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Photos from the Annual District III Elder's Picnic, hosted by the District III Office and held at the Cedar Lakes Event Center.

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## Empowering the Future: 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Youth Summit Addresses Substance Use with Cultural Insights



*Annual summit engages Leech Lake youths in substance use disorder education and prevention, intertwining tradition and wellness for a brighter tomorrow.*

Photos and Article By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The annual 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Youth substance use disorder summit returned June 24 and 25.

The two day summit began as an expansion of a well received youth panel that was first held as part of the 2018 Opioid Summit. The summit's goal is to reach 300 youths that reside within the Leech Lake boundaries through education and prevention utilizing a cultural perspective and approach.

Attendees were treated to lunch and dinner both days and received small gift bags from the event.

"Every youth here, I want you to know that you are your ancestors' hopes and dreams—

you are the future of Leech Lake. I don't say this as a burden for you to carry but as an identity for you to carry through everything you do," said LLBO Secretary-Treasurer Lenny Fineday.

The event covered important topics such as; drug awareness, youth leadership, physical wellness, healthy relationships, and suicide awareness. The event also combined cultural activities as a means of traditional healing. Cultural events included hoop dancing, woodland style teachings, jingle dress teachings, traditional female and male teachings, an Ojibwe fashion show, birchbark, moccasin, drumstick, choker, and rice knocker making courses.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who gave opening remarks during the second day of

the summit said youth activities like the summit are essential to a successful upbringing, and keeping children on the right path.

"Everyday we need to give our kids a lot of support. Growing up happens so fast, they need us behind them. I've never believed there's such a thing as a "bad kid." We all make mistakes and lose sight of the path sometimes but providing our kids education and support is how we ensure they stay with the teachings and grow up successful," said Jackson.

Narcan is available at IHS Monday thru Friday 8am to 4pm or anytime at the Leech Lake Emergency Shelter in Cass Lake. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, please contact LLBO Addictions and Dependency Program at (218)-335-8308.

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## Boosting Our Economy: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Updates Economic Development Plan

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The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is taking proactive steps to strengthen their economy by updating our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) plan. This plan will guide their economic development efforts and help them achieve their long-term goals, ensuring a brighter future for tribal members and utilizing local resources effectively.

Adapting to a changing economy is crucial for the tribe's success. By updating the CEDs plan, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe can stay ahead of economic trends, seize new opportunities, and become leaders in the region.

The updated plan will also

address the challenges faced by the tribe's economy. By carefully analyzing the current situation, the tribe can identify these challenges and develop strategies to overcome them. This comprehensive approach will make the tribe more resilient and better equipped to handle obstacles that may arise.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe recognizes the valuable resources within their community, including nature, people, and culture. Through the updated CEDs plan, tribal leaders will find innovative ways to make the most of these resources. This may involve forming partnerships, promoting sustainable tourism, supporting local businesses, and investing in essential infrastructure.

Empowering tribal members is a top priority for the tribe. By

updating the CEDs plan, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe aims to create new job opportunities, support entrepreneurship, and provide training and education programs. Involving tribal members in economic growth will allow everyone have the potential to contribute a bright future.

Preserving their cultural and natural heritage is essential. The updated CEDs plan will prioritize sustainable practices, such as renewable energy projects, land conservation, and responsible resource management. By balancing economic growth with sustainability, the tribe honors their traditions while securing a prosperous future.

To involve the community in shaping economic development strategies, the Tribal Development invites members and residents within the reservation boundaries to participate in a public survey. This survey, available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeechCEDs](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeechCEDs), allows individuals to share their opinions, ideas, and concerns about the community's economic development. Participants will have a chance to win a \$300 grand prize.

Participating in the survey is an opportunity to have a say in decision-making. By sharing their perspectives, community members can shape the future of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and ensure that economic initiatives meet their expectations.

Taking part in the survey also brings personal benefits. It contributes to the creation of new jobs, supports entrepreneurship, and provides valuable training and education opportunities. Active participation in the survey directly impacts personal growth and economic well-being.

By coming together and participating in the public survey, community members can strengthen the entire community. Their insights and ideas will shape the future of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

For questions or more information, contact Bryan McCoy, Planner at Tribal Development, by emailing [bryan.mccoy@llojibwe.net](mailto:bryan.mccoy@llojibwe.net) or calling 218-335-3769. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe looks forward to the community's active involvement in building a prosperous economic future.

## Expanding Horizons: Leech Lake Band Begins Rollout of Class II Gaming Operations

CASSLAKE – In a momentous move that promises to shape the future of the Leech Lake Band community, tribal leaders recently announced the expansion of Class II gaming operations beyond tribal-owned establishments. This groundbreaking decision aims to create new economic opportunities for the tribe while forging vital partnerships with non-tribal businesses.

### What is Class II Gaming?

Class II gaming, as defined by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), includes bingo and certain non-banking card games. Class II gaming machines, also known as bingo-based gaming machines, simulate bingo games on electronic devices connected to a central server. Players interact by pressing the "spin" or "play" button, and the machine's screen displays random symbols. The central server draws bingo numbers, which are matched against the player's selections to determine winning outcomes. Class II gaming machines offer an exciting and unique gaming experience that combines elements of traditional bingo with the aesthet-

ics of slot machines, providing a different type of entertainment for players.

### Diversifying the Economic Landscape

The expansion of Class II gaming operations beyond tribal businesses is seen as a strategic move to enhance the band's economic resilience and self-sufficiency. By venturing into non-tribally owned businesses, the Leech Lake Band aims to achieve the following key objectives:

- **Increased Overall Revenue:** The addition of Class II gaming operations in non-tribal establishments is expected to bring in new customers and revenue streams. As the overall gaming market expands, the tribe's overall gaming revenue will grow, providing more substantial opportunities for all.
- **Reinvesting in the Community:** Profits generated from Class II gaming will be reinvested into crucial community programs and services, providing better resources and support for the members.

- **Creating Jobs:** With the rollout of gaming activities in non-tribal enterprises, the Leech Lake Band expects to see new job opportunities in our community, contributing to reduced unemployment and increased opportunities.

- **Fostering Partnerships:** Collaboration with non-tribally owned businesses creates valuable partnerships, fostering mutual growth and prosperity within our region.

### Responsible Analysis and Mitigation

Tribal leaders understand the importance of responsible analysis and proactive measures to avoid potential impacts on existing gaming operations. Tribal leadership and staff will closely monitor revenue trends, customer preferences, and market dynamics to adjust strategies as needed. While it is true that the addition of new gaming locations may cause a redistribution of patrons and revenue, it is essential to consider the broader perspective. Also, keep in mind that gaming is already going on at many locations within the Reservation without providing any benefit to Leech Lake.

### Community Engagement

The Leech Lake Band values the input of its community members throughout this transforma-

tive journey. Band leaders encourage open dialogue and active engagement to shape the direction of Class II gaming operations in non-tribally owned businesses. As part of the community engagement process, band members are invited to attend a **public meeting regarding the Class II Gaming rollout to be held at Cedar Lakes Casino Event Center on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 beginning at 5:00 PM.** Band members can also share their thoughts via email to [comments@llojibwe.net](mailto:comments@llojibwe.net)

### Building a Brighter Future

With the official rollout of Class II gaming operations in non-tribally owned businesses, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe envisions a future brimming with opportunities and prosperity. The tribe looks forward to uplifting the lives of its members and preserving its cultural heritage for generations to come.

### What's Next?

With an initial pilot site now operational in Bena, MN, tribal leaders and key staff from both the tribal government and gaming are meeting regularly to formalize the application and licensing structures that will allow further expansion of Class II Gaming operations. More information on these efforts will be shared with band members in the coming weeks.

## Public Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Draft Cannabis Regulatory Act

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Cannabis Regulatory Act was drafted at the direction of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee and is intended to address civil matters related to the commercial cultivation, processing, packaging, transportation, and sale of Cannabis and Cannabis Related Products by businesses within the jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. It also addresses, in a limited manner, civil regulatory matters related to individual use and consumption of Cannabis and Cannabis Related Products that are not addressed in Minnesota law. The general contours of legalized possession and use of Cannabis and Cannabis Related Products are addressed under Minnesota law to the extent that violations of certain provisions related to possession and use of Cannabis and Cannabis Related Products are considered criminal acts. These general laws related to individual possession and use were previously addressed in a press release from this office dated July 28, 2023.

