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Generations of Work Culminates in Major Land Return for Leech Lake Band



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LLBO Council Members, along with State and MCT Officials take the time for a photo along with a printed map displaying the returned land parcels within the Leech Lake Reservation border, after the ceremony. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Bena.

By KAYLA DUOOS

BENA – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has achieved a historic milestone with the return of more than 11,000 acres of ancestral land. This transfer, involving 11,778 acres previously managed by the Chippewa National Forest, was finalized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in June, marking the culmination of decades of effort by Leech Lake. The act reversed an illegal land seizure by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1940s, which saw land transferred on the signature of the Secretary only, without any consent from the landowners.

The band held a commemorative ceremony to mark the historic transfer on Wednesday, July 17. The event held at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school was the first of its kind for the band and believed to be “...the largest land return to a Tribal Nation within this century,” according to U.S. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, Homer Wilkes. Throughout the afternoon, community members were able to see maps of the returned land, hear the historical background

of why the land was lost, and hear speeches from honored guests.

The ceremony represented the crowning achievement for many Tribal, State, and Federal staff members whose work expands back several decades; as well as the efforts of many Tribal community members who have since passed on and did not live to see the fruition of their work.

This land restoration, will let the Tribe address critical housing needs, expand access to wild rice beds, and help to restore the broken relationship between the Tribal and Federal government.

Those in attendance included: Under Secretary Wilkes, LLBO Tribal Council, LLBO staff, Cass County staff, State Government staff, Biden administration staff, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, Cass County Commissioner Neal Gaalswyk, NCAI President Mark Macarro, Rachel Loeffler-Kemp (on behalf of U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar), U.S. Representative Betty McCollum and U.S. Senator Tina Smith. Smith and McCollum were the chief sponsors of the bill in the U.S.

Senate and House of Representatives, respectively. Ojibwe Nation was in attendance as the drum group and Mike Smith Sr. oversaw the event as spiritual advisor.

Bryan Newland, who attended the event on behalf of United States Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, spoke of the generational work that went into the land transfer and Indigenous determination in the face of adversity.

“When people are set on taking things from you, your land, your language, your right to vote, your right to participate in government—one of the things they count on is despair—that you give up—that you believe it’s inevitable. Because then they get their way and they get to take. But one of the things we see from Indian people in Indian country is an unwillingness to give up—to say: this might not be done this year, this might not be done in my lifetime, this might not be done in my children’s lifetime, but it’s going to get done and that inspires hope.”

Not only in the people here on reservations but across the whole country, that no...

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Anishinaabe Arts Fest

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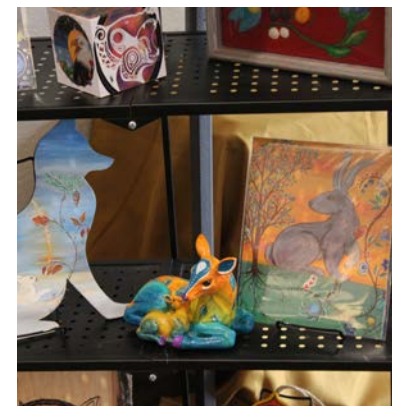
BEMIDJI – The 3rd annual Anishinaabe Arts Festival returned Friday, July 26 and July 27, for two full days of art, history, and traditional demonstrations.

The Anishinaabe Art Festival's goal is to “celebrate the richness of Anishinaabe history, the culture, and the people,” while building inter-cultural knowledge. The two-day event held at Bemidji State University featured over 50 Native vendors who brought birchbark crafts, jewelry, oil and acrylic painting, beadwork, sculpting, pottery, literary art, basketry, buckskin leatherwork, and wearable art. There was also a tasting menu of Indigenous meals and demonstrations/courses for attendees on various traditional crafts.

An opening ceremony was held outside Hobson Memorial Union to kick off the event, complete with an invocation, Obashing Drum Group, and a ribbon cutting. Bemidji City Council member, Audrey Thayer spoke at the opening and emphasized how important it was to celebrate and uplift the Native community in Bemidji.

“This is our event, this is our city. We are turning things around for how they should be for the city of Bemidji by celebrating our community. Our artists featured here are top-of-the-line crafters and create such beautiful work,” said Thayer.

The event is organized by 4-Directions Development, Gizhiigin Arts Incubator, and Leech Lake Financial Services. Additional support was provided by the three tribal nations in the area (Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake) Bemidji State University, the Region 2 Arts Council and Visit Bemidji.



University of Minnesota to Launch Free Indigenous Education Course with \$1.15M Grant from Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

By KAYLA DUOOS

TWINCITIES – The University of Minnesota's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) announced May 22 that it has been awarded a grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) to develop and offer an Indigenous Education for All online course free to the public.

The \$1,155,000 grant grew from the SMSC's Understand Native Minnesota campaign to improve the Native American narrative in the state. This project was inspired by the success of the

University of Alberta's highly regarded Indigenous Canada course. This new course aims to increase awareness and knowledge of Tribal Nations in Minnesota, their history and traditions, as well as contemporary Tribal life and governance. The primary target audiences are K-12 educators, school administrators, high school students, and student families.

"Our tribe's goal is to improve the narrative taught in classrooms about Native peoples, which is too often incomplete or inaccurate," said SMSC Chairman Cole Miller. "We are glad to provide this grant to

the University of Minnesota to develop this online course to offer all Minnesotans – and students especially – a reliable, accurate introduction to the history, cultures and modern experiences of Native Americans here in Minnesota."

The courses will be guided and supported by a community advisory council and a curriculum committee that consists of Indigenous education experts and leaders, knowledge keepers and content experts, curriculum designers, learning technologists, and others.

The free online course is expected to launch by mid-2025.

MNHS Invites Applications for Native American Artist Residency Program

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS), Native American Artist-in-Residence (NAAIR) is now accepting applications.

(NAAIR) Program was established in 2013 to support the continuation and recovery of traditional Native American arts by utilizing the Minnesota Historical Society's collections. NAAIR is a six to twelve month residency. Artists are supported financially, gain open access to study the MNHS collections, and are provided with support to visit regional museums or knowledgeable peer artists or elders. The purpose of this residency is to expose Native American artists who currently work within traditional art forms to these resources, in order to:

1. Advance their understanding of their respected forms of art.
2. Bring this advanced awareness and understanding to their home communities in a way designed by the artist.

This program highlights the knowledge and experience resident artists bring with them as they research the collection. Artists help inform MNHS collections and future researchers by adding their knowledge of the craft to the descriptions and information provided for each object they visit with.

MNHS Collections and NAI staff will also benefit tremendously from knowledge shared by the artists regarding what they have learned about the construction, style, design, and uses of cultural items.

The core focus areas of this residency are collections research, community outreach, and transference of intergenerational knowledge. The NAAIR program is open to artists practicing all forms of cultural art, including utilitarian forms such as bow-making and canoe-making. Special consideration will be given to regional traditional media that is seen as endangered within the artist's community, such as pottery or birch bark biting.

ARTISTS SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM ARE AWARDED

- \$30,000 in grants to be paid in 3 installments, the last installment paid after completion of the program. (Applicants should understand that this is taxable income.)
- Travel stipend - up to \$4,000 to visit and research other cultural knowledge bearers and institutions. Access to MNHS collections and a network of regional institutions for individual research.
- Funding and support for programming such as materials, food, etc.
- Up to \$7,500 to purchase artwork that will be added to the

MNHS collection.

