days	Begin	End	Instructor
HIS 150*	History of Leech Lake	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	9:00	10:15	Elaine Fleming
ITECH 100.1*	Computer Applications I	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	3:00	4:20	Eric Kuha
ITECH 100.2*	Computer Applications I	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	10:30	11:45	Eric Kuha
ITECH 150*	Computer Applications II	3	ITECH 100	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	10:00	10:50	Eric Kuha
ITECH 190*	Intro to Computer Science	3	ITECH 150 or with Instructor approval	Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	9:00	10:15	Eric Kuha
LE 105*	Intro to Criminal Justice	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	9:00	9:50	Frank Homer
LE 104*	Minnesota Statutes and Traffic Law	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M	4:30	7:00	Ryan Solee
LE 210*	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3	LE 105	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	11:00	11:50	Frank Homer
LE 280*	Police Ethics	3	LE 209	Synchronous*	Zoom	TH	5:00	7:30	Ryan Fisher
MATH 094*	Algebra Skills	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,TH	11:00	11:50	Neah Goodwin
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MATH 100	Technical Math	4	better	In Classroom	Trades	T,TH	9:00	11:00	Rocky Carpenter

MATH 140.1*	Math Concepts	4	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 094 with a C or	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,T,W,TH	11:00	11:50	Kelly Nipp
MATH 140.2*	Math Concepts	4	better	Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	4:00	5:40	Neah Goodwin
MATH 150.1*	College Algebra	3	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 140 with a C or	Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	2:15	Kelly Nipp
MATH 150.2*	College Algebra	3	better.	Synchronous*	Synchronous* On Line			Kelly Nipp	
MATH 155.1*	Advanced College Algebra	3	An appropriate score on the math placement test or MATH 150 with a C or	Synchronous*	Zoom	т,тн	2:30	3:45	Kelly Nipp
MATH 155.2*	Advanced College Algebra	3	better	Synchronous*	On Line				Kelly Nipp
MATH 210	Pre-Calculus	3	MATH 155	TBD by Students/Instructor					Kelly Nipp
MUS 250*	History of Anishinaabe Music and Dance	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	10:30	11:45	TBD
OJI 101.1*	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	1:00	2:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 101.2*	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,T,W,TH	4:00	4:50	Bob Jourdain
OJI 101.3*	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	2:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 102.1*	Speaking Ojibwe II	4	OJI 101	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	10:00	11:40	Nyleta Belgarde
OJI 102.2*	Speaking Ojibwe II	4		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,T,W,TH	1:00	1:50	Bob Jourdain
OJI 201*	Speaking Ojibwe III	4	OJI 102	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,T,W,TH	2:00	2:50	Bob Jourdain
OJI 202*	Speaking Ojibwe IV	4	OJI 201	Synchronous*	Zoom	TBD	TBD	TBD	Bob Jourdain
PHIL 200*	Indigenous American Philosophy	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	1:00	2:15	Audrey Thayer
POLSC 150*	American Government	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	10:30	11:45	Audrey Thayer
PSY 100*	General Psychology	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W	11:00	11:50	Stacie Lyon
PSY 220**	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 100	Asynchronous**	hronous** On Line			Stacie Lyon	
SOC 101.1**	Introduction to Sociology	3		Polysynchronous	Zoom	M,W	2:00	2:50	Stacie Lyon
SPCH 100.2*	Speech and Communications	3		Synchronous*	Zoom	T,TH	4:00	5:15	Audrey Thayer
TA 210*	Tribal Administration and Policy	3	Completion of 100 level Business Management core courses	Synchronous*	Zoom	M,W,F	4:00	4:50	Rob Aitken

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*Synchronous online classes are those that require students and instructors to be online at the same time. An example of a synchronous class is a live lecture that is streamed to students over the web.

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Polysynchronous classes will meet once per week via a zoom session and all other class materials will be posted in CANVAS, i.e. reading assignments, recorded lectures, tests, course modules.

