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The LLBO Tribal Council: District II Representative Steve White, District I Representative Kyle Fairbanks, Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday, Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. and newly elected District III Representative Leon Staples Jr.

By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting and Inauguration in person Friday, July 1, at the Northern Lights Casino.

The ceremony opened with swearing in of Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board, Housing Authority Board, and Newly elected District III Representative Leon Staples Jr., and re-elected Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. taking the oath of office.

Following the inauguration, Jackson gave the events opening remarks and delivered the Chairman's report. Highlights from the Chairman's report and his goals for his upcoming term include ; enacting changes in enrollment to address children who are unable to enroll due to blood quantum limits, the proposed economic stimulus package, increasing funding for youth/elder programs

and the home ownership program, and completing the 3 proposed wellness centers.

"I'm honored with your continued support in a third term as Chairman of Leech Lake...I've always felt that one of the greatest resources that we have in Leech Lake is the people here in this room. It's the people—you matter. Not only your vote but you as an individual matter," said Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.

Secretary-Treasurer, Lenny Fineday, followed the Chairman by giving a report on the financial data from government operations. A meeting regarding gaming operations financials will be held July 25, 2024 at the Twin Cities Office, an active Tribal ID will be required for entry. The Band is continuing to review best methods to privately distribute gaming financial information to Band Members, information will be shared once a decision has been reached. Contact your district representative if you have

questions, comments or concerns about the change regarding gaming financials.

A number of enrollment resolutions were passed at the meeting. These resolutions included new enrollments, ineligible enrollments, and transfers to and from the band. New employees hired in the past quarter were also introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

For those who were unable to attend in person, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo and Facebook page. Full copies of the Chairman's and Secretary Treasurer's reports can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this paper.

Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Twin Cities in October 2024.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Celebrates Major Milestone in Land Restoration Efforts

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) is proud to announce a significant milestone in the implementation of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act. The Chief of the US Forest Service has signed a Decision Memo, achieving the legislative goal of transferring approximately 11,760 acres of federal land, currently managed by the Chippewa National Forest (CPF), into trust for the benefit of the LLBO.

This legislation, enacted in December 2020, is a crucial step in addressing historical injustices faced by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. These lands, wrongfully taken through illegal transfers, are now being restored after generations of effort by the LLBO. The recent development involves 345 Restoration Parcels totaling

11,778.13 acres. The next steps include the publication of legal descriptions in the Federal Register, formalizing the land transfer process.

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

For over a century, the Leech Lake people have worked relentlessly to reclaim our ancestral lands. This restoration addresses critical

housing needs, enhances access to wild rice beds, and restores justice to the community.

The Leech Lake Reservation, established through treaties and executive orders in the mid-1800s, was meant to be a permanent home for the Ojibwe people, who ceded millions of acres to create what is now Minnesota. However, subsequent laws, beginning with the Nelson Act of 1889 and continuing with the establishment of the Chippewa National Forest and “Secretarial Transfers” in the 1940s and 50s, resulted in significant land loss and dispossession.

The loss of these lands has had lasting effects, perpetuating historical trauma, fostering resentment towards federal agencies, and exacerbating social issues such as homelessness and overcrowding. Today, less than 5% of the treaty-guaranteed lands remain in trust.

The signing of the Decision Memo represents the culmination of decades of effort and advocacy, affirming the rights of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and restoring a vital connection to our ancestral lands. This momentous achievement marks a profound step forward in recognizing and correcting the social inequities and injustices endured by the Leech Lake people.

A commemorative ceremony to celebrate this historic land restoration will take place on July 17, 2024, beginning at 11:00 AM at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School (15353 Silver Eagle Dr NW, Bena, MN 56626). The public is invited to attend and join in the celebration of this momentous occasion.

For detailed information about the land transfer parcels, including the Decision Memo, FAQs, and an online StoryMap, visit the Chippewa National Forest website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa>

For more information on Public Law 116–255, visit: www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ255/PLAW-116publ255.pdf

LLBO Celebrates and Honors Graduates with Annual Event

By KAYLA DUOOS

DEER RIVER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held its 2nd Annual Graduates Feast, June 19, at Cedar Lakes Casino Event Center.

The event which is put on by the bands Education Division seeks to celebrate all band members who have earned their degrees within the previous school year. The cele-

bration is open to all community members but seeks to highlight and honor band members who have returned home with an A.A., A.A.S, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral degree.

The event featured a walleye meal, drum group, and a custom designed blanket from Heartberry for the graduates and gifted eagle feathers for each honoree.

Certificates

Ethan Brown
Kristen Bryan
Margaret Charwood
Walter Charwood
Ashley Cloud
Darius Fairbanks
Dante Jackson
Cynthia Swan
Caroline White

Associates

Joshua Briski
Darrin Brown
Nita Brown
Zoe Sakura Brown
Josephine Bruce
David Chase
Jasmine Chase
Kayla Cloud
Jaiden Cross
Alexis Graves

Bachelors

Erica Graves
Kendra Haugen
Binayshee Johnson
Penny Jones-May
Yasmine Long
Robie Rock
Alvin Thunder
Valynnica White
Jenni Wind
Mary York

Bachelors

Theresa Larson
Linsey McMurrin
Logan Monroe
Miranda Pacheco

Masters

Ann Aitkin-Humphrey

Doctorate

Sage Davis

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council
Cordially invites you to attend
THE LLBO LAND RESTORATION CELEBRATION
*Commemorating the return of land pursuant to
the Leech Lake Reservation Restoration Act.*

July 17, 2024
11AM — 2PM
RSVP by Wednesday, July 10

at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School
15353 Silver Eagle Dr NW
Bena, MN 56626

Leech Lake Election Board Certifies General Election Results

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Election Board has certified the results of the 2024 General Election held on June 11, 2024, on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The MCT General election was held to decide the positions of Chairperson and District III Representative. Elections were also held for Leech Lake Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board.

