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Band Members gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Leech Lake Market. Page 2

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Council and Division Directors recently hosted the bands Quarterly Meeting online. Page 4

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LLBO RTC is holding it's annual Turkey and Wild Rice Distribution for Band Members. Page 11

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# The History of Native American Heritage Month

#### By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE - November marks not only election season and Thanksgiving, but also Native American Heritage Month. A celebration of all things Indigenous.

Native American Heritage month has been a recurring monthly event in November since

1915

Lawrence, Kansas

approves American

Indian Day within

the State.

April 3, 1990 when former President H.W. Bush signed a resolution declaring November "Native American Heritage Month."

On November 1, 2021 Minnesota Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan marked the start of the month with an official proclamation recognizing Tribal Communities. Flanagan, who is celebrating

her third year in office, said "Native American Heritage Month is when we acknowledge and honor the deep, rich Native American history in Minnesota and celebrate our continued existence and resistance as contemporary people. This month, and every month, I'm proud to be Indigenous."

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#### Timeline of events leading up to Native American Heritage Month as it is today

# 1924

Several States follow suit with Kansas declaring days in early September honoring America's first people.

1919

All Native Americans born in the U.S. are granted citizenship.

President Reagan signs resolution designating November 23-30 American Indian Week.

1986

President George H.W. **Bush** approves resolution designating November 1990 as 'National American Indian Heritage Month."

**1990** 

# In Acknowledgement of Treaty Boundaries, **Signs Installed Along** Minnesota Roadsides by **MNDOT**

By Kayla Duoos

1912

Dr. Parker and Boy

scouts of America

Honor of the first

set aside day in

Americans.

GRAND PORTAGE - The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) has placed road signs acknowledging 1854 treaty boundaries, with 11 more to follow.

The 1854 treaty signed by Grand Portage, Bois Forte Band, and Fond du Lac documented the transfer of ownership of the Tribes lands in northeastern Minnesota to the United States Government. In exchange for land, the tribes were given small cash payments and were guaranteed the right to continue to hunt, fish and gather on that ceded territory.

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November 1, MNDOT installed sign along Highway 61 near Grand Portage. 11 more signs will be installed marking boundaries of the 1854 Treaty signed by Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac and Grand Portage with the U.S. Photo: MN Dept. of Transportation

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# LLBO Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Leech Lake Market, Formerly Teals in Cass Lake

#### By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE - The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has taken a huge step in ensuring food sovereignty for its members.

In a public ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday October 21, the band celebrated their takeover of Teals market.

Teals market has been a staple within the community for close to 80 years and remains the largest food supplier on the reservation. Prior to the sale, Teal's Market operated ten grocery stores in three states (MN, SD and ND) and employed nearly 800 people, according to their website.

Approximately 80 employees within the Teal's organization will now come on board under the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The grocery store will be rebranded as Leech Lake market moving forward.

The rebranded Leech Lake Market will operate under the Band's business side, which includes three casinos (Northern Lights, Cedar Lakes and White Oak), Shingobee on the Bay, Leech Lake Express convenience stores and Leech Lake Supply Company. The 7.53 million acquisition further cements the Band's position as one of the area's top employers and economic driving forces.

The grocery store business will be a new venture for the tribe, and is in line with the Tribal Council's goal of expanding Tribal business beyond gaming.

"Our family has been part of the Cass Lake community for 79 years, so the decision to sell Teals Market has been and was a very tough decision, but we have decided that it is time to pass the torch." said Roger Teal, former owner of the Cass Lake store, "The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a natural fit to carry on. The Teal family would like to thank our loyal customers



Photo Above: Tribal council and community members applaud as the event concludes with the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Photo Below Left: NIGA Chair, Ernie Stevens Jr. speaks on food sovereignty. Photo Below Right: Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. speaks on the importance of the Teals acquisition.



and dedicated associates for their support over all of these years which made our success possible."

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony thanked the Teal's family directly and addressed how the purchase of the market came to light as the band searched for new venues to provide food to members last year during quarantine.

"This is a historic day. We talked about food sovereignty and food security for the first time in 2017 and the conversation came up again during quarantine and the purchase of Teals is an incredible milestone in ensuring food security for our members," said Jackson.

Food sovereignty has become a major topic for tribes throughout Indian Country as they work to address disparities in public health outcomes for indigenous people. Issues with food shortages and access were brought to the forefront during the pandemic.

"Food Sovereignty is a movement. It's a movement that's thriving in Indian Country. It's nowhere near where it needs to be, but we're going to get there and today is a giant step forward in that movement," said National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. who also spoke at the event.

Leech Lake Market will open for business at 7:00 am on Friday, October 22, 2021. Operating hours will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, open 7 days a week.



# LLBO Tribal Council Meets with Cass Lake City Council

#### By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – For the first time in a long time, the Leech Lake RTC met with the Cass Lake City Council.

The meeting took place Monday, October 18, at Cedar Lakes event center. The groups met to discuss the Tribes' recent purchase of Leech Lake Market formerly Teals, the secretarial land transfer, the St. Regis Superfund site, and community needs.



LLBO Tribal Council, Division Directors and Cass Lake City Council members pose for a brief photo following the meeting.

In attendance was the entirety of the Cass Lake City council, various LLBO Division Directors, District 3 representative Leroy Staples-Fairbanks, Secretary-Treasurer Archie Larose, and Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson.

Jackson who spoke at the event

said, "This type of collaboration is what our communities need to thrive," before opening the floor for council members to share community issues they've noticed.

The two councils are planning to meet again in the near future.

### **PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINES APPROVED FOR** 5-11 YEAR OLDS IHS eligible patients aged 5-11 years are now qualified to receive the Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine and a \$50 gift card per dose for up to \$100 per person. Available at your local tribal clinic **Ball Club** Inger 659-2764 246-2394 Bena Onigum 665-5303 547-3630 Health Matters (HD4)

Incentives are provided to those who receive their vaccine from <u>Tribal Health ONLY</u>. Those who choose to be vaccinated at IHS are not eligible to receive the incentive. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## COVID VACCINE BOOSTERS NOW OFFERED AT CASS LAKE IHS

#### By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – Booster shots for all vaccines are now available at the Cass Lake Indian hospital for LLBO employees and IHS eligible community members.

Community members who received a COVID vaccine shot six months prior are eligible.

The Moderna and Johnson/ Johnson booster shots was approved by the FDA, October 21 following studies that showed the booster shots increased the immune response in trial participants who finished their primary series 6 months earlier. Pfizer shots were approved the month prior.

IHS is offering a number of venues for community members to get their booster shots, via drive thru/ community clinics or scheduling with your regular provider. To get more information on upcoming clinics or to talk to a provider please call (218) 335-3200.

#### Heritage Month Continued

One of the earliest documented advocates of heritage month before it went to the government level, was a Seneca man named Dr. Arthur C. Parker who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y at the time. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs historical recollection, Parker convinced the "Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the First Americans" which they did for a running of 3 years from 1912 to 1915. Across the country at the same time Reverend Red Fox James also known as Red Fox Skiukusha began a 4,000-mile trek on horseback to Washington, D.C., to petition the United States for an "Indian Day." James also travelled state-to-state seeking support for U.S. citizenship to be extended to American Indians which did not happen until 9 years later in 1924. Later in 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day for the state.