The RBC is seeking public input on the draft Cannabis Regulatory



Scan the above QR code with your smart phone or smart device to view the 2023 LLBO Draft Cannabis Regulatory Act.

Act before it is considered for approval. Comments will be gathered and presented to the RBC with the draft Act for consideration of any revisions to the draft Act. This is the first opportunity for public input into the development of Cannabis regulations and there will be additional opportunities to provide input on the regulations that are developed based on the Act. Please provide any comments that you feel may be relevant to the

RBC's consideration of the Act.

Below is a brief overview of the topics addressed in each section of the Act. Please contact the Legal Department at 335-3673 or [legal-documentreview@llojibwe.net](mailto:legal-documentreview@llojibwe.net) with specific questions regarding the Act.

Please submit comments on the Act to [comments@llojibwe.net](mailto:comments@llojibwe.net) with the subject "Cannabis" or deliver written comments to the Tribal Government building before 4:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023.

## LLBO Reservation Restoration Act - Parcel Map Available for Viewing

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CASS LAKE – Working collectively to implement the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Chippewa National Forest have announced that a map of proposed parcels for transfer on the Chippewa National Forest has been created and is available for public viewing: [www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa)

The Forest and the Band jointly identified the proposed parcels to be transferred. The intent is to limit fragmentation of ownership boundaries while honoring private property rights. The legislation language makes provisions for honoring any existing private property rights such as easements, permits, or other encumbrances.

"It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as we implement

the Reservation Restoration Act to transfer back 11,760 acres to this sovereign nation. We understand the importance the land holds to the Band and will continue to work with the Band as we move through this process," said Chippewa Forest Supervisor Michael Stansberry.

This action is a significant part of implementing the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act, signed into law in December, 2020, which transfers approximately 11,760 acres of public land, currently managed by the Chippewa National Forest, to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

These lands will enable the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to invest in future generations with economic and residential development. Lands subject to transfer hold historical and cultural significance to the Band.

"It is with great joy and hope for the future in our hearts that we cele-

brate the latest step forward in restoring a portion of the illegally transferred lands back to the Leech Lake Ojibwe. On behalf of the Band, I want to express my gratitude to the Forest Service and Tribal staff collaborating behind the scenes to move this land transfer towards completion. This is one of the most monumental and positive developments to take place on Leech Lake since the first treaties were signed and the reservation was established in 1855," said Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Comprehensive information regarding the proposed land transfer parcels is available including FAQs, and an online StoryMap are available on the Forest's website [www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa).

The Chippewa National Forest is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act: Land Transfer Project. We request that comments are submitted by September 15, 2023. To comment, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa>.

For additional information regarding Public Law 116-255, please visit Congress.gov at: [www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ255/PLAW-116publ255.pdf](http://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ255/PLAW-116publ255.pdf)

## RBC BRIEFS • August 2023



By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee (RBC) holds weekly briefings on Tuesdays, followed by RBC meetings on Thursdays.

RBC briefings are attended by all available council members alongside scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors. Agenda items are presented for discussion at the Tuesday briefings and then are voted on for passage at the Thursday meeting. Occasionally, due to time constraints, a combination briefing and meeting will take place on the same day.

Two meetings were held in July 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on [leechlakeneews.com](http://leechlakeneews.com) under "Videos." Official meeting minutes can also be found on [leechlakeneews.com](http://leechlakeneews.com) under "LL Tribal Council" and "Tribal Council Meeting Minutes."

### BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

**1. June 25, 2023** A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers. All resolutions and contracts presented were later voted on and discussed further on a second meeting June 27.

### Presentations Given:

- **The Constitution Reform Committee** — Provided updates on the delegation. Latest updates include a resolution(32-15) passed at the previous MCT meeting. Plans include to present a breakdown of this resolution to all LLBO LICS, and do presentations via the radio station.
- **Mandie Aalto, Tribal Development** — Presented a new grant source for the Bena Homeless shelter. The grants plans are to meet further needs for the community including ADA renovations or a new site.
- **Harry Entwistle, Housing** — Presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Housing Plan. The program is funded through HUD and is set at 5 million. Highlighted goals include: 367 homes to be provided routine maintenance, 50 homes to undergo modernization, increase tenant advocates, work on crime prevention which includes routine maintenance on street lights and hosting community activities.

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# Chairman's Report



**CHAIRMAN  
FARON JACKSON SR.**

Governmental Activities  
Chairman's Summary

*Monthly Report*

Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council has taken the next step in our aggressive agenda before the U.S. Congress. Leech Lake has Senate File 616 - Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act of 2023 before Congress. The Tribal Council members have created a focused strategy in testifying and advocating for new dollars on our unmet needs at Leech Lake. As we keep moving forward, here is some of the exciting news being reported to the great Leech Lake People.

**Chairman Jackson had made a Motion to Implement MCT Res.**

**32-15** – On July 10, 2023 at the Northern Lights Casino Convention Center, Chairman Jackson had made the motion to implement MCT Resolution 32-15 that passed. MCT Legal Counsel Brodeen had stated that a letter will be submitted to the U.S. DOI. We will need to select a date for the Secretarial Election on MCT Resolution 32-15. MCT Resolution 32-15 states, "Whereas, the MCT, TEC believes that the adult members of the MCT should be able to cast a ballot on the question of whether other Chippewa blood should be counted towards membership." Chairman Jackson has stated that the Enrollment Ordinance could be amended by the MCT, TEC in saving time and money. The immediate concern is Wilder Research had completed a Population Projections and Methodology Report in 2013. On page 4, Scenario 2, Leech Lake population in 2013 was 9,244-13,140 and in 2098 shall be 3,152-5,914. Chairman Jackson had stated, "We are seeing a drastic decrease in enrollment and the majority of enrollees today, are 40 and older."

**Restoring Lands Sold Without the Consent of Landowners** – Minnesota Senator Tina Smith had introduced S. 616 for the transfer of additional Federal land. This bill will amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act. Leech Lake had identified another 4,000 acres sold without the consent of a majority of the rightful landowners. If the bill passes Congress, an agreement between the Secretary and the Tribe, and the Secretary may transfer land to the Tribe on a rolling basis.

**Congressional H.R. 1589 Tribal Nutrition Improvement Act**

**of 2023** – This bill Expands access to free and reduced school meals in Tribal areas. The bill also directs USDA to establish a pilot program to award grants to 10 Tribal entities for operating and implementing the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Bureau-Funded schools, schools on or near an Indian reservation, and early care and education facilities. If the bill passes, this would provide additional food services for our children.

**Congressional H.R. 409 IHS Contract Support Amendment Act** – To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to secure existing Tribal contract support cost reimbursements. This bill allows to Tribes to receive contract support costs for activities that would otherwise be carried out by the DOI or DHHS for direct operation of a program, but for which the costs are not fully covered by the amount of funds required by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

**Congressional S. 2264 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2021** – This bill provides federal housing assistance to Indians. Specifically, the bill reauthorizes through FY2032 and otherwise revises the Indian Housing Block Grant program. Among other revisions to these programs, the bill expands allowable housing activities under the Indian program to include education-related stipends, college housing assistance, and other education-related assistance for low-

income college students. Next, the bill authorizes HUD to guarantee housing loans for Indians through FY2032. Additionally, the bill provides statutory authority for the Tribal HUD-VASH program, which provides rental assistance and supportive services to Indian veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and living in or near an area where a Tribe or Tribally designated housing entity provides assistance for affordable housing. Leech Lake NAHASDRA shall see modest increases in funding for FY23 through 2027.

**Congressional S.1308 A Bill to Amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to Extend Deadline** – This bill would extend deadlines for the DOI to issue rules for the Tribal Self-Governance program. Under current law, the department was required to submit a proposed rule within 21 months and the final rule within 30 months of October 21, 2020. The bill would extend those periods to 38 months and 50 months.

