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LLBO Environmental Deputy Director Brandy Toft speaks with visiting students.

## **LLBO DRM Celebrates Earth Day** 2022 with Community Event

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake of Department Resource Management celebrated Earth Day with the community, April 22.

The event which ran 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM featured a number of booths by various Leech Lake divisions providing information to community members ways to reduce waste and create a sustainable life.

This year's Earth Day highlight booth featured the Cass Lake Brownfield redevelopment proposal. This redevelopment project targets brownfield sites and the St. Regis superfund site in the City of Cass Lake. Brownfield sites are defined as potentially contaminated land parcels that may have contamination from business use, for example asbestos from previous construction.

The St. Regis superfund site consists of areas within Cass Lake that have legacy hazardous waste contamination from the wood treatment facility that operated from the 1950's to 1980's.

The booths presentation asked community members to highlight areas they'd like to see developed as the project calls for community involvement.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and City of Cass Lake will hold another meeting public regarding the project in July, and invite all community members to attend.

If you want more information on Earth Day or the Brownfield Redevelopment project, please contact the LLBO Environmental Department at 218-335-7400.







## **MN DFL Endorses Senate District** Two Candidates for 2022 Elections

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party held its regional convention for Minnesota Senate District 2 on Saturday, April 30 and endorsed candidates for the 2022 election.

The event held at Cedar Lakes Casino in Cass Lake, saw three candidates earning their endorsements for the state legislature including two Tribal members.

The newly redrawn Senate District 2 now includes the entire counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen along with portions of Itasca, Cass, Hubbard and Becker, along with Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Nations.

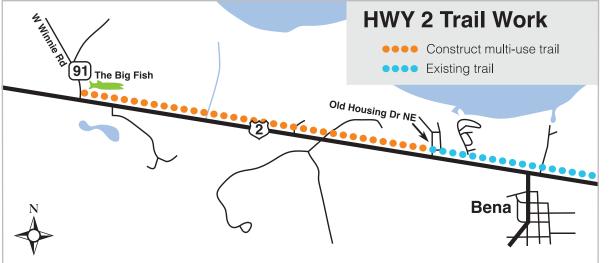
#### **Endorsed Candidates**

• Alan Roy, an enrolled member of White Earth Nation who serves as the Secretary/ Treasurer of the White Earth Tribal Council was endorsed for the Minnesota District 2 Senate. District 2 includes Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth Nation. the entire counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen, along with portions of Itasca, Cass, Hubbard, and Becker.

- Erika Bailey-Johnson is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band and was endorsed for the Minnesota House 2B seat which surrounds Bemidji on three sides and stretches from just east of Grand Rapids all the way to just north of Detroit Lakes, including both Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations. Bailey-Johnson lives in Beltrami County with her husband Matt and two sons and is the sustainability director at Bemidji State University.
- Reed Olson was endorsed as a candidate for the Minnesota House 2A seat. Olson lives in Bemidji where he co-owns the Wild Hare Bistro. He has previously served two terms on the Bemidji City Council and is currently serving his second term on the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners.

The convention also elected DFL officers for the district: Mike Simpkins as chair, Christina Bowstring as vice-chair, Mike Albrecht as treasurer, Rebecca Colebank as secretary and Christian Taylor-Johnson as the affirmative action officer.

## Work on Multi-use Trail to Begin in Bena Community this Summer



By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE - Construction on Highway 2, going through Cass Lake will take place over the summer.

This Urban Reconstruct Project on Highway 2 is led by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and will work on adding additional multi-use trail, as well as pedestrian crossing areas. The plans for the trail are for it to connect Winnie Rd. to the current trail in Bena.

There is no planned traffic impacts for motorists outside of possible lane reductions.

Community members can find more information on the Hwy 2 reconstruction project on MNDOT



via MN.GOV

MN Governor Tim Walz high fives LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. as the two celebrate the 2022 State Fishing Opener.

## Governor Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan Celebrate 2022 Governor's Fishing Opener in Leech Lake

via MN.GOV

BENA – The weekend of May 14, Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan celebrated the Governor's Fishing Opener on Lake Winnibigoshish, where Governor Walz hooked a 21-inch walleye. The weekend included Radio Row in the Chippewa National Forest, visits to highlight the local outdoor and hospitality industries, a community celebration, a Launch Ceremony, and a walleye shore lunch.

"There's nothing better than early summer days on the lake in Minnesota – especially when the fish are biting," said Governor Walz. "We're proud of our state's abundant natural resources and the businesses that make up our strong outdoor economy. I hope this year's Opener encourages people to get out and explore new areas of the state and take part in the wonderful tradition of fishing."

"While I graciously conceded victory in our annual fishing competition to Governor Walz, it was a joy to be out on the lake with good friends and still catch some fish," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "Fishing has been deeply embedded in the culture and traditions of this area for generations. Miigwech to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and community members near Lake Winnibigoshish for welcoming us with open arms as we celebrate the best of Minnesota this weekend."



Governor Walz reels in a walleye on Lake Winnibigoshish.

via MN.GOV

#### **Schedule of Events**

On Friday morning, Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan hosted Radio Row and talked with reporters from around the state. Later, they stopped by three local businesses: Norway Beach Resort, Reeds Family Outdoor Outfitters, and the Leech Lake Market, to highlight the importance of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality and retail industries. On Friday evening, Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan attended a Fishing Opener community celebration hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to meet with community and industry leaders from across the region.

On Saturday morning, May 14, 2022, Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan fished on Lake Winnibigoshish, attended a send-off ceremony on East Seelye Bay, and returned for a shore lunch and celebration on East

Seelye Bay. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor fished with Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. and guides Tom Neustrom and Rory Haaland.

This weekend follows the first ever State of Minnesota Fishing Summit hosted by MN-FISH, where industry leaders discussed the future of fishing. Governor Walz committed to prioritizing state investments in fishing infrastructure, including hatcheries and public water access.

The Governor's Fishing Opener has been a tradition in Minnesota since 1948. The event was designed to promote the development of Minnesota's \$2.4 billion fishing industry, and in recent years, it has served as an iconic kick-off celebration for the summer tourism season. Travel and tourism have traditionally generated approximately \$16 billion in leisure and hospitality gross sales in Minnesota annually.

## LLBO Band Members, Others Can Register for Access to Rosetta Stone's Ojibwemowin Program

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Band members can now register for nocost access to the newly developed Ojibwemowin program on Rosetta Stone thanks to the LLBO Education Department and the DRM. The Ojibwe Rosetta Stone Project was developed by the Aanjibimaadizing Program (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) and released to the public on March 1, 2022.

No-cost access will also be available to LLBO Descendants, LLBO Band Member Households and all LLBO Employees. While this is a first come-first serve opportunity, Leech Lake Band Members will receive priority when signing up

Participants must be at least 15 years of age and have an email address. To sign up, please fill out the online form at: https://form.jot-form.com/221046316895054. After signing up, you will receive a confirmation email. Once your application has been processed you will receive a personal login sent direct-



ly to your email. Licenses granted through this opportunity will be good for two years.