The American Indian Association president at the time Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapaho Minister, also issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as US citizens. Following Kansas's lead several states followed suit in 1919 by declaring days in early September honoring America's first people. Once heritage month reached the government level it was first presented as a day of observance, then a week in 1986 due to prompts from Congress. Both law and proclamations passed by Congress recognized American Indians as the first inhabitants of the lands as well as made mentions of their contributions to the United States.

Since that time as requested by Congress, Presidents have been making proclamations yearly honoring the achievements of the American Indians. The National Congress of American Indians says this "month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to



**GG** During Native American Heritage Month, the State of Minnesota honors the vibrant and diverse Native American cultures that form part of Minnesota today. **29** 

#### MN Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan

acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges."

Biden followed the yearly tradition by releasing his proclamation of Native American history month, November first.

"Native American roots are deeply embedded in this land — a homeland loved, nurtured, strengthened, and fought for with honor and conviction. This month and every month, we honor the precious, strong, and enduring cultures and contributions of all Native Americans and recommit ourselves to fulfilling the full promise of our Nation together," said President Biden."

Lectures and events celebrating this historic month are currently happening throughout the reservation and neighboring cities.

# Quarterly Meeting Held Online, October 22, 2021

#### By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting virtually Friday, October 22.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations.

A number of resolutions concerning enrollment were passed at the meeting. These resolutions included new enrollments, ineligible enrollments, and transfers to and from the band. New employees hired in the past quarter were also introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

Last on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held online through video calls. For those who were unable to watch, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo page.

Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in January 2022.

#### **Quarterly Report Summaries**

#### **Tribal Court**

- There were 150 new cases filed between June 1, 2021 and September 2021
- The court conducted 288 hearings the past quarter and returned to full time in person hearings. Everyone was notified via the band's social media of this change.
- JDAI (juvenile detention alternative initiative) held its first in person meeting on September 10. Next meeting will be held October 15, then will be rescheduled on a quarterly basis.

#### **Tribal Development**

- Tribal development has begun work to develop a food system for LLBO.
- A master site plan for all LLBO owned properties is being developed to identify potential building sites.
- Application sent in collaboration with LLTC for US build back better plan to implement a training facility for construction/trades programs.

#### **Tribal Roads**

- Culvert has been cleaned on Oak Point Road.
- Stop ahead signs were placed on Oak Point Road entrance.
  Womack Road contract is
- Womack Road contract is going through approval process–project is expected to be completed in 2021.
   Core Leke Pike Trail hid
- Cass Lake Bike Trail bid opening was held, and paperwork has started with the winning contractor. Project will begin this year and is scheduled to be finished by summer 2022.

#### **Resource Management**

- Fish and Wildlife staff have continued maintenance on winnie pounds and other impoundments.
- DRM's wildlife biologist participated in state meetings on a new wolf management plan and meetings regarding chronic wasting disease in deer.
- Waterbird management has continued monitoring pelican island in Leech Lake.
- Wild rice worm surveys have been completed to learn about the prevalence and effects of rice worms.
- Waterfowl and Fisher den boxes were placed and continued to be monitored.
  Snowshoe hare study has
- Snowshoe hare study has entered the beginning phases of working on habitat creation and enhancement for Leech Lake, creation of habitats have been discussed over several meetings with different agencies including Chippewa national forest.
- DRM is working to develop

an agriculture office related to food sustainability.

- Enbridge line 3 continues to be a large issue and will be for the foreseeable future as the routing decision to avoid Leech Lake is currently being challenged within court.
- Removal of old line 3 within reservation boundaries is being planned and expected to take place this fall and winter.
- The Chippewa National forest MOU is currently in the process of being implemented across agencies.
- Unilateral Administrative Order for operable unit 7 of the st. the Regis superfund site was issued in spring 2021. Remedial design is anticipated in late fall.
- Superfund Site and greater Cass Lake area plan is in development, to push EPA and responsible parties to clean up the site that is in the way of city and Tribal development.
- Secretarial land transfer bill that was approved in December 2020, continues to be worked on as land is being surveyed for return.

#### **Human Services**

- Leech Lake Behavioral Health staff returned to the offices July 1, 2021. Services have been provided previously in person and via tele-health due to client preference and safety issues.
- The LLBH team is advertising for an on-call mental health practitioner and has received a few applicants.
- The traditional healing grant has placed a billboard along HWY 2 promoting Indigenous wisdom.
- Tribal Referral program has helped with 145 medical gas vouchers, 150 medical assistance checks, 39 funeral benefit applications, 157 disability applications, 161 emergency rental assistance applications and 1598 elder applications.
   Veterans service has pro
  - cessed 257 veteran assistance

#### checks to date.

• The veterans service program is also an on-going partner in the planning of a new nursing home in bemidji and a groundbreaking event was held August 26, 2021.

#### Education

- Youthbuild program is being revamped to incorporate Ojibwe language and cultural components
- Education/Disability advisory committee for early childhood will meet November 16, 2021.
- Early childhood policies and procedures were reviewed and updated following a meeting at Northern Lights July 21, and 22. They have been sent to higher ups for full approval.
- Summer food program was able to provide bagged meals Tuesday and Thursday at each site. Families were able to pick up 5 meals each day per child, bags containing an assortment of breakfast/ lunch items.
- Maajigan center opened September 22 and is now looking for teachers and trainees.

#### Housing

- Inspectors conducted 190 Unit Inspections during this reporting period.
- Project VIII has 22 houses set on foundations and 6 foundations ready for houses.
- The Modernization Department renovated 12 homes during this reporting period.

#### Health

- The health dept. has provided 854 transportation rides for clients' various medical appointments.
- The car seat program served 40 families and provided 51 car seats.
- A grant application was submitted for harm reduction in the amount of 1.4 million dollars and the grant was

#### funded.

- Onigum grief support group has started back up again.
- Red Cedar assisted living facility received updated license to operate August 6.
- Cass Lake, Onigum, and Ball Club fitness centers have now all implemented mask mandates and holds dedicated morning hours to immuno-compromised community members.
- The Environmental health program continues to complete building inspections across the Reservation.
- The environmental health program has been updating and evolving COVID-19 safety plan.
- The environmental health program is working with public works and IHS on a large community water project focused on assessing water quality across the reservation.
- The environmental health program also is a participating member of the climate adaptation team to prepare the band for climate changes.
- The Health department continues to work with Amish to pick up and distribute produce for band members, a contract is being finalized to continue to work with them next year.
- The Food distribution program has served 225 households in the last quarter.
- Weekly COVID-19 updates have been provided to division directors and Tribal council.
- Vaccinated 186 band members against COVID-19 within the last quarter

#### **Public Safety**

- Officers continue to assist in delivering food boxes.
- Public safety "pets for life" grant program coordinated with Walking Shield to provide animal care services including vaccination clinics in Inger, Bena, Ball Club, Sugar Point, Onigum and Cass Lake.