**Congressional S. 2273 A Bill on Native American Child Protection Act** – To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. Culturally appropriate treatment in awarding grants under this section, the Service shall encourage the use of culturally appropriate treatment services and programs that respond to the unique cultural values, customs, and traditions of applicant Indian Tribes. Reporting will be no later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the Native American Child Protection Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall submit a report to Congress on the award of grants under this section.

**Congressional S. 563 A Bill to Amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to Reaffirm the Authority of the**

**Secretary of the Interior to take Land into Trust for Indian Tribes** – The bill applies the Indian Reorganization Act to all federally recognized Indian Tribes, regardless of when a Tribe became recognized. The amendments made by this bill are retroactively effective as if included in the IRA. This effectively overrules the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that Interior could not take land into trust for a specified Tribe because that Tribe had not been under Federal jurisdiction when the IRA was enacted in 1934.

**Congressional S. 1723 Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Board School Policies** – According to research from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, the Federal Government funded church-run boarding schools for Native Americans from 1819 through the 1960's under the Act of March 3, 1819. A Final Report will be no later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The Leech Lake Administration has been reviewing and carefully considering the language in these bills that affect Leech Lake. The U.S. Congressional bills will provide funding and address putting land into trust. A lot of these bills will require the continence of letters of support and testifying before the appropriate committees. In the coming months, we will have a crystal-clear picture on the bills that will pass for the benefit the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and its People.

Safety note, we continue to have 'red flag' alerts with the fires burning in Canada. The smoke from these fires can raise heck with our Band members breathing, asthma, allergies, sinus issues, and the constant cough. Please be aware of the warning and a mask may help with these conditions with the fires burning to the North and blowing South on its neighbors.

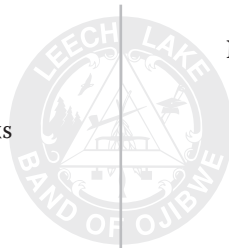
## September

### District III Elder Birthdays

Lucy Aitkin  
Betsy Allen  
Robert Beaudreau  
Larry Beaulieu  
Elaine Benoit  
Curtis Brown  
Myron Buffalo  
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### From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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Terrance Hark



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Beverly Hensley  
Helen Jacobs  
James Jones  
Norman Lawrence  
Ruby Lowry  
Aubrey Lyons  
Sharon Mainville  
Ronald Mitchell  
Marcia Morgan  
Reagan Morgan  
Dorothy Oakes  
Barbara Ornelas  
Angelo Pantazies  
Robert Pemberton

John Raisch  
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Victoria Reich  
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Robert SchAAF  
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Terrence Smith  
Jerry Smith-Jordan  
David Sokolik  
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Dennis Staples  
James Taylor  
Michael Troy

Janice Waddell  
Valerie Washington  
Thomas Whipple  
Patrick White  
Russell White  
Gary Wickner  
Virginia Wiesehan  
Richard Wilson  
George Wittner  
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ENTITLED TO \$10 SLOT  
PLAY & \$10 MEAL  
COUPON THAT MUST BE  
USED WITHIN THE  
BIRTHDAY MONTH.**

# Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER  
LEONARD FINEDAY**

Governmental Activities  
Secretary/Treasurer's Summary

*Monthly Report*

Greetings Leech Lake Band Members! It is already time for my July report to the people. As usual, summertime is flying by. Many things happening, and I am privileged and honored to provide this report to you. I will first give a quick recap of the third quarterly financial report provided at the July 7, 2023, quarterly meeting, along with a brief update of the activities we undertook in July. I will conclude with a year-in-review and an outline of goals for the upcoming year.

## GOVERNMENT FY23 QUARTER 3 REPORT

The following is the quarterly financial report for the first three-quarters of FY 23, covering the period of July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. Total General Fund revenue for the period was \$23,122,458, reflecting an increase of \$4,072,522 over the same period last year, for a year-over-year increase of 21.4%. Total General Fund expenditures for the nine months ending March 31, 2023, were \$24,320,589, reflecting a \$4,501,964 increase over the same period last year, for a year-over-year increase in General Fund expenditures of 22.7%.

For the nine months ending March 31, 2023, the total revenue for the Special Revenue Fund was \$67,972,265, reflecting an increase

of \$829,898 over the same period last year, for a year-over-year increase of 1.2%. Total Special Revenue Fund expenditures for the same period were \$66,351,117, reflecting a decrease of \$182,542 over the same period last year, for a year-over-year decrease in Special Revenue expenditures of 0.3%.

For the nine months ending March 31, 2022, the total revenue for the Indirect Cost Pool was \$9,993,746, reflecting an increase of \$912,874, for a year-over-year increase of 10.1% for the same period last year. Total Indirect Cost Pool expenditures through March 31, 2023, were \$10,641,437, reflecting an increase of \$1,250,502 over the same period in the previous year, for a year-over-year increase of 13.3%.

## ENTERPRISE FY23 QUARTER 3 REPORT

On our enterprise side, for the nine months ending March 31, 2023, Total Casino, Small Business, and Gaming Administration revenue increased by 2.3% over the same period last year. The Total Cost of Goods increased by 17.2% over the same period last year. Total Payroll Expenses decreased by 15.52% over the same period last year. Total Operating Expenses increased by 79.2% over the same period last year. The total combined Net Profit from Casino, Small Business, and Gaming Administration for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2023 decreased by 46.1% over the same period last year.

There are two important things regarding these numbers. First, the substantial quarterly increase in Total Operating Expenses is due to the recordation of funds transferred in last year to cover gaming payroll with COVID funds as allowable under to the American Rescue Plan Act. When this factor is removed, Operating Expenses did increase slightly, but nowhere near the almost 80 percent reported above.

Second, a deeper dive into the decrease in year-over-year net profitability is appropriate. 2022 was a record-setting year from a gaming revenue standpoint. As you will note, on the surface, year-over-year net revenue appears to be remaining steady; both this quarter and last quarter, we are reporting very slight increases in our net revenue from all enterprise activities. However, this increase in revenue is not attribut-

able to only gaming activity but is reflective of other enterprise activity such as Leech Lake Market. When the numbers are separated, our gaming net profit is down 27.2% in a year-over-year comparison for the same period. This is indeed disappointing. However, if we take a step back and compare our gaming net profit for this year to the same period in 2019, the last year before the pandemic and the ensuing economic rollercoaster, our gaming net profit is still up by 11.0%. Overall, our enterprises remain in a strong position and we continue to plan for the future to ensure our enterprise position remains as strong as possible.

## JULY ACTIVITIES

On July 10, 2023, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held its quarterly Tribal Executive Committee meeting at the Northern Lights Casino. The TEC once again voted to renew our request to the Secretary of Interior to call a Secretarial Election to amend our enrollment criteria. Work on this matter continues, and we will keep our membership informed of progress and when to expect the Secretarial Election.

On July 12, 2023, I was asked to testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding our technical amendment to the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Act, which would increase the acres that the US Forest Service is returning to the Leech Lake Band. The hearing went very well, and I am thankful for the opportunity to advocate for the restoration of our land base along with so many others. This is a group effort, and we are all working toward this common goal. I am thankful the LLBO has the full support of both the US Forest Service and the Department of Interior in this endeavor. We hope the technical amendment will be marked up by the Committee later this fall and sent to the full Senate for a vote soon thereafter.

On July 18, 2023, I attended my first Chippewa Federation Meeting in Keshena, Wisconsin. Ojibwe bands from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan were present. Items discussed included language revitalization, continuing to protect the wolf from hunting, and ensuring the protection of our waters. It is great to see the various Chippewa bands coming together to work toward solutions that serve all our people. I also attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meet-

ings on July 19 and 20. Conversations at those meetings centered on federal issues with the Indian Health Service, various legislation being considered by Congress, the Brackeen Supreme Court decision, and federal trends in the tribal cannabis industry.

On July 28, 2023, LLBO and the White Earth Nation were invited to present our tribal flags to the Dakota County Judicial Center in a ceremony held in Hastings, MN. It was a wonderful event with many people in attendance. We are very happy our flag will fly next to several other tribal flags in that complex to remind Dakota County judges and other decision-makers of our tribal sovereignty.

