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May 5 is the federally recognized National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

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LLBO, Local Agencies Host Community Fentanyl Response Meeting at Cedar Lakes Event Center in Cass Lake



Secretary-Treasurer Leonard Fineday and other panelists address community members in attendance.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe plans to implement comprehensive measures to combat fentanyl crisis and expand recovery services.

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held a community fentanyl response meeting, Friday, May 5.

The meeting opened with an invocation by Mike Smith, Drum Group Nut Hill, remarks by Jeremy Drucker, the Director of the Office of Addiction and Recovery, an update on the Opioid Settlement Update by Ralph Overholt, a presentation of the official Leech Lake Response Plan by Earl Robinson & Ken Washington, a community feedback panel and a youth breakaway session.

According to research done by the Legal Division, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is the most largely affected Tribe within the state when it comes to an over distribution of opioids. In order to address this and the increasing number of community members affected by overdoses and addiction, Leech Lake is tackling the issue in several different ways.

WHAT'S BEING DONE?

As of right now, The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, has a Fentanyl response team that meets biweekly. The response team meeting agenda includes developing a civil commitment code for community members who may need to receive help courtesy of their families request. Strengthening the Tribal Justice system by establishing a criminal court that meets the requirements of the Tribal Law and Order act.

Additionally, the band is seeking to hire "Community Navigators." Navigators will be placed in each district and will be available for rides to meetings, appointments, able to deliver narcans and work on providing outreach in their area.

Last on the list of measures being taken by the band is the expansion of the Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz recovery center. Currently the center only hosts male occupants but will be able to host both male and female patients in the near future.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW?

As of right now, community members can receive help in a number of different ways. They can begin an intake process by calling Call: 218-335-8303 or 218-335-8382 or visiting 321 2nd Street, Cass Lake, 56633. Community members can also attend all addiction recovery meetings that are held across the reservation in all three districts on a weekly basis. Flyers and further information on all recovery meetings can be found on leechlakeneews.com.

WHAT IS NARCAN (NALOXONE) AND WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

Narcan, also referred to as naloxone, is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. But, naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system, and it is not a treatment for opioid use disorder. Examples of opioids include heroin, fen-

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

June 14 Marks Anniversary of Bryan v. Itasca Decision

By KAYLA DUOOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Chairman Jackson delivering the opening remarks. KAYLA DUOOS | *Debahjimon*

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tanyl, oxycodone (OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), codeine, and morphine.

Naloxone comes in two FDA-approved forms: injectable and pre-packaged nasal spray. No matter what dosage form you use, it's important to receive training on how and when to use naloxone. You should also read the product instructions and check the expiration date.

Injectable brands of naloxone are offered by different companies listed in the FDA Orange Book under “naloxone” (look for “injectable”). Typically, the proper dose must be drawn up from a vial. Usually, it is injected with a needle into muscle, although it also may be administered into a vein or under the skin. The FDA recently approved Zimhi™, a single-dose, prefilled syringe that can be injected into the muscle or under the skin.

Prepackaged Nasal Spray (generic naloxone, Narcan®, Kloxxado®), developed as a result of NIDA-funded research, is an FDA-approved prefilled, needle-free device that requires no assembly and is sprayed into one nostril while the person lays on their back. This device can also be easier for loved ones and bystanders without formal training to use.

Currently, Naloxone can be found free of charge at Indian Health Services, and over the counter at Walgreens and CVS.

There are currently plans to hold Narcan(Naloxne) training across the reservation in the coming months. Keep an eye on LeechLakeNews.com and the Bands official Facebook page for event announcements.

RESOURCE LIST

Leech Lake Assessment Unit

What are the eligibility requirements for utilizing the Leech Lake Assessment Unit

- Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe (descended or legally married) and
- Living within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries
- Be 12 years of age or older
- Meeting income guidelines, according to household size
- Who pays for treatment?
- Insurance is utilized and assistance with applying for MA may be offered
- If over income and work for the Tribe referred to benefit coordinator
- Adolescents may be referred to IHS for payer of last resort
- Who has priority in receiving treatment services?
- Priority is given to pregnant women, IV drug users and adolescents

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Contact Numbers

- Adolescent Outpatient 218-335-8324
- Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center 218-335-6880
- Assessment Unit 218-335-8288
- Behavioral Health 218-335-3050
- Disease Intervention/Harm Reduction 218-335-4500
- Family Preservation 218-335-4448
- Family Spirit 218-335-4500
- Family Violence Prevention Program 218-335-3560
- Opiate Treatment Program 218-335-4514

A follow up community meeting regarding the Tribe's fentanyl response plan is currently being planned.

RBC BRIEFS • June 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.

Three meetings were held in May 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on lechlakenews.com under “Videos.” Official meeting minutes can also be found on lechlakenews.com under “LL Tribal Council” and “Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.”

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. May 9, 2023 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Ken Washington, LLPD** — Presented a series of public safety department items. One of which included approval of a new safety plan “less lethal” for officers to employ less lethal techniques when dealing with offenders, and focus on using de-escalation tactics.
- **Amanda Wold, environmental and Laurie Harper, education** — Presented an update on Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig’s on-going water PFAS safety issues. Plans include meeting with federal agencies on addressing the issue and the school board on an official timeline for returning water to safe levels.

2. May 23, 2023 A briefing was held in the RBC Government Chambers. All proposals and resolutions presented at this briefing were passed and approved in the RBC meeting on May 25.

Presentations Given:

- **Lenny Fineday, Secretary Treasurer, Mike Chosa, Public Relations** — Presentation focused on all of the new legislative updates that were approved in the last State legislative session for 2023. Highlights from the omnibus bonding bill included; strong language to honor an E-pull tab gambling agreement with Tribes that was approved previously, \$35 million annually in Tribal aid in the state base budget that will be included every year moving forward, increased Tribal college funding, ect. Money will also be appropriated to Leech Lake for three wellness centers.
- **Chris Murray, Legal** — Presented a finalized version of Resolution 2023-77, the enbridge donation policy which restricts all band entities from accepting donations from the business. This resolution was passed on May 25.

HERBST vs MCT

By KAYLA DUOOS with editing and writing contributions by BEN BENOIT

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

That time period is now nearly 50 years in the past, this year June 18th marks the 50th anniversary of the Richard Herbst vs Leech Lake Band federal district court Case. The historic case recognized the band’s hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the State of MN and reaffirmed Leech Lake’s jurisdictional borders. The case which had been thrown around the 8th Circuit since 1971, began as a result of both the Nelson Act and an increase in conservation officers harassing tribal members over rights that were not yet recognized. This case went beyond hunting and fishing, with the State challenging the ability of the Leech Lake Band to func-

tion as a government and regulate our Citizens activities. The passage of the Nelson Act in 1897 allowed the State of Minnesota to illegally claim that Congress abolished the Leech Lake Reservation through land sales, specifically the jurisdictional authority of the Leech Lake Band to regulate hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake Reservation.