# **Tribal Council Quarterly Reports**

#### Secretary / Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose

Governmental Activities Secretary/Treasurer's Summary *Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Friday October 22, 2021* 

June 30 marked the end of our fiscal year. Our year-end financial projection is that we will end with a \$7 million surplus in the General Fund. After our books are closed for yearend audit adjustments, we will have a definite number to report. The General Fund revenues were down due to the Casinos partial re-opening and recovery from the initial shut-down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to cover this shortage, the General Fund reserves were utilized to maintain the programs and continue service for our Band Members.

There were some opinions and questions about the RBC Wage Adjustment and Hazard Pay.

#### **RBC Wage Adjustment**

In 2020, the Leech Lake RBC had approved a salary adjustment for the Tribal Council. The reasoning for the salary adjustment was because the Tribal Council had not seen a salary adjustment in 12 years. According to the MCT, individual Band(s), the Leech Lake RBC was one of the lowest paid Tribal Councils. LLRBC Member's salaries were increased by \$10.00 per hour across the board beginning September 2020. This is equivalent to a cost of living adjustment of .83 cents per hour over the past 12 years. This measure was passed around the same time that we approved a Salary/Wage Scale for all of our government employees which automatically increases wages for all employees each year.

#### Hazard Pay

Hazard pay was initially approved by the Federal and State of Minnesota governments for their critical essential workers that risked their lives to provide their citizens emergency services: such as health

care, public safety, sanitation, emergency home repairs and other services provided or deemed critical by the individual Tribal governments. The Cares Act had appropriated funding for hazard pay and personal protective equipment. In 2020, the Leech Lake Tribal Council approved the hazard pay for all employees that worked during the Public COVID-19 Health Emergency. All of the Leech Lake Tribal Council members also received the hazard pay.

Cares Act revenues were utilized for the stimulus payments that were distributed in August and December of last year. The second allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was received on August 16, 2021, bringing the total amount received to \$81,734,350. Tribal Council agreed and approved that 30% of the ARPA funds that were received would be given back to Band Members in the form of direct economic stimulus payments. The first amount that was approved was \$1,375.00. These payments started being distributed on August 2nd, 2021, and remain open for Band Members to apply for the payments. At the time that Tribal Council approved the 30% to be allocated as direct economic stimulus payments, we were only estimating on receiving about \$72 million. After receiving around \$10 million more than what was expected, Tribal Council is reviewing and potentially increasing the amount that will be distributed to Band Members in August 2022 to \$1,700.00 total to make the 30% that was approved.

This past year we paid out approximately \$510 thousand in payments to enrolled band members reaching the age of 18. We allocated the annual \$250 contribution to the Minor's Trust account in December 2020. An additional \$250 was contributed to each Minor's account in August 2021. These same contributions will take place in December 2021 and August 2022. These allocations come out of the Band's General Fund as this is not an allowable expenditure for Cares Act or ARPA funds. Statements were mailed out for each minor in August 2021. There have been about 400 statements returned due to incorrect addresses. To ensure that these statements are received please make sure to update addresses with the Enrollment office.

The FY22 budget is currently being developed and the Tribal Council needed to pass a continuing spending resolution in order to comply with the Band's Budget Ordinance. The Council also passed emergency spending allocations for ARPA revenues to fund the stimulus payments that were distributed on August 2, 2021. The second payment will be distributed starting August 2, 2022. The Council also passed emergency spending allocations for ARPA revenues to fund Premium Pay for employees that worked through the COVID-19 Pandemic and Personal Leave Payouts for employees that were unable to utilize their vacation hours. These payments were distributed on September 2, 2021. We are planning on holding public hearings for the FY22 budget in the near future. These meetings will be held via zoom in order to allow for more participation and will be announced well in advance to ensure we have as much public input and comments as possible.

## Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations

Quarter Ending September 2021

#### Revenue

Total revenue through August 2021 totaled \$24.1 million compared to prior year which totaled \$17 million. Revenue increased by approximately \$7 million compared to the previous fiscal year. Although revenue had been impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic in fiscal year 2021, we have seen a significate increase in fiscal year 2022 to get us back to trending upwards in revenue.

#### Expenses

Total expenses through August 2021 were approximately \$15. 8

#### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

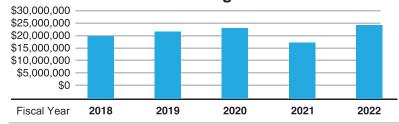
ARPA – US Treasury (1 <sup>st</sup> Payment – received on 3/3/2021)	47,000,213.00
ARPA – US Treasury (2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment – received on 8/16/2021)	34,734,136.88
Other ARPA programs	17,163,106.00

(ARPA – The Band's administration is currently working on a budget for these revenues. Economic Stimulus, Premium Pay, and Personal Leave Payouts are the only items that have been paid for out of these funds so far.)

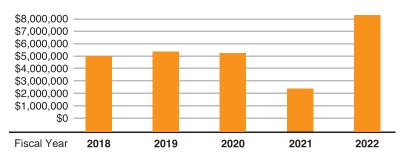
Total ARPA – Revenues Only

98,897,455.88





Net Profit 5-Year Comparison YTD Ending 8/31



million, which is roughly an increase of \$1.1 million compared to August 2020. Through August 2021, Cost of Sales equaled \$3.8 million, Payroll totaled \$6.1 million and Operating expenses were approximately \$5.9 million. We are seeing an increase this fiscal year in Operating expenses and Cost of sales compared to previous year, which is to be expected as we closed operation for a period of time in 2020. While we see an increase in other expenses, we are seeing a decrease in Payroll expense, due to reduce operations and labor shortage.

#### Net Profit O

Net profit for the period ending August 2021 totaled \$8.3 million

compared to the prior year of \$2.3 million. That is an increase of approximately \$6 million when comparing this year to last year.

#### Forecast

While revenues have seen a significant increase, it is expected to reach a point where revenues will no longer continue its trend upward due to reduced stimulus and inflationary economic pressures. Revenues are expected to start to level out or potentially decline due to the decrease in government stimulus. Expenses will be continually monitored, but with the expectation of revenue to eventually plateau or possibly return to normal levels, net profit will be proportionately affected.

# New Cost Waiver Program at U of M Campuses Available for Qualifying Indigenous Students

#### By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – The University of Minnesota will offer free or reduced tuition to Native American students attending its five campuses starting next fall.

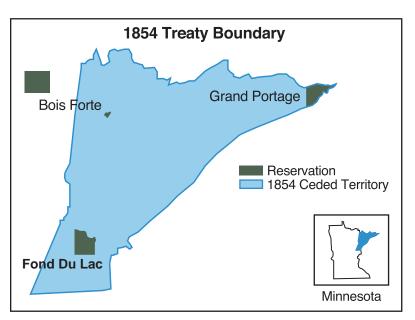
The cost waiver program which previously was offered only at the Morris campus, now will be expanded to all five campuses, to also include Duluth, Rochester, Crookston and the Twin Cities.

"For 170 years, our University has focused attentively on the needs of all Minnesotans. Today we are taking a positive step forward in addressing the needs of indigenous peoples with a history that predates this state and institution—a step I sincerely hope will have a lasting impact on Tribal communities," said Crookston Duluth Morris Twin Cities Rochester

University President Joan Gabel.