- Receive training in both museum collection and archival collection research, including how to access historic manuscript, photograph, and library collections through the MNHS research library.
- Develop a community-based project inspired by this research, in order to share new knowledge of the art form in the artist's home community. Special consideration will be given to projects incorporating a deep transfer of cultural knowledge, such as building curricula and organizing community-based youth classes, or the development of a relationship with an apprentice artist. This project is to be completed within 3 months of the end of the residency.
- Participate in and assist in evaluating three public programs, thereby exposing the MNHS (generally non-Native) museum audience to traditional Native American art forms. Programs will be designed by the artist with assistance from MNHS staff and may include demonstrations of the art form, gallery talks, or public lectures.

Applications are due September 30 2024, for more information on the application process, please visit www.mnhs.org/residencies/naair.

RBC BRIEFS • Jun. - Aug. 2024



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 within the last two reporting months, May 29 to July 28. 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. **June 18, 2024**, A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Brianna Miettinen, Gaming** – Presented a proposal to increase the cost of living for Gaming Employees. Employees will receive a 2.5% cola raise and a 1.5% merit based raise. All employees working prior to July 2024 are eligible for this raise.
- **Chris Murray, Legal** – Presented an agreement with the Chippewa National Forest for an easement agreement on land that is involved in the Leech Lake Restoration act. The land included a number of roadways.

1. **July 2, 2024** A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Steven Howard, Regulatory Board** – Presented a gaming facility license for "Log Jammerz." The license was approved and has been in the process of being approved since late 2023.
- **William Brunelle, Child Welfare** – Presented resolution no.2025-08 that focuses on now requiring preliminary background checks for placements within the family. The system will give child welfare two ways to check that nothing is missed with placements on and off the reservation.
- **Dorothea Cloud, A&D** – Presented the Pathfinder solutions contract which will focus on having clients get phones/apps that will connect them directly to live A&D and behavioral support staff—no matter what time of day.
- **Craig Tangren / Brandy Toft, DRM** – Presented the LLBO Water Quality Act draft for public notice. The band previously adopted state standards but the new draft is stricter than state regulations. DRM intends to send the draft out for a 45-day public comments period before finalization. The Water Quality Act is set to be completed and approved following public comments in November 2024.
- **Brandy Toft, DRM** – Presented a DRM/Boys and Girls Club MOU. The new agreement via a grant looks to move the DRM from being located near/on the superfund site and begin working with the B&G club as a community steward. The DRM would provide regular programming for the club and be able to provide internship spots for attendees.

Chairman's Monthly Report



**CHAIRMAN
FARON JACKSON SR.**

**Governmental Activities
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Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council is moving forward on a solid agenda with Leech Lake priorities before the U.S. Congress. We are continuing to identify our critical needs. The Tribal Council members continue to work diligently in lobbying for unmet need dollars for the Leech Lake Band and its People. As we continue to move forward, here is some of the news being reported to the great Leech Lake Nation.

2024 Annual Anishinaabe Spirit Run – On July 31 and concluding on August 3, 2024 the Mind, Body, Spirit, Heart is the theme of the 23rd Annual Spirit Run. This event was sponsored by the Leech Lake YCDPP, the Red Lake CHP,

and the Mash Ka Wisen Center of Sawyer. The 200-mile Spirit Run had started off with an opening ceremony and remarks at the Red Lake Pow-wow grounds. The spirit run had traveled to the Leech Lake Nation Veteran's Pow-wow grounds for a traditional ceremony that had provided spiritual guidance with a prayer and Gary Charwood had a strong message on why the spirit run was so important for Indian Country. The spirit run had concluded in Sawyer with the runners carrying the eagle staffs to the Pow-wow arena. The Native American Medicine Wheel is the guide that carries a strong message with spiritualism & wellness.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Chairman Jackson, Sr. Delivers Strong Message in the Leech Lake Land Restoration Celebration – On July 17, 2024 the Leech Lake Nation had been Celebrating with esteemed Leech Lakers, U.S. Congressional Leaders, Minnesota Legislatures, the Lt. Governor, DOI officials, and the NCAI President. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, "In a statement that the move was one of the most significant positive developments of the Tribe since the original treaties were signed and the reservation was established in 1855. With immense joy and hope for our future, we celebrate this significant

step in restoring our illegally transferred lands. I had extended my deepest gratitude to the Forest Service and our Tribal staff for their efforts in making this land transfer a reality. For more than a century, the Leech Lake People have tirelessly worked to reclaim their ancestral lands. An emotional Chairman had told the assembled audience at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, to us, to me, it feels like it's a relative returning home when this land was returned to the Leech Lake Nation." Chairman Jackson, Sr. had talked about a new bill that Senator Smith is sponsoring the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act that identified another 4,362 acres illegally taken. The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council has been lobbying the U.S. Congress. Senate 616 has been passed by the Committee on Indian Affairs and the next step will be the lobbying Congress to pass the bill and President to sign it into law.

Public Service Announcement on the Leech Lake "GOTV" – This coming November 5, 2024 we will be having elections for county, the Minnesota Legislature, U.S. Congressional candidates, and Presidential candidates. The Leech Lake "Get Out The Vote" message is about supporting candidates that understand who we are, the great needs of the Leech Lake Nation that pays taxes and the treaty obligations, and why we matter in their pursuit of public office. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has many unmet needs that include adequate medical care, the loss of our land, direct funding from the U.S. Government that's not pass thru dollars from the State of Minnesota, and equitable funding for our

Housing Programs. Chairman Jackson, Sr. wants to personally recognize Governor Walz's contributions to Indian Country and being selected as Harris' V.P. pick.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

I.H.S. Drive Thru Pharmacy to Break Ground in 2027 – On July 24, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had a meeting with I.H.S. CEO Lankowicz, Deputy CEO Dauphinais, and Project Manager Ireland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the I.H.S. Expansion Phases and the Drive Thru Pharmacy. The I.H.S. team had submitted the Pharmacy Pick-Up drawing and the master plan concept drawings for the new construction. The Cass Lake Service Unit revitalization and expansion project is a partnership with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and is utilizing public law 638 construction contracts for design and construction. The new space will expand the dental, physical therapy, optometry, audiology, drive-thru pharmacy, and remodeling the existing facility. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that expansion of the I.H.S. Hospital is critical for the Leech Lake People's medical needs and adding new components that

are generally in most hospitals. The I.H.S. team had stress that they need help with addressing the funding for the new staff because the expansion did not include operational costs. This would include staffing and professional service providers.

Onigum Community's Russell Tucker Memorial Beach & Park – The Onigum Community had an idea to provide their children a safe place to swim, picnic, barbecue stands, and just have fun. This idea had been talked about for decades, on July 26, 2024 the final pieces had been installed. The water buoy fence will protect the children from boaters that vacation in the area. In other news, the Onigum community had hosted the Legacy Kid's Fishing Contest on July 13, 2024 at the memorial beach & park area.

Designating a Day to Honor Leech Lake Princesses & Braves – Leech Lake Chairman Jackson, Sr. is formally recognizing the Leech Lake Princesses & Braves of the Leech Lake Nation. The Leech Lake Princess & Braves are honored titles that represent our proud culture as it was in the beginning of time. In the near future, we will have discussions with community members and families on a proposed day that's appropriate. I shall ask the RBC Tribal Council to approve a designated day each year to recognize the Leech Lake Princesses & Braves that represent the Leech Lake Nation, their communities, schools, and families. Mii-Gwetch to the Leech Lake Princesses & Braves.

Safety note: In keeping our elders safe, check walk ways and stairs that are free from clothes and toys will prevent slips and falls. In many areas, we still have high fire warnings; please do not throw out cigarette butts. We do not want to accidentally start any fires on our beautiful Tribal Nation. Please be safe and take care!