## YEAR IN REVIEW

My July 2023 report marks a milestone as it is my twelfth monthly report to you, the people. In this first year, we have accomplished a lot together. Last July, there was no fiscal year budget in place, and we were out of compliance with our Budget Ordinance. It took until January 2023 to adopt our budget, and by that point we were ½ way through the fiscal year. This year, on June 29, 2023, two days before the start of our new fiscal year, we had a duly approved and adopted budget in place. I cannot underscore how significant this accomplishment is and I sincerely express my gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of many who worked to make this goal a reality. From our division directors and program managers, to our Budget Committee members, to our Band members for providing input on our budget proposals, *chi miigwech* to each of you for your hard work!

There have been many other accomplishments within the past year I wish to highlight:

- We've made substantial progress regarding our external audits, completing FY20. Our new auditors REDW are on track to finish FY21 audit by end of August.
- We have made internal governmental structure changes to ensure that our operations and programs are sustainable and viable over the long term.
  - » We have created a Chief Financial Officer position to oversee the various financial functions of the tribal government. This

CFO will help streamline our financial and procurement processes producing better and more efficient results.

- » We have prioritized the collection of billing reimbursements for programs where available. In one year alone, we have increased billing revenue by over \$1.2 million.
- » We assigned \$36.3 million in State and Local Recovery Funds allocated to LLBO pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act to cover lost revenue from Fiscal Year 2020. This reallocation of funds ensures that we can utilize the funds for any governmental purpose and that we do not have to encumber them by December 31, 2024.

- We have made substantial investments in our communities, youth, and people. We are renovating all of our powwow grounds in the next year. We have established a new youth activity program, *Gaa-Niigaaniziwaad*, which will serve all our youth with activities to reinforce cultural identity and Ojibwe values. We have taken tangible steps to address the ongoing opioid and fentanyl epidemic, including a civil commitment code and creating community navigator positions.
- We amended our Gaming Ordinance to empower our regulatory board outside of the RBC and to assert our full jurisdiction to regulate all Class II Gaming within the boundaries of the Reservation. This assertion of jurisdiction is slowly rolling out but it is a substantial exercise of our inherent sovereignty as well as a wise business decision.
- We have advanced the return of illegally taken Leech Lake lands with the implementation of the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Act. By December 2023, we anticipate the return of over 11,000 acres of current US Forest Service land back to Leech Lake, which we can then utilize to expand housing, economic development, and infra-

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- structure needs for our people.
- We had a very successful Minnesota legislative session with many significant legislative proposals enacted, including indigenous education for all, recognition of our tribal police department's independent authority, and our tribal aid funding package, which will provide \$35 million in direct funding to tribal governments on a yearly basis.
- We have successfully advocated with various federal agencies to ensure LLBO positions are protected and strengthened:
  - The Environmental Protection Agency has committed to utilizing the tribal HSCA standard for the cleanup of the St. Regis Superfund site. They have also agreed to issue records of decision in two additional operable units and to remove contaminated soil from the site. Consultation with the EPA on these issues is ongoing.
  - The US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Minnesota DNR have agreed to exclude the open wild rice beds on the Leech Lake Reservation from the early teal hunting season, which takes place at the height of our manoomin harvest. Regulatory language is forthcoming but has already been agreed to by the USFWS and the



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Secretary / Treasurer Lenny Fineday joined District II Rep Steve White, LLBO Chief Judge Paul Day, MN Supreme Court Justice Anne McKeig, Guardian ad Litem Jean Howard and many others at a ceremony installing the LLBO flag in the Dakota County Judicial Center in Hastings, MN on July 28, 2023.

MNDNR that supports our position and protects our wild rice beds.

- The Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services have agreed to temporarily halt the implementation of a policy that would have disastrous impacts on the sustainability of the health and human services we provide to tribal members. The CMCS agreed to

extend the grace period for implementation of the policy to February 2025 and to work collaboratively with tribes and the Indian Health Service on a permanent regulatory fix so that the policy cannot be implemented against tribes.

Even as we celebrate these accomplishments, we all recognize and acknowledge that there is still

much work left to do. Creating lasting and systemic change takes intentionality. Building capacity takes determination. Investments in innovative and strategic ideas take time to germinate and grow. And in order to see further results, we must be patient but unyielding, steadfast but flexible, cautious but hopeful. My strongest desire is that the next twelve months produce even more positive results for the preservation of our land, our com-

munities and families, and our future generations. And by working together, we will accomplish much more.

In closing, I wish to say chi miigwech to each of you for your dedication to our homeland and to preserving our way of life. As always, it is my honor and privilege to serve you, and I look forward to reporting on the progress we make together over the course of the next twelve months!

## Minnesota Teachers Required to Undergo Native American History Training

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota teachers are now required to undergo training about Native American history and culture.

In new legislation passed under the education budget, teachers who are earning their licenses for the first time or renewing must take required training for K-12 teachers about the “cultural heritage and contemporary contributions of American Indians, with particular emphasis on Minnesota Tribal Nations,” in order to earn their license.

Teachers already must fulfill multiple requirements to renew their licenses, including training on

suicide prevention and reading preparation.

In addition, they are required to undergo cultural competency training — which includes instruction on how to best serve Native American students — to renew their licenses, but Native American-specific training will eventually be its own requirement.

The Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board is working on the Native American history rollout and exactly what the training will include. Until then, teachers can fulfill the new requirement under the existing cultural competency training.

Minnesota's academic standards for students include material

about the cultural heritage and contributions of Native Americans and the tribal nations with which Minnesota shares borders. The Legislature this past session also mandated school districts offer curriculum on the Holocaust, the genocide of Indigenous people and the removal of Native Americans from Minnesota.

In his education budget, Gov. Tim Walz recommended Native American history renewal requirement for teachers and argued the current cultural competency requirements for teachers didn't dedicate enough time specifically to Native American history.

“Given the rich history of American Indians and their con-



FEVEN GEREZGIHER | MPR News

Students protested outside the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on March 17 in response to news that only 18 students received a tuition waiver under its Native American Promise Tuition Program in fall 2022.

temporary contributions, more time and resources should be provided to Minnesota educators,” Walz's budget proposal stated.

The state licensing board said it will release more information about the requirement's specifics in the coming weeks.

## LLBO Tribal Member Awarded 2023 Bush Fellowship for Visionary Leadership

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – A Leech Lake Band Member has been named as one of the 2023 recipients of the Bush Fellowships for Visionary Leaders.

Leslie Harper, is one of 22 individuals whose bold vision and leadership are shaping communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

Harper is determined to help Tribal communities create their own futures. Raised by parents who instilled the values of sovereignty and self-determination, she believes that priorities and decisions must be determined from within a community, not from an outside entity. A Native American language revitalizer, she has built an immersion school and led national efforts to ensure the rights of Indigenous students and families in immersion settings.

She wants to build hope and optimism by helping Native communities articulate their own culturally appropriate outcomes, approaches, and evaluation measures. During her Fellowship, she will seek mentoring and build the

facilitation skills she needs to mobilize her community and prepare others to lead. She will also travel to other language revitalization sites to connect with leaders engaged in language reclamation. She will maintain energy for her work through regenerative rest and ceremonial participation.

“Each of this year’s Fellows has already made vital contributions to their communities,” said Anita Patel, vice president, grantmaking for the Bush Foundation. “The Bush Fellowship is an investment in their potential to lead even greater change in the future so that our region works better for everyone.”

The Bush Fellowship supports accomplished leaders to take their leadership to the next level, to have more and bigger impact in and across communities. The Fellowship is distinctive in its flexibility, allowing Fellows to define what they need to become more effective and equitable leaders. More than 2,000 people have received support from the Fellowship over more than 60 years.

This year, 590 people applied for the Bush Fellowship. Fellows were selected through an in-depth pro-



via BUSHFOUNDATION.ORG  
LLBO Tribal Member Leslie Harper.

cess that included interviews and mentoring sessions with community leaders, Bush Fellow alumni, and Bush Foundation staff. Applicants shared their vision for the impact they want to have, identified what they need to develop their leadership capacity to have that impact, and created a plan for how they would use the Bush Fellowship opportunity to make their vision a reality. At each stage of the process, selection committees included individuals who reflect the diversity of the region, including different sectors, geography, genders, and racial and ethnic identities. Bush Fellow alumni provided the initial

review of all applications, and community leaders made the final selection decisions.