It took almost 80 years to correct this action. In 1971, the Leech Lake Band challenged the Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources, Robert L. Herbst in federal court on the issue of Minnesota forcing Indians to comply with Minnesota game and fish laws. The courts ruled on June 18, 1973 that “Plaintiff Indians have the right to hunt and fish and gather wild rice on public lands and public waters of the Leech Lake Reservation free of Minnesota game and fish laws. Defendants are enjoined from enforcing such laws.”

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

CLANS GATHER

Latest exhibit on display at Bemidji Watermark Art Center by artist Chholing Taha.

By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – A new exhibit has opened at Bemidji’s Watermark Art Center, Miikinaan gallery.

The Miikinaan gallery which is home to the center’s Traditional art exhibits is hosting “Clans Gather,” by Chholing Taha, a Multi-discipline Artist, May 26 – August 12, 2023.

The exhibit features the work of Chholing Taha (Cree First Nation.) Taha’s art is a holistic artistic practice striving to communicate and commune with her own heritage and experience, while encouraging others to find understanding and resonance with their own lived and inherited experience.

“Clans Gather was created as an acknowledgement that all life is



via WATERMARK ART CENTER

“Clans Gather” acrylic on paper, by Chholing Taha.

interconnected. The greatest power we have is when we interconnect as one on all levels of life, from prayers, being human, admiring the dragonfly to knowing where we stand within the star systems,” said Taha.

Taha has been working within the creative arts for 40+ years, and their art is heavily inspired by the natural world found in Minnesota and Canadian borders. Taha’s works may be found in museum, corporate

and private collections throughout the U.S., Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Japan. Taha is the 2007 winner of the Eiteljorg Purchase Award 2008 First Place winner in Textiles at the Annual Eiteljorg Indian Market. 2009 & 2011 Best in Show at the In the Spirit Contemporary Art Exhibit.

An artist’s reception for the “Clans Gather” exhibit will be held June 17, 2023 at Watermark, 2-4pm.

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 had a very aggressive agenda before the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor Walz's office. In long awaited news, the Governor will sign the bonding bill for \$24 million to build three Health and Wellness Centers. The Tribal Council members had a focused strategy in testifying and fighting 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.

Minnesota Legislature & Governor Walz – On June 1, 2023, Governor Walz will officially sign the bonding bill in the amount of \$24 million for a grant to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for design, site preparation, including demolition, construction, engineering, furnishing, and equipping Leech Lake area health and wellness centers to be located in Cass Lake, the community of Kego Lake, and the community of Ball Club.

Tribal Nations Aid – Starting in 2024 and 2025, the State of Minnesota will provide \$70 million or \$35 million per year to the 11 Tribal Nations. A Tribal Nation must certify to the commissioner of revenue the most recent estimate of the total number of enrolled members of the Tribal Nation. The information must be annually certified by March 1 in the form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of revenue must annually calculate and certify the amount of aid payable to each Tribal Nation on or before August 1.

Tribal College Supplemental Assistance Grants – The Minnesota Legislature and Governor Walz for the first time had approved \$1 million per year for a two-year period grant for the Leech Lake Tribal College. By September 30, 2024, Leech Lake Tribal College receiving a grant under this paragraph must submit a report to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher

education finance and policy. The report must include an accurate and detailed account of how the funds were spent, and a copy of the college's most recent audit report.

Minnesota Indian Scholarships – Great news, the commissioner must contact with or employ at least one person in or near the city of Bemidji to assist students with the scholarships and with other information about financial aid for which the students may be eligible. The appropriation of \$6.3 million over two-years includes funding to administer the American Indian scholarship program again.

Minnesota Postsecondary Unemployment Insurance Aid – In fiscal year 2024, Leech Lake Tribal College will be an eligible postsecondary institution to receive unemployment insurance aid.

Minnesota Local Homeless Prevention Aid – A Tribal government may choose to receive an aid distribution under this section by submitting an application under this subdivision. The application must be in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue and must be annually submitted by July 1 in the year prior to the year the aid is paid. For aid payable in 2023 only, the application must be submitted by July 15, 2023.

Minnesota Statewide Local Housing Aid – Eligible Tribal Nations means the following federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota: Leech Lake Band; The commissioner of revenue shall determine the amount of funding available to an

eligible Tribal Nation by dividing the amount of money available for aid to Tribal Nations under this section by the number of eligible Tribal Nations that have applied to receive an aid distribution.

Governor Walz had Recommended in Establishing a Minnesota Tribal Elder Office – During Tribal summits in 2020, 2021, and 2022, many Tribes had told DHS that they seek to exercise their sovereignty by reducing or eliminating reliance on using counties or other state entities as fiscal intermediaries for federal funding. Tribes had noted in particular, the fact that Minnesota does not fully utilize Title XI funding under the Older American Act. One strategy to fulfill its legal obligation to Minnesota's Tribal Nations is to support their ability to directly access federal funds.

Tribal Mobile Crisis Response Teams for the Leech Lake Nation – The proposal invests \$1 million in grants starting in FY 2024 to Tribally-based Mobile Crisis Response teams operating in Minnesota. Following completion of Tribal consultation with each of these Nation's Mobile Crisis teams, funding will be distributed evenly to each and based on the results of consultation. Funding areas had been outlined in six areas.

Modifying Opiate Epidemic Response Advisory Council Membership – Effective July 1, 2023, expanding Tribal membership on the OERAC to include a representative from each of Minnesota's eleven Tribal nations, as well as two additional members representing American Indians who reside in urban areas of the state. Tribal Nations have sovereign status and should be honored as independent entities in governmental affairs. Funding to support Traditional Healing Practices and Culturally

responsive initiatives. DHS will consult with Tribes and MIAC on this proposal.

The Leech Lake Administration has been busy reading and carefully reviewing the hundreds of pages in the Minnesota budget omnibus bills that range from Agriculture to the Governor's Bonding bill. One-time rebates had been approved by lawmakers: \$260 for individuals, \$520 for married couples; and an extra \$260 for every child, up to a \$1,300 maximum. In the coming weeks, we will have a clearer picture on the bills that will benefit the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and its People.

Safety note, please be careful of scam phone calls that promise something that you have no idea what it's about or prevents a bill collection if you provide your personal information. We also had a few elder warnings of phone scammers trying to take advantage of elders by requesting banking information, social security numbers, and private information. Finally, the warm weather has arrived and the pow-wow season is finally here.