September

District III Elder Birthdays

Lucy Aitkin
Betsy Allen
Robert Beaudreau
Larry Beaulieu
Elaine Benoit
Curtis Brown
Myron Buffalo
William Butcher

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Patricia Cook
Jimmy Day
John Dunn
Iris Fairbanks
Michael Fairbanks
Donald Finn
Kirby Finn
Robbie Finn
Patsy Gordan
Teresa Gunter
Anthony Hare
Terrance Hark



Marilyn Harrison
Beverly Hensley
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

Elizabeth Reese
Victoria Reich
Vincent Rock
Michael Roy
Linda Sailor
Robert Schaaf
Michael Smith
Terrence Smith
Jerry Smith-Jordan
David Sokolik
Kimberly St. John
Dennis Staples
James Taylor
Michael Troy
Janice Waddell

Valerie Washington
Thomas Whipple
Patrick White
Russell White
Gary Wickner
Virginia Wiesehan
Richard Wilson
George Wittner

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

Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

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Greetings Leech Lake Band members! I am honored to provide you with this update regarding the activities undertaken in the month of July 2024, including a financial report through the first three quarters of FY24.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL REPORT

This report covers the first three quarters of FY24, which ran from July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, covering nine months of the total fiscal year.

Through the third quarter of FY 24, the total revenue for the General Fund was \$21,474,721, reflecting a decrease of \$1,647,737 over the same period last year, for a year over year decrease of 7.1%. Total General Fund expenditures through the third quarter were \$22,400,420, reflecting a \$1,920,170 decrease over the same period last year, for a year over year decrease in General Fund expenditures of 7.9%.

Through the third quarter of FY 24, the total revenue for the Special Revenue Fund was \$60,300,888, reflecting a decrease of \$7,671,377 over the same period last year, for a year over year decrease of 11.3%. Total Special Revenue Fund expenditures through the third quarter were \$64,019,654, reflecting a decrease of \$2,331,463 over the same period last year, for a year over year decrease in Special

Revenue expenditures of 3.5%.

Through the third quarter of FY 24, the total revenue for the Indirect Cost Pool was \$9,310,532, reflecting a decrease of \$683,214, for a year over year decrease of 6.8% for the same period last year. Total Indirect Cost Pool expenditures for the same period were \$11,101,103, reflecting an increase of \$459,666 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 4.3% in Indirect Cost Pool expenditures.

Regarding the FY 24 budget performance through the third quarter of FY 24, 57.31% of General Fund Direct Funding was expended through March 31, 2023, reflecting \$19,412,440 in actual General Fund Direct Funding expenditures. Through the same period, Special Revenue Direct Funding was 72.36% of total FY 24 spending, reflecting \$2,136,500 in actual Special Revenue Direct Funding expenditures through the first quarter of FY 24.

ENTERPRISE QUARTER 3 REPORT

On our enterprise side, through the third quarter of FY24, Net Revenue from all units increased by 5.4% over last year, while the Total Cost of Goods increased by 9.3% over last year. Total Payroll Expense decreased slightly by 1.0% over last year. Total Operating Expenses increased by 2.2% over last year. The total Net Profit from all units of enterprise activity through the third quarter of FY 24 increased by 78.9% over the same period last year.

We are very glad to continue to see overall Net Profit continue to increase by such substantial margins.

GENERAL FINANCE AND AUDIT UPDATE

July 1, 2024 started Fiscal Year 2025, which runs from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. We started the Fiscal Year with a duly approved budget, which was adopted by the RBC at the April 2024 quarterly meeting in accordance with the Budget Ordinance. Preliminary estimates show we completed Fiscal Year 2024 on budget.

Work is also continuing on our annual audits. On July 25, 2024, I met with our external auditors from REDW to discuss ongoing matters and estimates on getting our audits caught up. They are working on Fiscal Year 2022 (which ran from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), and hope to have that completed within the next several weeks. Work will



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On July 17, 2024, Senator Tina Smith and Representative Betty McCollum join Secretary/Treasurer Lenny Fineday at the land restoration ceremony at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig school. The two were primary sponsors of legislation that ultimately led to the restoration of this land.

then commence on FY23 audit. If this audit is completed by March 2025, we will be caught up with our external audits and reporting.

We are working diligently to reduce and even eliminate audit findings with internal updates to our processes, a newly updated purchasing policy, completing property/asset inventories correctly, and updating our software and reporting systems. As always, more work needs to be done and there is room for improvement. But I am very pleased with the progress our finance team has made in the last two years.

MCT UPDATE

On July 8, 2024, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held a regular Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Bois Forte. At the meeting, the six RBC Chairs were sworn into office, including Leech Lake Chairman Faron Jackson for his third term and I was elected Treasurer for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. At the meeting, a number of matters were discussed, including a proposal to eliminate the requirement for a secretarial election in the Constitutional Amendment process, as well as discussion on updating our enrollment criteria.

On July 12, 2024, the Executive Director resigned from her position. The job is posted and the Tribal Executive Committee is

going through the process to fill the position.

US SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

On July 10, 2024, I was invited to the United State Senate Democratic Steering Committee to discuss tribal sovereignty with various U.S. Senators. Several Senators were in the room, including Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar. Brian Schatz of Hawaii, who chairs the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs was present as was Senator Richard Durbin, Senate Majority Whip and Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The opportunity was a great time to meet with these senators face-to-face and discuss in detail the importance of tribal sovereignty, treaty rights and current legislative priorities.

CANNABIS UPDATE

On July 15, 2024, I met with the Cannabis Regulatory Commission to discuss their current needs and ongoing priorities. They are the body that regulates the cannabis industry on the Reservation. We discussed the current status of the regulations, possible updates to the Leech Lake Cannabis Regulatory Act, funding priorities and license processes. The meeting overall went very well.

On July 21, 2024, the Minneapolis Star Tribune published an article regarding the

Leech Lake Cannabis Company's Sweetest Grass dispensary that contained untrue information; namely that produce sold in the dispensary was illegally transported over state lines and was not in compliance with Minnesota statutes. We had an RBC briefing on the matter on July 24, 2024, with members of the Cannabis Company and the Regulatory Commission to discuss the concerns. It is clear that this article contained false information and we are working to ensure that accurate information is reported going forward.

The Cannabis Company is complying with applicable federal and tribal laws and regulations (the State has no jurisdiction to regulate our cannabis industry on Leech Lake), and we will continue to ensure that remains the case. The cannabis industry is a new area for Leech Lake, but our overarching goal is to develop a safe and transparent industry that benefits the people of Leech Lake.

LAND RESTORATION CEREMONY UPDATE

On July 17, 2024, Leech Lake leaders welcomed many visitors and band members to celebrate the return of 11,700 acres of land from the Chippewa National Forest. This ceremony recognized a milestone in the restoration of our land base. We will continue to work diligently with our federal and state partners to get back our land within our Reservation.

TIWAHE INITIATIVE UPDATE

On July 29, 2024, I met with the finance team and Crystal Keung, a consultant working with tribes and the federal government on the Tiwahe Initiative. For Fiscal Year 2025, Leech Lake was chosen as one of a handful of tribes to join this initiative, which includes the first increase to our self-governance funding base in decades.

The Initiative allows us to structure the services we provide to our community in the way that will best meet our needs. The innovative approach stresses grassroots involvement in helping to address the issues facing our families. Overall, I am very excited for this Initiative and the potential it brings to the table. There are matters to continue to iron out with regard to funding, but we are...