Once your account has been activated, participants will have the option of accessing the Ojibwemowin lessons via the website at <a href="https://login.rosettastone.com/">https://login.rosettastone.com/</a> or using the Rosetta Stone Fluency Builder App for smartphones and Tablets (iOS/iPhone/iPad or Android).

All other persons interested in learning the Ojibwe Language using this program can find more info here: https://www.culture.aanji.org/language/ojibwe-rosetta-stone/.

From the District III

Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

District III Elder Birthdays

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Evelyn Howard Nanette Howard Gerald Humphrey Matthew Hunt Fred Jackson Michael Johnson Beverly Kamrowski Francis Kangas Matthew Kangas Verna King Carol Kingbird Gregory Kleeb Timothy Littlewolf Linda Losh Sharon Lovelace Nina Martin Rhonda Michaud Edwin Monroe Tony Morris

Janet Northbird

Richard O'Brien

Michael Olson

Kenneth Hough

Ernest Howard

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



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## BUG O NAY GE SHIG



## SCHOOL NEWS

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▲ This week, Mrs. Beranek's Kindergarten and Ms. Meghan's First Grade made bird feeders! They will be hanging them in trees outside their classrooms to watch the birds eat!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Seasonal Activities classes have begun preparing for Sugarbush season. Pictured above, a student constructs taps from sumac. The classes, taught by Richard Armstrong, have all had a chance to do each of the stages of maple syrup / sugar production, such as drilling, cleaning and inserting a tap, collecting, building the fire and processing.







▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 3<sup>rd</sup> graders took advantage of the fresh snow last week. They took the opportunity to go snowshoeing before the snow melts. The weather was awesome and the students had fun.



At Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, much of the math, science, language arts and art curriculum is centered around seasonal activities. Since we are now into Sugarbush season, much of the curriculum involves the process of make maple syrup/sugar. Pictured is Culture teacher, Jullita Grayhawk, working with students on their sugarbush projects.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Spring Volleyball Team is traveling for scrimmages! They were hosted by Grand Rapids recently. It was a great practice for all!



▲ As part of diabetes prevention, Bug O Nay Ge Shig School has been hosting Josh RedDay of the Leech Lake Diabetes Program each week. His presentations focus on healthy eating and exercise. This week he taught students some Lacrosse skills before they tested their skills in a high action game.

#### « MMIW & MMIG

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Women, men and children marched across Bemidji, MN during the MMIWP Awareness Rally. The march was followed by speakers sharing their truths in this crisis and a drum group.

KAYLA DUOOS | DEBAHJIMON

BEMIDJI – School work left undone, a prom dressing left hanging in the closet for a date well since passed.

These are the sights Nevaeh Kingbirds mother Teddi Wind is presented with everyday, marking the teens absence. It's been close to 200 days since the 15 year old went missing in Bemidji, in October of last year.

Kingbird was last seen leaving a home in Southview Terrace Park in southeast Bemidji on October 22, 2021. She was last seen wearing a black zip-up hoodie, blue skinny jeans, a white t-shirt or tank top, and black and red Nike sandals. Nevaeh's story was one of many shared at the MMIW march that took place, Thursday May 5.

A number of Nevaeh's classmates, and teachers showed up to the rally, a move which touched Wind, who said her daughter loved school, and wouldn't miss a day. Wind thanked attendees, and relatives shared hopes the event would bring about more information on the missing teen.

A search was conducted for Nevaeh that same afternoon by Bemidji Police but yielded no results.

May 5 is federally recognized as the National Day of Awareness for

Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. To rally for awareness, community members dressed in red and marched from the Sanford center to Paul and Babe. The march was followed by an evening spent remembering and sharing stories of those who are still lost.

The federal recognition of this day has prompted awareness events across the country in hopes to deter the large number of Indigenous relatives who face violence on a regular basis. The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women statistics show that Indigenous women are murdered

at 10 times the national average and four out of five Native American women are affected by violence.

Statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show homicide is the third-leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native girls and women ages 10 to 24 and the fifthleading cause of death for Native American women between the ages of 25 and 34.

A number of measures have taken place within recent years to combat these figures including: the reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the passing of Savanna's Act and the Not Invisible Act, and the introduction of the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Most recent developments include the Department of the Interiors recently established the Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office and the newly opened MMIW office in Minneapolis, MN.

Anyone with information about Kingbird or any of the open MMIW cases in the area are asked to contact the Bemidji police department at (218) 333-9111.







## Meshkwadooningeng

LLTC Hosts Inaugural Collegiate Competitions focused on language, art and tradition

Photos and Article By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI - The Leech Lake Tribal College hosted the inaugural "Meshkwadooningeng" competition at the Sanford Center, April 21 and 22.

The two day event hosted students from Tribal colleges across Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin for language, art, and traditional game competitions.

In addition to the cultural components, attendees could also view a variety of science presentations by students and network.

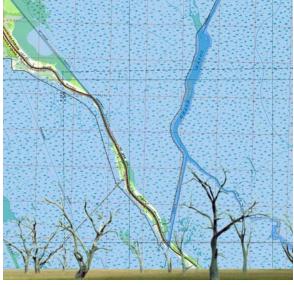
Inspiration for the event came

in the absence of the usual national event held by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Typically held in Washington, D.C., the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means it hasn't occurred in two years.

The college hopes for the "Meshkwadoonigeng" event to grow to an annual occurrence that is hosted by a different college each year.

If you have questions about the "Meshkwadoonigeng" event or you'd like to tour the college, you can visit them at 45 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8am-4:30pm or call (218) 335-4200.





via WATERMARK ART CENTER

'Spring Dances in the North" by artist Karen Goulet (Left) and "Pointe aux Chenes Lost Treasure Map" by artist Monique Verdin (right).

BEMIDJI - A new exhibit is coming to Bemidji's Watermark Center,

Miikinaan gallery. The Miikinaan gallery which is home to the center's

Traditional art exhibits will host Aabijijiwan (It Flows Continuously), May 15-August 17, 2022.

The exhibit which is part of the Big River continuum collection is a display of two artists' work, Karen Goulet and Monique Verdin who both explore multimedia art styles. The works featured by both Goulet and Verdin are inspired by the Misi Ziibi (Mississippi River) and sacred systems of the watershed, found up and downstream. Goulet and Verdin describe Aabijijiwan (It Flows Continuously) as a reflection of their "journey together over the past two and a half years; illumi-nating diversities, connecting personal memories and curiosities and witnessing how the layers of indigenous and colonial histories are the foundations anchoring the consequences of our current conditions."

**About the Artists** 

Karen Goulet is a multimedia artist often working with textiles

"It flows continuously"

By KAYLA DUOOS



Featured artist Karen Goulet.