For the position of Tribal Chairperson, Faron Jackson Sr.

(Incumbent) secured the win with 1073 votes or 62.75%, while Gerald White received 637 votes or 37.25%.

In the race for District III Representative, Leon Staples Jr. emerged victorious with 740 votes or 61.62%, and Glen “Tuffy” Fisher garnered 461 votes or 38.3%.

The Leech Lake Housing Authority Board of Commissioners election results are as follows: In District I, Petra Rodriguez won with 125 votes (59.81%). In District II, Mikele Finn was victorious with 83 votes (100%). In District III, Evelyn Brown secured the position

with 332 votes (43.57%).

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board election results were also finalized: Rose Robinson won in District I with 195 votes (100%). Shirley Young was the winner in District II with 98 votes (100%). Esther Humphrey emerged victorious in District III with 512 votes (72.73%).

The Election Board thanks all voters for their participation in this critical election and congratulates the newly elected officials. The community looks forward to their leadership and service in the coming term.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Seeks Public Comment on Draft Water Quality Standards

via BRANDY TOFT | LLBO DRM
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The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking public comment until 3pm on August 22, 2024 on our Draft Water Quality Standards. The comment period begins on July 8, 2024, and ends on August 22, 2024. During this time, interested parties can review the draft standards and submit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding the Band’s Draft Water Quality Standards.

These Draft Water Quality Standards were developed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to provide the outline and standards for waters within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation. Water quality standards include criteria for various water uses (such as

drinking water, fishing, gathering, cultural and recreational activities) and specify the maximum allowable levels of pollutants in water bodies. This process is supported by the Band’s Treatment as a State for 303(c) authorities under the federal Clean Water Act.

The documents may be viewed at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management front office located at:

- 15756 State 371 NW Cass Lake, MN
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management webpage at: www.llojibwe.org/drm/index.html

Public participation is crucial as it ensures transparency and accountability in the development

of environmental regulations. It allows Tribes, communities, organizations, local governments and community members to provide input based on their expertise, concerns, and local knowledge. This feedback helps refine the standards to better protect water quality and meet community needs. Comments received within the comment period will be appropriately responded to in a timely manner.

A public meeting will be held on or around August 19, 2024. Please refer back to the link above for updates on date and location.

Comments can be sent via the following methods:

1. **Email:** craig.tangren@llojibwe.net
2. **Hand delivery:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management Office (15756 State 371 NW, Cass Lake, MN) **Attn:** Craig Tangren
3. **By mail with attention to:** Craig Tangren, Environmental Deputy Director, Division of Resource Management, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 190 Sailstar Dr NE Cass Lake, MN 56633.



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LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening for Sweetest Grass, the Band’s first cannabis dispensary.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Opens Cannabis Dispensary

By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe opened its first cannabis dispensary.

Sweetest Grass dispensary opened to the general public Thursday, June 6, after a soft launch for Band Members earlier that week.

The Leech Lake Cannabis Co. is a venture established by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, which, “aims to promote economic growth and self-sufficiency for the Band while offering a safe, welcoming and educational environment for all customers.”

The Leech Lake Tribal Council adopted a new ordinance in August 2023 to establish a regulatory framework for cannabis sales and consumption following the legal-

ization of recreational cannabis use in Minnesota.

The dispensary features a wide range of high-quality cannabis products, cultivated and produced with the utmost care and adherence to industry standards.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, who attended the opening, shared his thanks for the staff who got the dispensary off the ground and

“The medical uses that cannabis can provide for those struggling with pain and trauma is really amazing, this is going to be a good thing for all our Band Members to embrace and to even capitalize on,” said Jackson.

The Sweetest Grass Dispensary is located at 6838 Y Frontage Road NW, Walker, Minnesota. It’s open Monday-Thursday 8am-10pm and Weekends 9am-9pm.

August

District III Elder Birthdays

- Harlan Anderson
- Yvonne Armstrong
- Alice Averill
- Lenore Barsness
- Guy Beaulieu
- Heidi Bilyeu
- Delphine Bixby
- Janice Bongo
- Patricia Broker
- Bernard Brown
- Franklin Brown

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

- Harold Budreau
- Kim Burnette
- Edward Burns
- Myron Cloud
- Shannon Cronquist
- Barbara Dubois
- Donna Fineday
- Mary Finn
- Leila Goggleye
- Linda Goggleye
- Benjamin Gotchie
- Laura Gould-Smith
- Gene Hanks
- James Harris

- Nancy Hawkins
- Donald Headbird
- Joseph Howard
- Stephen Howard
- Deborah Isham
- Beverly Jacobs
- George Jacobs
- Cherlene Jenkins
- Barbara Johnson
- Linda Johnston
- Duwayne Jones
- Julie Jones
- Crystal Jones-Desjarlais
- Carol Kloehn
- Bonnie Knutson
- Elizabeth LeDoux
- Cheryl Littlewolf

- Leonard Losh
- Ronald Lowry
- Peter Maas
- Estelle Marotta
- William McCarter
- Pamela Mitchell
- Donna Morgan
- Harry Morris
- Timothy O'Brien
- Diane Osceola
- Valentino Pacheco
- Nancy Patterson
- Simone Pemberton
- Cynthia Reed
- Kelly Robinson
- Robert Robinson
- Valerie Robinson

- David Roy
- Loretta Sayers
- Kenneth Schwartz
- Scott Seelye
- Mark Stangel
- Cheryl Staples
- Susan Swanson
- Brenda Thomas
- Nancy Washington
- Gary White
- Randolph White
- Daniel Wilson
- Eva Wilson

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

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 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.