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Indigenous Athletes Around the World: Paris Olympics

By KAYLA DUOOS

PARIS – Indigenous athletes will compete in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, which begins July 26 and ends August 11.

The Games officially kick off July 26 with the opening ceremony featuring athletes from around the world representing their home countries. Paris is the main host city with events held at 16 other cities spread across Metropolitan France, plus a site in Tahiti for the surfing competition.

The 2024 Paris Paralympics will run from August 28 to September 8, 2024.

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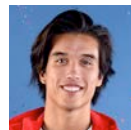
Carissa Kainani Moore is a Native Hawaiian and American surfer. She was the first-ever winner of the Olympic gold medal in women's shortboard surfing at the 2020 Summer Olympics. Moore is also a five-time world champion, winning in 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019, and 2021 on the World Surf League Women's World Tour. She was the first surfer in history to win a World Surf League world title and the Olympic title in the same year.



Micah Makanamaikalani Christenson is an American and Native Hawaiian professional volleyball player who plays as a setter for Zenit Kazan and the U.S. national team. He was a bronze medalist at the Olympic Games Rio 2016 and the 2018 World Championship; the 2014 World League and the 2015 World Cup winner.



Heimana Reynolds is Native Hawaiian and has competed in men's park events at several World Skate Championships, winning silver in 2018 and gold in 2019. At the 2017, 2018, and 2019 X Games, he finished respectively eighth, eighth, and sixth. He competed in the men's park event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, finishing 13th, and he's back wanting to get in the medal round.



CANADA

Apollo Hess, Blood Tribe, will also be representing Canada as a swimmer. Hess was named to the Paris 2024 Olympic team after



placing second in the men's 100-meter breaststroke at the 2024 Olympic Swimming Trials.

Margo Erlam, Métis, qualified to make her Olympic debut in Paris 2024 when she won the women's 3-meter springboard event at the Canadian Diving Trials in May 2024. Erlam made her national team debut at the 2017 FINA Grand Prix in Puerto Rico. She and her partner won the gold medal in the 3-meter synchro event at the 2022 FINA Grand Prix in Calgary. She was named to the 2022 World Aquatics Championships Team. She was also named to Canada's 2022 Commonwealth Games Team and won a bronze medal in the synchro 3-meter springboard event.



Shalaya Valenzuela is a member of the Tseshaht First Nation on Vancouver Island. She will be representing Canada on the Rugby Sevens team. In high school, Valenzuela was recognized with the Premier's Award for Indigenous Excellence in Sport.



Justina Di Stasio is representing Canada in wrestling at the Paris Olympics. Her weight class is 76 kilograms (168 pounds). Her hometown is Coquitlam, and she's a citizen of the Norway House Cree Nation of Manitoba.



AUSTRALIA

Patty Mills – Kokatha, Naghiralgal and Duaureb-Meriam – is set to become the first Indigenous athlete to compete in five Olympic Games. Mills is an Australian professional basketball player for the Miami Heat of the NBA. Mills was born and raised in Canberra. In 2007, he became the third Indigenous basketball player to play for the Australian national team.

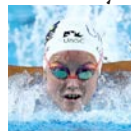


Taliqua Clancy, a Wulli Wulli and Goreng Goreng woman, will be competing in her third Olympics in Women's Beach Volleyball. Clancy made history in 2016 as the first Aboriginal person to compete in the sport at the Olympics and

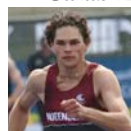


earned a silver medal in the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Abbey Connor, secured her spot by finishing second in the 200-meter butterfly at the Australian trials. At 15 years old she broke a 1978 record for the 200-meter butterfly.



Calab Law, Wakka Wakka, will be making his Olympic debut in athletics as a member of the Australian 4x100-meter relay team. In 2024, he became the 200-meter Australian national champion.



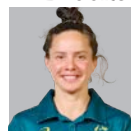
Maurice Longbottom, Dharawal, was also a member of the Australian men's rugby sevens squad at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



Conor Nicholas, Whadjuk, will be teaming up with Nia Jerwood to compete in the mixed 470 sailing event. The duo secured their spot after an impressive performance at Sail Sydney and the 470 World Championships in Spain.



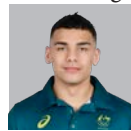
Brooke Peris, Ngarrawanji, is an Australian field hockey player and member of the national team the Hockeyroos. In 2014, Peris was awarded the title of "Northern Territory Sports person of the Year."



Mariah Williams, Wiradjuri, represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The Hockeyroos lost 1-0 to India in the quarterfinals and therefore was not in medal contention.



Aboriginal boxer **Callum Peters** won gold at the 2023 Pacific Games and will be making his Olympics debut.



Marissa Williamson Pohlman, Ngarrindjeri, will become the first Aboriginal female boxer to fight at the Olympics.



Alex Brooke "Ally" Wilson, Ngarrindjeri, is an Australian professional basketball player for the Perth Lynx of the Women's National Basketball League. In March 2024, Wilson helped the Australia 3x3 team win gold at the 2024 FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup.



NEW ZEALAND

Zoe Hobbs, Ngāruahine, is a New Zealand track and field sprinter competing in the 60-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter races. She is the Oceanian indoor record holder for the 60-meter and the Oceanian record holder for the 100-meter. Hobbs was the first Oceanian woman to break the 11-second barrier in the 100-meter. She has won 11 individual New Zealand national titles.



Tyla King, née Nathan-Wong, Ngāpuhi, is a New Zealand international rugby union player, professional rugby league player and Olympian. She won a silver medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.



Stacey Waaka, Ngāi Tūhoe, is a New Zealand rugby union player. She plays 15-a-side and seven-a-side rugby union, and is a member of the New Zealand Women's Sevens team and New Zealand Women's National Rugby Union team. Waaka was a member of the New Zealand Women's Sevens team when it won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.



Sarah Hirini MNZM, née Goss, Ngāti Kahungunu Ki te Wairoa, is a New Zealand women's rugby union player and two-time Olympic medalist. She plays for the New Zealand women's national rugby sevens team, and captained the Manawatu Sevens side that took out the 2013 National Women's Sevens title in Queenstown.



"Risi" Pouri-Lane, Ngāti Kuia/ Ngāi Tahu/ Ngāti Kōata, is a New Zealand rugby sevens player. She



captained the 2018 Youth Olympics squad that won gold in Buenos Aires. She also won gold medals with the Black Ferns sevens team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2020 Summer Olympics.



Portia Woodman-Wickliffe, Ngāpuhi, is a New Zealand rugby union player. She plays 15-a-side and seven-a-side rugby union, and is a member of the New Zealand women's national rugby sevens team and New Zealand women's national rugby union team. Woodman-Wickliffe was a member of the New Zealand Women's Sevens team that won a gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

In 2023, **Manaia Nuku**, Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui, played with the New York Locals of the Premier Rugby Sevens, playing alongside Paris 2024 Olympic and Black Ferns teammate Stacey Waaka. She was named the 2023 Premier Rugby Sevens Defensive Player of the Year.



Mahina Paul, Ngāti Pukeko, made her Black Ferns Sevens international debut at the South Africa Sevens in Cape Town in 2019. She played at the 2020 New Zealand Sevens in Hamilton. Paul was named as a traveling reserve for the Black Ferns Sevens squad to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.



Dame Lisa Carrington DNZM, Ngāti Porou/ Te Aitanga ā Māhaki, is a flatwater canoeist and New Zealand's most successful Olympian having won a total of five gold medals. She won three consecutive gold medals in the Women's K-1 200 meters at the 2012 Summer Olympics, 2016 Summer Olympics and 2020 Summer Olympics, as well as gold in the same event at the 2011 Canoe Sprint World Championships. At the 2020 Summer Olympics she also won a gold medal in the K-2 500 meters, with crewmate Caitlin Regal, and as an individual in the K-1 500 meters.