Featured artist Monique Verdin.

and written word. She is a White Earth Oiibwe Band member and is also from Metis and Sami/Finn people. Her work is informed by her experiences, the peo-

ple she is from and places she loves. She has been exhibiting nationally and internationally for 25 years. She is the Program Director for the Miikanan Gallery at the Watermark working as a community change maker through her creative prac-

Monique Verdin is a multidisciplinary artist responding to the complex interconnectedness of environment, economics, culture, climate, and change along the Gulf South. Her indigenous Houma relatives and their life-ways have been the primary focus of her storytelling practice. Monique is the director of The Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange, a part of the Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative, co-producer/subject of the documentary My Louisiana Love and co-author of Return to Yakni Chitto; Houma Migrations.

The Indigenous Expressions exhibit will be on display at Watermark until August 17, 2022.

#### **DEBAHJIMON**

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#### **District II**

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Bena Community Center 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 IHS Cass Lake Dental Clinic Leech Lake Market 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 Tribal Development Leech Lake Housing

#### Bemidji

Sanford Center Box Office Tesoro Station Bemidji Public Library Social Services Building Bemidji IHS Building

LLBO Health Clinic Bemidji State Univ. AIRC Northwest OIC Oshki Manidoo Center Simonson's Station Tesoro Station

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## DOI Releases Historic Report on Federal Indian Boarding Schools

# Initial Investigation reports 408 of these types of schools

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The US Department of Interior has released Volume 1 of its on-going boarding school investigation and identified 21 federal boarding schools in Minnesota.

Minnesota was tied with Alaska for the third-most boarding school sites, clustered in areas around White Earth, Leech Lake and Red Lake reservations. There were also sites located west of the Twin Cities and near St. Cloud.

Minnesota's Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who is a member of White Earth Nation, made a statement following the report's release.

"This report is devastating and important," Flanagan said. "We have a responsibility here in Minnesota – and across the country – to understand the impact the boarding schools had on our families and to take action."

Arizona had the most boarding schools with 47 and South Dakota had the second-most with 30. The investigation also found

Federal Indian Boarding School Sites Identified In Minnesota.

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marked and unmarked burial sites at 53 different schools across the system. More burial sites are expected to be identified as the investigation continues.

The initial investigation also

found that 19 of these boarding schools accounted for over 500 child deaths, but the DOI expects that number to increase as the investigation continues.

The investigation's first volume

highlights some of the conditions that Native American children endured at these schools, and "raises important questions about the short-term and long-term consequences" the boarding schools

### 21 Federal Boarding Schools located in Minnesota alone

had on these children and communities. It's also an extensive and first-ever inventory of federally operated schools.

Moving forward, as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, Haaland also announced "The Road to Healing." It's a yearlong tour that includes travel across the country to allow Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian survivors of the federal Indian boarding school system to share their stories. The DOI will also connect communities with trauma-informed support and facilitate collection of a permanent oral history.

The second volume of the investigative report will include more identification of marked and unmarked burial sites, an approximation of the total amount of federal funding used to support the federal Indian boarding school system and "further investigation to determine the legacy impacts of the school system on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities today."

## Walz Signs Law Establishing One Time Payment to Qualifying Frontline Workers

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – Frontline workers can expect a payout from the state in the upcoming summer months.

On Friday, April 29, Governor Walz signed a law establishing a \$500,000,000 fund for eligible COVID-19 frontline workers to receive an estimated \$750 bonus. State legislators believe that approximately 667,000 Minnesotans may be eligible for this bonus which is likely to be paid out in early summer 2022.

Unlike prior pandemic financial assistance, the bonus payments will not be automatically sent out to eligible workers. Instead, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry will create an application process and provide eligible workers a 45-day window to apply for the bonus.

The frontline worker bonus is available to workers in healthcare, emergency response, childcare, schools, food service, public transit, and manufacturing, among other areas. The frontline workers must have worked at least 120 hours in Minnesota between March 15, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Eligibility is also based on income: workers with direct COVID-19 patient care responsibilities must have had an annual income less than \$175,000 (or \$350,000 for married joint filers), and those without direct COVID-19 patient care responsibilities must have had an annual income less than \$85,000 (or \$185,000 for married joint filers). Frontline workers who received more than 20 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits during the above-time period are not eligible for the bonus.

For more information on the frontline worker pay, community members can visit *frontlinepay. mn.gov.* 

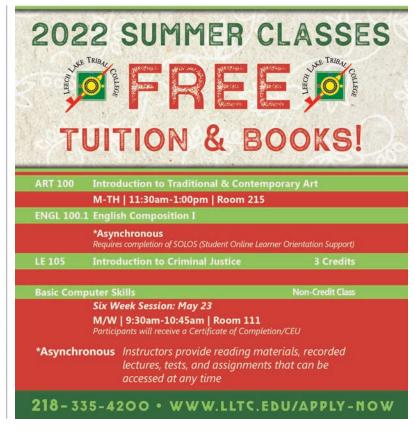
## A look at the numbers as of May 13:

The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 1,479,047. Of them, nearly 1,447,550 no longer require isolation.

The state's death toll is now at 12,559 with 5,733 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 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 are 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.



## Leech Lake MCT General Election Notice: Polls open June 14, 2022

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE - The MN Chippewa Tribe has posted the General Election Notice for the Leech Lake Reservation. The 2022 General Election will be held on June 14, 2022 with polls open from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. With the District I and District II Representative races decided in the April Primary Election, the remaining Tribal Council race on the ballot will be for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Candidate Leonard M. Fineday will run unopposed on the ballot in that

In addition to the Secretary-Treasurer seat, voters will fill positions for the Local Indian Councils, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board and the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board. The filing period for those positions closes today, May 16 2022 at 4:30 PM. For more info see, https:// www.leechlakenews. com/2022/04/19/election-noticelocal-indian-councils-housingboard-b-school-board/.

#### **Absentee Voting Information**

In order to receive an absentee ballot, voters can fill out an absentee ballot request card provided by a candidate or submit a written request to the Election Board at LLBO Election Board, 115 6th St Ste E, Cass Lake MN 56633 Written requests MUST contain the following information:

- Full Name
- Mailing Address
- Physical Address (if different)
- Date of Birth
- Voting District
  - » A District must be declared on your request in order to receive an absentee ballot, failure to provide one will lead to significant delays
  - » District cannot be changed without establishing residency (see "Establishing Residency"
  - » Out of State voters who have not declared a district in a previous election shall declare a district to vote in
  - » Out of State voters are not eligible to select a new district if they have chosen one previously

without meeting the residency requirements outlined below

Voters can also cast an absentee ballot in person by visiting the Election Board offices in Cass Lake (located in the SE corner of the Che We building, 115 6th St, Cass Lake, MN 56633). Absentee voters must bring an acceptable ID (see list below) when voting in person. Ballots are not permitted to leave the Election Board office. The only exception is if there is a voter that is unable to vote in person (handicapped, elder, etc) Those voters are able to sign a form requesting assistance to vote and a minimum of two Election Board members will walk the ballot out and assist the

#### **Acceptable Identification for Voters**

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The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling place to vote on Election Day include:

- Official Valid Tribal Identification Card of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; or
- · A current and valid photo identification card issued by the State of Minnesota or the United States government; or
- Military ID; or
- US Passport or US Passport

#### **Establishing Residency**

\*A voter must have resided within that district for at least (30) days immediately preceding the election.