A Chi-MiiGwech to the Leech Lake Band Members for Exercising their Sovereign Authority in the 2024 Tribal Election – On April 2 and June 11, 2024 the Leech Lake Band members had expressed their voices by casting a ballot for a candidate, who will lead our Great Nation of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. On behalf of our Chairman, and his family, we are honored to serve and always remembering that we are all in this together! A preview of the priorities supported by the Leech Lake Band members: **1.** Fixing Enrollment; **2.** Standing up for the Proposed Economic Stimulus Package; **3.** Addressing the major cuts to the Youth & Elder Programs; and **4.** Housing for the homeless and families having a fair shake for a new home. Let's Keep Moving Forward! The three Wellness Centers will need a jump start. As we look forward,

Senate Bill 616 had identified another 4,000 plus acres illegally taken from us in the CNF. Mii-Gwech.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had the Honor and Privilege in Attending the 6th Annual Welcome Babies Celebration – On June 18, 2024 the Leech Lake Family Spirit and Empowerment Program had a beautiful ceremony for our babies. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that the Leech Lake Family Spirit Program, Ms. Lyons and staff had done an outstanding job in re-instituting the Ojibwe culture with welcoming our babies to their Elders, community, friends, and the Leech Lake Nation. The 6th Annual Welcome Babies Celebration started out in a good way, spiritual guidance, a delicious meal, and gifts for our babies. Ms. Lyons had envisioned a Family Spirit and Empowerment Program that supports Native American women, fathers, or any families raising Native American babies and children.

Its Official, 11,760 acres of Illegally Taken Land from LLBO Returned – On June 20, 2024 the LLBO and the CNF announced that a Decision Memo was signed with the U.S. Forest Service, designating selected parcels for transfer on the CNF. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, "It is with great joy and hope for the future in our hearts that we celebrate the latest step forward in restoring a portion of the illegally transferred lands back to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. I want to express my gratitude to the Forest Service and Tribal staff collaborating behind the scenes to move this land transfer towards completion. This is one of the most monumental and positive developments to take place on Leech Lake since the first treaties were signed and the reservation was established in 1855 as our permanent homelands." The maps of the identified parcels

returned will be available at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management.

6th Annual Leech Lake Days 2024 – On June 18-23, 2024 was held at the Veterans Memorial Grounds. On Tuesday was the Welcome Babies Ceremony. On Thursday was the community clean-up and special events with lunch. On Friday was community events and Chairman Jackson, Sr. and Ms. Jackson are pictured with the grand prize winner Ms. Reyes. Chairman Jackson had an idea that a ricing canoe, pole, and money maker knockers would keep the Anishinaabe tradition alive, now another tradition was established; the wild ricker's dream package. Well over 300 Band members, our kids and community members anxiously waited for the many drawings. Ms. Reyes had stated that she never won anything with this significance and will keep it forever. The 6th Annual Leech Lake Days was well planned and a great many mii-gweches to the Leech Lake employees and volunteers that make the family event a huge success. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that the family will be returning for Grand Entry at 7:00 pm because two of their daughters are the Onigum Princess and Walker School Senior Princess. The food prepared by Leech Lake Gaming and Leech Lake Market was excellent as always. On June 22 and 23 will be the Pow Wow and horseshoe tournament.

Minneapolis Mayor Frey & Leech Lake Leaders Have Historical Meeting – On June 13, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer Fineday, and District II Representative White had a meeting with Mayor Frey. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss unsheltered homelessness for Leech Lake members, supportive services, housing, lack of Native-focused and culturally sensitive homelessness support, and the City of Minneapolis had identified land that could be available to Tribal partners, and they are willing to discuss the next steps for a land transfer or sale to Tribal governments, individually or in partnership with other Tribes, Urban Indigenous organizations, or experienced service providers and operators. The City had pledged technical assistance for site identification, guidance through the development process, and support for seeking additional funding from the State, Federal, and philanthropic partners. Chairman Jackson, Sr., who had lived in the Twin Cities area and retired from Xcel Energy, worked in the Native communities had expressed the importance of consulting with the Leech Lake Twin Cities community with the purchase of land for \$1 dollar. In addition, the Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council will need to conduct public hearings with the Twin Cities Leech Lake members to determine if any land should be purchased, discussing their priorities first, and what are their priorities as they relate to housing, education, homelessness, and those discussions will determine our plan of action. I want to thank Mayor Frey for this historical meeting with the Leech Lake RBC members.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Chairman Jackson at the 2024 Leech Lake Days Pow Wow pictured with the Women's Blueberry Pie Eating Champion, Shelda Johnson.

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 had 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!



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Left: Chairman Jackson alongside his wife and between them the lucky winner of the Chairman's Giveaway. **Right:** Chairman Jackson, Sr. teaching the Walker High School Senior Princess Kaleah Jackson how to wild rice in the 2024 Leech Lake Days grand prize wild ricing canoe, pole and ricing knockers.

Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

**Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer's Summary
Monthly Report**

Greetings Leech Lake Band members! I am honored to provide you with this update regarding the activities undertaken in the month of June 2024.

GENERAL FINANCE UPDATE

Work continues on the revised Budget Ordinance. Unfortunately, the revised ordinance will not be up for approval at the July Quarterly meeting due to the continued work on the revisions. Very soon, the revisions will be posted for a public comment period and then the revised ordinance will be considered by the RBC for adoption at the October Quarterly meeting.