In 2019 **Lucy Matehaere**, Ngāti Raukawa, while taking up an academic scholarship to study biochemistry at the University of Otago, won five medals at the Asia



Pacific Cup on Lake Karapiro. After placing seventh in the K-1 200 meter and sixth in the K-1 500 meters at the 2020 New Zealand Champs, she was called to join the Auckland-based New Zealand women's squad.

Kerri Williams, née Gowler,



Rangitāne, is a New Zealand rower. She is a national champion, an Olympic champion and double medallist, a three-time world champion and a current (2019) world champion in both the coxless pair and the women's eight.

Olivia Brett, Ngāpuhi, will be



competing in the canoe/kayak/sprint in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Kurtis Imrie, Whakatōhea,



Whakatōhea, paddling alongside Max Brown finished eighth in the A Final of the K-2 1,000 meters at the World Cup in Poznan in 2021. Kurtis and Max also qualified a New Zealand K-2 1,000 meters boat at the 2020 Oceania Canoe Sprint Championships in Sydney. Imrie finished runner up to Brown in the NZCT New Zealand Canoe Sprint Championships at Lake Karapiro in May 2021 in the K-1 1,000 meters. The pair teamed up and was selected to represent New Zealand at the delayed 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo in the K-2 1,000 meters where they finished fifth overall.

Kelsey Bevan, Ngāpuhi, is a



New Zealand representative rower. She is an Olympian and a 2019 world champion winning the women's eight title at the 2019 World Rowing Championships. She won the gold medal in the coxless four at the 2014 World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam. With the women's eight, she placed fourth at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Jackie Gowler, Rangitāne, won



a gold medal as a member of the women's eight team at the 2019 World Rowing Championships, alongside her sister Kerri. She also earned the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Dylan Collier, Whakatōhea, is a New Zealand rugby union and



rugby league player. Collier currently plays for Waikato and represents New Zealand in rugby sevens. Collier was part of the All Blacks Sevens squad that won a bronze medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Andrew Knewstubb, Ngāpuhi,



is a New Zealand rugby sevens and rugby union player. He represented New Zealand at the 2020 Summer Olympics. He won the gold medal with the New Zealand team in the men's rugby sevens tournament during the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He was also a key member of the New Zealand side that won the 2018 Rugby World Cup Sevens tournament by defeating England 33-12 in the final. He was named in the New Zealand squad to compete at the 2020 Summer Olympics in the men's rugby sevens tournament. He was also part of the New Zealand side that claimed the silver medal after losing to Fiji 24-12 at the 2020 Summer Olympics. It was also New Zealand's first ever Olympic medal in the men's rugby sevens.

Ngarohi McGarvey-Black,



Ngāi Tūhoe, is a New Zealand professional rugby union player who plays as a wing for National Provincial Championship club Bay of Plenty and the New Zealand national sevens team. In 2020 he was named New Zealand Rugby Players Association Players' Player of the Year. He was named in the New Zealand squad for the Rugby sevens at the 2020 Summer Olympics. McGarvey-Black was part of the All Blacks Sevens squad that won a bronze medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. He later competed at the 2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens in Cape Town. He won a silver medal after his side lost to Fiji in the gold medal final.

Regan Ware, Ngāti Porou ki



Harataunga ki Mataora/Ngāti Koroki Kahukura, is a New Zealand professional rugby union for the New Zealand national sevens team. He later competed at the 2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens in Cape Town. He won a silver medal after his side lost to Fiji in the gold medal final.

Joe Webber, Ngāti Ranginui



and Waikato, is a player for the New Zealand rugby union sevens team. Webber was part of the All Blacks Sevens squad that won a bronze medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Brady Rush, Ngāti Kahu ki



whangaroa, Ngāti Whātua, is a New Zealand professional rugby union player who plays for National Provincial Championship club Northland and the New Zealand national sevens team. Rush was named as a contracted player for the All Blacks Sevens squad in 2021. He was named in the team for the 2022 Singapore Sevens and was to make his debut at the tournament.

Tepaea Cook-Savage, Ngāi



Takato, Ngāpuhi, is a New Zealand professional rugby union player who plays for Waikato and the New Zealand national sevens team. He was called up to the New Zealand national rugby sevens team for the first time in December 2022. The following month he signed a two-year contract with the New Zealand Sevens side. He was a member of the New Zealand Sevens team that won the Hong Kong Sevens title in April 2024.

Michael Brake, Ngāti Porou, is a



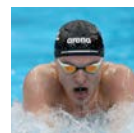
New Zealand rower. He is a dual Olympian and won Olympic gold at Tokyo 2020. In the interim Olympiad, he competed internationally in the coxless pair and won silver at the 2019 World Rowing Championships partnered with Tom Murray. Domestically, he has won seven national premier rowing titles.

Erika Fairweather, Ngāti Tahu,



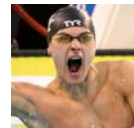
finished second in her heat in 2020 of the 400-meter freestyle, breaking the New Zealand record set by Lauren Boyle, with a time of 4:02.28. At the 2023 World Aquatics Championships she finished third in the 400-meter freestyle in the "race of the century," breaking her New Zealand record with a time of 3:59.59.

Lewis Clareburt, Tainui and Waikato, is a New Zealand swimmer. He is the current 2024 400-meter Individual Medley World Champion (4:09.72) and



Commonwealth men's champion for 200-meter butterfly and 400-meter individual medley, having won both events at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. At the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2019 World Aquatics championships, he won bronze medals in the men's 400-meter individual medley.

Taiko Torepe-Ormsby, Ngāi



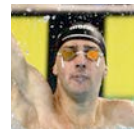
Tahu, etched his name in the annals of swimming history by becoming the first-ever New Zealand man to breach the elusive 22-second mark in the men's 50-meter freestyle.

Tayla Ford, Tainui, is a New



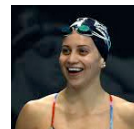
Zealand freestyle wrestler. She has competed in three Commonwealth Games, winning two bronze medals. She was the first New Zealand woman to win a Commonwealth Games medal in wrestling. In April 2024, Ford was selected for the New Zealand wrestling team for the 2024 Summer Olympics becoming the first New Zealand woman on an Olympic wrestling team.

Kane Follows, Ngāti Whakaue,



will compete in the 200-meter Backstroke at the Paris Olympic Games.

In the Bahamas, **Laticia**



Transom, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Te Rangi, Te Ati Haunui a Pāpārangi Ngāti Raukawa, won two golds (4x200-meter Freestyle Mixed Relay, Girls 200-meter Freestyle), two silvers (Girls 100-meter Freestyle, 4x100-meter Medley Mixed Relay) and a bronze medal (Girls 50-meter Freestyle). On the Gold Coast, she had four top 15 placings.

Samuel Tanner, Ngāpuhi, is a



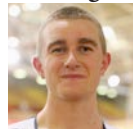
New Zealand middle- and long-distance runner specializing in the 1500 meters. Tanner is the New Zealand indoor record holder for the 1500 meters.

Sam Gaze, Te Āti Awa, is a New Zealand cross-country and road cyclist, who currently rides for UCI WorldTeam Alpecin-Deceuninck.