“The Bush Foundation believes in investing in people who power great ideas and big change,” said Patel. “We are excited to be with these Fellows on their leadership journey and eagerly look forward to what they will do next.”

The Bush Foundation will accept

applications for the 2024 Bush Fellowship beginning August 22, 2023. The Bush Fellowship is open to anyone aged 24 years and older who has a track record of leading change and seeks to build the ability to have even greater impact. Applicants must live in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or one of the 23 Native nations that shares the same geography.

### THE 2023 FELLOWS ARE

**Farhia Budul** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Willette Anita Capers** | Sioux Falls, SD  
**Katherine (Katie) Dachtler** | Grand Forks, ND  
**Abdirizak Diis** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Owen Duckworth** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Nadine Tebeh Graves** | New Hope, MN  
**Omar Guevara Soto** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Janssen Hang** | Newport, MN  
**Leslie Harper** | Cass Lake, MN  
**Henry Jiménez** | Richfield, MN  
**Hillary Kempenich** | Grand Forks, ND  
**Alexander Leonard** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Blanca Martinez Gaviña** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Julio Murphy Zelaya** | Saint James, MN  
**Mikisha Nation** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Noel Nix** | St. Paul, MN  
**Kim Park Nelson** | Minneapolis, MN  
**Tasha Peltier** | Moberg, SD  
**Shanda Poitra** | Belcourt, ND  
**Rebecca Polston** | Hopkins, MN  
**Neerja Singh** | Apple Valley, MN  
**Joseph Williams** | Fargo, ND  
**Agnes Yellow Bear** | New Town, ND  
**Marie Zephier** | Rapid City, SD

## Volunteers Needed for Water and Sanitation Projects in Leech Lake Tribal Communities

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Boozhoo, We need your help. The Health Division, Public Works Department, and Tribal Development Office of the Leech Lake Band and Indian Health Services (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program are working cooperatively to identify the extent and feasibility of providing sanitation facilities to your community. To do that, we need to know how many potential volunteers there are who are willing to participate in Mission for a potential well sampling project and in Onigum, Sugar Point, and Stony Point for a potential septic inventory project. Our goal aims to provide documented evidence of the extent of water and wastewater deficiencies in these communities. If we are able to collect documented evidence, the LL Health Division, Public

Works Department, Tribal Development Office and IHS SFC will work towards finding the solution that best matches the needs of your communities.

The SFC program supports the overall IHS mission of raising the health status of Native peoples to the highest possible level by providing technical and financial assistance to Tribal communities for the cooperative development and continuing operation of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems. One of the largest services that the SFC program provides is developing and funding construction projects that improve the water, wastewater, and solid waste infrastructure for residential homes in Tribal communities.

**Mission Community:** In 2018 and 2021, the Health Division informed IHS that they had detected arsenic levels above 10 ppb (the EPA regulatory limit for drinking water) in the Mission Community

Center well. Following wise advice from the Health Division, the Mission Community Center has not used the well since.

We are seeking a number of volunteers in the Mission area that would be willing to let the Health Division and IHS staff into their homes to collect water samples in order to test for arsenic. All results will be shared with the individual homeowners. If arsenic levels are below the EPA limit for arsenic, IHS will take no immediate action as the water is considered to be safe for drinking. However, if arsenic levels are found to be elevated in any individual wells, IHS will discuss with the homeowner some potential individual solutions. If there are numerous homes with elevated arsenic in their wells, then IHS will use that data to seek funding for planning an engineered community solution to provide safe drinking water to all the homes in Mission.

**Onigum, Stony Point, and Sugar Point Communities:** IHS and the Leech Lake Public Works Department work together on a regular basis. Through this relationship, IHS was informed that it is suspected that many of the septic systems in

the Onigum, Stony Point, and Sugar Point communities fail to meet current septic code. This could mean that septic systems do not have enough vertical separation from the seasonal high water table and/or enough horizontal separation from required setbacks. Additionally, many of the lots are not large enough to build replacement septic systems, and there is no access to an existing community sewer system.

We are seeking a number of volunteers in the Onigum, Stony Point, and Sugar Point communities that would be willing to let Public Works, Health Division, and IHS staff perform septic assessments on their home sites to determine if the systems are up to code or not. A septic assessment includes pumping and inspecting the septic tank, taking 2 to 3 soil borings around the existing soil treatment area, and taking measurements in order to draw a site plan and verify setback distances. All results of the assessment will be shared with the homeowner. If septic systems are found to meet code and are in good working order or if septic systems are noncompliant but pose no immediate threat, no immediate action will need to be taken. If

septic systems are noncompliant and pose an immediate threat, IHS will discuss with the homeowner some potential individual solutions. If there are numerous homes with noncompliant septic systems that pose a threat to human health or the environment, then IHS will use that data to seek funding for planning an engineered community solution to provide wastewater services to all the homes in the community.

If you are a tribal homeowner in one of the four above-mentioned communities and would like to participate, a form will be available on the Tribal Development Division's website throughout the month of August and a sign-up sheet will also be available for those that attend their community's LIC August meeting. The forms will be used to demonstrate that your community is willing to work with IHS so that we can seek special project funding to carry out the work for you and your communities. Once we secure funding, we will reach out to schedule our visits to your home at your convenience. Your participation and your input is critical for ensuring a successful and cooperative project. *Miigwech*



The University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

via TWIN-CITIES.UMN.EDU

## Minnesota's 11 Tribes Demand Restitution: Seeking Compensation from University of Minnesota Over Land Seizure

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – Minnesota's 11 Tribes are seeking compensation from the University of Minnesota.

150 years ago, all 11 of Minnesota's tribes sold, for a fraction of its worth, nearly 95,000 acres of land to make room for what is now the University of Minnesota. The state's Tribes were paid \$2,309 for the land. Many now say it is time for the university and other higher education institutions to pay restitution.

This pushback against the universities who are "land-grab" sites is nationwide and was sparked by a March 2020 article in High Country News about "land-grab universities" that described how 10.7 million acres of land was taken from 250 tribes after the signing of the Morrill Act by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. The law turned land stolen from Tribal nations into seed money for higher education.

The law was named after Justin Smith Morrill, an entrepreneur and a member of Congress, whose name adorns buildings on many college campuses across the country, including the University of Maryland at College Park, South

Dakota State University and the University of Vermont, and many others.

Minnesota's Tribal lands that were taken currently sits under the U of M's holdings. The troubled history of the relationship between Minnesota's Native Americans and the University of Minnesota was detailed in the TRUTH Report, released in April of this year.

The 600-page study by a team of Native scholars says it "details how the founding regents and the University of Minnesota have undermined Tribal sovereignty and Indigenous self-determination, using genocide, land expropriation, and exploitation of Indigenous knowledge systems to transfer and accumulate wealth." The report also said the university "has participated in the development and teaching of revisionist narratives that conceal the systemic harms perpetuated against Indigenous peoples."

One of the recommendations of the TRUTH Report is that the university give back or "rematriate," Indigenous lands. The school is in the process of returning about 3,400 acres, the site of the Cloquet Forestry Center, to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The forestry center is wholly located

within the Tribe's reservation.

The TRUTH Report also recommended "reparations in perpetuity" from the Permanent University Fund, "to Indigenous peoples."

All 11 of the state's Native American tribes have agreed to press for reparations. However, the Tribes have not settled on a specific amount, partly because of the difficulty of quantifying all the harm done.

The report called on university officials to hire more Native American faculty, offer students additional financial support, and give back land as reparations for the damage.

UMN officials have acknowledged the findings in the TRUTH report and last year began offering Native American students whose family income is less than \$125,000 a year free or reduced tuition. But it is limited to students who belong to one of Minnesota's 11 federally recognized Tribes and does not cover all expenses of attending the university.

This year, the state Legislature approved an \$8.5 million program that would pay all tuition and fees for Native Americans who live in Minnesota.

## Bipartisan Initiative Aims to Empower Native Communities' Food Sovereignty through Innovative Legislation

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – A bipartisan legislation (US S2489) has been introduced to make the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) work better for Tribal communities.