The program which is catered to state enrolled band members will provide a scholarship covering full U of M tuition at the Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester or Twin Cities campus for first-year or Tribal college transfer undergraduate students with an annual family income under \$75,000. Students

#### ▶ 1854 Treaty Continued



The Grand Portage tribe initially asked for signs recognizing the treaty boundaries 11 years ago. The Bois Forte and Fond du Lac bands followed with their own formal requests.

"It is something that was long overdue," said Grand Portage Chairman Robert Deschampe.

"When people enter the 1854 Treaty area, they will know where they are and, hopefully, educate themselves about treaties."

The first sign is located on southbound Minnesota Highway 61, just south of the Canadian border and entrance to Grand Portage State Park. from higher-earning families (up to \$125,000 annually) will be eligible to receive highly discounted tuition through the program, as much as 80 to 90 percent.

In addition to being citizens of one of the 11 Tribal Nations, qualifying students must come to the University straight from high school or transfer from a Minnesota-based Tribal college. The program will support undergraduate, degree-seeking students who must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and maintain full-time enrollment, as well as a 2.0 or better cumulative grade-point average.

Community members interested in the program can visit the "Native American Promise Tuition" program webpage on the U of M website for more information.

The additional 11 signs will be placed on the following state highways that also cross the 1854 Treaty boundary:

- Highway 53 (near Cook)Highway 169 (near
- Chisholm)
- Highway 37 (near Hibbing airport)
- Highway 2 (near Floodwood).Highway 210 (near
- Tighway 210 (in Tamarack)
- Highway 27 (west of Moose Lake)
- Highway 65 (west of Sturgeon Lake)
- Highway 65 (west of Sturgeon Lake)
- Interstate 35 (near Sturgeon Lake)
- Highway 23 (near Duquette)
- U.S. Highway 53 (entering Duluth from Superior)

MNDOT worked with the Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation, which is made up of 11 tribal officials representing tribal nations in Minnesota, to acknowledge land ceded by tribal governments by treaties.

# Upcoming Holidays prompt CDC to release updated Public Health Recommendations

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – The CDC has released new public health recommendations for celebrating Thanksgiving and Black Friday amidst the pandemic.

#### Here are safer ways to celebrate the holidays:

#### **Generally:**

- Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
- Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
- Outdoors is safer than indoors.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

#### **Traveling:**

If you are considering traveling for a holiday or event, visit CDC's Travel page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. CDC still recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated.

- If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, follow CDC's domestic travel or international travel recommendations for unvaccinated people.
- If you will be traveling in a group or family with unvaccinated people, choose safer travel options.
- Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is required to wear a mask on public transportation and follow international travel recommendations.

#### Special considerations:

- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated and have received an additional dose. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
- If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.
- · Do NOT put a mask on children younger than 2 years old.

If you participated in higher risk activities or think that you may have been exposed during your Thanksgiving celebration, take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to protect others, such as staying home as much as possible, avoid individuals who are more susceptible to infection or getting tested.

If you are notified that you were a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please quarantine, contact your nearest health provider and monitor for symptoms of coronavirus. Get information about COVID-19 testing if you feel sick.

# Minnesota COVID-19 update: November

#### By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS - A huge vaccine push has dominated this past month within the state.

As of October 21, vaccine boosters were approved for all 3 market vaccines, as well as initial shots for children aged 5-11. Parents can get their kids vaccinated at pharmacies and health care clinics.

State public health leaders continue to emphasize that Minnesota's COVID-19 numbers are stuck at relatively high levels and another surge is possible due to the high number of unvaccinated residents particularly in the northern half of the state.

They continue to plead with Minnesotans to stay vigilant against the disease and get vaccinated if eligible as that remains the leading foundation in cutting covid numbers.

A look at the numbers as of November 8: The Minnesota Department of

Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 815,008. Of them, nearly 781,378 no longer require isolation.

The state's death toll is now at 8,828 with 4,795 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

Health officials say approximately 13,868,886 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 1268 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.



can now get vaccinated.



Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. and Secretary Treasurer Archie LaRose were among the MN Tribal Leaders who joined Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan in the signing of the new bill that aims to strengthen Tribal and State Relations. Photo: Office of Governor & Lt. Governor

# **Governor Walz Holds Ceremonial Bill Signing** for Codification of Tribal Consultation

#### Submitted by Claire Lancaster, Walz Press Office

ST. PAUL – Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan today held a ceremonial bill signing with tribal leaders, community members, and legislators in honor of the Minnesota First Special Session Chapter 14, HF 9, Article 11, Section 5, affirming the Government-To-Government Relationship with Tribal Governments.

We are working every day to ensure that state government works in a different, better way. A way that understands and honors tribal sovereignty. A way

that allows more consistent and productive coordination and communication between state agencies and tribal nations," said Governor Walz. "This bill codifies that vision into law, providing a path that fosters better results for all Minnesotans across the state for years to come."

"For far too long, state government has not worked with or for Native people - the Governor and I are committed to changing that, for the long term," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "I am filled with gratitude for the friendship and partnership from tribal leaders, from legislators, and from community voices that got this bill across the finish line and into state law. Today is a historic, important step for the future of tribal state relations in Minnesota."

This bill codifies government to government relations and consultation in the spirit of Executive Order 19-24 into Minnesota state law. The law affirms tribal sovereignty; requires state agencies to appoint tribal-state liaisons and recognize the unique legal relationship between the State of Minnesota; and mandates tribalstate relations training for state leaders and employees.



# White House Issues Executive Order on Strengthening TCUs

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden issued an executive order today entitled "The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities." The order underscores the importance of respecting tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and the self-determination of Native nations. At the same time, the president recognized the federal government's role in past assimilation policies-including boarding schools-and their adverse effects on Native peoples.

The executive order comes at a critical time, illuminating how the COVID-19 pandemic has "amplified long-standing educational inequities that disproportionally affect Native American communities and burden Native American students." Accordingly, the president stressed the need to support educational opportunities, espe-



cially TCUs. "These institutions are integral and essential to tribal communities," the order states. "Their foundation, tradition, and mission are unique, and their cultural grounding is invaluable to providing high-quality education and successful outcomes for Native American students."

In section two of the executive order, the president outlines the

goals of the initiative, including uncovering systemic causes of educational inequities, improving data collection, expanding educational access, supporting cultural preservation, consulting regularly with tribes and tribal educational leaders, and building partnerships, among several other goals. The order supersedes a 2011 executive order issued during the Obama administration.

# Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

#### Words and sentences list November

- A. Minomaate gegoo. Awegonen gaa-ozhitooyan?
- B. Gabe-giizhig injiibaakwe. Ningii-pakwezhiganike. Giigoonyag gaye ingii-saasogokwaanaag.
- A. Something smells good cooking. What did you make?
- B. I have been cooking all day. I baked bread. I also fried fish.

#### A. Giizhide na?

- B. Eya'. Gibakade na?
- A. Is it done cooking?
- B. Yes. Are you hungry?

#### A. Nimbakade apane.

- B. Nawadinan onaagan. Daga namadabin. Niibowamagad miijim.
- A. I am always hungry.
- B. Grab a plate. Please sit. There is a lot of food.

#### A. Miigwech miijim.

- B. Mii go iw. Wiisinidaa. Daga biidinan zhiiwitaagan miinawaa gaa-wiisagang.
- A. Thank you for the food.
- B. Good. Let Õeat. Please pass the salt and pepper.