Please secure your trash thoroughly when taking it to the Leech Lake Transfer Stations. Loose trash and paper can fly out of the vehicle, littering our roads and communities. LLBO would truly appreciate your help. Tribal members please respect Mother Earth. Here's an illustration on securing your rubbish. *Miigwech, Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr.*

FY24 Budget Hearings

Please come and join us in our annual discussion regarding the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Budgeting Process. We need your input, invite your questions and value your opinion!

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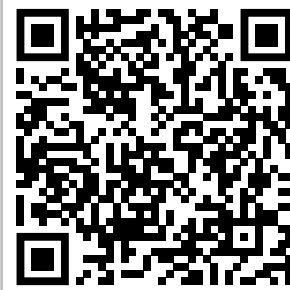
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DISTRICT II
JUNE 13, 5PM - 7PM
BENA COMMUNITY CENTER

DULUTH
JUNE 14, 5PM - 7PM
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Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer's Summary

Monthly Report

Greetings Leech Lake Band Members! It is my honor and privilege to present this report to you, our Band members, for the activities undertaken by my office in May 2023. It was a busy month and there is a lot to report.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Budget Team has made substantial progress on the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The Budget Team met on May 8, May 18 and May 22 in order to present a balanced preliminary budget for RBC review. On May 25, 2023, the RBC approved the preliminary budget, paving the way for the public hearings to gather Band member input for the first two weeks in June. At that point, the Budget Team will consider the community input and make appropriate changes, if necessary, with final presentation and approval of the FY 2024 budget scheduled for June 29, 2023, a couple days before the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2023. If we are able to meet this timeline, this will be the first time in memory LLBO had a duly approved and adopted budget prior to the start of a fiscal year. I am hopeful we will get it done this time and that proper planning and timely approval will be our new norm going forward.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Minnesota State Legislature adjourned its 2023 session on May 22, 2023. It was a very productive session for tribes in Minnesota, particularly the Leech Lake Band. With tribal support, the legislature updated the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, recognized tribal concurrent criminal jurisdiction for our tribal police officers, prohibited indigenous mascots for Minnesota high schools, and modified the Indigenous Education for All standards.

The legislature also clarified the types of e-pull tabs that charities can use by honoring the agreement the legislature made with tribes in 2012. There is a lot of misinformation and demagoguery around this issue statewide, but the only real loser is the e-pull tab manufacturer, an out-of-state company. Under the deal adopted by the legislature, the use of e-pull tabs are limited so they cannot mimic slot machines (by having things like bonuses and open-all features) and the charities will get a significant tax break so they can keep more of the revenue they earn. This has been an ongoing issue for years and the subject of litigation in the state courts. However, the action by the legislature this session resolves this discrepancy and honors the original intent when e-pull tabs were authorized in 2012.

Minnesota tribes will also see a large increase in funding coming from the State. Tribes are now eligible for many funding opportunities in the areas of homelessness, public safety and government aid that we were not eligible for in the past. The biggest sum of money is a yearly appropriation of \$35 million for tribal government aid, which will be divided among those tribes that apply for it annually. These funds can be used by the tribes at the tribes discretion for the areas where we need it and is part of the state's base budget, meaning that it will be ongoing funding instead of one-time funding.

Leech Lake was also successful in obtaining cash-based bonding monies in the amount of \$24 million to build three wellness centers on the Reservation, one in Ball Club, one in Cass Lake, and one in Kego Lake. We are getting our Owner's Group back up and running and will hold a community meeting soon to discuss this fund-



via SECRETARY / TREASURER'S OFFICE

Secretary/Treasurer Lenny Fineday met with other tribal officials, Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan recently to celebrate the conclusion of a successful legislative session.

ing and the plans to construct these new centers in the very near future.

Overall, it was a very successful session for us. Sports betting did not get approved, but we will continue to work on it for the next session. I would like to thank the other RBC members, our government relations staff and our lobbyists for their hard work in advocating for Leech Lake and making the 2023 legislative session the most successful in memory.

GAMING ORDINANCE UPDATE

I am pleased to report that the National Indian Gaming Commission approved the amended LLBO Gaming Ordinance in May. With this approval, the Leech Lake Regulatory Authority is established and takes over many of the regulatory functions previously conducted by the RBC acting as the Gaming Commission. This change has been a long time coming and I am happy we were able to accomplish it.

Furthermore, the amended Gaming Ordinance asserts exclusive jurisdiction over all Class II gaming conducted within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. This includes all bingo and bingo-like games and pull tabs. We will be working with all businesses within the boundaries of the Reservation that currently sell pull tabs to ensure they are complying with our regulations and operating with an LLBO gaming license. As we assert this expanded jurisdiction, we are contemplating a productive and mutually-beneficial relationship with the non-Band owned businesses within the Reservation that sell pull tabs or conduct Class II gaming under a Minnesota license.

Public Notices of this regulatory change will be forthcoming and we plan to work closely with each non-Band owned business to ensure that if they want to continue to operate Class II gaming, they can do so under our rules and regulations.

Roll out of these regulations and work with the non-Band owned businesses will be an ongoing process and I will continue to keep our members informed. Please watch for these announcements and reach out to my office or the Gaming Regulatory Authority if you have any questions.

INTERNAL UPDATES

On May 25, 2023, the RBC approved an appropriation of \$1 million to upgrade and fix all of our powwow grounds within the Reservation. We recognize that our powwow grounds have been neglected for far too long and need substantial repairs and maintenance. We will get moving on these repairs and upgrades this summer, with the goal of having all our powwow grounds updated and renovated by summer 2024.

The RBC has also authorized approximately \$36 million from our State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used for revenue we lost during the pandemic for Fiscal Year 2020. This reallocation of funds received will allow us to use these funds for any governmental purpose and to keep them (not expend or encumber them) beyond 2026. This is part of our long-term plan to ensure the financial integrity of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for generations to come.

Along those same lines, the RBC has adopted certain organizational changes to the LLBO government structure. The goal of these changes is to maximize efficiencies and limit redundant expenses. One of the more significant changes is the establishment of a Chief Financial Officer position for the LLBO government. This CFO will oversee finance (accounting), property (inventory management) and purchasing (procurement). This change will address some longstanding audit findings we have had over the years due to previous silo structure of these important functions.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I wish all Leech Lake Band members a wonderful summer, and hope you have the time to spend with family and loved ones. It is my honor to serve each and everyone of you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office at any time. *Miigwech!*



KEREM YÜCEL | Minnesota Public Radio via AP

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz proudly displays the One Minnesota Budget bill after signing it into law, Wednesday, May 24, 2023, outside the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz Signs Comprehensive “One Minnesota Budget” with State to Tribal Support Measures

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – As the 2023 legislation session comes to end, a new series of State to Tribal support measures have been signed into law.