The bill sponsored by the U.S. Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) and John Hoeven (R-ND), focuses on FDPIR, FDPIR provides food assistance for income-eligible Native households.

In 2018, the Farm Bill reauthorization created a pilot program to allow self-governance contracting for procurement within FDPIR. The bipartisan FDPIR Tribal Food Sovereignty Act expands and makes that pilot program permanent. If enacted, the bill would allow Tribal governments to administer FDPIR for their community.

"Every Native American community should have access to nutritious and culturally specific food," said Smith. "This bipartisan bill will strengthen local food economies, empower Tribal governments, and provide healthy food to those who need it. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get this passed as part of the Farm Bill."

"This legislation is part of our broader efforts to promote Tribal self-governance and builds upon the pilot program I worked to include in the 2018 farm bill," said Hoeven.

"Our bill will not only give Tribes greater control over this important nutrition program, helping ensure that assistance gets to those who need it most, but will allow food to be sourced from more local producers, supporting the local economy."

Federal food programs are vital in many Native communities, with approximately 25 percent of Native Americans receiving some type of federal food assistance. In some Tribal communities, participation is as high as 80 percent.

Self-governance authority allows Tribal governments to administer federal programs within their own communities—it is widely regarded as one of the most effective federal policies for Tribes. Self-governance policies make federal dollars work better to address the unique needs of Tribal communities.

In 2018, the Farm Bill included the first ever self-governance expansion to USDA, with a pilot program that gave Tribes authority to buy food directly from commercial vendors – many of them within their own Tribes and communities – within the FDPIR program. Expanding self-governance at USDA will allow Tribes to build food systems to address food insecurity, increase access to Indigenous foods, and support strong Tribal economies.

The bill is currently in committee, the bill in full and further information can be found at [congress.gov](https://congress.gov).

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# Gweyakmino Wiisinidaa!

Let's eat the right foods!

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



## Chicken & Asparagus Bake

**Ingredients**  
(\*Commodity Foods)

1 boneless, skinless chicken breast\*  
2 potatoes cut in 4 pieces\*  
1 medium carrot sliced into 1" \*  
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided  
2 teaspoons ground coriander, divided  
¾ teaspoon salt, divided  
½ teaspoon ground pepper, divided  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons chopped shallot  
1 tablespoon whole-grain Dijon mustard  
2 teaspoons honey 1 pound of asparagus, trimmed  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley  
1 tablespoon chopped dill Lemon wedges

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Place chicken cutting board cover with plastic wrap. Using a mallet, pound the chicken to an even ½ inch thickness. Arrange on one half of a large rimmed baking sheet. Arrange potatoes and carrots in a single layer on the other half of the pan. Drizzle the chicken and vegetables with 1 tablespoon olive oil, sprinkle with 1 teaspoon coriander, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Bake for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, whisk lemon juice, shallot, mustard, honey, remaining 2 tablespoons oil, 1 teaspoon coriander, ¼ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper in a small bowl. Remove pan from oven: switch the oven to broil. Stir the potato-carrot mixture: arrange asparagus in the center of the pan. Spoon the lemon juice-shallot mixture evenly over the chicken and vegetables. Broil until the chicken and vegetables are lightly browned, the asparagus is tender-crisp and a thermometer inserted in the thickest portion of the chicken registers 165 degrees F, about 10 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle evenly with parsley and dill. Serve with lemon wedges. Makes 4 servings.

### Nutrition Facts

Chicken makes a fantastic substitute for red meats. A great source of protein, meat has been linked to a variety of health benefits like stronger bones and muscles. The lean protein in chicken is an excellent source of amino acids. Our bodies use amino acids to build muscle tissue, something that is particularly important as we age. Studies have also shown that higher protein intake helps to maintain bone mineral density. Eating chicken can help to build stronger muscles and promote healthier bones, decreasing the risk of injuries and diseases such as osteoporosis. Carrots improve night vision, reduce the risk of cancer, lower blood pressure, improved your digestive health, and control your blood sugar. Asparagus is a low-calorie vegetable that is an excellent source of essential vitamins and minerals, especially folate and vitamins A, C, and K. Asparagus will help with blood pressure, reduces the risk of cancer, its packed with antioxidants, it may be a brain booster, and it is a natural diuretic.

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.



# Obituaries

## Franklin "Frank" Robinson



Franklin "Frank" Lee Robinson, age 65, of the Bear "Makwa" Clan and Bemidji, MN journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, July 23rd, 2023, from Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. Frank was born in Cass Lake, MN, on April 29th, 1958, the son of Dollian (Gale) and Franklin Robinson.

Frank loved spending time with his family, especially with his grandson. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting, swimming, traveling, and ricing in his younger healthier years. He liked doing crossword puzzles and watching television, especially game shows. Frank was a very kind, loving, and soft-spoken man, who recently enjoyed teasing the staff at the assisted living. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those welcoming Frank to the Spirit World are his loving wife, Susan Robinson; parents, Dollian (Gale) Kottmeyer and Franklin Robinson, grandparents, Lillian and Bert Gale, Sr., Virginia and Ray Robinson; brothers, Terry and Randy Robinson; and close cousin, Arlan Wakefield.

Those Frank leaves behind to forever cherish his memory are his son, Frankie (Kailia) Robinson; daughters, Kayla Robinson and Stephanie Losh; grandson, Mateo Robinson-Nadeau; step-dad, Kirk Kottmeyer; aunts, Stella Mitchell and Lavina (Frank) Gale Marion; numerous family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Frank will begin on Thursday, July 27th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and continue until his traditional service on Friday, July 28th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., all to be held at the Battle Point Community Center in Federal Dam, MN. Frank's Spiritual Advisor is "Naabek" Adrian Liberty. Those helping to lay Frank to rest are Keith Robinson, Michael

Mitchell, Roger Hare, Jon Schneider, David Chase, and Devin Butcher. Honorary pallbearers are Alvin White, Kirk Kottmeyer, Frank Marion, Brian Mitchell, Rupert Olson, all of Frank's family and friends. Interment will be in the Battle Point Burial Grounds in Federal Dam, MN.

The family wishes to say a Special Thank You to the ENTIRE STAFF at Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji, MN.

Frank'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](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Gary Thunder



Gary Lee Thunder, age 63 of the Bear Clan, of Red Lake MN started his journey on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Essentia St. Mary's, Duluth, MN.

Gary Lee Thunder was born December 27, 1959 in Chicago Illinois to Alvin L. Thunder and Lucy (Green) Barrett. He grew up in Red Lake and resided in the Little Rock District. He attended Red Lake Schools and the Flandreau Indian School. Gary enjoyed playing guitar and was also in a band while he attended school in Flandreau. He liked to read, draw, listen to music and play scratch offs. He loved walking and was an avid album collector. He also enjoyed spending time with his cat whom he spoiled with the best treats, food and toys.

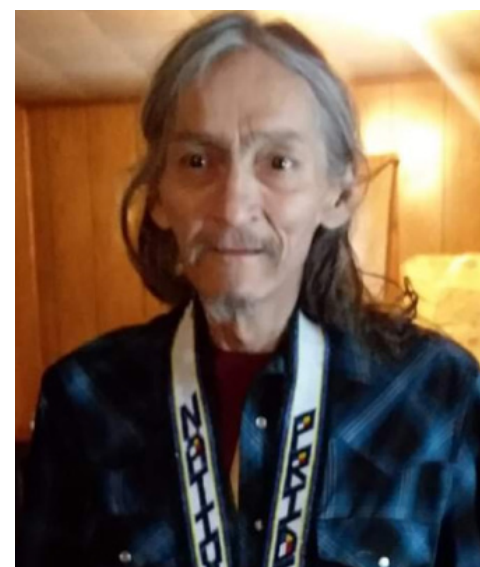
He is survived by his sisters Cheryl Thunder and Michelle Barrett-Cobenais of Red Lake MN and Tammy Partridge of Minneapolis MN, Brother Richard "Rick" Barrett Jr. (Michelle) of Red Lake MN. He was a caring uncle to 6 Nephews, 3 Nieces, 16 Great Nieces and Nephews and 1 Great-Great niece.