On June 26, 2024, the Budget Committee met to discuss a number of items, including some final modifications for the FY24 budget as well as planning for the upcoming FY25 cycle that will start on July 1, 2024. We are working on revising information provided in my reports as well as the quarterly updates to provide more focus on the budget performance and tribal government spending throughout the fiscal year.

Work also continues on our annual audits. Our auditors, REDW, have been onsite reviewing the documents for the FY22 audit. We will complete this audit as expeditiously as possible and then move right into our FY23 audit.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS UPDATE

From June 1 to 6, 2024, I attended the National Congress of American Indians Midyear Convention as the Midwest Regional Vice President. At the convention, a number of resolutions from the Midwest area were presented and approved. These resolutions revolved around the implementation of federal law and ensuring that Tribal sovereignty is protected. The resolutions specifically addressed tribal priorities on the Families First Prevention Services Act, CMS' Four Walls regulations, mining activities and fisheries funding.

At the Midyear Convention, I was able to offer testimony before the United States Department of Agriculture regarding self determination contracts between the USDA and tribes. Specifically, I addressed the need for the Leech Lake Band to be able to enter into a self determination contract with USDA to assume management of the Chippewa National Forest. This process will take some time, but progress is being made.

CANNABIS UPDATE

On June 3, 2024, the Leech Lake Cannabis Company opened their first dispensary, Sweetest Grass, in Walker, MN at the junction of Highway 200 and 371. The grand opening was held on June 6, 2024. While the Company is working through initial issues with opening the dispensary, we are happy to report initial sales have exceeded projections. More in-depth financial information will be provided at Band member meetings soon to be announced.

Conversations and communication with the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management continue and we will be negotiating a compact with the Governor's office that will govern any cannabis activity the Band engages in off the Reservation. More information on this compact will be forthcoming.

The Leech Lake Cannabis Regulatory Commission is also working diligently on licensing and regulating the emerging cannabis industry on Leech Lake. Our goal is to develop testing so we can license Band members to grow and cultivate commercial grade product for sale by the Band and other license holders in the industry. Please watch for more information as the Commission continues its important work.



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On June 13, 2024, members of the RBC met with Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey to discuss partnership opportunities to increase services to Band members residing in the urban area.

LAND UPDATE

On June 28, 2024, the US Forest Service published the notice of land transfer from the Forest Service to the Department of Interior in the Federal Register. This publication effectuates the transfer of approximately 11,760 acres of land from the Forest Service to be held in trust for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band. This land will serve as a major boost to our land holdings within the Reservation and allow us to plan for further housing and infrastructure development, as well as resource management, protection and preservation.

We continue to work with our federal partners on restoring additional acres that were taken during the illegal Secretarial Transfers in the 1940s and 50s. While this work is ongoing, we celebrate the milestone of this initial return and thank all those who have worked so diligently on this project! We invite all Band members to join us in celebrating the restoration of this land in a ceremony scheduled for July 17, 2024 at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School at 10:00 am.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL UPDATE

On June 13, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with Minneapolis Mayor Frey to discuss the possibility of Leech Lake obtaining land within the City to develop for housing and essential services. Discussion cen-

tered around the Band partnering with the City to combat homelessness and underlying issues surrounding mental health, addictions, and access to services. We will continue the conversation and look forward to the possibility of expanded services to our citizens in the urban area through this potential collaboration.

On June 14, 2024, the Tribal-State Partnership held a meeting in Mille Lacs. At this meeting, the concept of Family Resource Centers was discussed and Leech Lake was proposed as a potential site for a Tribal Family Resource Center. We will continue to explore this possibility as we work on our overall approach to healthy families on Leech Lake, particularly as we implement the Tiwahe Initiative this year. Please watch for more information.

On June 24, 2024, Leech Lake leaders joined other tribal leaders and Paul Marquart, Commissioner of Minnesota Revenue in an initial conversation regarding renegotiation of the Tax Agreement between Minnesota and Tribes. Leech Lake's Tax Agreement was initially negotiated in the mid-1990s with only minor revisions since then (the last one being in 2019). We will work closely with the team at Minnesota Revenue to renegotiate this Tax Agreement and get the best deal we can for our people.

On June 28, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with Sarah Strommen,

Commissioner of Minnesota DNR, for an annual consultation. The conversation focused around the early teal (duck) hunting season and protecting those harvesting wild rice, school trust land within the reservation and processes available for exchanging that land, and collaborative efforts to combat the encroaching CWD in deer populations. The conversation was productive and we look forward to continued engagement with DNR moving forward.

On June 28, 2024, Leech Lake received notice from the US Treasury that our application for the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) has advanced to the final stages. This Initiative, when approved, will provide an avenue for Band members to receive guaranteed loans for business development and includes an initial allocation of over \$2 million dollars. This initial allocation will serve as a starting point for the program to create a sustainable revolving loan fund for economic activity in and around the Reservation. Further updates will become available as we proceed with implementing this Initiative after approval.

This concludes my report for June 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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BUG O NAY GE SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

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▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School held their 2024 Commencement on June 30. **The graduates, pictured left to right:** Violena B., Dakota B., Andy C., Amareah G., Tyren H., Joshua H., Jr., Noodinebines Kyler J., Kyla J., Gaagobiiway Benjamin M., Miya M., Adrian M., Michaela T., and Antonio W.