On May 24, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed the \$72 billion “One Minnesota Budget” at a celebratory ceremony on the front steps of the State Capitol Wednesday morning.

Walz signed twelve bills into laws that are part of the One Minnesota Budget. The measures include funding for: free school meals to children, free tuition at public colleges for students whose families earn less than \$80,000 a year, a paid family and medical leave program, health insurance regardless of immigration status, gun violence prevention, abortion rights protections, voting rights expansion and more.

Bills that pertain directly to Tribal communities include increased funding for Tribal Colleges, Free tuition for Native

Students and funding for wellness centers across the LLBO reservation, “The work we’ve done over the last five months will make a generational impact on our state – it will lower costs, improve lives, and cut child poverty. The One Minnesota Budget delivers for Minnesotans,” Walz said during the signing ceremony.

The one Minnesota budget will fund the government and its programs and services for the next two years starting July 1.

12 Bill Breakdown

Tax Bill – Providing the largest tax cut in state history, the bill provides direct payments to Minnesotans up to certain incomes through a one-time refundable tax credit of \$260 for single filers and up to \$1,300 for a family with three kids. The tax bill also establishes a nation-leading Child Tax Credit, which provides up to \$1,750 per child for lower income families, and is expected to cut child poverty by 33%.

The bill also fully exempts state taxes on social security for more than three quarters of seniors and includes \$300 million in local public safety aid for cities and counties.

The bill delivers \$80 million each year for local government aid and county program aid to enable local governments to deliver critical services and avoid property tax increases.

The bill also provides significant savings for homeowners and renters in the form of a Renter’s Property Tax Refund and Homestead Credit Refund.

Education Finance Bill – The bill increases the general funding formula by 4% next year and 2% the year after and ties the funding to inflation, ensuring Minnesota schools have the resources to provide a world-class education for years to come. The bill establishes 5,200 new Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Seats, decreases the Special Education Cross Subsidy by 50%, and provides unemployment

insurance for hourly school workers. The bill also provides funding for schools to hire mental health professionals and counselors and improves resources for American Indian students.

Jobs, Economic Development, Labor, and Industry Omnibus Bill – The bill invests \$500 million in the Minnesota Forward Fund – a toolbox that will be used to match federal investments in infrastructure and large-scale economic development projects in existing, new, and emerging industries made possible by President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act.

The bill establishes the Office of New Americans, which will explicitly focus on supporting immigrant and refugee integration, reducing barriers to employment, and improving connections between employers and job seekers.

Early Learning Omnibus Bill – The bill allocates \$400 million for programs targeted at Minnesota’s youngest learners. The bill includes an increase of \$310 million over four years in Early Learning Scholarships and expands eligibility to ages 0-3, allowing the program to serve many more children

and families with the highest need. The bill provides a \$40 million increase to Head Start, providing another avenue for families to access early learning services for their children. Investments in the early educator workforce will also serve these programs, as well as additional funding for screening programs which help identify the needs of children early on.

Environment, Natural Resources, Climate, and Energy Omnibus Bill – The bill invests \$110 million in Minnesota’s outdoor recreation industry to build, repair, and maintain the state’s fish hatcheries, boat ramps and public water accesses, and state park facilities.

The bill provides \$100 million in climate resiliency grants to help communities prepare for extreme weather events and upgrade aging infrastructure.

The bill also invests in drinking water protection and PFAS response, and expands the popular Solar for Schools program to provide the opportunity for solar power to be added at schools in Greater Minnesota outside of the Xcel Energy service territory.

Human Services Policy Bill – The bill establishes an income exemption for workforce grant payments to ensure that eligibility for public assistance benefits and Medical Assistance is not compromised for direct support professionals. The bill establishes new ways for people to apply for adult income assistance programs submitted by phone or internet and creates a new process for obtaining signatures for an application received without one.

Higher Ed Omnibus Bill – The bill funds the North Star Promise Program, which provides free college for students with a family income under \$80,000. The bill also provides additional funding for the state’s tribal colleges by expanding the Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance program, ensuring tribal colleges receive the same per student funding as other Minnesota public higher education institutions.

The bill also appropriates funding to the Board of Regents of University of Minnesota and to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to provide a first-dollar tuition and free pathway for eligible Minnesota American Indian students to complete an undergraduate education.

Commerce Omnibus Bill – ➔

The \$72 billion budget, delivers funding for education, healthcare, infrastructure, and tribal communities.

«The Commerce Omnibus bill funds a study on free primary care for Minnesotans and codifies existing federal laws from the Affordable Care Act that allow Minnesotans to access certain preventive services, like routine health screenings, for zero-cost.

The bill also funds the Prescription Drug Advisory Board, which creates a board that has the authority to review generic drugs if the price increases above a threshold.

Omnibus Human Services appropriations Bill - The bill invests \$2.9 billion over the next four years across the entire human services spectrum of need. This bill invests funding for long-term care, workforce, substance use and addiction, and provides rate increases for patient care assistants. The bill includes funding for nursing homes, workforce retention in the long-term care industry, and a new program to help bring new Americans into the human services field. Finally, the Human Services Omnibus Bill establishes a new Department of Direct Care and Treatment.

State Government Finance Bill - The bill appropriates money for the legislature, constitutional offices, councils, boards and commissions; Minnesota State Retirement System, provides deficiency funding, provides revenue recovery, provides statutory appropriation of funds to operate the House of Representatives, establishes the Office of Enterprise Translation, and creates county and local cybersecurity grants. The bill also modifies election administration provisions relating to voter registration, absentee voting, and election day voting.

Transportation Omnibus Bill - This \$1.3 billion bill includes a historic investment in Minnesota's transportation infrastructure, including funding for improvements to the state's roads and bridges and enhancements to the multimodal transportation system. The bill includes the necessary matching dollars for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, invests millions in the national electric vehicle infrastructure program, and provides funding to keep Minnesota's communities connected.

Health and Human Services appropriations Omnibus Bill - The bill provides funding to help more families access affordable child care and help providers attract and retain workers. The bill also updates the Child Care Assistance Program rate to the 75th percentile and establishes the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

This bill funds programs to address homelessness in Minnesota, including the Emergency Services Program, Homeless Youth Act, Transitional Housing, and Safe Harbor Housing and Support.

The bill includes funding for food security and provides greater stability for Minnesotans living in poverty by requiring households accessing the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and General Assistance to report changes every six months.

