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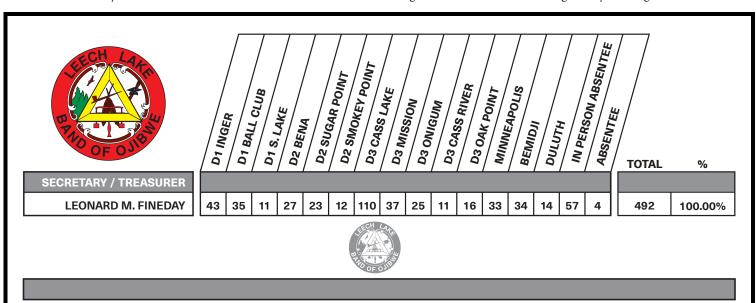
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# Official Certified 2022 General Election Results

Secretary / Treasurer

Leech Lake Housing Board

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board



We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Leech Lake Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the Leech Lake Reservation, and the Election Ordinance #10.



By MICHAEL CHOSA

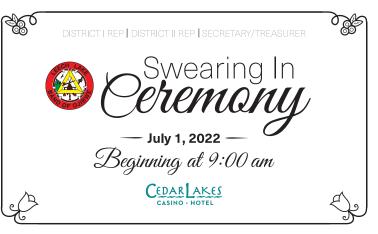
CASS LAKE - The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Election Board has certified the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Leonard M. Fineday was elected Secretary/Treasurer with 492 votes received (100%)

Elections were also held for Leech Lake Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board. For Housing Board: Brenda White was elected in DIstrict I, Terri Finn Goggleye was elected in District II and Michael Reyes was elected in District III. In the School Board races, Rosalee Bowstring was elected in

District I and Kathryn Fairbanks & Cherlene Jenkins were elected in District III. No candidates filed for the open District II seat.

Local Indian Council ballots were still being tallied at the time this article was published.

View all of the 2022 Election Results at: www.leechlakenews.com/election-information





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# Dr. Helen Zaikina-Montgomery Has Been Named New Leech Lake Tribal College President

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Board of Trustees of the Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) has named Dr. Helen Zaikina-Montgomery to serve as president of LLTC. She took office on April 26, 2022.

President Zaikina-Montgomery is a wonderful choice to lead our college. She has a genuine appreciation and understanding of our Ojibwe culture and community. President Zaikina-Montgomery has had an incredible track record as the interim President, including leading the college through the COVID pandemic, developing and implementing the college's strategic plan, promoting the college at the local and national levels, and building the college's infrastructure. In addition, president Zaikina-Montgomery's commitment to our college will help create more opportunities for students, faculty, and staff through her tireless advocation for support and funding for the college. The Leech Lake Tribal College is very lucky that she will continue as our President. Let us all support the incoming President for her and the college's success!" said Jennifer Cross, Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees Chairperson.

Dr. Zaikina-Montgomery came to the college in 2019 as the Director of Assessment & Institutional Research. Then she served as the Interim President beginning in May 2021. In this role, her responsibilities include a wide range of tasks, from setting and refining the strategic vision for the college to supporting staff, faculty, and students at the institution. Dr. Zaikina-Montgomery earned her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology in 2011 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She has worked in higher education for almost 20 years, first as a faculty member and then as an administrator. She also has considerable experience working in the

private sector.

"Dr. Montgomery creates an educational climate of goodwill, transparency, and approachability. She demonstrates this through positive internal and external communication. Dr. Montgomery has a sound understanding of tribal college financial viability, has developed a strategic direction incorporating the Anishinaabe cultural values, and aligns those values with



the educational programming. Her leadership skills are exceptional when communicating with staff, students, and the Leech Lake community members," said Vicki White, Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustee member.

President Zaikina-Montgomery said, "I am honored to have been selected to serve in the role of President at the Leech Lake Tribal College. In my time here as Director of Assessment for two years and Interim President over the past year, I learned that this college is an innovative, pioneering, and spiritual institution deeply grounded in Anishinaabe values. We have the best students and tremendously talented faculty and staff. I am fortunate to be a part of the LLTC family. I am looking forward to continuing to nurture the growth of this institution for our students, staff, faculty, and most importantly, this com-

The Leech Lake Tribal College invites you to the LLTC Presidential inauguration on Thursday, June 9, 2022, from 6pm to 8pm at the Cedar Lakes Event Center in Cass Lake MN. Please join us in the celebration of the new Leech Lake Tribal College President!

The Leech Lake Tribal College is a two-year degree-granting institution open to the public, which serves Native Americans and non-Native students throughout the area. Degree programs include Business Management, Early Childhood Education, Indigenous Leadership, Liberal Education, Law Enforcement, Integrated Residential Builder, and Indigenous Science. Students can choose Indigenous Science with an emphasis in Forest Ecology, Human Health, or Information Technology. To learn more about the Leech Lake Tribal College and its mission to provide accredited education grounded in Anishinaabe values, please visit our



ANTHONY BELGARDE | DEBAHJIMON

Attendees at the 2018 LLBO Fourth of July Pow Wow show their gratitude to Helen Johnson in recognition of the Bryan v. Itasca decision.

# June 14 Marks Anniversary of Bryan v. Itasca Decision

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – Cass Lake-June 14 marks the anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of Bryan v. Itasca County.

The historic, unanimous decision was delivered by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. on June 14, 1976. The Supreme Court ruled that Public Law 280 did NOT grant states civil regulatory jurisdiction over Native Americans living on reservations. This was a huge step forward in advancing tribal sovereignty throughout Indian Country. Leech Lake Band member Helen Johnson and her husband Russell Bryan, lived near S. Lake in the northern part of the Leech Lake Reservation

Reservation.
Up until her passing in 2022, Helen resided on the property over which the initial dispute arose. In 1972 they received a series of tax bills from Itasca County for their mobile home. The County was seeking a total of \$147.95 from the couple, who could not afford to pay at the time. they turned to the newly established Leech Lake Reservation Legal Services Project, now known as Anishinaabe Legal Services, for help. Over the next four years, their case made its way through the legal system, beginning in the District Court of Itasca County, all the way to the highest court of the land, where it was decided once and for all.

At the time of the decision, the most significant impact was the taxation of Native Americans. As

"If Congress in enacting
Pub.L. 280 had intended to
confer upon the States
general civil regulatory
powers, including taxation,
over reservation indians, it
would have expressly said so."

-Justice William J. Brennan Jr. United States Supreme Court

history has shown, the impact was much greater. Just 11 years later another tribal case appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court for a decision. This case is known as California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and overturned the existing laws restricting the gaming industry on Native American Reservations in the U.S. Their main argument was that the laws restricting gambling in California were civil regulatory laws.