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			Ginitaa- ojibwem ina? Do you know how to speak Ojibwe?	<b>Eya'.</b> Yes.	<b>Bangii eta go.</b> Only a little bit.	<b>Giga-waabamin.</b> I will see you.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Giga-waabamin miinawaa.</b> I will see you again.	<b>Giga-waabamin naagaj.</b> I will see you later.	Niminwendam waabaminaan miinawaa. I am glad to see you again.	<b>Mino-giizhigad.</b> It is a nice day.	<b>Mino-giizhigad ina?</b> Is it a nice day?	Aaniin ezhinikaadeg o'o ojibwemong? How is this called in Ojibwe?	<b>Aaniin ekidong o'o</b> ojibwemong? How is this said in Ojibwe?
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Aaniin ezhi- ayaayan?</b> How are you?	<b>Nimino-ayaa</b> . I am fine.	Giin dash? And you?	<b>Gaye niin</b> nimino-ayaa. I am fine too.	Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajiing? How is the weather outside?	<b>Zoogipon.</b> It is snowing.	<b>Gisinaamagad.</b> It is cold.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Ganabaj wii- soogipon.</b> Perhaps it will snow.	Zoogipon giiwe giiwedinong ikidowag. They say it is snowing up north.	<b>Biboong iko</b> aadizookem. Winter is storytelling time.	<b>Asemaa gimiinin.</b> I am giving you tobacco.	<b>Daga</b> aadizooken. Please tell a story.	<b>Bizindan iw</b> gagiikwewin. Listen to the advice.	<b>Nibaa-anama'e- giizhigad.</b> Christmas.
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Gichi-gisinaa</b> <b>noongom.</b> It is very cold today.	Gii-soogipon dibikong. It snowed last night.	<b>Anangoog</b> <b>bagakiwaazakonewag.</b> The stars are bright.	Mii na gwayak? Is that right?	<b>Mii gwayak.</b> That is right.	<b>Niminwendaan</b> ojibwemoyaan. Hike to speak Ojibwe.	

#### **OJIBWEMOWIN ZHAAGANAA\$HIIMOWIN** bakwezhigan bread doodooshaaboo-bimide butter zhiiwitaagan salt qaa-wiisaqanq pepper bakade She/he is hungry. wiisini She/he is eating. miijim, wiisiniwin food onaaqan plate onaaqaans cup badaka'iqan fork emikwaanens spoon mookomaan knife ozisinaaqane She/he sets the table. debisinii She/he has enough to eat, is full.

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> Developed by Camille Naslund, Ed.D., Niigaane Program Coordinator/Teacher



#### By Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

The Three Sisters was an agricultural practice by Native Americans in North America. Corn, beans, and squash make up the 3 sisters and when planted

ters and when p together they support one another and thrive. The 3 sisters were s t a p l e s a m o n g s t the Native American diet prewesternization. Together when prepared

as such, this meal provides a nutritionally adequate diet that is low in fat and calories, and high in fiber and nutrients; Corn (Grain), Beans (Protein), Squash (Vegetable) and Fruit (tomatoes).

(1) Nutritionally, pinto

beans are a good source of plant protein, a fiber powerhouse, and loaded with antioxidants. Beans are recommended at every meal by the American

Institute

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Butternut

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low-calorie, fiber-rich

winter squash may help

you lose weight. Plus, it's

versatile and easily added

to both sweet and savory

dishes. Red peppers are an

excellent source of vita-

min C, especially the rip-

est peppers, which are red.

Peppers are also a good source of vitamin A, C, and fiber. Bell peppers also have antioxidant properties, which may help to protect against diseases such as cardiovascular disease and some cancers.

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For more recipes and resources on this delicious stew contact Chyrle or Josh at the Leech Lake Diabetes Clinic @ 218-335-4511 or stop by.

### **3 Sisters Stew**

1 butternut Squash <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon of onion powder <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon of smoked paprika 1 cup of light vegetable broth or water 1 yellow onion, chopped 3 garlic cloves, minced 1 bell pepper, cut into <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch dice 1 (14 oz) can of diced tomatoes 2 cups frozen or fresh corn kernels 2 teaspoons of ground cumin 2 teaspoons of chili powder 1 teaspoon of dried oregano Ground black pepper ¼ cup minced parsley or cilantro

1 small hot chile seeded and minced, or 1(4oz) can salt free chopped mild green chiles, drained

3 cups of cooked or 2 cans of pinto beans (rinsed and drained)

#### **Directions**:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F
- 2. Scrape out seeds and fibers from the squash, then cut the squash into 1½ dice. Evenly spread the diced squash in a single layer on the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with the onion powder and paprika; then roast in the oven for about 45 minutes, or until just tender but not completely soft. (you should be able to pierce through a piece of squash with a knife and get a little resistance). Set aside.
- 3. Heat the light vegetable broth in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, bell pepper, and chile and continue to cook until the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes longer. Stir in the tomatoes with their liquid, pinto beans, corn, cumin, chili powder, and oregano. Season with ground black pepper to taste. Add the roasted squash and bring to a simmer. Cover and simmer gently until all the vegetables are tender and the flavors have developed, about 20 minutes. The stew should be thick, but if it thickens too much, add a little more broth or water. Just before serving stir in the cilantro. Taste and adjust the seasonings, if needed. Serve hot.

# BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS 👘



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School was fortunate to host Dan Ninham to work with our students on various Indigenous games.

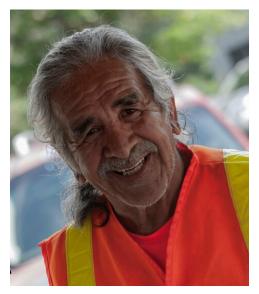
Shown in the photo on the left is the dreamcatcher activity. The image looks like a dreamcatcher and we talk about the good dreams going through the open spaces and not so good dreams getting caught in the ropes that are crossing. Students are pictured with their Phy. Ed. Teacher, George Jones. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig 12<sup>th</sup> graders provided a fun-filled hour for each of the elementary classes on Friday, October 29, with Halloween themed activities, a spooky maze, and treats. The high school students also had an hour of fun activities and treats provided by the H.S. staff.



Roberto "Bobby" Rodriguez



Roberto "Bobby" Rodriguez, age 76, formerly of Minneapolis, MN. Began his journey from Essentia Health- Miller Dwan Hospital in Duluth, MN on January 18, 2021. Bobby was born of February 7, 1944 in Minneapolis to Kenneth Jose Rodriguez and Betty Petra Moreno-Rodriguez.

Bobby is survived by: Life-Partner of 39 years-Sharon Wilson, Children, Shawn Rodriguez (Stephanie), Scott Burton (MaryBeth), Mark Karos (Jenny), Bobby Rodriguez Jr, Katy Parkhurst, Amy Parkhurst Regguinti (Shanah), Michelle Wilson, Elizabeth Rodriguez (Luke Grossman), Petra Rodriguez, Valerie Rodriguez (James Jones).

Preceded by: Mother- Betty Petra Moreno Rodriguez, Father-Kenneth Jose Rodriguez, Siblings- Kenneth Rodriguez Jr., Rudy Rodriguez, Estella Rodriguez, Granddaughters- Valerie Rae Brown, Niinimoshe Grossman.