This bill addresses health care access and affordability and includes guaranteed reductions in cost-sharing, the establishment of the Center for Health Care Affordability, and other efforts to reduce the cost of health care. It also includes a guaranteed increase in health insurance coverage for children and disadvantaged communities.

More information on the "One Minnesota" budget can be found at MN.GOV



KAYLA DUOS | Debahjimon

LLTC booth at the 2019 LLBO Two-Spirit Celebration, Cass Lake, MN.

What is Niizh Manidoowag?

By KAYLA DUOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OJIBWE TERMS

Agokwa "man-woman"
Ogichidaakwe "warrior-woman"

MN One Budget Bill Invests in Tribal Colleges

By KAYLA DUOS

ST. PAUL - A new bill proposal to invest an additional \$3.15 million annually in Minnesota's Tribal Colleges has been passed.

The Minnesota House and Senate have passed the report, and the bill was signed into law during Walz signing of the Minnesota One Budget bill. The investment proposal was authored by Representative Heather Keeler.

"Tribal Colleges play a vital role in providing access to higher education and supporting our Indigenous communities. In this budget, we're finally taking new steps to empower Indigenous students, and these new investments will make a massive impact for students who have long been left behind by conventional education systems that haven't always recognized their potential," Rep. Keeler said. "After years upon years without investment from the state of Minnesota in our Tribal Colleges, I'm deeply grateful my legislative colleagues are taking action

to expand opportunities for Native students to succeed and thrive."

Leech Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal College, and Red Lake Nation Tribal College will all receive grants under a new program established in the legislation to support their educational missions and address maintenance costs. Additionally, the bill invests \$8.5 million toward a new American Indian Scholarship program to provide tuition- and fee-free undergraduate education to Indigenous students at public postsecondary institutions.

"We are thankful to the state of Minnesota for their support. This funding will help us realize our vision to be recognized as a center of academic excellence that advances the Anishinaabe worldview and empowers lifelong learners who are fully engaged citizens, stewards, and leaders," said Dr. Helen Zaikina-Montgomery, president of Leech Lake Tribal College. "Although this funding won't solve every challenge our tribal colleges face, it will pro-

vide us with a vital lifeline of resources and will demonstrate Minnesota's commitment to supporting postsecondary education on reservations across the state."

Overall, the budget funds the Office of Higher Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota campuses, the Mayo Clinic Medical School, and Tribal Colleges. Notably, the budget provides free college to students with household income under \$80,000. It includes a fully-funded tuition freeze at Minnesota State campuses for two years, saving students a combined \$75 million. The budget also provides \$50 million in one-time funding to address structural deficits across the Minnesota State system, saving jobs and programs. For the University of Minnesota, the budget also invests an additional \$100 million over the biennium, and fully funds a systemwide safety and security request.

More information on the bill can be found at MN.GOV



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◀ After a slow start, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Sugarbush Camp is now bustling with activity. The freezing nights and warm days have produced an abundance of sap which is now being processed by the Seasonal Activities classes taught by Richard Armstrong. The maple syrup will be gifted to elders in the community. After a slow start, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Sugarbush Camp is now bustling with activity. The freezing nights and warm days have produced an abundance of sap which is now being processed by the Seasonal Activities classes taught by Richard Armstrong. The maple syrup will be gifted to elders in the community.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School honored community elders on Friday afternoon with a Feast, Powwow, and Giveaway. Many handmade quilts, as well as other gifts, were presented to our honored guests.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is pleased to announce that after a 3-year hiatus due to covid, we will now again have a Memorial Feast for all students / staff who have passed on to the Spirit World. Family members are invited to attend the Memorial Feast on Wed., May 17 at 5:30 at the school.



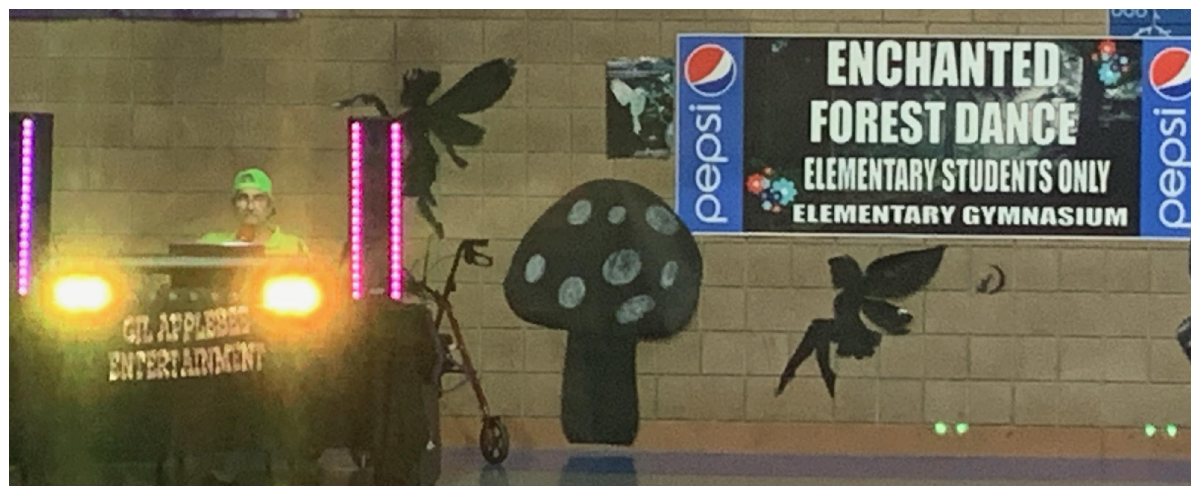
▲ Memengwaa was the word of the day so the students made those butterflies fly!



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig 2nd and 9th graders teamed up for reading buddies this week. They got to enjoy the weather and read together.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School has been fortunate to have Kris Sorensen, media artist with In Progress, working with our students since April. Students are learning the art of portraiture and its relationship to writing. They have been working on a poster series that celebrates Spring. Students are learning compositional techniques, angles and are gaining confidence in operating media equipment.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig Elementary celebrated the end of the school year with a dance featuring our own Gil Applebee as the DJ. Some favorites were the Locomotion, the Limbo, the Cupid Shuffle, the Chicken Dance and the Macerayna.



▲ A large number of Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School students participated in the MMIW Walk in Bemidji recently to bring attention to the high number of Indigenous people who have been murdered or who are missing.

Gweyakmino Wiisinidaa!

Let's eat the right foods!