Using the decision rendered in Bryan v. Itasca, they successfully argued their position and the Supreme Court ruled in their favor. The Cabazon decision, which drew its substance from the Bryan decision, led to a rapid growth in the Indian Gaming industry. The following year (1988) Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. the rest is history.



via MATT FRAZER | LLBO GIS

# New Hope for Environmental Justice at Leech Lake, a Cautious Progress Report

By Irene Folstrom | Gov. Relations Mgr. 218-335-8200 irene.folstrom@llojibwe.net

When President Biden was elected and appointed Deb Haaland to be Secretary of Interior and Michael Regan as EPA Administrator, there was new hope at Leech Lake that we are going to be treated fairly and our treaty rights will be respected. But we keep an eye on what the federal government is doing because we've heard promises before. I want to report to you on developments so you can keep tabs, too.

The Biden Administration has new environmental justice policies Environmental justice is the idea that some communities, like ours, have suffered unfairly from pollution and resource mismanagement and the federal government has an obligation to make it right. Our lakes and rivers, the fish and animals, our forests, all the things that were guaranteed to us by broken treaties, that is the environment that we care about. Our lands have been hammered again and again, mostly because big timber operators tear down our forests to export wood products and make money. At Leech Lake, we are the epicenter for environmental injustice. Note: see attached map.

I'm going to focus on two major problems. The St. Regis Superfund site is a continuing injury from our past, and the Huber company's proposed Frontier Project is a threat to our future.

St. Regis, or many know it as Champion, was a mill that treated lumber from 1958 to 1985. They used creosote to treat wood, dumped it in open ponds, and burned it in a waste pit at the Cass Lake City Dump. I grew up in Thompsonville, right next to the site, and remember the distinct smell from the incinerators every morning. The result was a toxic nightmare of dioxin and other cancercausing chemicals right in the middle of our residential community. EPA placed the site on its National Priorities List in 1984, and today it is still there, still not cleaned up. At the EPA's current rate of progress, our grandchildren may never see the site cleaned up.

This is where environmental justice kicks in. The EPA points to the Federal Creosote Superfund site in New Jersey as a shining example of how the EPA is supposed to do its job. Federal Creosote was a wood treatment facility much like St. Regis. It was placed on the National Priorities List in 1999. Between 2002 and 2008, soil was excavated

from as deep as 35 feet. 275,000 tons of contaminated soil was transported offsite for treatment and disposal at a cost of \$340 million. Clean soil was used to fill in, the residential community was restored, and it was taken off the list in 2014. Fifteen years, that's all it took.

Compare that to St. Regis on our Reservation. Thirty-seven years later and the EPA still hasn't done a comprehensive remedial investigation/ feasibility study. Instead, the EPA uses a piecemeal approach where they scrape up a few inches of contaminated soil, leave it on site, and then wait for more contamination to show up in our homes. They want to leave the contamination in place and fence it off, a toxic black hole in the middle of Cass Lake. We are treated differently, and it's a disgraceful environmental injustice. The difference is that Manville, New Jersey is predominantly white. There is absolutely no denying that we are victims of environmental racism.

Here's the good news: EPA officials in the Biden Administration say the EPA is going to take another look at St. Regis through the lens of environmental justice. We've heard this before. In 2007, the EPA conducted a similar review, and nothing changed. Not a thing. The EPA has great policies at the national

level, but it's the same people in the regional office following the same old plan from 1985 designed to save money for corporate polluters. Are they really going to clean up St. Regis this time? We need to keep the pressure on.

Now let's turn to the Huber Frontier Project. This is a plan to build North America's largest factory for Oriented Strand Board right on the border of our Reservation in Cohasset, within our Ceded Territory. The company boasts that it will be the size of the old Metrodome. Once again, big timber wants to cut down all our trees and destroy the environment while they're at it.

Treaty rights are our biggest concern with the Frontier Project. Huber wants to build a 160-acre industrial facility on wetlands right next to the Blackwater Wild Rice beds. In drought years like last year, the Blackwater is particularly important because it is one of the few places we can get a canoe in the water. The construction and plant operation would destroy the Blackwater and violate our treaty rights.

There's a lot of serious problems with the Frontier Project: massive overharvest will turn our region into a sterilized tree farm; and



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Huber wants to start construction by cutting down sacred eagle nests. It may be hard to believe, but their permit application actually says they plan to destroy two active eagle nests in a woodchipper.

But when you look at air pollution, the environmental justice concerns about the Frontier Project are extra sharp. This factory will emit enormous volumes of nitrous oxides and quite a bit of mercury. And it will be right next to the Boswell Energy coal plant, a huge emitter of sulfur dioxides and mercury since 1958. Have you heard of acid rain? When nitrous oxide and sulfur dioxide interact, they make acid rain that falls out in local precipitation. Acid rain is horrible for wild rice and forests, and it makes mercury more available for fish and other wildlife. We already have mercury limits on every lake despite our treaty rights. The Leech Lake Band has lived with Boswell's air pollution for generations, and now they want to put another big air polluter on the same property. How is that environmental justice?

Huber needs federal permits to start construction, and we have been talking with the Biden Administration about protecting our treaty rights and environmental justice. These conversations have been encouraging. However, they are just words so far.

For the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and our 10,000 resident citizens, I believe these two issues are the real test for the Biden Administration and its promises that this time they are going to do something about environmental justice. I will report back on how it goes. In the meantime, please participate in the public hearings and informational meetings that will be happening over the next couple of months. Also, keep an eye on social media for announcements and other updates.

# **HERBST VS MCT**

By KAYLA DUOOS Editing and Writing Contributions By BEN BENOIT

CASS LAKE – Before the Tribes conservation code was established, hunting, and fishing was done in the dark. Canoes and gear were stowed away, kept from the eyes of state officials who guarded the reservations of natural resources from the tribe.

That time period is now nearly 50 years in the past, this year June 18 marks the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Richard Herbst vs Leech Lake Band federal district court Case. The historic case recognized the bands hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the state of MN and reaffirmed Leech Lake's jurisdictional borders. he case which had been thrown around the 8th circuit since 1971, began as a result of both the Nelson Act and an increase in conservation officers harassing tribal members over rights that were not yet recognized. This case went beyond hunting and fishing, with the State challenging the ability of the Leech Lake Band to function as a government and regulate our Citizens activities. he passage of the Nelson Act in 1897 allowed the State of Minnesota to illegally claim that Congress abolished the Leech Lake Reservation through land sales, specifically the jurisdictional authority of the Leech Lake Band to regulate hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake Reservation.

It took almost 80 years to correct this action. In 1971, the Leech Lake Band challenged the Minnesota Commissioner of

Natural Resources, Robert L. Herbst in federal court on the issue of Minnesota forcing Indians to comply with Minnesota game and fish laws. he courts ruled on June 18, 1973 that "Plaintiff Indians have the right to hunt and fish and gather wild rice on public lands and public waters of the Leech Lake Reservation free of Minnesota game and fish laws. Defendants are enjoined from enforcing such laws."