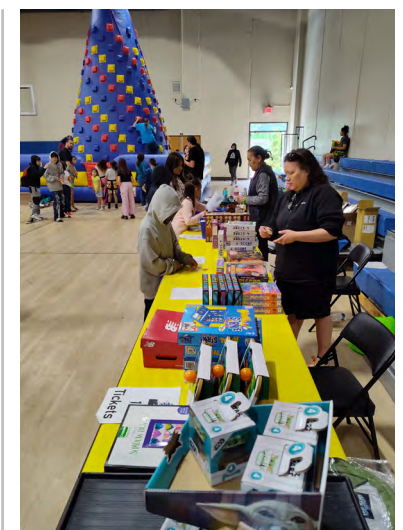
▲ The graduates from Bug O Nay Ge Shig, both Kindergarten and Seniors, celebrated with a walk through the halls to the cheers of students and staff!



▲ K-6th grade students at Bug O Nay Ge Shig enjoyed beautiful weather for Track and Field Day during the last week of school.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Class of 2036 celebrated their Kindergarten Graduation on May 30 with family and friends. The event included a music performance, speakers, diplomas, gifts and refreshments.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's End of the School Year Celebration was a huge success! Students and their families enjoyed a picnic lunch, bounce houses, games, balloon animals, music by Gil, and many door prizes.

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QUARTERLY REPORT SUMMARIES

Tribal Court

- 85 new cases were filed, and 318 hearings were conducted this past quarter.
- Chief Judge Rebecca McConkey-Greene was sworn in on April 5, 2024.

Tribal Roads

- Roads crew is currently locating and reporting on roads that are being returned within the Leech Lake Restoration Act.

Human Resources

- LLBO received almost 200 job applications this past quarter.
- HR has created a Facebook and begun releasing a newsletter.

Indian Child Welfare

- A new division director was hired in February 2024.

Behavioral Health

- LLBH has continued work on their waitlist which was established 9/27/23.
- LLBH sponsored the 4th annual Mental Health Awareness walk.
- LLBH hosted the Minnesota

American Indian Mental Health Conference, June 3 and 4 at Northern Lights Casino.

- 383 clients served, 1,198 clinical and skill sessions, 150+ reiki sessions within the reporting period.

Leech Lake Health

- Six clinics were held within the reporting period.
- Red Cedar assisted living is in the process of re-opening.
- Amish contract was approved for summer food giveaways for band members through food distribution.
- Refrigerators have been installed in most of the community centers, and receive drop offs of food distribution items.

Public Safety

- Spay and Neuter clinic is set for July 27 and 28 in Cass Lake. There are spots for 125 animals, first come, first serve.
- The first Indigenous Animal Health and Wellbeing gathering was held in Walker June 14-16.
- Recovery Navigators have made contact with 251 individuals within the reporting period.
- 307 boxes and one single dose of nasal narcan have been given out in the community within the reporting period.



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Housing

- Housing inspections conducted 378 unit inspections for substandard conditions in the LLHAA stock.
- The Modernization Department renovated 14 vacant homes and renovated

42 occupied units with health and safety issues during the reporting period.

Education

- LLBO education goals include hiring staff for Gaa-Niigaaniziwaad, implementing

the Leech Lake Leadership program, and proposing the 477 plan.

- There has been an increase in scholarship funding for post secondary students.
- 218 students have been awarded LLBO post secondary awards.



19th Annual Niimi'idiwin (Powwow)

The Healing Power of Heritage

Thursday, August 8 • 12–6 p.m.
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center

Join Sanford Health and Indian Health Services for a celebration of holistic healing and our community's Ojibwe heritage.

12 p.m.	Grand entry (All dancers must be registered in regalia by 1 p.m.)
1 p.m.	Committee dance specials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's and Women's Traditional, Men's Grass, Women's Jingle Dress, Potato • Royalty and Veteran's Specials with random spot dances
4:30 p.m.	Community feast

Indigenous craft, art and food vendors, contact BemidjiRSVP@sanfordhealth.org







6th ANNUAL
Leech Lake Days





Obituaries

Chisa Roberts



Chisa Marie Roberts, age 40, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, June 14, 2024, from North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale, MN. She was born on February 18, 1984, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Roxanne Roberts and James Kappenman.

Chisa Loved her teaching job at Kiddie Garden and spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed being outdoors, hiking, and fishing. Chisa liked to read, watch movies, and play bingo. She adored her pets, Lady and Milly. Chisa will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Greeting Chisa in the spirit world are her mother, Roxanne Roberts; grandmother, Pearl Roberts; and brother, "Mukwa".

Those Chisa leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are her husband, Jesse Hernandez; son, Jaden Hernandez; daughter, Samaya Roberts; sisters, Chianna Roberts and Pye Roberts; 4 nieces; and a nephew.

A Celebration of Chisa's Life will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a reading and special music by Jesse Hernandez at 3:30 p.m., all to be held at the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri, at 3045 Park Ave, Minneapolis, MN. Chisa's honorary urn bearers are Jaden Hernandez and Rosa Mata. Chisa's final resting place will be home with family.

Chisa'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.

Daniel "Dan" Jones



Daniel "Dan" Thomas Jones, age 43, of the Turtle Clan and Bemidji, MN, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, June 7, 2024. He was born on January 6th, 1981, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Carol Jones and Terrance DeMarr.

Dan was a fun, caring, and loving brother and friend. He was always cracking jokes and making everyone laugh. He enjoyed hanging out with friends and visiting family, especially his nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Dan could always be found in the casino. He loved watching Rap Battles. Dan recently started working at the A&W in Bemidji, and really enjoyed it there. He was a good friend to all who got to know him. Dan was one of a kind. He will forever be loved and missed.