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



Blueberry Bars

Ingredients
(*Commodity Foods)

2 cups blueberries* ¼ cup water
 ¾ cup peanut butter (smooth)*
 2 Tablespoons butter* 2 ⅓ oats* (rolled or quick)
 ½ cup raisins* (packed)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8xby8x baking pan. In a saucepan add water and berries heat to a simmer and stir until a slightly thickened, jam-like consistency is reached. Remove from heat. While still hot add peanut butter and butter; stir thoroughly until they melted and mixed well. Add oats and raisins to the saucepan. Mix well. Spread mixture into baking pan, pressing down for even thickness. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Makes 12 bars. Bars will keep up to 1 week in an air-tight container in the refrigerator.

Tip: Use vegetable oil or buttery spread in place of butter & dried plums instead of raisins.

Nutrition facts

Blueberries are a healthy, stress-free food. You get fiber, vitamin C, vitamin K, manganese and potassium in every handful of blueberries – at just 80 calories per cup. They're also low in sodium and have virtually no fat. Oats have 51 grams of carbs, 13 grams of protein, 5 grams of fat, and 8 grams of fiber in 1 cup. This means that oats are among the most nutrient-dense foods you can eat. Oats are rich in carbs and fiber, but also higher in protein and fat than most other grains. Peanut butter is loaded with so many good, health-promoting nutrients, including vitamin E, magnesium, iron, selenium and vitamin B6. Research shows that people who regularly eat nuts and nut butter, including peanut butter, are less likely to develop heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Asterisk are commodity foods.

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.

District One Vacant LIC Positions

<p>Ball Club Vacant LIC Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Community Reps. • 1 Youth Rep. <p>Nominations and elections will be held on</p> <p>JULY 10 AT 6PM</p> <p>at the Ball Club Community Center</p> <p><i>For more information contact the District 1 Office.</i></p>	<p>Deer River Vacant LIC Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Vice Chair • Secretary/Treasurer • 2 Community Reps. • 1 Youth Rep. <p>Nominations and elections will be held on</p> <p>JULY 24 AT 6PM</p> <p>at the Deer River Senior Center, King School, Door 15</p>
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Obituaries

Gerald "Jerry" Chase



Gerald "Jerry" Wayne Chase, age 75, of the Bear Clan and Bena, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from Neilson Place in Bemidji, MN. He was born on March 29, 1948, in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Tillie (Whitecloud) and Walter Chase, Sr.

After graduating from high school Jerry went on to serve in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971. Gerald met his wife, Lois, in Minneapolis, MN in 1973. They were married in 1975 at Birches Campground on Lake Winnibigoshish, Bena, MN. They were married for 37 wonderful years until Lois' passing on January 17, 2013.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, he loved ricing, hunting, taking rides in the woods, and was especially great at his berry picking, he even sold his berries to Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek of the Minnesota Twins back in the late 80's. He enjoyed spending time with family, especially family cookouts at Norway Beach. Jerry was a true MN Vikings and MN Twins fan and enjoyed watching professional basketball on tv. He served as part of the Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard for many years.

Those greeting Jerry in the spirit world are his parents, Tillie and Walter, Sr.; wife, Lois; stepson, Raymond; brothers, Donald, David, Harry, and Arthur; sisters, Leona, Lena, Marilyn, and Hilda; numerous nieces and nephews.

Those left behind to cherish Jerry's memory are his son, Greg Christopherson; brothers, Walter Chase, Jr., Joseph (Sharon) Chase; sister, Hazel Chase-Zimpel; 3 grandchildren, Sheila Devault, Carlos Lagard,

Bradley Dudley; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

An overnight wake for Jerry will begin on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until his Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Pastor O.T. Lopez will officiate. Those helping to lay Jerry to rest are Richard O'Brien, David Chase, Harry "Sonson" Chase, Jr., Arthur Chase, Gilberto Robinson, and Mike Kirt. Alternates are Rob Finn and Leland Whitefeather. Honorary pallbearers are Walter Chase, Jr., Joseph Chase, Hazel Chase-Zimpel, Doug Furchmen, Amber Dwyre, John Chase, Walter Chase III, and Gary Hanson. Military honors accorded by the Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, MN following services on Tuesday, May 16.

Jerry'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.

Byron Sayers



Byron Dean Sayers, "Bug O Nay Ge Shig" meaning "Hole in the Day", age 61, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, April 17, 2023, from his home in Cass Lake, MN. He was born in Minneapolis, MN, on January 9, 1962, the son of Darlene (Monroe) and Arnold Sayers, Sr.

Byron grew up in the Minneapolis area. He enjoyed going to the casino, playing dominoes, cards, cribbage, and pool. He liked to read and draw in his down time. Byron was a big-hearted man who was always teasing and

joking. He was a goofball. Byron liked football and baseball; he was a true Minnesota Twins Fan. He enjoyed going for walks or for a drive when he was able to. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those greeting Byron in the spirit world are his parents, Darlene and Arnold Sr.; brother, Arnold Sayers, Jr.; grandma, Sarah Sayers; numerous other relatives and friends.

Those left behind to forever cherish Byron's memory are his daughter, Andrea Sayers; brothers, Darren Sayers and Raymond Gurneau; sisters, Christina Sayers; close auntie, Mary LaDeaux; close uncles, William "Bill" Butcher and Leon Butcher; numerous other family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Byron will begin on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and continue until his Saturday, April 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Father William "Bill" Butcher will officiate. Honorary urn bearers are all Byron's family and friends. Interment will be in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency, MN.

Byron'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.

Nancy Carlson



Nancy Lynn Carlson, age 36, of the Eagle Clan and Cass Lake, MN, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, May 11, 2023. She was born on July 28, 1986, in Bemidji, MN, the daughter of Cynthia Gale and Donald S. Carlson.

Nancy grew up in Cass Lake. She enjoyed taking pictures of family and friends to make collages. She loved her music; all types from 1960's, blues, country, rap, pop, and current hits, she listened to it all. Nancy was a loving mother, daughter, sister, best friend, and confidant to many. She loved hanging around with friends and family and was always willing to help anybody. Nancy was a people person who could spark a conversation with

anyone. She was blessed in many ways in life. Nancy was an excellent cook, she and her son especially loved to make tacos together. Nancy's world revolved around her son, Tristan, she loved being his mom and it truly showed. Nancy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those greeting Nancy in the spirit world are her stepdad, Joe Raisch; cousin, Lupe Rosillo; grandparents; aunts; and uncles.

Family Nancy leaves behind are her mom, Cynthia Gale; dad, Donald "Charlie" Carlson; son, Tristan R. Staples; father of her son, Robert "Bob" Staples; sister, Lauren Lee; uncle, Stuart Gale; close cousins, Clinton Bryan, Scott Bryan, Shawn Bryan, Alexandar Wittner, Alexandra Gale, Angel Rosillo; and numerous other family and friends.