In addition to getting a positive ruling, these rights were identified as property rights and required Minnesota to pay Leech Lake Band for non-Indian's privilege of hunting, fishing or trapping within the boundaries of the Reservation. The gathering of wild rice and bait fish on Leech Lake Reservation is wholly regulated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Herbst Case was the right to have our Treaty Rights recognized and set the stage for us to determine our own future. Leech Lake Band's jurisdictional border is important for all the civic functions and roles our government has. The jurisdiction of the Band is important for policing, environmental regulation, wildlife management, education, construction, housing and a variety of interests. Thanks to this ruling Leech Lake Band members can obtain hunting and fishing licenses from the Tribe's own Department of Resource Management following our own season dates and limits. For more information on the Hersbt vs Leech Lake Band court case or licenses, please call the Department of Resource Management at (218) 335-7400.

# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Head Start Honors Staff Members with 2021-2022 Year End Event

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – LLBO Head Start ended their 2021-2022 school year honoring staff members who have reached 5 to 20+ years with the institution.

Staff members were treated to lunch alongside a number of gifts from the division including sweaters, plaques and quilts.

LLBO Early Childhood Development Director, Lee Turney opened the event with a speech thanking the staff for their dedication to children's development and for the success of the previous school year.

"Headstart is so important, every aspect of it. Everyone here has an impact on our children, and it's something I want everyone to take away from here today."

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Head Start and Early Head Start Programs serve as a major foundation to the goal of "Leech Lake Nation Building." Every program is designed to impact the Leech Lake Nation broadly and deeply by providing strong, culturally-based experiences for children and their families within the Tribes many communities.

If you are interested in enrolling your children in Head Start or any of the other early childhood programs, you can get in touch with staff at (218) 335-8345.



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**Pictured from left to right:** Alisha Schjenken, Rosella Howard, Emma Gillman, Natalie Zobava, Kristen Jones, Mardelle Reese, Janel O'Brien and Michelle Oothoudt.



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**Pictured from left to right:** Wendy Whitebird, Ann Cloud, Shelly Masten, Sharon Howard, Julia Whitebird, Lee Turney, Patti Turney and Diane Smith.



#### 2019 LLBO Two-Spirit Celebration that had taken place in Cass Lake, MN

# What is Niizh Manidoowag?

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE - June historically marks Pride month in the United States. A month to celebrate LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit (Niizh-Manidoowag) individuals. "Two-spirit

(Niizh-Manidoowag)" refers to a Native person who identifies as having both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is specifically used as an identifier by Indigenous people to describe their sexual, gender and/ or spiritual identity.

It is an umbrella term and may encompass same-sex attraction and a wide variety of gender variance, including people who might be described in Western culture as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, gender queer, or anyone who has multiple gender identities.

The creation of the term "twospirit Niizh-Manidoowag" is attributed to Tribal Elder Myra Laramee of the Fisher Cree Nation, who proposed its use during the Third Annual Inter-tribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference, held in Winnipeg in 1990. The term is a direct translation of the Anishinaabemowin term, and is used to replace previous colonized terms.

Traditionally, Two-Spirit individuals have been documented within Tribal history prior to and after colonization. Historically, Two-Spirit Tribal members often held specialized work roles within their Tribes, roles not typically assigned to their "opposite" gender.

Among the Navajo, two-spirit males often became weavers, usually women and men's work, as well as healers, which was a male role. Two-spirit females engaged in activities such as hunting and warfare, and became leaders in war and even chiefs. Among the Lakota, Mohave, Crow, Cheyenne, and others, Two-Spirit people were believed to be lucky in love, and able to bestow this luck on others.

Not all cultures will perceive Two-Spirit people the same way, or welcome a pan-Indian term to replace the terms already in use by their cultures.

The disruptions caused by conquest and disease, together with the efforts of missionaries, government agents, boarding schools, and white settlers resulted in the loss of many traditions in Native communities. Two-spirit roles, in particular, were singled out for condemnation, interference, and many times violence. As a result, two-spirit traditions and practices went underground or disappeared in many

Today, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Native people throughout North America are reviving the two-spirit role and its traditions. National gatherings of Two-Spirit people have been held since the early 1990's, and regional gatherings including Pride Pow wows are held in many parts of the country.

OJIBWE TERMS

Agokwa

"man-woman" Ogichidaakwe "warrior-woman"

Gaa'oziskwaajimekaag Gabegikendaasoowigamig - Leech Lake Tribal College

# **ACADEMIC HONORS LIST - SPRING 2022**

3.0-3.9 TERM GPA

**DEAN'S LIST** 

4.0 TERM PRESIDENT'S LIST

Jayde Kelsey Isaiah Christopher Cree Brian Abbigail Kathleen Logan Ryanne Erica Caitlyn Derres Anna Kate Larissa Nishiime Miguel Nita Diane Jennifer Mary

Brien Burns Delapaz Erle Fredrickson Gauthier Hanson Heisler-Azure Humphrey **Jenkins** Jourdain Lueck Martell Mohler Morris Peltier Reves Sayers Staples Vance York

Dax Anderson Melani Bedeau Christopher Bryan Dylan Chase David Cleveland Shianna Daly Ean **DuBois** Fairbanks Robert Graves **Alexis** Jarell Jacobs Jerome Johnson Rhianna Johnson Chase Kingbird Arnold Kingbird Eric Rivera Nicole Roberts Tessa Smith Keairah Urrutia

## HONORABLE MENTION LIST 3.0+ TERM GPA PART TIME

Michelle	Anderson	Cynthia	Garbow	David	Mansavage
Ava	Carpentier Kasrabod	Kelly	Goose	Michelle	Marion
Cheryl	Ballek	Jacob	Grandia	John / P. I.N	Morris
Yodi	Blomgren	Jeffrey	Harper	Brenda	Rice
Joshua	Briski	Annette	Humphrey	Cheylynn	Rodriquez
Josephine	Bruce	Tyrell	Jackson	Seth	Sisneros-Martinez
Valentine	Chase	Kenneth	Jeffrey	Morgan	Smith
Jamie	Chesley	Joseph	Jones 💷	Jamie	Taylor
Donna	Day	Penny	Jones	Corbin	Wabasha
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Jacalyn	Dunn-Pacheco	Sunshyne	Kingbird	Garrett	Williams
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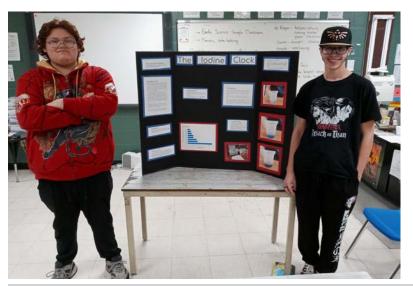
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◆Over the past month, Bug O Nay Ge Shig 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade science students researched, tested, and presented on a variety of topics including creating the perfect blend of ingredients for a lip balm, finding the easiest spot to bank in a shot on the basketball court, and testing the rate of the iodine clock reaction. Others crafted bath bombs to test their fizziness, calculated the amount of carbon dioxide in their breath using a pH indicator, and measured the effect of distraction on pain tolerance. Students had the opportunity to experience all of the steps of the scientific method from writing a purpose statement to presenting their findings.