He won the under-23 Cross-Country at the 2016 UCI Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships and the 2017 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships. He also competes on occasion in road-racing events, winning the National Criterium Championships in 2017 and 2018. In August 2019, Gaze joined UCI WorldTeam Deceuninck-Quick-Step as a stagiaire for the second half of the season. For 2020, Gaze joined the Alpecin-Fenix team to contest road and mountain biking events.

Keegan Hornblow, Ngāti Te



Rangi, raced for Black Spoke Pro Continental throughout Europe in 2023, with a stage win in the NZ Cycle Classic and podiums in the Oceania time trial, and had a National U23 time trial among some solid performances. Keegan came into the NZ track Nations Cup team in Cairo. He has raced for New Zealand at a range of World Cups and other events, achieving notable results. He is a member of the New Zealand Men's Endurance Squad.

Isaac Houlbrooke, Ngāti Tahu,



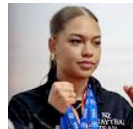
received his first call-up to the Black Sticks in 2023. He made his international debut during season four of the FIH Pro League. In 2024, Houlbrooke was a member of the bronze medal-winning squad at the FIH Olympic Qualifier in Muscat, which earned the squad Olympic qualification. He has since been named in the squad for the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh.

Kane Russell, Ngāpuhi, is a



New Zealand field hockey player who plays as a defender for German club Hamburger Polo Club and the New Zealand national team.

Ishtar Mackey-Huriwai, Ngāti



Porou, has been selected to represent Aotearoa New Zealand in Muay Thai, which was announced as a demo sport in this year's Olympic Games in Paris.





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Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan speaks at the Celebration.



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...matter how bleak things might look that if you just continue to carry your ancestors' work forward—things will be put right. That hope is a form of resistance," said Newland.

Newlands speech echoed many of those who spoke in the afternoon, including MN Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan who signaled to the fact that it is not an accident this type of work gets done on the federal level, now that we have Tribal members on staff fighting for our rights. She also took time to emphasize that the phrase "land back" is more than just surface-level symbolism and is deeply representative of a collective effort to help restore Tribal Lands.

"We can not change the past, but we need to acknowledge it, I want to be very clear, Land back isn't just a hashtag or something you see on a t-shirt, or a flag that is being flown—it is intentional, detailed, hard work that we do together, and it is work worth doing," said Flanagan.

Leech Lake Band Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. who spoke to the crowd, thanked the large number of people who worked to get the act signed into law, honored the Tribal members who had previously

worked on restoring Tribal lands and focused on what the land return means for the Tribe moving forward.

"We control less than 5% of our treaty-guaranteed homelands today. Dispossession of our homelands has limited access to our sacred places and cultural resources and aggravated social issues related to homelessness. With all of this land being returned, we're going to have more available land to build homes for our members that are experiencing homelessness today," Jackson said. "That's a priority for the council—also the lack of economic development and poverty. Because of the illegal secretarial transfers, we've heard far too many stories of Leech Lake people returning to their family lands only to find a forest service gate and a padlock. Thanks to your work today—these stories will begin to change for the generations that come behind us."

An announcement that came out during the celebration was the confirmation of a new bill that Senator Tina Smith is sponsoring titled "Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Technical Corrections Act" which seeks to return an additional 4.3k+ acres that were discovered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) during implementation of the original act. Smith said she "will not rest until that piece of work is done."

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...working diligently to get this accomplished and begin to implement this Initiative for our families.

STATE LEGISLATORS VISIT

On July 30, 2024, Representative Heather Keeler (DFL-Moorhead), Representative Athena Hollis (DFL-St. Paul), and Representative Robert Bierman (DFL-Apple Valley) visited Leech Lake and met with various tribal government departments. After meeting with RBC members for breakfast and discussions on priorities, the legislators toured the Justice Center, the Ahnj Be Mah Diz Recovery Center, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, the Bena Community Center (for a discussion of School Trust Land located on the Reservation), the St. Regis Superfund site, and the Sweetest Grass Dispensary.

The visit provided a great oppor-



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On July 30, 2024, members of the Minnesota House of Representatives visited the Leech Lake Reservation, including a stop at the Sweetest Grass dispensary. Pictured above are Representative Heather Keeler, Secretary/Treasurer Lenny Fineday, Representative Robert Bierman, and Representative Athena Hollins.

tunity to showcase the great work being done by our tribal government employees, the progress we are making in some programs, and the need for additional resources to combat issues facing our community.

This concludes my report for July 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at any time. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve each of you! *Chi-Miigwech.*

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Inaugural Noojimo'iwewin Conference

Anishinaabeg Recovery, Healing & Health

September 10-11, 2024

At Northern Lights Casino Hotel

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The goal of the Noojimo'iwewin Conference is to serve our communities in recovery, their families and the people who work with them with information on the origins of the desire to self-medicate as well as focusing on caring for one's self through cultural foods and activities, as well as holistic healing practices. The Keynote Speaker will be **Frank Goodwin**, Fond du Lac LADC Counselor and Director of Mino Miikana Cultural and Wellness Center in Duluth. Frank will discuss the roots of addiction as well as using the Anishinaabe Seven Grandfathers Teachings in work toward wellness. Red Lake Author **Tashia Hart** (The Good Berry Cookbook, Native Love Jams) will also be a guest of the conference, providing an evening small group activity on "Writing As Healing" as well as providing a booth with her books and jewelry. Many Leech Lake and other local specialists will provide breakout sessions on a variety of Native health topics, and talented local artists will have vendor booths featuring artwork, beadwork and other jewelry as well as local maple products. Reiki healing sessions and massage therapy (for an additional cost) will be available as well. Meals and snacks are included in the cost of the conference. *Miigwech!*



Obituaries

Anita Jackson



Anita Jo Jackson, 43 years young, journeyed to the spirit world on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. She was born on June 5, 1981, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Rosetta Johnson and Faron Jackson.

Anita had a big heart, crazy sense of humor, and enjoyed doing her hair, makeup, and nails. She liked thrift shopping and going to rummage sales. Above all else, Anita loved spending time with her family, she loved them more than anything! Anita was always willing to help others with anything they needed. She liked to chat, play scratch-offs, go to the casino, or play casino games on her phone. Anita was a fan of ghost documentaries and horror stories. Anita will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those greeting Anita in the spirit world are her significant other, Michael "Mike" Jackson; brother, Jason Howard; grandparents, Lillian Webster and Harry Johnson, Elsie and Gerald Jackson, Sr.; nieces, Charlene Johnson and Angel Jackson; cousin, Elliot Johnson; uncles, Gerald "Tiny" Jackson, Jr. and Wolfgang Jackson.

Those Anita leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are her mother, Rosetta Johnson; step-father, Patrick Howard; father, Faron Jackson; sons, Dakota (Kristin) and Jaired Jackson; daughter, Talecia Jackson; sisters, Karen (Brian) Anoka, Jocelyn (Kenny) Jackson, Cassandra (Henry) Jackson; nieces, Naycionna, Camryn, Tamirah, Mia, Shaunice; nephews, Amare, James, Ronnie, Josh, Rodney, Amani, Kenneth III, Daedrius, Onyx, Jacek, Emery, Tristan; special friend; Diana May numerous other family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Anita will begin on

Monday, July 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and continue until her funeral service on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the Onigum Community Center. Father William "Bill" Butcher will officiate. Those helping to lay Anita to rest are Dakota Jackson, Jaired Jackson, David Jourdain, Derek Hunt, James Elmberg, Jr., Amare Whitebird, Josh Jackson, and Rodney Headbird. Honorary pallbearers are DaVita Clinic Staff, and all of Anita's Family and Friends. Interment will be in the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN.

Anita'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.

Michael "Budd" Annette Jr.