An overnight wake for Nancy will begin Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. and continue until her Friday, May 19, 2023, 1:00 p.m. service, all to be held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Nancy's Spiritual Advisor is Tony Jenkins, Sr. Those helping lay Nancy to rest are Alex Wittner, Scott Bryan, Julian Weyaus, Eric White, Carl White, Sr., and Shanny White. Alternates are Steve Richardson and Mijakwad Johnson. Honorary pallbearers are all Nancy's family and friends. Interment will follow in Ryan's Village in Bena, MN.

Nancy'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.

Gloria Hanson



Gloria Elsie Hanson, dedicated mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully with family present on May 25, 2023 at age 83 after receiving loving care from her daughters in her final three years.

Gloria, an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, was born to Clifford Frank and Margaret Rose (Belland) Beaulieu on July 30, 1939.

After graduating from high school, Gloria attended college briefly and then completed

university coursework to become licensed as a Minnesota State Special Needs Tutor and Minority Counselor. She had a rewarding career supporting the higher education goals of American Indian students. Her work with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Brainerd/Staples Technical College's Leech Lake Center involved monthly travel and check-ins to various colleges and reservations in the state to monitor student academic progress. It was during these many trips that she exposed daughters Brenda and Anita to her admirable taste in music, listening to 8 tracks of Linda Ronstadt, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Ronnie Milsap and so many other artists, which also included much singing and laughing.

Gloria's talents were many and were put to full use as she single-handedly raised her children. She was an excellent seamstress, creating everything from matching outfits for her young children, to flower girl dresses, to clothing alterations for her grandchildren and siblings. She loved to crochet and was in the process of creating a beautiful afghan. Gloria was a wonderful cook and always enjoyed preparing a delicious meal for her family. In her retirement years, she could often be found taking care of her grandchildren and attending their many activities, as well as watching crime dramas, *The Price is Right*, and *Wheel of Fortune*. She was an active member of St. Peters Episcopal Church and most recently found joy watching the various wildlife in Brenda's backyard. In addition, she spent lots of quality time with her siblings by traveling to their favorite casinos, even though she liked to tell her children she never went to these places, and if she did go, she only used her coupon and maybe spent 10 dollars.

Besides Pedro, her companion of 10 years, Gloria was very proud of her children and their respective education and also her ten grandchildren, each of whom believed they were her favorite. She did her best to be at the birth of each grandchild and some were beside her at the time of her passing. She was also excitedly awaiting the birth of her first great grandchild this summer. Gloria provided our family with such special memories, funny stories, and most importantly an understanding of what strength and fight really mean. We are comforted knowing she will always be with us, wherever we go.

Gloria is survived by her sons Charles and Edward (Sherrie) and daughters Anita and Brenda (Andrew) Palmiotto. Grandchildren Brett, Austen, Peyton, Abbigail, Ellinor, Madeline, Emma, Rebecca, Ryan and Chase. Siblings Katherine Pemberton, Kent (Deb) Beaulieu and Susie Roy, plus many nieces and nephews. Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Edward, Marvin Joseph and Richard and her sister Luella, plus special Aunt Ann Oberg.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday June 9, 2023 from 11 – 2 pm at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji with a service at 1:00 pm. Interment will be at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake with a reception at the Cedar Lakes Casino event center following the service.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



Marchers make their way through Bemidji towards the gathering point by Bemidji lakefront.

May 5 is National Day of Awareness for MMIWG

*MMIW 218 march
shines light on
targeted and systemic
violence against
Indigenous women
and girls.*

Photos and Article By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – “Violence against Native Americans is targeted and systemic in nature.”

This was the message widely repeated at this year's Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Peoples walk/run organized by MMIW 218. This year's event took place Friday, May 5.

May 5 is federally recognized as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. This year's event began with a march, in which the walking route was one consciously chosen by organizers as a tribute to both Naveah Kingbird and Jeremy Jourdain, two teenagers who went missing in 2021 and 2016 respectively.

“Nevaeh Kingbird went missing not too far from here, toward where the walk turned around,” MMIW 218 organizer Simone Senogles said, referring to the Nymore area of Bemidji. “She and another relative, Jeremy Jourdain, went missing from that same area of town. That's partly why we walked up there, we wanted to honor them, we want to remember them and be in that part of town to make our presence known.”

The march which looped back and ended at Paul Bunyan waterfront was followed by an afternoon spent remembering and sharing stories of those who were lost. Attendees were able to hear several healing songs, par-

ticipate in a tobacco offering at the lake, and honor their loved ones by leaving a white palm print on the organization's red healing lodge—that accompanies them at all events. Organizers hope the healing lodges handprints and names show that the lives taken are more than just statistics, a list of names—every handprint represents a family disrupted, a life ended, and a searing reminder that violence against Indigenous people is still an ongoing issue.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz also issued a proclamation that May 5 would be recognized statewide as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Awareness Day, and a promise that the State is still committed to spreading awareness of the violence against Indigenous peoples and addressing the systemic problems that often deter MMIW cases from being solved.

The Statewide and 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 on a federal level. While in the State, Native Americans make up about 1.1% of the state's population, however, from the years 2010 to 2018 American Indian women and girls represented 8% of all females murdered in the state.

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



Dresses lined the street, marking the walking path through Bemidji and grabbing the attention of passing motorists.



As the march concluded at the Bemidji lakefront, family members and friends who opted to speak about those lost or missing, shared stories and remembered with those in attendance.

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 any of the open MMIW cases in the area are asked to contact the Bemidji police department at (218) 333-9111.



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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff, vs. Francisco D. Ortega Defendant.

Case No. TR-23-05

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO: Francisco D. Ortega, 171 Ryans Cir NE Bena, MN 56626

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on August, 1st, 2023 at 10:00am in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to and defend against the Complaint in Traffic Violation attached hereto and filed with the undersigned attorney for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

NOTICE: You must pay the fine for this offense or appear at the above time and place for the hearing. If you fail to appear, you will be found guilty by default and charged additional Court processing fees. Failing to pay your financial obligations can result in additional contempt penalties being imposed against you, including garnishment of wages, impoundment of your license plates and suspension of your driver's license.