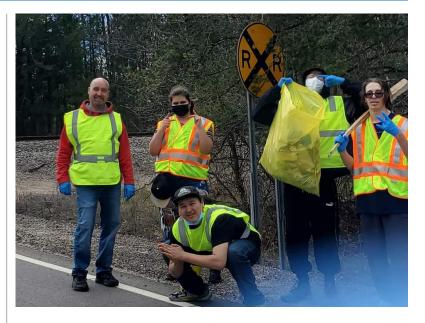


■ Bug O Nay Ge Shig students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities at Culture Camp including: Ojibwe Language, Birchbark Work, Archery, Lacrosse, Beading and Drumming. Bug O Nay Ge Shig's Summer School session goes from June 13-July 1.





▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's end of the year picnic had a flurry of activities beginning with a student/staff basketball game and ending with the staff waving to the buses and saying "Giga waabamin Minawaa". In between, there were games, food, and a raffle to pie your favorite teacher! Beautiful weather added to an excellent end to the school year. Culture Camp will be held at the school from June 7-10 followed by Summer School until July 1.



▲ 10 senior high Bug O Nay Ge Shig students volunteered to do the HWY 2 road pickup as a service learning project recently. The project included safety training and lasted several hours.



▲ Prior to the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School on May 26, the Kindergarten graduates and High School graduates paraded through the halls to the congratulations of students and staff.



◆The Niigaane Program at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School recently honored three 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have completed their years in the immersion program. They will move into the high school as 7<sup>th</sup> graders next Fall. They are: Miskwaanakwad S., Miskwaa makwa (Waylon O.), and Agwajiing Gwiiwizens (Robert B.).

# **COVID-19 Vaccines Are Now Available for Infants and Toddlers**

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the vaccine for the age group 6 months to 5 years old on June 15.

"Many parents, caregivers and clinicians have been waiting for a vaccine for younger children and this action will help protect those down to 6 months of age. As we have seen with older age groups, we expect that the vaccines for younger children will provide protection from the most severe outcomes of COVID-19, such as hospitalization and death," said FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf, M.D. "Those trusted with the care of children can have confidence in the safety and effectiveness of these COVID-19 vaccines and can be assured that the agency was thorough in its evaluation of the data."

The childrens vaccines are offered by both Moderna and Pfizer.

- The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a primary series
  of two doses, one month apart, to individuals 6 months through 17
  years of age. The vaccine is also authorized to provide a third primary
  series dose at least one month following the second dose for individuals in this age group who have been determined to have certain
  kinds of immunocompromise.
- The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a primary series of three doses in which the initial two doses are administered three weeks apart followed by a third dose administered at least eight weeks after the second dose in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

State health officials say that vaccine shipments specifically for this age group are expected to roll into Minnesota through the last week of June, and will be available at clinics and other vaccination sites soon.

#### A look at the numbers as of June 22:

- The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed corona virus cases is now at 1,538,845. Of them, nearly 1,513,194 no longer require isolation.
- The state's death toll is now at 12,749 with 5,827 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS at (218) 335-3200 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 are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. If you are interested please call IHS and reserve your spot.





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Leech Lake Honor Guard at the 2019 LLBO Veteran's Cemetery Dedication.

# LLBO Receives Grant from MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs

By MICHAEL CHOSA

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) announced today the recipients of the competitive Support Our Troops (SOT) license plate fund grant program.

- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe: \$93,767
- LegalCorps: \$70,000
- American Heroes Outdoors: \$60,000
- Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc.: \$80,000
- Mandatory Fun Outdoors: \$30.000
- Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa: \$75,000

The MDVA SOT grant program offers a competitive grant process which allows organizations to apply for funding. These grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000, are focused on supporting and improving the lives of Veterans and their families.

"Congratulations to our diverse group of grant recipients for their commitment to serving Minnesota Veterans in many different ways," said MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke. "I also thank those Minnesotans who purchase SOT license plates. Without support from the thousands who are 'driving home their support' every day, these grants would not be possible."

About the SOT License Plate Program

Deployments and military service can put a strain on families, finances and health. Purchasing a Support our Troops License plate helps Minnesota military, Veterans and families in the following ways:

- Grants through Support Our Troops program
- Troops program

  Benefits the CORE program, which provides family counseling, with specialty services available for children; financial counseling, debt management and mental health counseling
- Emergency financial assistance
- Helping homeless Veterans secure shelter and access to benefits
- Outreach to diverse communities across Minnesota, helping provide Veterans with access to earned benefits
- Community seminars on health conditions associated with military service

To purchase SOT plates, visit your local DMV office.

To receive a notice when the next grant cycle opens, or to learn more about how to apply for an SOT grant, visit the MDVA grants page: mn.gov/mdva/news/press-room/index.jsp?id=1066-528784

District III Elder Birthdays



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Manuel Granroos Francis Guinn Veda Harrison Fayleen Haugen Karl Humphrey Thomas Humphrey Wilbur Humphrey Florine Iverson Faron Jackson George Jackson Roberta Jackson Valerie Jensen Thomas Johnson William Johnson Nancy Kingbird Adrain Libby Michael Libby Birdena Lyons Vernon Lyons Maxine Manypenny Loretta Meckel Bernice Mitchell

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

> Terrance Mitchell Florenstine Morgan Antonette Mountain June Mykkanen Jacquelyn Nelson Gerald Northbird Lois Northbird **Bernice Pemberton Shirley Preston** John Raisch Marlys Rausch Paula Savage Richard Smith Stacey Smith Deborah Staples Margaret Steensland Joseph Stish Nona Wade Vivian Washington Delina White Melissa Wilson

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

# Lifetime Chief of Mohegan Tribe Set to Become First Native American U.S. Treasurer

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba (Mohegan Tribe) is set to become the first Native American U.S. treasurer.

Malerba's appointment was announced by the White House on Tuesday, June 21. Biden's administration established an Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the Treasury Department, which will be overseen by Malerba.

The treasurer's duties include oversight of the U.S. Mint, serving as a liaison with the Federal Reserve and overseeing Treasury's Office of Consumer Policy. The treasurer's signature appears on U.S. currency.