Bobby was truly one of a kind. His energetic spirit was very uplifting with his contagious smile and generous heart. He made you feel loved, welcomed, protected and never hesitated to help in any way. Bobby was a hardworking man that never complained about a thing. His upbeat personality had him dancing through life with every footstep. Even at the age of 76, Bobby was quick on his feet. You could never sneak up on him. His guard was always up and ready to give you one of his infamous combos. He was loved by many and will always be remembered as everyone's "Papa". Two of his proudest accomplishments was winning the Golden Gloves Upper Midwest Championship at the age of 15 in 1959 and being ringside helping coach his brother Rafael's fight with Sugar Ray Leonard in 1978. Bobby began his boxing career at the age of 10, as he wanted to follow his brother Kenny's footsteps. Bobby was very successful in his amateur and professional boxing career and left an impression in both divisions. The bulk of his professional career took place in Los Angeles, California, during which he was the 10 ranked featherweight in the world for a period of time. He won 20 consecutive fights before losing for the first time. He ended his professional career in 1977 with a record of 24 wins – 11TKO's – 2 draws – 10 Losses. He continued to be active in the boxing community, coaching young boxers with the Leech Lake Boxing Club for many years. He was later recognized for his success and was inducted into the Minnesota Boxing Hall of Fame in 2014. There are many that will remember Bobby for his success in boxing and many that will remember him for his dedication to the Leech Lake Community Pow Wow's as their grounds keeper.

Pallbearers: Corey Rodriguez, Dan "Fudd" Wilson, Danny "Taco" Ruiz, Kenneth "Tito" Rodriguez, Luke Grossman, Nate Seelye Sr., Romondo Papsadora Sr., James Jones.

Honorary Pallbearers: All of Bobby's siblings, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

# Mark Libby

Mark Libby Banks was born on July 19, 1932 in Onigum, Minnesota, on the Leech Lake Reservation, in Anishinabe Territory. The son of Frank Dick and Annie Banks, Mark's traditional Ojibwe name was Ogemahwahjewabe, and he was a proud member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. He endured Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools in Pipestone, Minn., and Flandreau, South Dakota, then served in the United States Air Force.

Mark attended Brown Institute in Minneapolis and became a successful disc jockey, opening radio stations across the Midwest. His distinctive on-air presence, endless sense of humor, intelligence and articulate voice allowed him to cross over into acting in television and film, and Mark moved to Southern California. Under the



stage name Johnny West, he got his start from legendary comedian Jonathan Winters, and Mark's TV credits include "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Barney Miller," and "The Bob Newhart Show." He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

As a savvy, seasoned broadcast journalist, and the older brother of American Indian Movement cofounder Dennis Banks, Mark delivered the true, behind-the-scenes stories of the Wounded Knee occupation of 1973 to the mainstream media, facilitating multicultural understanding, and celebrity support for the Native side of the story. Mark loved to enlighten and educate people on Native issues, and traveled to the United Kingdom, where he spoke in Parliament.

Mark loved singing with a big band, playing basketball, baseball and cribbage, and traveling. Most of all, Mark loved to make people laugh - and he was legendary at it. He is survived by daughters Lori Kuester (Charlie), and Wishelle Banks; a son, Todd Dale Banks; a sister, Charlotte Banks Wagner; three grandchildren: Dawn Roethler; Ryan Roethler (Dawn Willingham Roethler); Gia Banks; and 3 great-grandchildren: Ashleigh; Andrew; and Jude; many beloved nieces and nephews, and his longtime love, Cherie Leni. He was also loved by those who knew him as "Papa Mark" – Jody, Wayne, Sunday, Lars, Cherie, Steve, Dion, Franco, Brennen, Jade, Jaclyn, Mike, Tristan, Emma, Ean, McKenzie, Nathaniel, Elijah, Jason, Kevyon, Natalia, Gianna, Gabriel, Mia, Dion, Giovanne, Berlin, Alyla, and Wilder. Mark was a proud member of the Church of Christ, and loved Jesus, and the Bible.

Mark made his journey to the spirit world on Tues., August 24, 2021, in Deer River, Minn. A private burial service will be held August 28 at Battle Point Cemetery; at a later date, the family will gather for a celebration of Mark's life. He was a sweet, kind, intelligent, generous, highly-accomplished, hilarious and happy man. Mark will be forever missed by his family, friends, and sweetheart ... he has earned his Eternal Salvation, and rests in the arms of God.

# Barbara Staples



Barbara Louise Staples, 70, of Cass Lake, MN, the last of 11 brothers and sisters, died Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji.

Funeral Services will be held at Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin 5:00pm, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Fairbank's Mission Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji

She was born on December 21, 1950, the baby of 11 children, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Charles Robert Staples Sr. from Onigum, MN, and Margaret Charwood Staples from Squaw Lake, MN. Barb grew up around the Mission area until her family moved to Minneapolis in 1970. Barbara had her daughter Mary Elizabeth in 1968, who gave her her only Grandson Marcus Staples. She had her son Jeremy in 1972, her only son. Barb was also Godmother to Karen Staples. Barb met Jim Crandall around 1980 and spent the rest of her life with him. Barb and Jim traveled a lot and had almost 40 years of blissful safety meetings together.

Barbara joins her parents Charles and Maggie, son Jeremy Perleberg, siblings Charles Robert Jr., Betty Ann, Delores, Catherine "Mish", Cecelia M., Roberta J., Samuel James Sr., Naomi S., Richard "Dick," Patrick L., numerous nephews and nieces.

Barb leaves behind her only daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Johnny Rimerez) Staples of Cass Lake, MN, God Daughter Karen "Hopper" (David Swanholm) Staples of Fargo, ND, Significant Other Jim Crandall of Cass Lake, MN, and her fur baby Daisy.

Active Casketbearers will be: Jim Kingbird, Richard Smith Sr., Curtis "Koolah" Brown, Rob Adams Sr., Dennis Staples, Thomas Adams, David Swanholm, with Alternates: Roger Davis, Christopher Cross, Justin Littlewolf Jr., Michael "Julio" Staples, and Dennis Staples Sr.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Deb Adams, Jim Crandall, Carol Kelly Staples, Karen "Hopper" Staples, Deanna Wind, Cheryl Staples, Patty Kingbird, Brenda Morrow, Kimberly Adams, and Jenna Adams.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Lisa Hively



Lisa Hively, April 16, 1966-October 23, 2021, Age 55, peacefully passed away on October 23rd, 2021 at her home with her family and fur baby Musschief, by her side. Lisa will forever be remembered by her mother, Kathleen Meyer : children, Alexandra Cox and Son-in-law Brandon, Halston Puett and his wife Jessy; 3 grandsons, Jacob , Blake, and Landyn; sister Tammy Cox and her husband Dale; brother Les Finstad and his wife Lorna.

Lisa was very proud of her Ojibwe heritage and truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; playing bingo, being an animal, shopping, going to the casinos and making new friends everywhere she went. She had a bubbly and friendly personality that always made people laugh with all her jokes. She will be deeply missed by all that knew her. She had a traditional Native American Traveling ceremony performed and her ashes will be scattered in Minnesota with private family ceremony at a later date.