The forms acceptable to establish residency:

- · An original or copy of a current utility bill; or
- · An original or copy of a current bank statement; or
- · An original or copy of current government check; or
- Ån original or copy of current paycheck; or
- An original or copy of a current other government document that shows the voters name and current address

For more information, including polling places, candidate essays and more, visit the Election Information page at leechlakenews. com/election-information.

## **Secretary / Treasurer Candidate Essay**



Vote Leonard "Lenny" Fineday LEECH LAKE RBC SECRETARY / TREASURER June 14, 2022

#### **Greetings People of Leech Lake!**

My name is Leonard "Lenny" Fineday, and I am humbly asking for your support and vote to be your next Secretary/Treasurer. I was born at the CLIHS Hospital in 1982, and grew up in Portage Lake (Bena area) and in Cass Lake. I graduated from Cass Lake Bena High School in 2001, from Bethel University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2005, and from Marquette University Law School in 2011 with a Juris Doctorate. I have also been licensed to practice law since 2011. I have spent the last nineteen years working for Indian Country, from interning with the National Congress of American Indians to my present position serving as General Counsel for the White Earth Nation. My father was the late Rev. Leonard F. Fineday and my mother is Mary Fineday.

Previously, I served as a Cass Lake City Council member, as a member of the Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees, and I am a former two-term president of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association. Currently, I serve as a School Board member for the Cass Lake Bena Board of Education, as a member of the Children's Initiative Statewide Advisory Board and Co-Chair the Children's Justice Initiative ICWA Subcommittee. These past and present leadership positions have instilled in me the importance of public service, understanding the role of a governing body, implementing strategic goals and priorities, and promoting effective and meaningful change. These are the qualities that I hope to bring to the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee.

My top priority is to work very hard to re-establish trust between our people and the tribal government. We must have greater transparency in our decision-making

and we must take the time to gather Band member input in all impactful, long-term and strategic decisions. Our Band members' voices need to be heard and lead the way in our decision-making. All meetings of the RBC should be livestreamed for Band member input and comment, with agendas posted with as much advance notice as possible so our members are aware of the decisions that are going to be made. Local Indian Councils need to have a bigger role in gather community input and setting the direction for our tribal

Along with transparency, we need to move away from the subtle culture of fear that has poisoned our tribal politics for far too long. I know even now rumors are circulating that with the upcoming transition in RBC, there is a growing "list" of people who are going to be fired. I can assure you that I do not have a list and it is my hope and intention to work with everyone. Working in tribal government, whether as a member of the RBC, a director, manager or frontline worker, all positions are positions of service to our Band Members. This is what we need to keep front and center in any discussion about tribal government employment. Who you support or who you know or who your family is should not determine whether you will have a job or not; the knowledge, skills and abilities one brings to the table along with the ability to effectively serve our people should be the guiding principles in our employment decisions.

Furthermore, the RBC should not even be involved in hiring and firing and other Human Resources matters. The RBC sets the policies and procedures, then the HR Department and executive staff implement those policies and procedures fairly and consistently. This is how our HR process should work, and I hope to bring this change to Leech Lake so the RBC can focus on governing and bigger picture items.

As it relates to our Band finances, we need to develop short and long range plans that will ensure that we are using our resources properly and living within our means. I was pleased to see the recent attempt to meet with Band members on the FY23 budget as required by the Budget Ordinance, but I am also saddened to hear that the RBC has failed to enact the FY22 budget and that even at this late stage planning is still incomplete for the FY23 budget. I am thankful for our hardworking accounting and finance staff at both the RBC and within Gaming, but there needs to be much stronger support from the Secretary/ Treasurer in our accounting teams for financial planning moving forward. I will be directly involved in helping to shape our budgets and financial plans in accordance with direction from the full RBC, our people and the strategic plan we create together.

There are, of course, many other areas to address: housing, chemical dependency, child welfare, education, natural resource protection, elder services, healthcare, and many more. My hope and desire is to tackle these issues together, as the Leech Lake people, incorporating your voice in our planning and implementation. This is the only meaningful way to bring true and lasting change. I intend to work toward a comprehensive plan for Leech Lake that addresses all of these areas with Band member input setting the priorities, goals and benchmarks. This comprehensive planning document will be the map to our success and help us work together to help restore and rebuild our Reservation and our communities.

I am confident that our greatest days are still in front of us and that by working together, we will become stronger, healthier, and better positioned to live our Anishinabe way of life for generations to come. I am available to meet with you or your family in advance of the election. Please reach out to me at (218) 760-1712 if you would like to meet! Also call or email if you need an absentee ballot or a ride to the polls. Again, I humbly ask for your vote on June 14, 2022 and am available to answer any questions you may have.

#### Miigwech! Leonard "Lenny" Fineday

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

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## **ELECTION CALENDAR 2022**

#### GENERAL ELECTION

	GLIVERAL DELCTION
JUNE 14	General Election (Polling places open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm)
JUNE 15	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
JUNE 16	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
JUNE 17	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
JUNE 21	4:30 p.m Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
JUNE 22 or 21, if request for Recount is filed before deadline	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
JULY 1	Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.
JULY 5 or within 3 days of decision on contest	4:30 p.m Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).
JULY 8 at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
JULY 12 hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.
JULY 12	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
<b>JULY 22</b> 10 days from hearing on appeal	Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.
DAY FOLLOWING DECISION OF APPEAL	Winning Candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.

Elections for Local Indian Council seats, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board and Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board will take in place in conjunction with the Leech Lake MCT General Election on June 14, 2022. Precinct polling sites in all three districts and urban areas will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM on Election Day.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will also be conducting a referendum on blood quantum during the June 2022 General Election. The exact wording and nature of the referendum question(s) have not yet been finalized by the MCT.

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DISTRICT III:
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8:00 p.m

#### CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER- 4 Year Term

Leonard M. Fineday

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised 12/14/21, which states the voting requirements.

Date: May 13, 2022

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#### MCT Election Ordinance- Section 1.6 Voter Eligibility

#### **1.6** (A). Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

#### 1.6 (B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a

ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

#### 1.6 (C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disabili-

ty, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible

voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/ her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.