Those greeting Dan in the spirit world are his mom, Carol Jones; nephew, Benjamin Camacho; and grandparents, Mervel Jones, Rose LaRose, Elizabeth Cooper, Lawrence DeMarr, Warren Tibbetts, and Celeste Fisher. Those Dan leaves behind to forever cherish his memory are his dad, Terrance "Terry" (Anita) DeMarr; brothers, Terrance Jones, Sr. and Bradley Larsen; sisters, Erika Paquette, Rose Jones, Missie Camacho, Celeste (Joshua) Larsen, Crystal Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Rikki Larsen, and Diana (Jennifer) Ostaba; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

A two-night wake for Dan will begin on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until his traditional service on Saturday,

June 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the Mission Community Center in Mission, MN. Dan's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Dan to rest are Noel Cortez, Terrance Jones, Jr., Raven Matthews, Robert Kingbird, Peter Phonsyea, and Philippe Camacho. Honorary pallbearers are Karla Thompson and all of Dan's Family and Friends.

Dan'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.

James "Marvin" White



James "Marvin" White, Makade Makwa "Black Bear", Turtle Clan, age 60, travelled to the spirit world on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in Cass Lake, MN.

James was born on September 12, 1963, in Cass Lake, MN to Richard and Christina (Critt) White. He received his GED and went on to attend Northeast Metro Technical College. Marvin was gifted with his hands and was a skilled pipe maker. He enjoyed being out in nature, harvesting wild rice, fishing and passing on his knowledge and cultural teachings to younger generations. He will be remembered as a kind, wise, and gentle man.

He will be lovingly remembered by: his children: Renee King and David King; grandchildren: Desiree and Jessica King; step-daughter, Lila (Anthony Tejohn) Salas; siblings: Becky (Tom) White-Gregory; Calvin White, Margaret (Alfred) White-Brown, Fred White, Joe (Connie Whitebird) Wilson, Benjamin (Rachel Premo) White, Delia (Joseph Ducheneaux) White; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Those greeting him in the spirit world are: his parents; siblings: Alvin White and Joleen Wilson; son, Daniel Jones; special friends: Patty Washington and Carol Jones; niece,

JoDee Ducheneaux.

A traditional wake will begin at 5PM on Monday, July 1, 2024 at the Mission Community Center near Cass Lake and continue until the service at 10AM on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, with Fred Desjarlait as spiritual leader. Active pallbearers will be: Wallace "Waawaate" Saice, Vincent Morris, Daniel "Sun" Barrientez, Willy Urrutia, Tony Goze, Dallas Kingbird, Robert Jaspers and Owen Ducheneaux. Honorary pallbearers will be close family, friends and spiritual brothers and sisters. Burial will be at Mission Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN.

King Wakanabo



King Wakonabo, was born to Lisa Fineday and Henry Wakonabo, IV on June 14, 2024. The family that he joins are his aunts Leigh Fineday, and Rose Rushman, grandpa Henry Wakonabo, III, and an Uncle Edward Fisher, Sr. Those he leaves behind are his parents, Henry and Lisa, siblings, Jerome, Mariah, Katrina, Dion, Henry, Marcus, Emilio, Hailey, Harleigh, Monica, Edward, Charles, Jordan and Andrea. Special aunts Melissa Raisch and Jamie Wakonabo, numerous aunts and uncles and one special grandma Mary Rushman.

A traditional service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at Great Grandma's House, 1161 Porcupine Road SE, Cass Lake, MN. Melvin Goodman and Diane Fineday will lead the service. His father Henry Wakonabo will be active pallbearer and Melissa Raisch, Jamie Wakonabo, Monica Fisher, and Sylese Blue will be honorary pallbearers. Interment will be held in the Porcupine Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service.

Baby King's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker,

MN. Online condolences may be given at www.northernpeace.com.

Linda Harrison



Linda Rae Harrison, 53, Niigaanibinaisikwe" which means "Leading Thunderbird Woman" of the Deer Clan began her journey to the spirit world for her home in Cass Lake MN. She was born to Joesph Dick Jr., and Irene Harrison on February 2, 1971 in Duluth MN.

Linda enjoyed beading, bartering for things, telling stories, and teaching the ways of the Ojibwa culture. She loved to laugh and goof around as well as make others laugh!

When she wasn't teaching her culture of acting goofy, she liked to experiment with frybread recipes. Linda enjoyed a trip to the casino from time to time. What truly made her happy though was spending time with her family.

Those greeting Linda in the spirit world are her parents, Joseph Dick Jr., and Irene Kay Harrison, niece; Onawa Dunn, aunt; Cheryl Dunn.

Those she leaves behind are her sons; Erle Norton, Jared Norton, Joesph Norton, and Jordan Norton, daughter; Irene Norton, brothers; Dennis Harrison, Willian Joseph Dick Jr., sisters; Rita Dick and Nakia Dick.

A two-day wake for Linda will begin at 6:00 p.m., Saturday June 1st at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake and continue until 11:00 a.m., Monday morning June 3, 2024, when her traditional service will happen. Lindas Spiritual advisor is Mike Needham. Pallbearers for Linda will be Jordan Norton, Jared Norton, Eral Norton, Shyenne Budreau, Ernest Dunn, and Dennis Harrison. Alternate pallbearers are, Shane Dunn, Eldon Dunn, Dusty Fairbanks, and Derek Fairbanks. Honorary pallbearers are Barbara Dick, Jacalyn Dunn, RaeAnne Dunn, Barbara Dunn, Beatrice Dunn, Mona Dunn, and Dora Fairbanks, as

well as all her family and friends that loved her. Interment will be immediately after her service at Morgan Cemetery in Oak Point.

Linda'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.

Paula Jackson



Paula Rae Jackson, Noodinnookwe – Wind Woman, age 54, of Deer River, MN, began her spiritual journey on Friday, June 14, 2024, at her home in Deer River. She was born on August 17, 1969, in Minneapolis, MN the daughter of Darlene (Homesky) and Glenn Jackson, Sr.