Michael "Budd" David Annette Jr. – 'Inni Sug' (Little Big Man) of Pine Point, MN, started his journey home at 38 years young.

Budd was born on a beautiful sunny day, June 22, 1986, to Monica (Gillespie) and Michael D. Annette Sr. in Bemidji, MN. He graduated from HHH Job Corps in 2004 and continued his education at MCTC in American Indian Studies. He loved the Minneapolis area, which is where he met the love of his life, Elton "Jeno" John Blackfeather. Budd and Jeno shared a loving home and worked together catering many events in the Twin Cities area.

Budd loved attending community events, Pow Wows, concerts, and sharing new experiences with those around him. Some of Budd's many interests and talents included grass dancing, beading, listening to music, interacting on social media, baking, laughing with friends and family, and cooking the best frybread and popcorn. Budd had a unique energy that made everyone around him feel

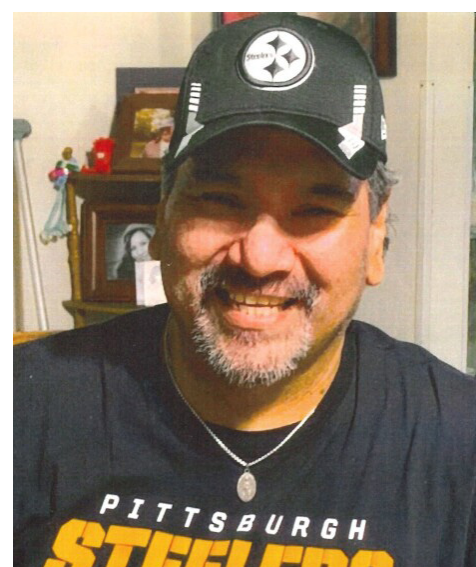
welcomed and loved. With a great sense of humor, his infectious laughter was a constant source of joy, always brightening our days. His positivity was contagious, and he consistently put others first, creating an atmosphere of warmth and kindness wherever he went. Budd was truly one of a kind with a big heart and will be forever missed.

Budd was greeted with open arms by his life partner Jeno; his fur babies Flo, Kitty, and Muppy; grandparents: Mary and Robert Gillespie, and Harold Annette Sr.; uncle Timothy Annette; aunts: Susan Annette Wright, Sara Annette, Kathy Smith, Linda and Jean Gillespie, Joe Montownie, and Mari "Joker" French (Carl); niece Amiyah; and other beloved family members.

Left to honor Budd's memory are his parents Monica and Michael Annette Sr.; grandmothers: Joyce Roy, and Joanne Annette; aunts: Teresa Nelson, Carmen Buckanaga, Coke (Rick) Smith, Emily Annette, and Laurie (Tom) Gamache; uncles: Harold "Whitey", Anthony "Humpsy", John Boy (Robin), and Will Annette; Charlie, Bob (Ada), Mick, and Thomas (Patricia) Gillespie; brothers: Gabriel Montownie, Jayson (Sharon) and Jeffery (Melissa) Annette; sisters: Jodi and Jamie (Jage) Chesley, Jennifer French (Donny), Sonja (John), Sylvia (Matthew "Korpi"), and Shannon (Rob) Budde; nieces and nephews: Santiago, Jaiden, Caleb, Jeremiah, Jaci, Jayson, Scarlett, Lutessa, Jasmine, Deucalion "Duke", Lilith, Phoebe, Rogan, and Sierra; cousin Tawni Annette; and many other friends and family.

A memorial service will be held at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024, at the Old Pine Point School to celebrate Budd's life. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his family and friends find strength and comfort in their memories of him.

Robert Charwood



Robert Paul Charwood, 51, "Mawinazh R Makwa", which means "Charging Bear" began his spiritual journey on July 11, 2024, at Sanford Bemidji Hospital. He was born on August 17, 1972, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is the son of Muriel (Charwood) Crawford

and William Beaulieu.

Rob was employed at Cedar Lakes Casino as a shift manager. Rob loved his job. He was also an avid Steelers fan. He had a great sense of humor and loved telling stories and jokes. Rob loved his family and spending time with them.

Rob leaves behind his loving mother and stepfather, Muriel and Carl Crawford; special stepfather, Kenn Litzau Sr.; daughters, Heather, Maddi (Francis), and Abby Charwood; son, Brett Jones-Charwood; sisters, Kerri Rousu, Dawn (Donovan) Staples, Kim Beaulieu, Jewett, and Cynthia Jackson; brother, Kenn Litzau; step siblings, Michelle Litzau, Victor Litzau, and Duane Litzau; grandchildren, Avery Jones, Scarlett Jones, Alivia Bellanger, Audrianna Bellanger, Maximus Bellanger, Ariella Brun, Ningozi Brun, and Aliza Brun; special nieces and nephews, Kenny, Kellan, Bella, Katana, Emma, Kit, Damon, Darian, Deacon, Dion; auntie, Joyce Fowler; and many others.

Those greeting Rob in the spirit world are his grandparents, Robert and Louise Charwood; uncles, Robert "Bob" and Darrell Charwood; aunties, Adrienne Hanson and Arlene Swedman; nephew, Kevin Litzau; father, William Beaulieu; good friends, William "Bill" Major and Jeremy Kraskey.

Pallbearers for Robert are Kenn Litzau, Michael Roybal, Eduardo Roybal, Damon Staples, Joe Redeaagle, and Michael Charwood. Alternate pallbearers are Ross Lueck and Deacon Staples. Honorary pallbearers are Darrell "Dino" Charwood, Avery Jones, Dennis Mason, and Eric Anderson.

An overnight wake for Robert will begin on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., at the 'S' Lake Community Center and will continue until the funeral service on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, "S" Lake, Minnesota, officiated by Father Jeremy Bock. Interment will be in the Round Lake Cemetery in S. Lake.

Rob'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.

Sharon "Sherrie" Bebeau-Cavitt

Sharon "Sherrie" Bebeau-Cavitt "Bedashik" (She Who Comes with the Wind) Member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, 69 years old, born in Cass Lake, MN on November 8, 1954 to Joseph F. Bebeau Jr., and Glorena "Gloria" (Charwood) Michaud, began her journey to the spirit world on July 4, 2024 in Carlton, MN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Paul D. Cavitt, Grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles and many close cousins and friends.

She is survived by her only daughter Deborah Bebeau-Cavitt, grandchildren Trevor Bebeau-Goward and Eliza Lafriniere, Brothers Joel D. (Shari) Bebeau, JT Bebeau, Alton Bebeau, Sisters Beverly (Julian) Molash, and Terri Veo. Nephew Sean Veo, Nieces Sarah Jaspers, Kathleen Blackwolf, Kimberly



Johanson and Honorary niece Grace Kessenich. Special friends Martha Cavitt, Linnea Cavitt, and Dianne Kessenich.

Sherrie attended Deer River School and graduated from Bennington Vermont High School, and then attended Dartmouth College and Carleton College. She held many jobs, notably the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Minneapolis School of Art and Design, University of Minnesota, Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees.

Sherrie's passions were reading and writing and she exceeded the record of reading the most books in the school library, which in part led to her excellent oratory and writing abilities early on. She also passed down to her grandchildren the enjoyment of reading. Sherrie was also a die-hard MN Twins fan, and preferred to listen to them on the radio. When she did go to the casino, she could usually be found at Keno. She also loved to travel, and dreamed of working for the United Nations as a linguist interpreter. Later in life, she filled her days with her favorite pastime spending it with her grandchildren, who she called the "apples of her eyes".