# The 2021 Annual RTC Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution will take place on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 for all on / near LLBO reservation sites

## LLBO Minneapolis will take | LLBO Duluth will take place place on November 20 10am - 6pm

on November 21 **I2pm - 4pm** 

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202 W 2nd St.

Duluth, MN 55802

Turkey Distribution for DI, DII, DIII: Wed, Nov.17 10am-6pm

Turkey Distribution for TCO: Sat, Nov.20 10am-6pm | Turkey Distribution for Duluth: Sun, Nov.21 12pm-4pm

**D1** Distribution Areas: **D2** Distribution Areas: **D3 Distribution Areas:** TCO / Duluth **Ball Club Community** Bena Community Center. Bemidji Rail River School, **Distribution Areas:** Center and Inger Sugar Point Community **Onigum Community** Twin Cities Office **Community Center** Center and Kego Lake Center and Old Palace 2438 South 27th Ave. **Community Center** Building Cass Lake Minneapolis, MN

## Elders, if you need your turkeys delivered please contact your local LIC. Miigwech!



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Also be sure to "like" us on Facebook by visiting: www.facebook.com/Leech LakeBandofOjibwe

# **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

Submitted by Jerry Morgan

"The Morgan Family Cemetery" is **NOT** a public place - cemetery. Area Funeral programs have been notified that families will be charged with trespassing. Families look elsewhere! Elmer Morgan, resident off Highway 371, Oak Point Rd.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Robyn Adams & Derrick Harper Jr Court File No. CP-20-26 NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for January 19th, 2022 at 11:30AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Dakota Moses and Ryan Nabors

#### Court File No. CP-21-18

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for December 13th, 2021 at 10:00AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

and enter an order against you.

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

Christopher Finn Sr., Petitioner, v. Joseph White Sr., Respondent.

Case No. CV-21-140

#### NOTICE

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RE-SPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

#### NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING RE-OUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DIS-MISSED:

 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT HARASS THE PETITIONER.
 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH

# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS, BY TELE-PHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIB-ITED FROM BEING WITHIN 300 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANC-TIONS BY THE COURT.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In Re: Estate of: Marian Mae Molash, DOB: 06/14/1954, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-87

#### NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Marian Mae Molash, died July 30, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief 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 12th, day of August, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

> NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 12, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Julian

Molash PO Box 575 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian Mae Molash, 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: LizBeth Rose Bowstring, DOB: 12/18/1957, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-97

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Liz-Beth Rose Bowstring, died July 17, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the abovenamed Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 20th, day of July, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Leslie A. Bowstring-Reece, surviving sister of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hear-

ing held on July 20, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Leslie Bowstring-Reece, 22259 Kent Lane Grand Rapids, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of LizBeth Rose Bowstring, decedent.

Honorable Paul W. Day Chief Judge of Tribal Court

Honorable Amber Ahola Associate Judge of Tribal Court

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: Colleen Frances Hess-Mitchell, DOB: 09/30/1955,Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-121

#### NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed decedent, Colleen Frances Hess-Mitchell, died August 23, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the abovenamed Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 25th, day of August, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 25th, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Joshua Hess 9317 Ghe We Zance Ln. Remer, MN 56672 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Colleen Hess-Mitchell, 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: Della Mae Kingbird, DOB: 09/23/1943, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-122

#### NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Della Mae Kingbird, died January 12th, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the abovenamed Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 21st, day of October, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Diane Kingbird, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 21st, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Jordan Wind, 16757 69th Ave. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Della Mae Kingbird, 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 Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Melissa Wakonabo and Henry Wakonabo

Court File No. CP-21-16

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled in the next sixty (60) days in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Vanessa White

#### Court File No. CP-21-17

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for November 29 at 11:30AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Heather Te-John, parent and Any Man As Father

Court File No. CP-19-19

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent and any man holding himself out to be the father. A trial has been scheduled for February 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/ or a copy of the documents. The Court's 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.

#### DEBAHJIMON

Debahjimon can be found at the following locations: **District I** Ball Club Comm. Center White Oak Casino Cenex Station Max Mart Inger Comm. Center Deer River School

#### **District II**

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Bena Community Center Bena Store Sugar Point Comm. Center Kego Lake Comm. Center

#### **District III**

Cass Lake Rest Area Che We Station Leech Lake RTC Tribal Justice Center Facility Center Dairy Queen Cass Lake IHSe Cass Lake Dental Clinic **Teals Grocery Store** Shell Station **Diabetes** Clinic Woman's Halfway House White Earth Office Child Welfare Office Financial Services Woman's Services **Opioid** Clinic Leech Lake DRM **MCT** Headquarters Cass Lake-Bena H.S. Cedar Lakes Casino Leech Lake Gaming **Junction Station** Leech Lake Tribal College Men's Halfway House Leech Lake Health Division **RBC** Building

Leech Lake Health Divis RBC Building Tribal Development Leech Lake Housing

#### Bemidji

Sanford Center Box Office Tesoro Station Bemidji Public Library Social Services Building Federal Building LLBO Health Clinic Bemidji State Univ. AIRC Northwest OIC Oshki Manidoo Center Simonson's Station Wal-Mart Tesoro Station

The Debahjimon is a free, monthly publication.

#### District III Elder Birthdays

December

Debra Adams Yvonne Amundson **James Baker** Vernon Barsness Beverly Beaulieu Carol Blue Sharon Brown Arlen Buckanaga **Robert Budreau** Leroy Campbell **Edward Chase** Valerie Chase Llovde Dahl Rowa Donovan Loretta Duncanson Cheryl Dunn Sherry Elmberg Delores Fairbanks Johnny Fairbanks Kathryn Fairbanks Priscilla Fairbanks Jennifer French Cvnthia Gale **Claircy Gonzales** Coleen Gullickson Howard Hardy Ronald Hare

Douglas Harrison Loren Howard Lorie Howard Rosetta Howard Teri Howard Vikki Howard Wallace Humphrey Patricia Jackson Carol Jenkins Chervl Johnson Nancy Johnson Annabel Kingbird Margery Kumalae Helen Lindemann Francis Littlewolf **Roselie Lovelace** Kim Lucero Jeffrey Lyons Deborah MacKinnon Larry Madigan Arthur Mainville Betty McCormack Jerry Morgan Tracy Morrow James Nason Jay Nordmarken Russell Northbird Vernon Northbird

**Jeffrev Harper** 

#### From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Roberta Olson Lawrence Otto **Jacqueline** Peltier Barbara Perleberg Teresa Persell Jerry Reyes Carol Rober Debbi Roberts Larry Robinson Bernard Rock Eugene Rock Lianne Ryan **Dewayne Smith** George Smith John Smith Samuel Smith Alexander Stolitza Wallace Storbakken Victoria White Nancy Whitebird Gloria Wilson Gregory Wright Ricky Wuori Todd Wuori

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

# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE DULUTH OFFICE TRIBAL ID CARDS

#### WHEN

Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:00am-5:00pm Lunch Break 1:00pm-1:30pm