Paula liked to go rummaging and thrift store shopping. She enjoyed attending powwows with Mille Lacs being her favorite. Paula also liked going to the casino. She loved light houses, relaxing and watching her favorite t.v. shows. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

The family that Paula joins again are her mother; Darlene Jackson, father; Glenn Jackson, Sr., brother; Glenn Jackson, Jr., cousins; Melvin Ogema and Susan Hart, numerous aunts and uncles.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her sons; Quannah Jackson and Matthew (Morgan Bryan) Carley both of Hayward, WI., two grandchildren; CayLeigh Fineday and Brayden Losh.

A wake for Paula will begin at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2024, and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service Thursday, June 20, 2024 all held at the Inger Community Center in Inger, MN. Pallbearers helping to lay Paula to rest are Sheldon Rushman, Andrew Jackson, Joe Jourdain, Johnny Brown, Ray Brown and Cameron Seelye. Alternate pallbearers will be Doug Bryan, Jr., Frank Sam, and Jared Rabbit. Spiritual Advisor will be

Mike Needham. Interment will be in the Inger Cemetery following the services.

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

Zhacharya Kingbird, Jr.



Zhacharya Migizi Kingbird, Jr., 6 weeks young, of the Eagle Clan, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, June 3, 2024, from his home in Bena, MN. He was born on April 18, 2024, in Bemidji, MN, the son of Shoshana Olson and Zacharya Kingbird, Sr.

Zhacharya was a very happy baby who smiled a lot, laughed in his sleep, and just started "cooing." He loved to be held in his mommas' arms and watched daddy wherever he went. He liked it when sister, "Nyxi" would hold him too. Zhacharya enjoyed laying on mommas' chest. He loved family and their voices; his eyes would follow and watch who and where the voices were coming from.

Greeting Baby Zhacharya in the spirit world are his grandpa, Ronald Lanham; and great-grandma, Diane Kingbird.

Those Zhacharya leaves behind to forever cherish his sweet loving memory are his parents, Shoshana Olson and Zhacharya Kingbird, Sr.; big brothers, Kenneth Bosto and Ernest Wayne Declusion III (NindoZHig); big sisters, Te'Arra Mae Littlewolf, Diamond Kingbird, Jayanna Littlewolf, Nyxaveriah "Nyxi" Kingbird, and Kaylanni Kingbird; grandparents, Jay and Anna Janette Saros, Cherie Olson, and Dennis Harrison; great-grandpa, Wayne Kingbird; aunties, Daisy Olson and Keriann Kingbird; uncles, Valerian, Vaundell, Vincent, and Randall Kingbird.

An overnight wake for Zhacharya will begin on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and continue until his traditional service on

Friday, June 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the Inger Community Center in INger, MN. Zhacharya's Spiritual Advisor will be Jason Saros. Those helping to lay Zhacharya to rest are Shoshana, Zhacharya, Sr., and Valerian Kingbird. Honorary pallbearers are all Zhacharya's family. Interment will be in the Inger Cemetery in Inger, MN.

Zhacharya'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.

Victoria Bellanger



Victoria Jean Bellanger, 67, of Bemidji, MN, started her journey Monday, June 3, 2024 at her home in Bemidji.

Services will be held in the Fall of 2024. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

She was born on January 14, 1957, in Minneapolis, MN, to Shirley Mae Boswell. While living in Bemidji, Victoria worked as an Advocate at the House of Hospitality for 2 years, and also at the Northwoods Coalition for Battered Women and Children for 2 years. She knew the art of wood burning, and was also an animal lover, who was always giving a dog a home when ever she could.

She is survived by her: Sons, Robert Bellanger-Fohrenkam of Bemidji, Matthew James Sander Hansen of Bemidji, Jamison Bellanger of Bemidji, Grandsons, Providence Deane, Raining Thunder Deane, Jamison Deane, Granddaughter, Mayanah Stone, and many more grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her: Mother, Shirley Mae Boswell, daughter Stacey Rose Bellanger-Fohrenkam, grandsons Ma-kwam James Whiteeagle, Ma-koons Bellanger, and life long partner Dale Pindegayosh.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene **Chief Judge of Tribal Court**
Honorable David Harrington **Deputy Judge of Tribal Court**
Honorable Michael Harrelson **Deputy Judge of Tribal Court**

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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Leo A. Gotchie Jr, Defendant

Case No. TR-24-07

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO: Leo A. Gotchie Jr, 31134 Ball Club Lake Dr, Deer River, MN 56636

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Default Hearing on August 6th, 2024 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff, vs Timothy C. Lindgren, Defendant

Case No. DO-24-01

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO: Timothy C. Lindgren, respondent above named, 16341 61 st Ave NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for a Default Hearing on August 6th, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center 200 Sailstar Dr., in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to and defend against the Complaint stated below, attached hereto, and filed with the undersigned attorney for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

COMPLAINT/VIOLATION

The attorney for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe states that the above-named defendant has been charged with violations of the Leech Lake Dog Registration and Control of Dangerous Dogs Ordinance No. 13-2 12C, Section 4, Dangerous dog/Run at large on 3/18/24 within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

NOTICE: If you wish to plead guilty and pay the fine without appearing in Court, you may do so in person at the Leech Lake Tribal Court office or in the Accounting offices located at 200 Sailstar Dr in Cass Lake. The fines can also be mailed to Leech Lake Tribal Court at the address shown above. To determine your fine amount, call the Tribal Court or check the Court's website at <http://www.llojibwe.org/court/tcFines.html>

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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to 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: 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to 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: Bernice A. Pemberton, DOB: 07/05/1946, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-29

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Bernice A. Pemberton, died January 29, 2023. 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 30th, day of April, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Tianna White, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to 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.