He is preceded in death by his Parents, Step-father Richard Barrett Sr., Paternal Grandparents John and Ida (Spears) Thunder, Maternal Grandparents Samuel and Margaret (Johnson) Green, Maternal Aunt Margaret "Helen" Benais, Maternal Uncle William "Sonny" Green, Paternal Aunt Jessie Mayotte and Paternal Uncle Guy Mayotte and Brother-in-law Duane Cobenais Jr.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm, Wednesday July 19, 2023 at the Little Rock Community Center with Father John Christianson officiating. A wake will begin at 1:00 pm Tuesday July 18, 2023 at the Little Rock Community Center. Active Pallbearers will be Duane "Boogins" Cobenais, Derrick Cobenais, Derald "Ola" Cobenais, Dion Barrett, Alex Barrett, Andrew Barrett, Damon Johns and Guy Packineau. Honorary Pallbearers will be Donald "Duck" Good, Alan Lajeunesse Sr., Arlie Wipf, Rhonda Wipf, Ruby Salazar-Wilkens, Clayton Barrett, Ringo and Marsha Needham, Morris Smith, Marlys King, Merceline White, Marilyn "Cookie" Littlecreek, and Marla Benais. Interment will be at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Red Lake MN.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Whispering Pines Funeral Home, Walker MN.

## Sidney "Tim Two Braids" LaRose



Sidney "Tim Two Braids" Timothy LaRose, Sr., age 62, of the Crane Clan and Cass Lake, MN journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from his home. He was born on April 15, 1961, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Delores (Jones) and Franklin William LaRose, Sr.

Tim was a kind, generous, humble, loving, welcoming, accepting, and extremely compassionate person. He had an "open door policy" where all were welcome. He loved listening to pow wow music and harvesting wild rice. Tim enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, bough picking, tree tapping, and living off the land. Tim was an excellent and patient teacher, willing to teach anyone who wanted to learn, helping to keep traditions alive. Tim enjoyed telling stories, being the center of attention, visiting, and big gatherings. Tim liked to eat. He was a playful guy always teas-

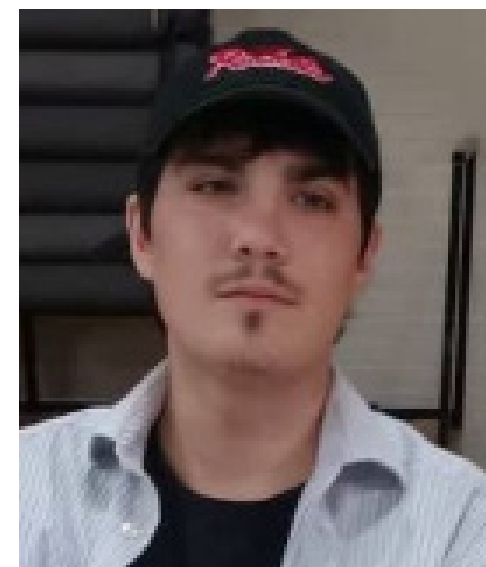
ing and joking. He beaded and taught a beading class for the "Fox Creek Housing Kids", to help keep the kids active and out of trouble. Tim was always willing to lend a hand whenever and wherever he could. Tim will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

Those greeting Tim in the spirit world are his parents, Delores Clark & Franklin LaRose, Sr.; grandmother, Julia Jones; sister, Roxanne LaRose; brother, Franklin "Doc" (Cheryl) LaRose, Jr.; niece, Tammy White; nephews, Dan "Fuddly" Wilson, Michael "Big Mike" LaRose, Sr., Guy White; grandchildren, Makhwa Martin, Antoine LaRose, Baby LaRose; numerous other family members and friends.

Those Tim leaves behind to forever cherish his loving memory are sons, Gordon (Shannon) Jones, Sidney Timothy LaRose, Jr., David LaRose, James (Kelly) Martin; daughters, LaRissa, Cheryl (Justin), Paula, and Gerri LaRose, Tanya Martin; mother of his children, Pamela Smith-Jones; brothers, John LaRose, Larry LaRose Holt; sister, Paula LaRose; 24 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; numerous family members and friends. An overnight wake for Tim will begin on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and continue until his Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m. service, all to be held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake. Tim's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Tim to rest are Eddie Williams, Jr., Charles Briski, Christopher Roybal, Joshua Briski, Sr., Joshua Briski, Jr., James LaRose, Dan Jones, and Joe Briski. Alternate will be Justin Bellanger. Honorary pallbearers are all Tim's family and friends. Interment will be in the LaRose Family Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Tim'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](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Jeremy Cadwell Jr.



Jeremy Ed Cadwell Jr., 22, entered the spirit world on July 25, 2023, in Duluth, Minnesota. He was born on May 20, 2001, to Jeremy Cadwell (Nicoa) Sr. and Lily (Matt) Michaud

in Duluth, Minnesota. He loved to spend time with family, loved to rap, had a great sense of humor and was very caring and loving. Jeremy is survived by his parents; sisters Alicia goggleye, Dariun Cadwell (Jose), Jade Cadwell; brothers Avery Cadwell, Terrance Cadwell; Nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles. A traditional wake will begin at 10:00 AM, Friday, July 28, 2023, at the Inger Community Center, Inger, Minnesota and will continue until the traditional funeral service on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM. The burial will be in the Tuttle Cemetery, Inger, Minnesota. The spiritual leader will be Zak Early. Pallbearers for Jeremy will be Zak Kingbird, Jeremy Cadwell Sr., Jerome Roy, Avery Cadwell, Terrence Cadwell, and Matt Michaud. Honorary pallbearers for Jeremy will all be in attendance. Arrangements are by Whispering Pines Funeral and Cremation Service, Walker, Minnesota.

## Randall McClimek



Randall Jay McClimek, 72, passed away at his home on the morning of July 10, 2023, in Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

He was born on July 29, 1950, in Cass Lake, MN, to Dorothy (Stangel) and Albert McClimek. Randy lived a full life bringing love, joy, and laughter to everyone he met. The self-proclaimed "Randallas Jay Dena from Bena" was known to be the most thoughtful and caring dad, husband, grandpa, and friend who never failed to remind you he'd always love you more. Randy will be deeply missed by all, and his life will be

celebrated each and every day just as he wished.

Randy is survived by his wife, Mari; daughters, Carrie (Loren), Julie (Jeff), and Jamie (George); grandchildren, Zachary, Lucas, Talon, Britni, Ethan, Lauren, Ava, Eli, Jake, and Aria; and siblings, Gary Wayne, Roger (Mel), and Roxie (Kevin).

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dorothy, and brothers Scott and Dale.

We will celebrate by visitation on Friday, July 14, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the All Nations Indian Church, 1515 E. 23 St., Minneapolis, MN. His celebration will be continued on July 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. His Spiritual Advisor will be Allen Hardy. Helping to lay Randy to rest are Patrick McClimek, Roger McClimek, Ricky Hinrichs, Tony Stangle, Zachary Porter, Ethan Hansen, Eli Hansen, and Jake Cease. His honorary pallbearers are Lucas Porter, Talon Porter, Britni Hansen, Lauren Hansen, Ava Hansen, and Aria Cease. Randy will be buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Bena next to his family following a service honoring his life which will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16th at the Dave Morgan Community Center, Bena, MN.

Randy'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](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Wally Storbakken

Wally Storbakken, "Wagosh" which means "fox" of Onigum Minnesota, started his journey on Thursday July 20th, 2023 from his home.

Wally proudly served in the U.S. Army as a medical corpsman. Following his service to his country he attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a BA in Political Science. That is where he met his darlin "Bodakwe" They were married and have been for 30 great years! He went on to get his master's degree in public policy and did a fellowship in Austria.

Wally was devoted to Indian Affairs for decades. He was a member of the Leech Lake Mississippi band. He spent years being a strong advocate for Indian Rights.

Most recently Wally was a member of the delegation working on the MCT constitution reform alliance.

Wally was VERY family oriented; he was kind gentle and very loving. He adored his 8



grandchildren and attending his grandson Baseball tournaments. He proudly displayed his grandchildrens Eagle Scout pins on his hat! He also enjoyed a cold one on the beach or around the fire with family and friends. His favorite pastime was spending time with Debra AKA Bodakwe and traveling throughout the United States.