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MDH Announces New Opioid Podcast Series

Free podcast provides listeners insight, hope and help

The Minnesota Department of number of Minnesotans affected Malcolm. "We need to set our Health (MDH) today announced the launch of a new podcast series, "Stories from the Field," aimed at addressing the evolving opioid epidemic.

The goals are to provide a voice to those who have experienced substance use disorder, offer resources to those helping people who use drugs make safer choices, and to illustrate the complexities of the epidemic. The podcasts host a series of experts in the health care field, as well as community leaders and others devoted to reducing the dose is a preventable death," said managed to get through it. The ing opioid crisis," said Dana Farley,

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The opioid crisis continued to escalate in 2020, with 373 overdose deaths reported in the first six months of the year. That's compared to all of 2019, where a total of 428 total Minnesotans died from an opioid overdose. Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm says the impacts of every overdose, fatal or non-fatal, are far-reaching and avoidable.

"We know that every death by over-

sights on providing support and resources to all Minnesotans who are affected by opioid use disorder, and all communities where substance use leads to personal, family, and community suffering."

The "Stories from the Field" podcast series tells real stories from real people throughout the state and are just one tool in MDH's opioid overdose prevention work. The series reveals the raw emotions of people who have battled substance misuse, lost loved ones, and



communities of color, tribal communities, the LGBTQ population, and a variety of economic backgrounds. Community advocates, medical professionals and other front-line prevention specialists discuss the problem, efforts to destigmatize substance use, and possible solutions. They all agree that recovery is possible.

"Podcasts are just one way the Injury and Violence Prevention section at MDH engages with our communities to address the emerginjury and violence prevention supervisor. "By featuring the work being done throughout the state, we hope to leave listeners with a sense of hope and that help is avail-

To listen to the podcast series, visit: Opioids: Prevention, Treatment and Community-Driven Efforts. For more information and other resources, visit MDH's Opioid Overdose Prevention page. For downloadable graphs and statistics on opioid use in Minnesota since 2000, visit the MDH Drug Overdose Dashboard.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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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 MAY 14, 2021 Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Accounting ~ Job Code: 21-065

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 21, 2021

Driver/Operator ~ Tribal Roads ~ Job Code: 21-072 Budget Team Leader ~ Accounting ~ Job Code: 21-064

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 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 Recreation & Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-032 Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-033 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 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 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 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 Receptionist/File Clerk (2) ~ Tribal Assistance ~ Job Code: 21-066 Program Accountant ~ Accounting ~ Job Code: 21-067 Office Manager Diabetes Clinic ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-073 Diabetes Nurse (RN) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-074 Help Desk ~ Management Information Systems (MIS) ~ Job Code: 21-075 Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-076 Pre School Team Leader (Cass Lake) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-077 Practice Base Coach Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-078

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NOTICE

The Leech Lake Tribal College **Board of Trustees** is seeking applications from interested Leech Lake Band members to fill one (1) vacancy in the District II community.

Criteria for the positions (can be combined)

- Demonstrate a long-term interest in education and job training
- Have a high degree of ethical standards
- Be involved in community service
- Be at least 25 years old
- Must have GED or high school diploma



Closing date is 5/14/2021

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tentative 2021 Pow Wow Schedule

Leech Lake Days June 25 - 27

Miigwech Manoomin Days (Ball Club) July 16 - 18

Onigum July 23-25

ChaChaBahning(Inger) August 27 - 29

Labor Day September 3 - 5

Battle Point September 17 - 19

Veteran's November 13

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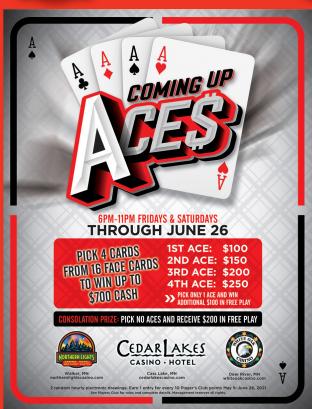
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