#### WHERE

AICHO/Gimaajii Building 202 W 2nd Street Duluth, MN 55802

<sup>\*</sup>ID printing will be in the LLBO Duluth Office

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LLBO DULUTH OFFICE: (218) 481-7412 OR LEECH LAKE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT: BOBBI (218) 335-3601 TAMMY (218) 335-3602 MEMBERS OF The leech lake Band (Age 14+)

MUST PROVIDE ONE ITEM BELOW MN Identification Card Valid Drivers License Social Security Card Certified Birth Certificate

#### FEES:

First card is free Duplicate cards are \$15 After issued, cards will be valid for four (4) years

#### METHODS OF PAYMENT: Cash Check Money order

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders November Birthdays

## **District** I

Gerald Bowstring Gary Charwood Sr. Donna Cloud Williams Evers Jr. Candace Gotchie Edward Gotchie Charles Grauman Lorayne Harper Selma Jackson Simon Jackson Mabel Roy Ralph Schaaf Elizabeth Wakanobo Lucille White Shannon White Donald Wilson Mary Wilson

From the District | Office Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiiw

# 🚛 🔧 District III\* 🐎

Rodney Allen Bonnie Beaulieu Sharon Bebeau-Cavitt John Bedeau William Bedeau Willis Burnette **Evelyn** Campbell Sheryl Charwood Janet Cloud Eleanor Craven George Donnell Dean Elmberg Anita Fahlstrom Kenneth Fahlstrom Donald Fairbanks John Fairbanks Jerome Finn Glen Fisher Mary Goggleye Russell Goggleye

Charles Hanson Kerry Harper Shari Headbird Peter Hunt Debra Jackson Kenneth Johnson Marlene Johnson Karen Jones Connie Littlewolf Roselyn Loeken Vincent Lowry Andrea Lyons Darlene Monroe Cynthia Morris Peter Morris **Terrence** Morris Eugen Northbird Suzanne Northbird Steven O'Brien Clayton Oothoudt Ethelyn Peacock

Joseph Plumer **Richard Raish Robert Randall** Walter Reese Winona Richardson Jeffrey Riewer Mary Rober Kathleen Roy James Samuelson Jeffrey Sande Angela Sayers Rowa Sherer Linda TeJohn Lana Tucker Kerri Wakefield Carol White Lyman White Mary White Timothy White Robin Windom

**District II** 

Bruce Bobolink

Clarice Rockboy-White

Franklin Bowstring

Winona Richardson

James Samuelson

Genevieve Chase

From the District II Office

Steve, Lindsey, &

Michelle

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari \*all coupons must be used within Birthday Month\*

# 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 NOVEMBER 12. 2021

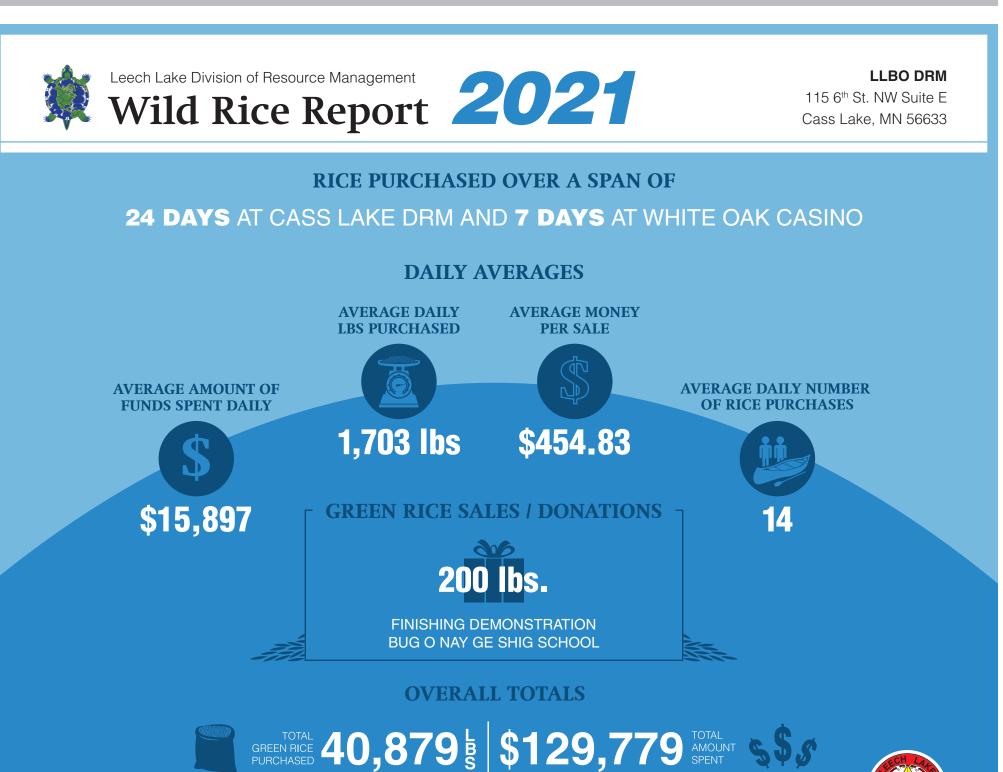
Training Manager ~ Human Resources ~ Job Code: 21-116 TERO Director ~ TERO ~ Job Code: 21-149 Legal Director ~ Legal ~ Job Code: 21-150 Controller ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-151

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-155

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED** Trading Tammer (2), "Tribal Development – Job Code: 21-005 Transportation Vehicle Operator (3) (Part Time) – Fleat Management – Job Code: 21-010 Transportation Dispatcher (Part Time) – Fleat Management – Job Code: 21-011 Public Maternal Child Health Nurse (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-023 Untan Health Professional (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-023 Dispatcher (Part Time) ~ Fleat Management – Job Code: 21-032 Untan Todaller Teacher (Ongum) – Education – Job Code: 21-033 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-033 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-033 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-033 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-033 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-036 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-036 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-036 Untan Todaller Teacher (Beal) - Education – Job Code: 21-037 Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-036 Untan Services – Job Code: 21-037 Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-030 Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-037 Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-038 Sas Lake Solid Wast Attendant – Public Works – Job Code: 21-080 Transfer Station(s) Vard Supervisor – Public Works – Job Code: 21-080 Transfer Station(s) Vard Supervisor – Public Works – Job Code: 21-095 ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095 ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095 Mather Health Clinical Trainee (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095 Mather Health Clinical Trainee (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095 Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095 Mental Health Representative (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-101 Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse – Health – Job Code: 21-103 Driver (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-113 Mone Healthcare IDN (2) – Health Tribal Planner (2)~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-005 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009



CONCLUSION

2021 marked the highest buying price of \$4 per pound of green rice ever paid for our community! In general, this was a far below average year for pounds purchased due to low water tables across the region related to the drought. This low water made it difficult to access rice beds for gathering of Manoomin. We had one person placed on the wall of shame for putting ice in the bag of rice. This year in response to the COVID pandemic we utilized an alternate system for payments, with ricers collecting their payment in voucher form redeemable at Cedar Lakes Casino or White Oak Casino when LLDRM was purchasing rice in District I. This was an effort to reduce people congregating. We are happy to report that no COVID-19 infections were documented as a result of our Manoomin purchasing program. In closing we had to cancel the Annual "Take a Kid Ricing" event but hope next year we will be able to make the event bigger and better than ever!