A wake will be held for Wallace at 7:00 p.m. July 26th, 2023 at the Northern Lights Event Center, Onigum Room Walker, Minnesota. Service will be July 27th, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Northern Lights Event Center, Onigum Room, Walker, Minnesota. Mike Smith Jr. as spiritual advisor and officiating Deacon Ramsey. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery, Onigum Minnesota.

Debra would like to express her sincere appreciation to all the first responders. Wallace'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](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Melody Engen

Melody Joy (White) Engen, 58, of Longville, MN, traveled to the spirit world on Sunday, July 23, 2023, in Grand Rapids, MN.

Melody was born on December 7, 1965, in Crane Lake, MN, to Zora Darlyne (Bird) White and Donald Jesse White. She served in United States Army for a time before return-



ing to Northern Minnesota.

Family meant everything to Melody, she looked forward to visiting with them and loved being a grandma to all 9 of her grandchildren. She was a mother figure to a lot of people, especially her nieces and nephews who she loved and cared for dearly.

Her hobbies included: sewing, being outside at the lakes, walking, and searching for interesting rocks to add to her collection, she also was a great seamstress, loved Siamese cats, leathers, thrifting, and her boots.

She will be remembered and honored by her children: Victoria Tepiew, Jessica White, Donovan Hare, Cordelia White, Harley Olivia Engen, Hailey Sage (Alejandrina) Engen, Curtis Shadow (Raven) Engen; Siblings: April (Guy) Greene, and Calvin White; Special Cousin, Sabrina White; Fathers of her children: Anthony Hare Sr., Curtis Engen, Chip Reich, and numerous friends and family.

Those greeting her in the spirit world are her parents, Zora and Donald White; son, Anthony Wayne Hare Jr.; Siblings: Sharon (White) St. John, Louisa White, John White, Robert White Sr. and Donald J. White.

The wake will begin at 6PM on Thursday, July 27, 2023, the Bena Community Center in Bena and continue until the service on Friday, July 28, 2023. Pallbearers are: Donovan Hare, Shadow Engen; Wesley White, Rudolph White, Jonathan White, and DeWayne Bower. Honorary pallbearer: Anthony Wayne Hare Jr. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack.

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# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Janice Skinaway, Juan Blanco, Alfredo Gil-Onfre, and Antonio Snow, Parents

Court File No. CP-20-29

NOTICE  
YOU ARE HEREBY notified

that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing has been scheduled for June 8, 2023 at 10:00 am 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 transfer permanent custody of the children to the individual(s) named in the petition by default.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In the Matter of: Kelly R. Isham,

Petitioner, v. LeRoy M. Pemberton Jr., Respondent

Case No. CV-23-28

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Order for Protection has been issued based on the hearing held on March 20, 2023.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS ORDER MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER

IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

3. RESPONDENT MUST NOT ENTER PETITIONER'S RESIDENCE OR ANY FUTURE RESIDENCE.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

## District III Elder's Picnic | Cedar Lakes Casino | July 27, 2023



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

In the Matter of: Shirley Jane Young, Petitioner, v. Nicholas Boyd Sherman, Respondent,

Case No. CV-23-27

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Order for Protection has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter. You are hereby required to appear before the Judge of this Court on June 6th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota. If you fail to appear, judgement by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: B.A.R., Child, DOB: 04/12/2007; B.J.R., Child, DOB: 05/18/2008 Frances Krumrey, Petitioner, And Natasha Cournoyer & Alan Randberg, Respondents,

Case No. FA-21-167

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 3, 2021, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on November 16th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., the date of the Permanency Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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



# SEEKING BIDS FOR HOLIDAY GARLAND & WREATHS

**Delivery date - November 15th, 2023 (weather permitted)**

<b>White Oak Casino</b>	<b>60 feet of garland</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4' wreaths</b>
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		<b>12</b>	<b>3' wreaths</b>
<b>Cedar Lakes Casino</b>	<b>540 feet of garland</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4' wreaths</b>
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		<b>4</b>	<b>5' wreaths</b>
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<b>Leech Lake Market</b>	<b>90 feet of garland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5' wreaths</b>

**Bids may only be submitted by enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe with EIN #.**

**Sealed bids must be received by the end of the business day on Thursday, August 31st, 2023.**

**For any questions please e-mail [tim.elliott@leechlakegaming.com](mailto:tim.elliott@leechlakegaming.com)**

**Bids can be submitted by:  
Dropping off at Leech Lake Gaming Front Desk from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday.**

**OR**

**Mail to:  
Tim Elliott c/o Leech Lake Gaming  
6268 Upper Cass Frontage Rd NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633**



# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

## August Birthdays



### District I



Joseph Bibeau  
Russell Bryan Jr.  
Irene Denasha  
Wanda Evers  
Norma Jackson  
Claudia Lyytinen

Linda Mcguire  
James Parks  
Irving Seelye Jr.  
Mark Stangel  
Paul wakanabo

Brenda White  
Donald White  
Cordelle Whitebird  
Michael White  
Linda Wilson  
Yvonne Wilson

From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle



### District II



Edward Burns  
Sabrina White  
Scott Seelye  
Robyn Jordan

Lyman Losh  
Debra Beaulieu  
Diane Hussing  
Roberta Smith  
Paula White

Allen Hiatt  
Anthony Mountain  
Rodney McClemik  
Yvonne Armstrong

From the District II Office Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



### District III\*



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

## Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

### Words and sentences list for August

#### OJIBWEMOWIN

Aaniin ezhichiqeyan?  
Ningashkiwaas.

Awegonen wezhitooyan?

Nindoozhitoon babaqiwayaan.

Nindoozhitoon maawandoogwaason.

Nindoozhitoon majigoodenh.

Nindoozhitoon qiboodyegwaazon.

Nindoozhitoon waabooyaan.

Nindoozhitoonan waabooyaan.

Nindoozhitoonan makizinan.

#### ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

What are you doing?  
I am sewing.

What are you making?

I am making a shirt.

I am making a quilt.

I am making a dress.

I am making pants.

I am making a blanket.

I am making blankets.

I am making moccasins.

#### Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

15353 Silver Eagle Drive, Bena MN 56626

Telephone: **218-665-3000**

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These positions are 9-month, 1400 hour / year salaried positions that run the duration of the school year. A four-year degree in human services, corrections or related field is preferred, but an Associates degree, or related work experience would also be considered!

Candidate must have excellent communication and decision- making skills and must have the ability to work with at-risk youth and families.

**Please submit a resume/application to be considered at:**

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## Ross Resources has 2 full-time positions available for Truancy Prevention Specialists.

These positions will be located in ISD #318 at the Grand Rapids Elementary Schools and the Grand Rapids Middle School.

These are 9-month, 1400 hour positions that run the duration of the school year.

A four-year degree in human services, corrections or related field is strongly preferred.

A four-year degree in another field would be considered with related experience. An associates degree could be considered along with related work experience.

Candidate must have excellent communication and decision- making skills and must have the ability to work with at-risk youth and families.

**For further information and/or to request an application, contact Kim Geislinger at Ross Resources at 218-328-6434 or visit us on-line at [www.rossresources.org](http://www.rossresources.org).**

Please submit an application with your resume to Ross Resources at **180 NE 6th St. Grand Rapids, MN 55744. Attn: Aimee Ross.** This posting will close when the positions are filled, so apply now!

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources**

**115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633**

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- ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-012*
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- Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 23-015*
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- Advanced Practice Provider ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-055*
- Adolescent & Maternal Child Health Manager ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-058*
- Maternal Child Health RN ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-059*
- Home Healthcare RN (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-061*
- Registered Dietitian (Diabetes Program) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-063*
- Driver/Operator ~ Tribal Roads ~ \$19.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-075*
- Police Officer ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-076*
- Foster Care Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-087*
- Quality Assurance & Improvement Specialist (A&D) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-089*
- Family Skills Worker ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-092*
- Forester/Forest Ecologist ~ DRM ~ \$26.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-094*
- Clinic LPN ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-098*

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