"It is especially important that our Native voices are respected," Malerba said in a statement. "This appointment underscores this Administration's commitment to doing just that. I am excited to



via JESSICA HILL | AP

Marilynn Malerba stands next to a photograph of late Chief Ralph Sturges at tribal offices in Uncasville, Conn., on March 4, 2010. On Wednesday, President Biden announced his intent to appoint her U.S. treasurer in a historic first.

serve our communities as Treasurer and for the work ahead."

Malerba is the lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe, a position assigned by the Tribes council of Elders. Prior to becoming Chief, she served as Chairwoman of the Mohegan Tribal Council, and served in Tribal Government as Executive Director of Health and Human Services.

Preceding her work for the Mohegan Tribe, Malerba had a lengthy career as a registered nurse, ultimately serving as the Director of Cardiology and Pulmonary Services at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Additionally, Malerba currently serves as a member of the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee. This seven-member committee advises the Secretary of the Treasury on significant matters related to the taxation of Indians, the training of Internal Revenue Service field agents, and the provisions of training and technical assistance to Native American financial officers.

# 2022 LLBO POW WOW SCHEDULE JULY - SEPTEMBER

Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow July 15 - 17, 2022 Ball Club, MN

> Onigum 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow July 22 - 24, 2022 Onigum, MN 56484

Cha Cha Bah Ning 42<sup>nd</sup>
Annual Traditional Pow Wow
August 26 - 28, 2022
Inger, MN 56636

**Sagasweiwe 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow** September 9 - 11, 2022 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Battle Point 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow September 16 - 18, 2022 Battle/Sugar Point, MN 56641

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

# Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list June

#### OJIBWEMOWIN ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

zhiiwibaq(oon) rhubarb zhoomin(aq) grape(s) bagesaan(aq) plum(s) opin(iia) potato(es) ogin(iig) tomato(es) zhiqaaqawinzh(iiq) onion(s) okaadaak(oog) carrot(s) mandaamin(aq) corn qijikonayeziqan(aq) hominy gizhi-aniibiish(an) cabbage(s)

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

## Aabitaa-niibino-giizis 2022

Anama'e-giizhigad	maadanokii- giizhigad	Niizho-giizhigad	Aabitoose	Niiyo-giizhigad	Naano-giizhigad	giizhigad
					Waabang wii- kiigoonyikewag. They are going fishing tomorrow.	Gidizhaa na? Are you going?
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Eya'. Niwii- kiigoonyike waabang. Yes, I am going fishing tomorrow.	<b>Mawinzo.</b> S/he picks berries.	Gii-mawinzo bijiinaago. S/he picked berries yesterday.	Wii-mawinzo waabang. S/he will pick berries tomorrow.	Mawinzodaa. Let's pick berries.	Mawadishiwedaa. Let's visit.	Bekaa. Hold on, wait.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
babagiwayaan shirt	Onizhishin nimbabagiwayaan. My shirt is nice.	Onizhishin gibabagiwayaan. Your shirt is nice.	makizinan shoes	Onizhishinoon nimakazinan. My shoes are nice.	Onizhishinoon gimakizinan. Your shoes are nice.	<b>Babiichiin.</b> Put on your shoes.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Aaniin ezhinikaadeg i'iw? What is that called?	Adoopowin izhinikaade o'o. This is called a table.	Aaniin ezhinikaadegin iniw? What are those called?	Adoopowinan izhinikaadegin iniw. Those are called tables.	Aaniin ekidong o'o ojibwemong? How is this said in Ojibwe?	<b>Gabeshi.</b> S/he camps.	gabeshiwin camp, campsite
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Bagizo.</b> S/he swims.	<b>Babaamishkaa.</b> S/he paddles about in a boat.	Animishkaa. S/he paddles away.	Nagamo. S/he sings.	nagamowin song	maagizhaa maybe, perhaps	Mii gwayak. That's right.
31						
Daga ikidon miinawaa. Please say it again.						

# Gweyakmino Wiisinidaa!

3 Elis eat the right foods!

Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)



This recipe was developed by Chef Lois Ellen Frank, PhD.

## Healthy Three-Color Coleslaw

#### **Ingredients**

(\*Items that can be picked up at food distribution)

2 cups thinly shredded red cabbage
2 cups thinly shredded white cabbage
2 cups thinly shredded kale 2/3 cup grated carrots
1/4 cup pumpkin seeds
(shells removed, toasted in dry pan)
2 tablespoons raspberry jam
(low sugar if available)
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice, to taste
Salt and black pepper to taste

**Serves:** 6 **Prep time:** 10 min. **Cook time:** 0 min. **Total Time:** 10 minutes.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Combine shredded red cabbage, green cabbage, kale, and carrots
- 2. Mix all remaining ingredients in a small bowl and pour over vegetables
- 3. Serve immediately or refrigerate until needed

Summertime is in full swing and so are the salads! This is a dish that can be a healthy addition to any summer cookouts, grad parties, or lunch time meals. The kale gives this dish a wonderful flavor, color and adds a nutritional boost. You can use this coleslaw to add to your burritos and tacos as well for a flavor boost.

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



# Elder Abuse Awareness

Informational Sessions

For elders and community members.

# JULY 15, 2022

Bena Community Center Bena, MN

#### AUGUST 12, 2022

Northern Lights Event Center Walker, MN

9:00AM to 3:00PM each day

No registration fee

**Lunch provided** 

For more information please call: **Avis (218) 335-3739 or Pam (218) 760-1892**Sponsored by the Leech Lake Elder Services Program



# Genevieve Hanks



enevieve Elizabeth Hanks, Maadagaak, Mikinaak Clan, age 74, entered the spirit world on May 24, 2022. Genevieve was the daughter of Eunice Whitebird-Cobenais and Earl Bruce and was born on December 28, 1947 in Cass Lake, MN. She was raised and grew up in Onigum, MN, and attended school in Walker, MN, and later attended college at the Bemidji Vocational Technical College. She worked a number of years for the Leech Lake Headstart and later retired. She moved to her reservation in Fond du Lac, Cloquet, MN where she resided until her passing. Genevieve enjoyed going to the casino and playing bingo, having family get togethers was her favorite, going to powwows and camping, and visiting with her friends, whom she had lots of. She was very outgoing, very giving; if you asked for anything she would do it for you.