An overnight wake will start at 5:30pm on Tuesday July 9 at the Ball Club Community Center, with services officiated by Allen Hardy on Wednesday July 10, at 10:00am.

Pallbearers will be Gary Charwood Sr., Gary Charwood Jr., Donnie Charwood, Dooner Warner, Robert Jaspers and Kenneth Thompson.

Terry Smith

Terry Dale Smith 71, "Nay-ga-ji-wan" which means "one who hides away" of Walker, MN began his Journey from the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital on June 28, 2024. He was born to Leo and Frances (Gould) Jordan on March 12, 1953 in Cass Lake, MN.

Terry graduated from WHA on the B honor roll in 1972 and enlisted in the U.S. Army that same year. After serving in the Army for 8 years Terry moved back to the Walker area. He attended Northwest Technical College getting his degree in carpentry.

Terry loved his Minnesota sports teams; he was a BIG fan! He loved to raise heck with

his nieces and nephews, he was quite the joker. Terry was known to be a social butterfly. He enjoyed family time, BBQs, and stock car racing. He was a bit of a gambler....some would say an avid gambler. But what he really loved was family time.

Those greeting Terry in the spirit world are his parents; Leo and Frances Jordan, brothers; David Smith, Leo Jordan Jr., John Smith, sisters; Linda Munstenteiger, and Frieda Oothoudt. as well as numerous other family members.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are 9 children and 11 grandchildren. Brother; Michael (Patty) Smith Sr., Donald Wayne Smith, Robin Lee Jordan, Jerry Ray Jordan sisters; Gloria Jean Beaulieu, Kathy (Carl) Frazer, Theresa Jordan, Margaret (Ken) Jordan, and Beverly (Dale) Jordan.

Terry's service will be July 11, 2024, at the Veterans Memorial Building at 11:00 a.m. in Cass Lake, MN. Father Bill Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers are Joshua Thompson, Jeremiah Smith, Austin Jordan, Aaron Oothoudt, Charles Oothoudt, and Rob Jordan Jr Alternate pallbearers are Carl Frazer Jr, Cecil Haugen, and Zachary Jordan. Honorary pallbearers are Teddie Redwing (Commander) an abundance of nieces and nephews, all of his friends and family, and the Leech Lake Honor Guard. Interment will be immediately after the service at the Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Cass Lake, MN.

A celebration of life will be held at the Onigum Community Center at 4:00 p.m. following the services at the Vets Memorial Building.

The family has asked In lieu of flowers to make a donation to the Fisher House in Minneapolis www.cdceportal.va.gov/donateonline.

Terry's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences maybe left a www.northernpeace.com.

Wanda Jones

Wanda Lee Jones, 57, "Miskwa' Benaisikwe" meaning "Redbird Woman" of the Kingfisher clan, began her spiritual journey on

Friday, July 6, 2024, from her home in Walker, MN, surrounded by her loving family. Wanda was born to Lawrence Jones and Luella Hawk on September 17, 1966, in Ponemah, MN.

Wanda loved to bake for her children, grandchildren, and the elders of the community, as well as cooking for all of them too. She enjoyed thrifting as well as going to garage sales. She could be found at home listening to Lorreta Lynn and Buck Owens or watching the Andy Griffith show. Wanda had a great sense of humor and loved to joke around with everyone.

She loved to have her grandchildren with her all the time. She truly enjoyed the holidays, when she would cook and bake for everyone. It was the best to have all her family around for the holidays!

Family welcoming Wanda to the spirit world are her parents, Lawrence Jones and Luella Hawk; auntie, Edith Hawk; uncles, Gerald Hawk, Royce Hawk; brothers, Rob Fairbanks and Michael Hawk; sisters, Elain Hawk and Harriet Johnson.

Those Wanda leaves behind are her significant others, Dan Oothoudt and Darrell Johnson, Sr.; sons, Daniel Jones, Wesly Oothoudt, Darrell Johnson, Jr., Jacob Johnson; daughters, Amber Johnson and Debra Johnson; brothers, Fabian Wakanabo and Larry Jones, Jr.; sisters, Mary Jo Fairbanks, Becky Wakanabo, Laura Wakanabo, Renee Jones, Lavae Oothoudt, and Maggie Hawk; grandchildren, Amiyah Decora, Adonis Decora, Cozmo Kenney, Dalyla Johnson (Oothoudt), Arianna Johnson, Arabella Johnson, Haydn LaRose, Jaycie Kenney, JayKon Johnson, Elijah Johnson (Molash), Dehana Jones, and Luca Jones; great-grandchildren, Skyler White and Grayson White.

An overnight wake for Wanda will begin on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. and continue until her Traditional Service on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the Onigum Community Center. Wanda's Spiritual Advisor will be Allen Hardy. Honorary urn bearers are all the people that knew and loved her. Wanda will be going home with family following the service.

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



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Honorable David Harrington **Deputy Judge of Tribal Court**
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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Myron Eugene Drummond, DOB: 10/27/1934, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-159

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Myron Eugene Drummond, died December 3, 2023. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of February, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Gary Eugene Drummond, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Probate Hearing held on February 12, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Linda Aitken, 6370 Christmas Point Rd. NW Walker, MN 56484 and Cynthia Reed, 14910 Stony Point Rd. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 were appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Myron Eugene Drummond, 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: Jerome Allen Finn, DOB: 11/24/1951, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-24

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Jerome Allen Finn, died January 30, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy 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 28th, day of May, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Randy Finn, surviving brother of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on May 28, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Randy Finn, PO Box 450 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jerome Allen Finn, decedent.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Ernest Robert Ryan, DOB: 06/03/1943, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-33

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ernest Robert Ryan, died January 12, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, 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 17th, day of June, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sandra K. Ryan, surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on June 17, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Sandra K. Ryan, 6974 Little Wolf Rd. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ernest Robert Ryan, decedent.

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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-24-75

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Ex Parte Order for Protection has been issued on June 17, 2024.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Travis Lee Raisch-Fairbanks DOB: 07/03/1985, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-147

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Travis Lee Raisch-Fairbanks, died June 20, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, 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 27th, day of February 2024 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 Judee Garbow, surviving relative of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 27, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Judee Garbow, 13097 56th Ave. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Travis Lee Raisch-Fairbanks, decedent.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Shayna Lee, Paul Jackson, Douglas Staples and Quincy Klasen, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-08

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Petition, a Motion for Emergency Custody, and an Affidavit in Support of the Motion for Emergency Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children 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 in these proceedings, 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 Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Mariza Brown and any other person who may claim paternity of minor child, A.W.

Court File No. CP-22-19

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 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. The next hearing in this matter is on October 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the child.

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there
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RN Diabetes Educator (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-010

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Home Healthcare RN (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-035

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Diabetes Registered Dietitian (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-050

Narcotics Investigator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-057

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Law Enforcement Intern (2) ~ DPS ~ \$21.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-063

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CTSS Mental Health Practitioner (4) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-066

Long Term Case Manager (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-068

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Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-088

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-089

Domestic Violence Officer ~ DPS ~ \$30.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-092

Gaa-Niugaaniziwaad Mentor (Part time) (6) ~ Education ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-095

Case Manager (Duluth) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-096

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
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GIVEAWAY


7PM-10PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

Every 30 minutes four lucky guests will pick a Cash
Card for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash!


If \$10,000 cash prize is not won in August, we'll roll it into
September's giveaway and add an additional \$10,000.



Walker, MN
northernlightscasino.com



Cass Lake, MN
cedarlakescasino.com



Deer River, MN
whiteoakcasino.com

Swipe daily for one FREE entry and earn additional entries for EVERY POINT earned.
See Player's Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.