## Helen Johnson



Helen Jean (Charwood) Bryan Johnson February 4, 1940 - April 5, 2022

Helen Jean (Charwood) Bryan Johnson, age 82, of Squaw Lake, MN died on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. She was born in Max Township and she resided in Squaw Lake her whole life. Helen will be forever be missed and remembered by her children Russell (Margaret) Bryan Jr., Janice Bryan, Larry Bryan, Linda Bryan, Mason Bryan, 17 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, also, by her 3 cats. Helen was preceded in death by; Husbands Russell Bryan, Robert Johnson, Father Walter Charwood, Mother Josephine Charwood, Brothers Max Charwood, Phillip Charwood, Walter Charwood, Sisters Gloria Michaud, Shirley Bebeau, Sons Douglas Bryan Sr., Darwin Bryan, Grandsons Ryan Miettinen, Russell Bryan III, Keith Rogers, and Granddaughter Jeanine White.

Helen was a head start teacher for 18 years in Squaw Lake. Helen enjoyed going to bingo, and going to the casino to play slots. She enjoyed attending pow-wows. Helen served on the S. Lake Local Indian Council member, and also was on the pow-wow committee. In her spare time she made quilts and braided rugs. She enjoyed gardening. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Helen and Russell Bryan Sr. paved the way for Indian Gaming with their Supreme Court case Bryan V. Itasca County. The decision recognized Tribal Nations have civil-regulatory jurisdiction on their Tribal Lands. This case was used as precedence for the later Supreme Court case, Cabazon, which ultimately led to Indian Gaming.

A wake will begin at Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM at Squaw Lake Fire Hall. Services will follow on Monday, April 11,

2022 at 11:00 AM at Squaw Lake Fire Hall. Naabek Liberty will serve as Spiritual Leader. Arrangements will be provided by Carroll Funeral Home in Deer River, MN

Pallbearers caring for Helen will be Corey Miettinen, Jordan Miettinen, DeAndre Bryan, Doug Bryan Jr., Zachary Anderson, Jaydyn Johnson. The alternate pallbearers are Bezhiganakwad Hardy, and Christopher Bryan. Honorary pallbearers are Ernie Stevens, Janet Kern, Joyce Laporte, Sheila Schuman, Pam Bowstring, David Treuer, Paul Lindom, Tana Morgan-Robinson, Nancy Washington, Archie LaRose, and Darrell Kingbird.

## Amarii Hogan



Amarii Jewelz Hogan, 16 months, "Giiwedin Anang Giiwitaa Giizhigook" which means "North Star – All Around the Sky" of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world unexpectedly from the Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA on Monday, March 21, 2022.

A little about our baby girl.

Amarii Hogan was born October 25, 2020. She is the second beautiful daughter of Allaurah Isham and Derrean Hogan, Jr. Amarii was born in Bemidji MN, and lived in Cass Lake with her mom, dad, sister and papa for most of her infant life before recently being in Omaha. She was the younger sister, and one look from those big beautiful bratty eyes and you couldn't tell her no! She was so fun and full of adventure, even at a young age. You could tell this little girl was on a mission! She was at the age where she wanted to be picked up, then set down, then picked back up, then sat back down (because she spied something curious and wanted to check it out but also wanted to be held at the same time). Amarii was learning her independence and

being a big baby simultaneously. And oh boy, if you were holding sister and she saw, you better make room on your lap for her too because she was definitely coming over and crawling up too. You couldn't do one thing without the other, anything sister could do, you can bet Amarii was right there waiting for her turn. The bond they shared as sisters, is irreplaceable. And if she seen you with food, you better just hand it over, because she was coming for that too! Amarii had that smile, where if you were passing her in Target, you would want to stop and wave and smile back. She could brighten anyone's day up, with one of her big squishy hugs from her little baby self. And man, you would melt for those dimples of hers! Contagious happiness from a chunky, bossy, lovable, smart Babygirl. Although she lived a short life, the impact she made on us all, will live on with us forever. We are so grateful for the time we were allowed with her; we are so grateful she blessed us with her presence and memories. We maintain that she was simply too beautiful for this world, that our higher power had a grander plan for this little one. We believe that she is with her Grandpa, and we forever have two Guardian Angels watching over us.

Family that will care for Amarii in the spirit world are her grandpa, Darryl Northbird, great grandma, Sara Isham; auntie, Kaelynn Isham; uncle, Daniel Isham and many other family members.

She leaves behind her parents, Allaurah Isham and Derrean Hogan, Jr.; siblings, Leland Villebrun, Leilani Hogan and Aniya Hogan; grandmas, Liberty (Kent) Isham and Sharon Lyons-Curry; grandpa, Derrean Hogan, Sr.; great grandpa, Phillip Collard; numerous aunties, uncles and cousins.

An overnight wake for Amarii will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 and continue until her 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Wednesday, March 30 all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Arnold and Darrell Kingbird will be her Spiritual Advisors. Helping to lay Amarii to rest are Michael Norton, K-Lib Isham, Dennis Isham, Leland Villebrun, and Kent Isham. Her honorary pallbearers are Evan Northbird, Emery Northbird, Macen Norton, Niiwii Norton, Leilani Hogan, Akirah Northbird and all her other relatives. Interment will be in the Northbird Family Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN.

Amarii'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

## Ruby Rogers

Ruby Jane Rogers 1938- 2022. On Sunday April 3, 2022, Ruby Jane Rogers of S. Lake, Minnesota joined the spirit world at the age of 83 years old.

Ruby will forever be remembered by her children; Mary (Sean) McCarthy, Roy Washington, Karen (Curtis) Bowstring, Debbie (Lawrence) Gotchie, Marvin Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers, Teri (Thomas) Kuhlman. She was preceded in death by; Husband Everett Rogers, Father Joseph Washington,



Mother Elizabeth Jane Washington, Brothers Gene Washington, Allen Washington Sr., Melvin Washington, Oliver Washington, Elmer Washington, John Washington, Teddy Washington. Sisters Mariam Washington, Irene Tuttle, Elizabeth Washington Boyd. Son Allen Wayne Goggleye, Daughter Myrna Jean Rogers, Grandson Keith Joel Rogers.

Ruby enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and going to cook-outs ath the beach with all her family. Ruby really enjoyed when her older grandsons would take her to town to go shopping.

## John Pemberton



John Wayne Pemberton, 84, of Kalispell, Montana and formerly of Cass Lake, MN, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 13, 2021. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on Sunday, August 15, 1937, to Margaret Thompson Pemberton and John Pemberton.

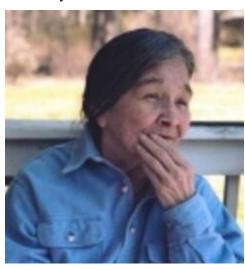
He grew up and attended school in Cass Lake, MN. John graduated in 1956 and joined the United States Army Reserves. On October 13, 1958, John married Karen Fredricks. Together they moved to Columbia Falls, Montana, where they raised their three children. He worked in construction most of his working life. John loved to hunt and fish and spend time with his family during his annual trips back to Cass Lake.