Genevieve will be lovingly remembered by her husband Lawrence G. Hanks; her children: Darryl (Jane) Bruce of Cass Lake, MN, Brenda (Ken) Rice of Onigum, MN, and Kenneth (Desirae) Fox, Jr of Callaway, MN; her special niece who she raised Angel Petite (Matt) of Cloquet, MN; her brother John Whitebird (Wendy) of Onigum, MN; her sister Karen Whitebird of Detroit Lakes, MN; her grandchildren Joe (Maria) Bruce, Tasha (Kris) Cloud, Michael Fox, Forrest (Kat) Bruce, Brittany Fox, Anthony Wright, Vanessa Fox, Cassandra Wright, Jessica Wright, Jonathan (Naomi) Wright, Amber Fox, Aleisha Fox, and Kenneth Fox III; 29 dearly loved great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; her special cousin, who was like her sister, Ethel Bruce of Minneapolis MN; and many other loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her baba and myb, her little sister Mary Jane Cobenias, her nephews Marcel Norcross and Robert Bueno Jr, and niece Cheryl Norcross

and many other family and special friends.
A traditional wake for Genevieve will begin Friday, May 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., at the Onigum Community Center, Onigum, MN, and will continue until her service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28. Ricky Defoe will serve as spiritual advisor. Pallbearers caring for her will be Ken Rice, Forrest Bruce, Kris Cloud, Jon Whitebird, Joseph Bruce, and Judd Brown, with alternates Jonathan Wright, Mukwa Whitebird and Dee Bellanger. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ethel Bruce, Evie Monroe, Kathy Frazer, Kim Fohrenkam, Dawn Barney, Dixie Dibble, and all of her nieces and nephews. Burial will be in the Old Agency Cemetery, Onigum, Minnesota. In keeping with the family's request, please send only live plants and not cut flowers.

Genevieve's care has been entrusted to Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker, Minnesota.

# Darlene "Doll" Monroe



Darlene "Doll" Olivia Monroe, age 69, of Walker, Minnesota went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 6, 2022, from her home. She was born in Cass Lake, MN on November 7, 1952, the daughter of Isabelle (Aitken) and John Monroe.

Doll was a caring loving woman who left us to join her loved ones who have already crossed over to the spirit world. Grandma Doll was a strong and independent woman who loved her family very much. She was a very kind person whose love was one of a kind. Doll was always caring for others and most definitely stood up for her family. She had a sweet tooth for almost everything. Her sister Evie and her were two peas in a pod; where you saw one of them the other wasn't far behind. Her special friend, Vanessa Goose, and her exchanged food recipes and Vanessa was always there for her. She loved just sitting outside watching the beautiful days, writing

Facebook status', going to the casino, playing bingo, having her family over for dinner and spending time with her great grandbabies. Darlene loved her three children sooo much and always did everything she could for them, no matter what. She was the best mom and grandma anyone could ask for, always pushing and encouraging her children and grandbabies to be the best they could be. She'll be sadly missed by her loved ones and friends.

Family that she is reunited with are her daughters, Melissa and Christina "Chris" Johnson; parents, Isabelle and John Monroe; sisters, Bernice New, Adeline and Tonya Monroe; brothers, Harold, Clyde and Calvin Monroe; nephew, Sonnie Ringley and many more family members.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her son, Lawrence "Larry" Johnson, Jr. of Walker; daughter, Jalyssa (Bernabe) LeQuire of Walker; sisters, Evelyn "Evie" Monroe of Walker and Elaine (Sam) Saccomen of Bemidji; special sister, Glendora Ellis of Walker; brothers, Ed Monroe of Bemidji and Roger Monroe of Remer; grandchildren, Delbert (Sarah) Rushman, Jr., Jazlyn Jones, Jordan Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Raven Emery, Zoe Emery, Baby Larry Johnson III and Latrell LaPointe; great grandbabies, Elysia Rushman, William Jones-Cournoyer, Melody LeQuire and Josiya Johnson; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Wake services will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN and continue until her 12:00 p.m. funeral service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Onigum, MN. Father William Butcher will officiate. Helping to lay Darlene to rest will be Delbert Rushman, Jr., Larry Johnson, Jr., Jason Silcox, Darrell Jackson, Jr., Dennis Smith and Bernebe LeQuire, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Todd Smith, Travis Kingbird, Trevor Kingbird, Trey Kingbird, and Devin Smith. Her honorary pallbearers will be her special sister Evelyn Monroe and all her nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery following her services at the church.

Darlene'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

# Beverly Guernsey

Beverly L. Guernsey, age 58, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away, surrounded by her family, on Friday, April 15, 2022, at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji.

Beverly was born on October 15, 1963, in Cass Lake, MN, to Richard and Angeline (Benais) Cutbank, Sr. She graduated from secretarial school in the early 1980's and began working for the BIA. She went on to work for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in education and later in Human Services in a career that spanned over 25 years.

Bev had many hobbies and interests. She loved going for walks to pick rocks, a hobby she passed down to her grandchildren. She enjoyed being out in nature and going for rides on back country roads (to pick rocks!)



She was the 2001 Powder Puff Champion at Bemidji Speedway. Bev loved being a "fun" grandma, was always up for an adventure with her grandchildren and took every opportunity to spoil them with love and attention.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Gary (Sheila) Miettinen, Jr., Christopher (Candice) Miettinen, Sr., Scott Miettinen; sisters: Roselyn (Terry) Loeken, Rebecca (Robin) Windom, Bonnie Knutson, Angela (Larry) Starr; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; the father of her children, Gary Miettinen, Sr., special friend, Jesse Urritia; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Angeline and Richard Cutbank, Sr.; brother, Richard Cutbank, Jr., spouse, Jamie Guernsey; son, Neil Cutbank; nephew, Terry Loeken, Jr .; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The wake will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Mission Community Center and continue until her celebration of life and time of sharing at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022. Active casketbearers will be: Gary Miettinen, Jr., Christopher Miettinen, Sr., Scott Miettinen, Jeff Oakgrove, Jack Cutbank and Christopher Miettinen, Jr. Honorary casketbearers will be: all her many nephews and grandsons. Burial will be at John Brown Cutbank Cemetery near Pennington, MN. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker (www.whisperingpinesnorth.com).

# Terri Morrison



<sup>¶</sup>erri Lynne Morrison 59, was born August 27, 2022 in Cass Lake, MN and passed away on April 30, 2022 in Duluth, MN.

Terri and Paul Wakonabo Sr. had five children, Alan Smith, Melissa Smith, Jennifer (Ben) Smith, Larissa Smith & Paul Jr. Terri later married Tom Morrison and together they had one son Andrew Morrison.

Terri is preceded in death by Mother Darlene, Son Andrew & daughter Larissa.

Terri is survived by Children Alan, Melissa, Jennifer & Paul. Brother Stuart (Gina) Smith, Sisters Traci Bixby and Virginia Gono, 14 Grandchildren Aliyah, Jade, Summer, Autumn, Kierra, Josephine, Hubert, Duane, Jaymes, Dean, Jaxon, Brantley, Destiny & Arianna.