Payment plans and community service options are also available at Court Administration.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., DOB: 08/28/1967, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-25

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the above-named decedent, Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., died December 30, 2021. A **hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court** located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 9th, day of June, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Madeline Dorothy Parks, surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on June 9, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Madeline D. Parks, 1144 Porcupine Rd. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Casey Jean Richards (Jones), DOB: 10/12/2002, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-135

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Casey Jean Richards, died August 13, 2022. A **hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court** located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minne-

sota on the 1st day of December, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Robert Jones Sr., surviving father of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on December 1, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Robert Jones Sr., PO Box 367 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Casey Jean Richards, decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Patricia Lynn Wade, DOB: 08/27/1967, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-154

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Patricia Lynn Wade, died July 3, 2022. A **hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court** located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 25th, day of January 2023 at 10:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Bryan Finn, surviving significant other of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on January 25, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Bryan Finn, PO Box 62 Bena, MN 56626 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Lynn Wade, decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Delores Rose Kingbird-Tibbetts, Scott Ambrose Roy and Darrin John Wakonabo, Parents

Court File No. CP-23-14

NOTICE YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a **Child/Family Protection Petition, Motion for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed** in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. 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 proceed on behalf of the children by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: A.A.W., Child, DOB: 07/05/2016; T.L.W., Child, DOB: 04/07/2019. Karyn & Donald Wind, Petitioners, And Arianna Kinchen-Wind & Rowan D. White, Respondents,

Case No. FA-22-125

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 29th, 2022, 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 July 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Review 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.

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: 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: 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.

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



RYAN WHITE | Leech Lake Tribal College

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Leech Lake Tribal College Holds 2023 Graduation Ceremony at Northern Lights

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal College held its 2023 commencement ceremony Sunday May 21, at the Northern Lights Event Center.

The College had a total of 44 graduates this spring. Students earned an array of degrees in the following fields of study: Liberal Education, Liberal Education Stem Emphasis, Business Management, Early Childhood, Ecology, Law Enforcement, Indigenous Leadership and Integrated Residential Building.

Christopher Erle and Abigail Hanson held the honor of being named LLTC's 2023 Co-Valedictorians. Both Erle and Hanson gave speeches reflecting on their time at the college. Erle gave a somber speech that recognized the words of wisdom his late grandmother instilled in him and the large support network he had in turning his life around from a path that was leading him from his goals.

"The term I want to talk about is resilience. We are often called that as Native People. Our communities deal with tragedies and loss so strongly, it's such a com-

mon thing between us and I believe we are the ones who can change it. We can do it by caring for each other wholeheartedly without expecting anything in return. So what I want us to do is to change the narrative for us not to be resilient but to reinforce one another because that's how I got here today," said Erle.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the Ojibwe Nation Drum Group, and featured speeches, scholarships and awards recognition from various Tribal college staff and supporters. Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson was in attendance

and gave an impromptu speech to graduates congratulating them and thanking them for helping advance the future of Leech Lake.

"Education is the key in everything we do...Graduates, you're not the leaders of tomorrow, you're the leaders of today," said Jackson.

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

July

District III Elder Birthdays

Aileen Allen
Brenda Anderson
Laurine Beaulieu
Shelly Bebeau
James Bellanger
Deborah Brown
Earlene Buffalo
Pamela Burnett
Nancy Cameron
Hazel Cahse-Zimpel
Darlene Cloud
Rebecca Daniels
Dawn Doherty
David Fairbanks
Dolores Fields
Elaine Fleming
Delores Goggleye
Corinna Goose
Bernadette Gotchie
Gladys Granroos
Manuel Granroos

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Francis Guinn
Veda Harrison
Fayleen Haugen
Karl Humphrey
Thomas Humphrey
Wilbur Humphrey
Florine Iverson
Faron Jackson
George Jackson
Robert Jackson
Valerie Jensen
Thomas Johnson
William Johnson
Nancy Kingbird
Adrain Libby
Michael Libby
Birdena Lyons
Vernon Lyons
Maxine Many penny
Loretta Meckel
Bernice Mitchell
Terrance Mitchell
Florenstine Morgan
Antonette Mountain
June Mykkanen

Jacquelyn Nelson
Gerald Northbird
Lois Northbird
Shirley Preston
John Raisch
Marlys Rausch
Paula Savage
Richard Smith
Stacey Smith
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Margaret Steensland
Joseph Stish
Nona Wade
Vivian Washington
Delina White
Melissa Wilson

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Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders June Birthdays



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Lisa Gullickson
Donna Gotchie
Mary Bebeau
Philip Thompson
Jeffrey Howard

Sheila Gotchie
Leonard Howard
Gilbert Applebee Jr.
Darwin Wilson Jr.
Brenda Bellanger
Timothy McDonald
Sharon Wilson
Myron Fairbanks

Shelley Wilson
John Smith
Constance Wilson
Todd Tibbetts Sr.
Michael Lelonek
Loretta Cloud
Joseph Whitebird Jr.

From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle

District II

Ronald Burnette
Charlene Dahl
Roxanne Drumbeater
Barbara Shipley

Robert Veilleux
Kathy Thompson
Jim Allen
Beatrice Dunn

Lorraine Johnson
Ricky Goose
George Hawkins
Jean Howard

From the District II Office Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



District III*



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Linda Aitken
James Allen
Betty Allen
Gloria Beaulieu
Shirley Beaulieu
Jathon Bebeau
Kenneth Bellanger
Tracey Benjamin
Timothy Boisvert
Evelyn Brown
Sue Brown
Anthony Budreau
Melvin Burnette
Annette Cloud
Charles Dahle
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Ramona Day
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Ronald Finn
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Barbara Haugen
John Herrera
Kenneth Hough
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Evelyn Howard
Nanette Howard
Gerald Humphrey
Matthew Hunt
Fred Jackson
Michael Johnson
Beverly Kamrowski
Francis Kangas
Matthew Kangas
Verna King
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Timothy Littlewolf
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Tony Morris
Janet Northbird
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Kathy Thompson
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From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari
all coupons must be used within Birthday Month

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2023

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Words and sentences list for June

OJIBWEMOWIN

Gizhaate.
 Niwii-paqiz.
 Giwii-paqiz ina?
 Wii-paqizowaq.
 Baqizodaa!
 Baqizodaa zaaga'iganiing.
 Baqizodaa ziibiing.
 Indaa-baqiz iwidi asiniing.
 Gidaa-baqiz ina iwidi asiniing?
 Gego baqizoken iwidi.
 Gego baqizokeqon iwidi.
 Onzaam dimii.
 Onzaam baagwaa.
 Gego omaa qooqiiken.
 Gego omaa qooqiikeqon.
 Onzaam niibowa chi-asiniig.

ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

It is hot (weather).
I am going swimming.
Are you going swimming?
They are going swimming.
Let's swim!
Let's swim at the lake.
Let's swim at the river.
I can swim over there to the rock.
Can you swim over there to the rock?
Don't swim there (one person).
Don't swim there (more than one person).
The water is too deep.
The water is too shallow.
Don't' dive here (one person).
Don't dive here (more than one person).
There are too many big rocks.

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