John has been reunited with his wife Karen, two sons, Ken John, and Christopher, one sister and one brother.

He leaves behind his daughter, Kimberly Cavalar of Spokane, WA; three grandchildren, Angela, Tony and Nick; five great grandchildren, Carter, Julian, Ryder, Gracie and Seth; two brothers, Doug (Nan) of Minneapolis and Robert of Cass Lake; a sister, Betty (Ken) Anderson of Walker, many nieces, nephews, Pemberton and Thompson cousins.

A Memorial Mass for John will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN. Father Kuriakose "KK" Nediakala will officiate. Urn bearers for John will be Keith, Doug Jr., and Dennis. His honorary pallbearers are Angela, Tony, and Nick. Per John's wishes, his ashes will be buried in the Thompson Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his Saturday service. Immediately following burial, a lunch will be provided back at the church.

### Shirley "Nahbun" LaDuke



Shirley Mae LaDuke, "Nahbun," 80, of Cass Lake, MN passed peacefully Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at her home in Cass Lake, MN.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00am, Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin at 3:00pm, Monday, April 18, 2022, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

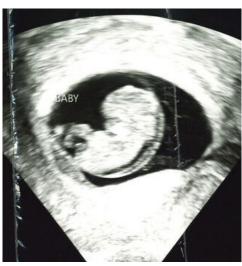
She was born on March 3, 1942, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Gabriel "Guy" LaDuke and Maefred VanOss. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake, and for a time in Minneapolis, before her family moved back to Cass Lake. She attended and then graduated from Bemidji State University in 1976. Her legacy goes far beyond her commitment as a mother and grandmother to her own. Her work in education for Native children echoes now and forever through the Cass Lake educational system that so many of our community's families are part of today. She labored tirelessly to improve the lives of Native kids in the Cass Lake community through education and

building pride in our cultural identity. Grass roots efforts and standoffs with the sheriff were just the beginning of her advocacy. And it worked. She went on to serve the community as the Indian Education director for the Cass Lake Bena school district. Soon after she used her college degree to bring education directly to the classroom teaching at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Heart of the Earth Survival School, and Cass Lake Schools. She never wasted a moment using the voice and spirit the Creator gifted her with to make a better world for all in her community. Towards the end of her career she worked for Leech Lake in Human Resources and finally with Leech Lake Housing. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lake. She participated and volunteered in the Parent's Committee-WML, and with the Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, gardening, taking drives around Cass Lake pointing out the history of the area, writing, and visiting with friends over a cup of coffee. She loved crafting and spending time with her grand-

She is survived by her: Children, Alden (Vickie) Fairbanks Sr., James (aIris) Dean Fairbanks, Teresa LaDuke, Geraldine Littlewolf, Faith Littlewolf, Connie (Brian) Littlewolf, Rebecca Littlewolf, Sarah (Duane) Brown, Stephanie (George) Northbird, Gordon Northbird Jr., Mike Castillo, Sister, Gloria Annemarie Dunn, and her special dog Jack.

She was preceded in death by her parents Maefred and Eirving D. Arey, father Gabriel "Guy" LaDuke, daughter, Roxanne Fairbanks, siblings Bruce "Sonny" VanOss, Rodney LaDuke, Tanya LaDuke, grandsons Benjamin Northbird, Tristan Fairbanks, and Carter Fairbanks.

## Ahrwen Bermodes



A hrwen Bermodes started his spiritual journey to the spirit world on May 10, 2022, from the womb at 15 weeks' gestation. His parents are Odawa and Seneca Bermodes of Cass Lake, MN.

Baby Ahrwen made his presence known the day after his father's birthday and was a wonderful surprise. He was a wiggle worm, enjoyed having his mama doing fat girl stuff. On car rides he'd wiggle along with Doja Cat,

Towkio and a few other artists. He'd bounce or wiggle when he heard his dad and brother's voices. When we made the announcement to the family, everyone was happy and excited for our newest addition. He sadly left us due to a subchorionic hemorrhage. He will be deeply missed.

Welcoming Baby Ahrwen home are his grandparents, Jeffrey (Tanya) Keezer; uncles, Jeffrey Keezer, Jr. and Lucas Hilton, Sr.; special uncles, Jordan Dubbe and Lance Robinson and recently his grandma, Gladys Arlene Fairbanks.

He is survived by his loving parents, Odawa and Seneca Bermodes; big brother, Tyler TyJay; grandparents, Morning Star Little Creek, Clifford and Alberta Jones, Grampy Joe Fairbanks, and Rebecca Lowry; aunties and uncles, Tina (Shane Roy) Headbird, Donald (Sara) Headbird, Gary (Lisa) Keezer, and Karina Dunn; special auntie, Vicky Goggleye and his Godmother, Charlee Johnson.

A memorial dinner and inurnment will be held at a later date. Urn bearers will be his father Odawa Bermodes and brother TyJay.

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

### Nellie Gotchie



Mellie Howard Gotchie 86 of Ball Club, MN, died May 13, 2022 at her home in Ball Club, MN. Nellie was born December 1, 1935 in Inger, MN to Ernest and Rose Howard.

Preceding her in death were her husband Lawrence "Sandy" Gotchie, Parents Ernest and Rose; Siblings, Donna DeVault, Edward Sr., Ernest Jr., Thomas Sr., Loretta Robinson, Pauline Hill, Evelyn Bowstring, Rose Hamilton. Children; Andrew Sr., Ernest & William; Grandchildren Shane Whitebird, Terrell Wilson and Donald Jr.

Nellie is survived by Children; Lawrence Jr. (Debbie), Robert Joseph, Donald Sr. (Sheila), Edward, Rose, Donna, Mary Jo, Steven (Becky). Her Sister & best friend Lucille "Butchie" (Joseph) White, Grandchildren 42, Great Grandchildren Numerous, One Great-Great Granddaughter, Koa Rae. Daughter-in-laws; Linda, Candace, Miriam and Tana. Special family friend Thomas Bellanger, Siblings; Sue,

Isabelle and Lloyde.

Nellie was born and raised in Inger, MN it was instilled at a very young age the importance of family and hard work. Nellie early years were spent looking after her siblings, thus allowing her mother and father to work and provide for their family. At the age of 18 Nellie was proposed marriage by Lawrence "Sandy" Gotchie, with the approval of Edward and Rose, which was respectfully requested prior to. Lawrence & Nellie were married the following year, they made their home Ball Club, MN. "Sandy and Nellie" (as it always was and will be) had 10 children raising 11 who include William and Caleb. Nellie was a lifelong homemaker, always making sure her family was well taking care of. Nellie was also a hunter, fisher and wild rice harvester right alongside Sandy, together they traveled miles near and far on the pow-wow trail.