Terri lived most of her life between Leech Lake & Duluth, MN. Terri loved shopping at the Damiano Center in Duluth, MN, this made her happy, she also enjoyed going to the casino.

# Renee VanNett



Renee K. VanNett, Mashkiikii Makwa Ikwe, was born January 6, 1970, in Big Fork, Mn to Victoria Yellow Earrings and James VanNett. She spent a majority of her life in and around the Duluth area and settled into Duluth as a permanent home.

Throughout her whole life Renee had a strong connection and commitment to her cultural and spiritual ways which brought around the Country and Canada. While attending school at the Fond Du Lac Ojibwe school she began her career and passion for powwow. The Powwow life opened the door for her to travel the country and Canada. It also led her back to one of her home reserves in Red Lake Minnesota and the formation of the World Champion Eyabay Drum Group. Renee alongside Bubby traveled the world as renowned Zhaabowekweg (women that stand behind the drum and sing). During her travels in the powwow scene Renee would always be encouraging others to dance and to have other girls and women come learn to sing. Always empowering, inspiring, encouraging and correcting. She will be remembered in the arena for her Old Style Jingle Dress Dancing with her tiny steps and appearing to glide along the ground as her jingles rustled for her people. Throughout her travels she

really paid attention to her people and the trials, tribulations, and triumphs. She always saw the need for change and was willing to put in the work to make that happen. This led to her walking through the door and enter the political world within the city of Duluth.

Serving on many advisory boards and working in numerous service providing agencies she saw the need for representation and visibility. That's when she put her name on the ballot for the school board in Duluth in 2015. Although she didn't advance to that seat, she didn't get discouraged...she looked at the bigger picture and shot for the moon by putting her name on the Duluth City Council ballot in 2017. She won that seat and began her role as a council member in January of 2018. Throughout her term Renee fought fiercely for equality, justice, visibility, and cooperation. In 2020 Renee served as the Council Vice President followed by serving as the President in 2021. January 2022, she won a second term and was excited to serve the town she loves for another two years.

Once again Renee saw the need for more change, equality, and visibility. So, after hitting the moon she shot for the stars and put her name on the ballot for the Minnesota State Senate Seat for the 8th district.

Renee really loved her work as a public servant. She never let the stories of hard times be discouraging to her. She never allowed the differences between communities stop her from seeing the possibilities. She will be remembered for her determination, open mindedness, and willingness to cooperate for the betterment of all. She lived in her Ojibwe and powwow world in the same manner as she did in her world of Duluth. Always listening, empowering, inspiring, demanding accountability and creating connections. THE TRUEST FOR OF OGICHIDAAKWE!!!!

Renee was never stingy with her love or knowledge. Always teaching, sharing, and encouraging people to be part of the change to create goodness. All who knew her felt her presence. Felt her demand for better. She will be remembered for saying "I'm doing this because it's my job. NOW DO YOUR F\*\*\*ING IOB!"

Renee's legacy and memory will be carried on by: Special Parents: Tom, Betty & Lucille. Her Children: Tiarah, Nevada, Charmaine, Namiah, Jazz, Frankie Jr,, Ryan, Matthew, Opwaganse, D'ez. Sisters: Maria, Beverly (Roy), Bonnie, Heidi, Tami, Dawn, Chrissy, Susie, Kathy, Jackie, Michelle, Irene Green and Annie. Brothers: Boy, Frankie, Dino, Michael, Lee, Garritte, Jerritte, Danny J, Wes, Dan H, Jeremy W. Numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

Waiting for her to return home are: Maternal and Paternal Grandparents: Randall VanNett, Maggie Roy, Benito Sr, Josephine, Parents: James VanNett, Victoria Yellow Earrings and Donald Goodwin. Brothers: Junior VanNett, Scruff, Biscuit, Harlan, Barney, Don K and JP. Sisters: Joanne and Kimberly.

Visitation will be 4:30 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022, visitation will continue until the 10 a.m. Funeral Service Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Harbor Side Ballroom, located in the DECC, 350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802.

# Gladys Fairbanks



Gladys Arlene (Keezer) Fairbanks, age 74, of the Wolf Clan and from Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

On October 29, 1947, Gladys was born to Josephine (Chase) and Frank Keezer, Sr. in Red Lake, MN where she grew up. Later she moved to Minneapolis where she met her husband, Joseph Fairbanks. Together they moved to Bena, MN and raised their kids. After that, they moved to Prescott where they opened their home to all their grown kids and grandkids. Gladys loved to gamble, rummage, sew, cook, ride around and being home with her grandkids. She was a very quiet loving woman that helped everyone when needed, but her peace was being home with her husband Joe. She was very much loved and will be very missed

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her sons, Jeff Keezer, Peter Headbird and Lance Robinson; parents, Josephine and Frank; several sisters and brothers, a grandson and a great granddaughter.

The family she leaves behind are her husband, Joseph "Joe" Fairbanks; daughters, Tina (Dave) B., Tina (Shane Roy) Headbird, Karina and Amber; sons, Donald (Sara) Headbird, Gary (Lisa) Jesse (Sloane), Myron and J.C.; sister, Katy; brother, Darrell, numerous grandchildren and great grandbabies, other relatives and all her friends.

The wake for Gladys will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 and continue until her 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Tuesday, May 17 all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Melvin Goodman will be her Spiritual Advisor. Helping to lay Gladys to rest are Donald Headbird, Gary Keezer, J.C. Fairbanks, Dave Clark, Dylan Headbird, and Tyren Headbird. The alternate pallbearers are Myron Howard, Shane Roy and Odawa Bermodes. Her honorary pallbearers are all her family and friends. Interment will be in the Sugar Bush Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN.

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

## Markell Cloud-Kamrowski



Markell Andrew Cloud-Kamrowski, age 20, started his spiritual journey on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from the Cass Lake IHS, in Cass Lake, MN. He was born on February 5, 2002, in Bemidji, MN, the son of Cierra Cloud and Donald Kamrowski.

Markell was a comedian at heart. He liked to play video games and spend time with his friends. He liked to go bridge jumping and jump off boats, go fishing, and jet skiing in the summer. Markell was an athlete, he loved boxing, football, and basketball. Markell loved spending time with family, especially his siblings. Markell will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Those greeting Markell in the spirit world are his dad, Donald Kamrowski; maternal grandpa, Allen Cloud; auntie, Traci Cloud; uncle, Justin Cloud; and cousin, Alexis Cloud.

Those Markell leaves behind to cherish his memory are his mom, Cierra (Alden, Jr.) Cloud of Cass Lake; stepdad, Douglas Dick, Jr.; grandparents, Beverly and Jon Kamrowski; brothers, Douglas Dick III, Alden Fairbanks III, and Kallen Cloud all of Cass Lake; sisters, Taleigha Cloud and Azalea Fairbanks both of Cass Lake; close cousin, Tyrell Cloud-Bedeau; best friend, Timmy Smith of Cass Lake; and numerous other family members and friends.