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Nona Wade
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Delina White
Melissa Wilson

From the District III Office Leon, Toni & Kari

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Words and sentences list for July

OJIBWEMOWIN

qiiqoonh (qiiqoonyaq)
qinoozhe(q)
name(waq)
awaasizii(q)
maanameq(waq)
namebin(aq)
mizay(aq)
ogaa(waq)
ashigan(aq)
namegos(aq)
agwadaashi(waq)
maashkinoozhe(q)
adikameq(waq)

ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

fish (plural)
northern pike (plural)
sturgeon (plural)
bullhead (plural)
catfish (plural)
sucker (plural)
eelpout (plural)
walleye (plural)
bass (plural)
trout (plural)
sunfish (plural)
muskellunge (plural)
whitefish (plural)

Indinawemaaganag odamwaawaan qiiqoonyaq. **My family eats fish.**
Niin gaye. Nindamwaag qiiqoonyaq. **Me too. I eat fish.**
Nizaasakokwaanaag qiiqoonyaq. **I am frying fish.**
Nizaasakokwaanaag ogaawaq. **I am frying walleye.**
Gizaasakokwaanaag ogaawaq. **You are frying walleye.**
Gizaasakokwaanaag ina ogaawaq. **Are you frying walleye?**
Nizhiiwitaagana'waag qinoozheq. **I am pickling northern.**
Gizhiiwitaagana'waag qinoozheq. **You are pickling northern.**
Gizhiiwitaagana'waag ina qinoozheq. **Are you pickling northern?**
Ningibozwaag qiiqoonyaq. **I am baking fish.**
Gigibozwaag qiiqoonyaq. **You are baking fish.**
Gigibozwaag ina qiiqoonyaq. **Are you baking fish?**

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources

190 Sailstar Drive NW - Cass Lake, MN 56633

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Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5521 for more info

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- Licensed Assisted Living Director ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-003*
- RN Diabetes Educator (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-010*
- Compactor Driver/Operator (Solid Waste) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-032*
- Home Healthcare RN (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-035*
- Staff Accountant II ~ Finance ~ \$26.00/hr or D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-042*
- Naagaanizid Gekinwaa'amaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-044*
- Maajiigin Center Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-048*
- Diabetes Registered Dietitian (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-050*
- Building Worker (Onigum) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-053*
- Narcotics Investigator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-057*
- Police Officer (Full time) (3) ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-058*
- Law Enforcement Intern ~ DPS ~ \$21.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-063*
- Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-065*
- 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*
- Holistic Health Practitioner (Master Level) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-080*
- 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*
- Lead Cook (Maajiigin Center) ~ Education ~ \$22.97/hr ~ Job Code: 24-091*
- Domestic Violence Officer ~ DPS ~ \$30.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-092*
- Security Guard (Part time - OTP) ~ A&D ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-094*
- Gaa-Niigaaniziwaad Mentor (Part time) (6) ~ Education ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-095*
- Case Manager (Duluth) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-096*
- Driver (Part time - OTP) ~ A&D ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-098*
- Cook (Opioid Treatment Program) ~ A&D ~ \$18.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-099*
- Maternal Child Health RN ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-101*
- Advanced Practice Provider (Tribal Clinics) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-102*
- Grounds Crew/Driver (Facilities Maintenance) (2) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-106*
- Bailiff (Part time) ~ DPS ~ \$26.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-118*
- Truancy Case Manager (Family Preservation) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-119*
- Program Manager (Urban Office - Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-123*
- Gaa-Niigaaniziwaad Administrative Assistant ~ Education ~ \$19.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-126*
- Building Worker (Cass Lake - Facilities Maintenance) ~ DPW ~ \$16.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-127*
- Rover/Driver (Cass Lake - Facilities Maintenance) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-128*
- Gekinwaa'amaaged (Teacher) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-129*
- Cook (Maajiigin Center) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-130*
- Receptionist (Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-131*
- Medical Director (OTP) ~ A&D ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-132*
- Driver/Operator (Heavy Equipment) ~ DPW ~ \$20.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-133*
- Building Worker (Ball Club) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-135*
- Rover (Cass Lake - Facilities Maintenance) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-136*
- Police Officer (Part time) ~ DPS ~ \$26.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-137*
- Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ \$18.61/hr ~ Job Code: 24-141*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) (2) ~ Education ~ \$18.61/hr ~ Job Code: 24-142*
- Administrative Assistant (Tribal Roads) ~ DPW ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-143*

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<https://www.llojibwe.org/jobs/llbojobs.html>

DID YOU KNOW THAT LEECH LAKE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OFFERS FREE REIKI SERVICES AND HERBAL MEDICINES?

Reiki is a complementary and alternative health care service that allows the practitioner to work with the energy that flows through all living things. Reiki and energy-based practices teach that the health of the human body, mind, & spirit relies on balance within energy fields in and around the body. If energy is blocked, or is too open or closed in flow, a person may develop a physical, mental, emotional or spiritual dis-ease as a result of the impaired energy flow.

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Free Reiki sessions are available at Leech Lake Behavioral Health for LLBO staff and Tribal community members. You do not need to already be a current client of Leech Lake Behavioral Health to qualify for Reiki services.

In addition, there is a chest in the lobby of the Behavioral Health building that holds a number of different herbal teas and salves that are available to staff and tribal community members for free. Please take the flyer that discusses use of herbal medicines to ensure your health and personal well-being.

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7PM-10PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

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

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12PM-8PM WEDNESDAYS IN JULY 2024

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