To know Nellie was to know Home, her heart and door was always open. If Nellie was in her chair, you knew there was always hot coffee, sweetened tea and a meal for you. If she was by your side you had a best friend, a confidante, a lending ear. She gave you happiness. Nellie shared her strength with you and gave you confidence just knowing she was near. Our hearts are hurting but will never forget Nellie and all of her love she had for everyone. Sandy & Nellie are together once again

We had a grandmother One who never really grew old, Her smile was made of sunshine And her heart was solid gold. Her eyes were bright as shiny stars And her cheeks fair roses you see, We had a wonderful grandmother And that's the way it all always be. So never forget, because She's still keeping an eye on all of us, So let's make sure She Likes what she sees.

### Luella Brunelle



Luella Mae Brunelle, age 81 of Cass Lake, MN began her journey on Monday February 28, 2022 following a battle with a rare brain disease.

Luella was born on December 19, 1940 in Cass Lake, MN to Clifford and Margaret Beaulieu. She was an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation. Luella graduated from Cass Lake High School in 1958 and then...

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...moved to Minneapolis, MN where she achieved her Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) education at Golden Valley Hospital in 1960. She worked at St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis, MN before she began a successful career with the Leech Lake Reservation and Indian Health Service (IHS).

In 1961, Luella relocated to Belcourt, ND where she met her husband, William 'Gus-Billy' Brunelle. They married on October 6th, 1962. Following their marriage, they moved to Minneapolis, MN, Cleveland, OH, and Sunnyvale, CA due to the Indian Relocation Act. During this time, they had four children; William, Jeff, Brian and Lisa.

In 1971, Luella returned back to Cass Lake, MN where she worked as a LPN for the Leech Lake Head Start Program. In 1976, she completed her Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. Shortly thereafter, she worked at the Rosebud Hospital, SD and then returned home again to the Leech Lake Reservation where she served as a Community Health Nurse out of the Cass Lake Indian Hospital. She was instrumental in developing the Leech Lake Reservation Community Nursing Program. For the remainder of her career, she worked as assigned in various Indian Health Service locations: Bad River Reservation, WI, Red Lake Indian Hospital, MN, Federal Medical Center, Rochester, MN, Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center, Bloomfield, NM. In 1988, Luella served as Director of Nursing and eventually Chief Executive Officer for many years at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital. In 2005, she retired as Chief Executive Officer at the Southern Bands Health Center in Elko, NV. Other special accomplishments include completing training at the Federal Law Training Center in Glencoe, GA and becoming a Commissioned Corps Officer; obtaining the rank of Captain in the United States Uniformed Services.

Luella was an exceptional mother, sister, aunt, and grandmother. She had a powerful spirit; she was a strong, resilient woman who never showed weakness during difficult times. Luella always had a positive attitude and motivated other's to do their best in life. She loved going to the casino with her siblings. She supported her children and grandchildren in all sports and activities. She never missed a game until her health declined. Her family was blessed with such a wonder-

ful, caring woman. Her legacy will live on forever.
Family waiting for Luella are her husband, William
Brunelle; her parents, Clifford and Margaret Beaulieu;
brothers, Marvin Joe, Edward, and Richard "Dick" Beaulieu; auntie, Ann Oberg; special companion, Richard "Oly" Brown; nephews, Todd and Craig Pemberton and Joel Roy, Sr. and daughter in-law, Alana Brown.

She leaves behind her children, William "Bill" (Wendy) Brunelle, Jeffrey Brunelle, Brian (Alli) Brunelle, and Lisa (Jamie) Mitchell all of Cass Lake; special son, Colin "Kelly" Brunelle; brother, Kent (Deb) Beaulieu; sisters, Gloria Hanson, Katherine Pemberton, and Susie (Tom) Roy; special grandson, Dakotah (Hallie) Brunelle, 14 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and numerous other family members.

Funeral services for Luella will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2022 at the Alliance Church in Cass Lake, MN. Visitations will be Thursday evening, March 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Friday morning, March 4, at 11:00 a.m. all being held at the church. Reverend George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Luella are Tim Beaulieu, Ed Hanson, Myles Brunelle, Clifford Beaulieu, Tony Brunelle, Jared Pemberton, Colin Brunelle, and Alex O'Neal. Alternate pallbearers are Randy Brunelle, Joel Roy, Jr., Marcus Roy, Chuck Hanson, and Del Brunelle. Her honorary pallbearers are her grandchildren Amber, Cassie, Autumn, Kaylee, Dakotah, Alexa, Hannah, Dez, Coltin, Bryanna, Jessica, Nakomis, Mataya, Aubree and Serinity. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN in the spring.

Luella'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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They say it is going to rain. The rain is coming. The rain is going. It is raining. It is a cold rain. It is sprinkling. I brought my umbrella. I don't have an umbrella. There are storm clouds. The wind is cool.

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			Daga wewebanaabiidaa noongom. Please, let's go fishing today.	Niwii-naadin i'iw jiimaan. I will go get the canoe.	Niwii-nakwebinag ogaawag. I want to catch walleyes.	Indayaan miijimikanjigan. I have bait.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Aandi waa- wewebanaabiiyaang? Where will we go fishing?	Izhaadaa akeyaa giiwedinong. Let's go north.	Gigiizhiitaa na? Are you ready to go?	Mii go apane ezhi- ozhiitaayaan. I'm always ready.	Gaawiin gosha mashi ningiizhiitaasii. No, I am not ready yet.	Ingo-diba'igan azhigwa gibaabii'in. I have been waiting for you for an hour.	<b>Bekaa.</b> Wait.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Giwii- wewebanaabiimin jiimaaning. We want to go fishing in the canoe.	Boozin jiimaaning. Get in the canoe.	Minawanigozin. Have fun.	Minawanigwad. It's great.	Nimbiigeyendam. I'm amazed.	Anwaatin. The water is calm.	Minwaanimad. There is a nice breeze.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Onizhishin. Beautiful.	Nizaagitoon zaaga'igan. I love the lake.	Bangan zaaga'iganiing. It is peaceful by the lake.	Mino-giizhigad izhaayaan imaa zaag'iganiing. It is a good day when I go to the lake.	Gaazo aw giizis. The sun is hiding.	Giizhaaate. It is hot outside.	Mooka'am. The sun is rising.
26	27	28	29	30		
Bangishimo. The sun is setting.	Mii zhigwa ji- maajaayang. It's time for us to go.	Ayaangwaamizin. Take care.	Mii go gakina. That is all.	Apegish minoseyeg. I wish you good things.		