A two-night wake for Markell will begin Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and continue until his Friday, May 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m. service all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Markell's spiritual advisor will be Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Markell to rest will be Tyrell Cloud-Bedeau, Douglas Dick III, Anthony Fairbanks, Timmy Smith, Jarell Jacobs, Reuben St. Cyr, Michael Cloud, Maurice 'Moe" Rodriquez, Sr. Alternates will be Antonio Rodriquez, Ethan Brown, Sr., Antonio Brown, David Staples, Jr., and Derek Wind. Honorary pallbearers are Douglas Dick, Jr., Ann Cloud, Catrina Cloud, Adrienne Cloud, Alden Fairbanks, Jr., Alicia Kamrowski, Randall Cloud, Ronald Cloud, Sr., Darwin Cloud, Brent Fowler, Kymberly Hare, Robert Budreau, Jr., Jimmy "Tron" Baird, and all his former teammates and co-workers.

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

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# 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

Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program, by Assignment of Lakisha R. Curry, Petitioners, vs. Robert E. Keezer Jr., Respondent.

Case No. FA-22-29

SUMMONS

& NOTICE OF CHILD SUP-PORT ACTION YOU, RE-SPONDENT, Robert E. Keezer Jr., ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on August 11th, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an defend against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing, at the date, time and place specified above.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Caitlyn Roy and Joseph Littlewolf, Parents, Anna Sheffield, Legal Custodian

Court File No. CP-22-06

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 August 15th, 2022 at 10:30AM 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

ln Re: Estate of: Clayton E. Oothoudt Jr., Decedent

Court File No. CV-22-48

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Clayton Erling Oothoudt Jr., died 04/08/2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable

Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 19th day of April, 2022 at 9.30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Mardelle Reese; surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that atthe Initial Probate Hearing held on April 19th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Mardelle Diane Reese, 8501 Shing Wauk Dr. NW Walker, MN 56484, and Michelle Denise Oothoudt, 51354 Co. Rd. 118, Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the

Estate of Clayton Erling O thoudt Jr., decedent.

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





#### 2022 Pow Wow

Photos by KAYLA DUOOS















Obituaries Continued.

# **Brook Frazer**



**B**rook Lynn Frazer, age 43, passed away peacefully, at home surrounded by her children, Jaden and Raven, after a two year courageous battle of cervical cancer.

Brook was born to Henry Frazer and Terri Finn-Goggleye in Cass Lake, on September 8, 1978.

Brook was an artist of many talents. She was very athletic, and spent many years playing softball with all of her best buddies on the Big Tap Knockerz team. Though she rarely golfed, she could outdrive her brothers, Cory and Tate, when playing with them. Brook had the biggest smile that lit up every room when she walked in. She loved to laugh and tease and was the

auntie that all the kids loved. She made all those around her feel special. Brook's greatest love of her life was being a Mom to Raven and Jaden. Brook had a special relationship with her three younger siblings, Tara, Katie, and Kellen Brown who she helped raise alongside her mom. Her pride and joy was the birth of her little granddaughter, Arabella Louella.

little granddaughter, Arabella Louella.

Brook is survived by her parents, Henry (Vicki) and Terri, and step father, George Goggleye; children, Jaden and Raven, special son, Micah James; granddaughter, Baby Lou. Siblings, Cory (Amanda), Tate, Tara (Al), Katie (Moonie), and Kellen (Cara). God Parents, Bryan Finn and Laura Karbowski Riddle; Aunts and Uncles, Gary and Michele, Luann and Leon, Jay and Tamie, Rob, Bryan and Patricia, Jon and Sherrie, and Pat. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and her Mission Family.

Brook was preceded in death by grandparents, Henrietta and Ron Finn, Harvey and Bonnie Frazer, Uncle Todd Finn, Aunt Sherry Palmer, and son, Jared Todd Seelye.

Those helping lay Brook to rest are: Jaden and Justin Seelye, Fred Fairbanks, Michael Staples Jr, Tate Boswell, Terick, Garrett, and Owen Frazer, Adidas, Kellen B, Scotty, and Adrian Brown. Honorary Pallbearers are the Cass Lake-Bena Class of 1997, Big Tap Knockerz softball team, all of her BFF's, and nieces, Anaya, Avery, Taryn, Cecilia, Sicily, Journi, Kallea, Ayana, Nina and Ayasha.

A Celebration of Brook's life will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022, with a visitation at 10 am, with service at 11:00 a.m., at the Bena Community Center. There will be a picnic at the Demo Bena Park, immediately following the service.





Dropping off at Leech Lake Gaming Front Desk from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday.

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#### **Chippewa National Forest**

## YOUTH ARCHAEOLOGY EXPERIENCE 2022

## - NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS —







The Chippewa National Forest will be hosting two Youth Archaeology Workshop's in 2022. One at the Norway Beach Recreation Area (Cass Lake) and the other at the Minnesota Historical Society's Forest History Center (Grand Rapids). The purpose of the Workshops is to offer local youth an opportunity to learn about archaeology as well as the fascinating history of the Chippewa National Forest, Leech Lake Reservation, and Forest History Center through handson experience working with professional archaeologists engaged in archaeological research.











Share with 8th or 9th graders (age 13-16) interested in archaeology!

> **CAMP TENTATIVE DATES:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Norway Beach Recreation Area July 19th - July 21, 2022

Forest History Center, Grand Rapids MIN Save the Dates

For more information and application contact Sean Dunham at: (218) 407-1110 or email: sean.b.dunham@usda.gov





Participants will spend two days working alongside Forest Service archaeologists, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe heritage staff, and Minnesota Historical Society staff. They will be exposed to the techniques of archaeological excavation, data collection, and artifact analysis. The goal of this workshop is to teach local youth to respect the social practices, belief systems, and values of peoples and cultures

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# **Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings**

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

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697 Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5521 for more info

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009 Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018 Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023 Cook (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-024 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 MIC Competent Professional Authority ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-040
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
Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-076
Field Director ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-085

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Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-097
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-099
Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-105
Registered Nurse (Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-111
Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115
Gekinwaa'amaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-118
Cook (Inger) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-119
Home Healthcare LPN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-122
Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-124
Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125

Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125 Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-129 Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-130 Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-131

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Driver (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-137

Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141.

Accounting Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-168

ARC Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-170

Accounts Payable Clerk (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-003

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Adolescent & Maternal Child Health Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-009

Long Term Care (LTC) Case Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-010

Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-011

Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-012

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Family Skills Worker (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-027
Driver (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-033
Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-035
Cook (ENP) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-036
Youth Programs Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-037
Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040 Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040

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