# GWeyakmino Wiisinidaa!

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



#### Ratatoullie Baked Penne

#### **Ingredients**

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

8 oz. dried whole grain penne pasta
2 medium zucchini and/or yellow summer squash,
quartered lengthwise and cut into ½-inch slices\*
(check with local food distribution)
2 cups coarsely chopped tomatoes\*
½ cup chopped celery\* ½ cup chopped red onion\*
3 cloves garlic, minced 1 15-oz. can
no-salt-added tomato sauce\*
3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar 2 tbsp. chopped fresh oregano
1 tbsp. chopped fresh thyme ¾ teaspoon sea salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 15-oz. can no-salt-added red kidney beans,
rinsed and drained\*

**Serves:** 8 **Prep time:** 30 min. **Cook time:** 20 min. **Total Time:** 50 minutes.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain.
- 2. Meanwhile, in an extra-large oven-safe skillet cook squash, tomatoes, celery, onion, and garlic over medium heat 6 to 7 minutes or until nearly tender, stirring occasionally and adding water, 1 to 2 Tbsp. at a time, as needed to prevent sticking.
- 3. Stir in the next six ingredients (through pepper). Stir in cooked pasta and beans. Transfer skillet to oven. Bake, covered, 20 minutes. Sprinkle with additional oregano and/or thyme.

#### **Nutritional Notes**

The month of May we are focusing on a traditional Native American Vegetable, the Summer Squash. The Summer Squash is a part of the 3 sisters companion gardening although many other varieties have been used. There are plenty of ways to cook, eat and store this vegetable. This vegetable provides plenty of fiber, manganese, vitamin C, and plenty of phytochemicals.

As mentioned in previous (Debahjimon, Nov. 2021) papers. Native Americans have practiced a cultivation technique called companion gardening, one of the more famous examples of this is the "3 sisters". This technique involved planting corn, beans, and squash together, when grown together

these 3 plants thrive and can provide a garden that produces an above average harvest. Also, requires less watering, weeding and leaves soil more fertile at the end of the growing season.

If this is a vegetable you are planning on cultivating this year here are some things to consider when harvesting. When looking over your bounty, make sure your summer squash is bright in color, firm skin and dense when lifted. The larger the squash, the more seeds and the smaller the squash, the less seeds.

If you have a surplus of squash this summer, making sure your squash is clean and dried before locking in a zip lock bag and stored in a crisp drawer in your fridge will extend your squash's life 1-2 weeks. If you're looking for more of a long-term storage, you can dice, cook, cool and tossed in a Ziploc bag and stored in the freezer for up to 1 year. Furthermore, dehydrating your squash can also significantly extend the life of your squash.

Some of the vitamins and minerals squash provides would be; Vitamin C, Magnesium, vitamin B-6, potassium, Vitamin A, Iron and Calcium to name a few. Fiber is also one of the nutrients Summer Squash provides. As mentioned before, (Debahjimon, Dec. 2021) fiber can help aid in appetite control and also in blood sugar control for people with Diabetes. All of these nutrients and benefits in a low-calorie, low-fat, vegetable you can grow at home.

#### **LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE OPEN POSITIONS**

All positions open until filled.

#### **Dean of Academics**

JOB SUMMARY: The Dean of Academics provides leadership and direction for all academic programs, transfer and general education curricula, services, and staff, as well as articulation agreements and assessment of student learning outcomes. Under the general direction of President, the Dean of Academics provides leadership and direction for transfer, basic skills, curricula, distance education, articulation, and faculty development. The Dean of Academics directs and evaluates faculty relative to areas of assignment.

#### Director of Assessment & Institutional Research

JOB SUMMARY: The primary responsibilities of the Director of Assessment and Institutional Advancement is to develop and coordinate the College assessment plan, conduct institutional research for the College support the continuous evaluation and improvement of faculty assessment of student learning, and help provide leadership in institutional accreditation efforts through the Higher Learning Commission. The Office of Assessment and Institutional Research collects, analyzes, and disseminates internal and external institutional data to support policy analysis, strategic planning, decision-making, and academic and non-academic program development and evaluation. Directly responsible to promote campus-wide self-regulation and continuous improvement by engaging in systematic assessment/evaluation practice and facilitating program/service review. Develops and maintains the institution's electronic data repository. Position is the primary liaison between the College and the College's accreditation agency, the Higher Learning Commission.

#### Adjunct Instructor for Traditional and Indigenous Art Class

JOB SUMMARY: The Arts & Humanities department seeks applicants to teach summer session from May 23 thru July 8. The detailed job description is posted on Indeed.com.

#### Registrar

JOB SUMMARY: Under the general direction of the Dean of Student Services, the Registrar is responsible for the administration of the College's student and course information and procedural systems including admissions, registration, and assessment of fees, grading, degree audits, transcripts, diplomas and the storage and maintenance of student academic records.

#### Cares Act COVID Accounting Specialist

JOB SUMMARY: Under the direction of the Director of Finance, the CARES Act Accounting Specialist will perform all CARES Act accounting tasks, including preparing and maintaining financial and business transactions. Therefore, the ideal candidate has experience in accounting and knowledge of GAAP and 2 CFR PART 200 of the Uniform Administrative Requirement, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. In addition, the candidate will use their analytical, evaluative work using accounting theory and practice.

#### Library Assistant

JOB SUMMARY: This position will work supporting library initiatives and services through technical procedures, including, but not limited to: cataloging, records management, collection management, interlibrary loan coordination, public library services, and development of the college archive. In addition, this position provides responsive customer service to all library users on a daily basis.

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Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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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 Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-023

Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-033

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

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

WIC 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 CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-095

ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-096 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 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

Police Officer (4) ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 21-133

Police Officer (4) ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 21-133

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

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

Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-157

Driver (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-167

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

Registered Dietitian ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-008

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

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-014

Administrative Assistant/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-017

Training Center Coordinator/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-018

Network Associate ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-020

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Help Desk T1 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-021

Help Desk T2 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-021

Help Desk T2 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-022

Family Skills Worker (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-027

Program Manager (Urban Office) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-028

Administrative Assistant ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-030

Family Violence Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-032 Driver (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-033 Intake Worker ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-034

Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-035 Cook (ENP) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-036

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Youth Programs Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-037 Assistant Manager ~ Purchasing ~ Job Code: 22-038 Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040 Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040 Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-041 Cook ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-042 Person In Charge Cook ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-043 CNA/HHA ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-045 Sports Coordinator/Driver ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-046
Intake Liaison ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-047
Homeless Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-048 Watercraft Inspector ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 22-049
Biological Technician ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 22-051

Office Manager (Tribal Clinics – 1 Bena & 1 Ball Club) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-052

Clinic LPN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-053 Nutrition Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-054 Cook ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-055 Education Program Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-056 Homeless Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) (Part Time) (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-059
Summer Food Cook (Seasonal) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-060
ENP Driver (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-061 ENP Driver (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-061

Certified Food Protection Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-064

SHIP Program Coordinator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-065

Quality Assurance & Improvement Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-067

Community Health Worker (DIS) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-068

Chief Dispatcher ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 22-069

Cash Management Clerk ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-070

Emergency Medical Responder ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-071

Billing Specialist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-072

Urban Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-074

Case Manager (Cass Lake) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-075

Facilities Supervisor (Opioid Treatment Program) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-076

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