

LLBO CANNABIS COMPANY

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe are preparing the launch of a cannabis dispensary located in Walker, MN this month.

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June marks Pride Month in the U.S. as a time to honor and uplift our LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit friends and family.

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VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

Cast your vote Tuesday, June 11, 2024 and let your voice be heard in the elections of Chairman and District III Representative.

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MEMORIAL DAY POW WOW

Photos from the Annual LLBO Memorial Day Pow Wow held at the Veterans Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake.

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Leech Lake Powwow Grounds Undergo Major Renovations: Phase I Begins



The Veterans Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake, MN during the Leech Lake Days Pow Wow, 2022. via LLBO COMMUNICATIONS

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is pleased to announce the commencement of major renovations at our powwow grounds, marking the start of Phase I of our comprehensive improvement project. These renovations are a testament to our commitment to preserving and enhancing the cultural and communal spaces that are central to our community's traditions.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Communications Division has oversight over the pow wow budgets and our Pow Wow Coordinator, Rodney Johnson, works with the Pow Wow Committees in each community to plan for and manage their respective Pow Wow(s). Each Pow Wow Committee is comprised of the elected Local Indian Council and any representatives they designate. There are a total of six Pow Wow Grounds on the reservation, located in the communities of: Cass Lake, Ball Club, Inger, S. Lake, Onigum and Sugar Point.

As part of the FY24 budget process, \$1 million dollars was allocated to the Pow Wow Administration budget to complete much needed repairs and maintenance to all of the pow wow grounds. In a significant show of support, the Tribal Council has further com-

mitted an additional \$1 million towards another phase of the renovation efforts for FY25. This funding will enable the continuation of our work to enhance these vital community spaces, with the potential for further funding in the following years.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Our Communications Division oversees numerous tribal events, including the eight major powwows held on the reservation each year as well as most tribal council public meetings, Leech Lake Days, Kids Perch Jerk, Backpack Giveaway, Youth Valleyfair Trip and the annual Turkey Distribution. These events are vital in bringing our community together to celebrate our rich heritage and traditions. Ensuring that our powwow grounds are in top condition is essential for the success and enjoyment of these and other gatherings.

Phase I FOCUS

Phase I of the project aims to address any significant safety concerns and ensure all powwow grounds achieve a similar standard of structural integrity, electrical reliability, and overall maintenance. This crucial phase will lay the groundwork for a safe and functional environment, essential for

the upcoming powwows and gatherings.

Phase I PROJECTS BY LOCATION

Renovation projects in Phase I will take place at all six powwow grounds across the reservation. Here is a summary of the planned work at each site:

Cass Lake, MN

As the most well developed and maintained of all of the powwow grounds, less work was needed in the initial phase. Phase one is focused on addressing immediate safety concerns and replacing a few worn structures at our largest powwow grounds.

- New registration/storage building
- Electrical upgrades: new receptacles, rework existing wiring to decrease load on circuits, wiring stands
- Repair west bleacher cover
- Bleachers: replace seats/walkways, adjust and level all
- Arbor repairs: new shingles, replace lumber as needed
- Black dirt & grass seed as needed

Ball Club, MN

- New registration/storage building
- New MC stand
- New elders stand

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HERBST vs MCT

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

That time period is now nearly 50 years in the past, this year June 18 marks the 47th anniversary of the Richard Herbst vs Leech Lake Band federal district court Case. The historic case recognized the bands hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the state of MN and reaffirmed Leech Lake's jurisdictional borders. The case which had been thrown around the 8th circuit since 1971, began as a result of both the Nelson Act and an increase in conservation officers harassing tribal members over rights that were not yet recognized. This case went beyond hunting and fishing, with the State challenging the ability of the Leech Lake Band to function as a government and regulate our Citizens activities. The passage of the Nelson Act in 1897 allowed the State of Minnesota to illegally claim that Congress abolished the Leech Lake Reservation through land sales, specifically the jurisdictional authority of the Leech Lake Band to regulate hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake Reservation.

It took almost 80 years to correct this action. In 1971, the Leech Lake Band challenged the Minnesota Commissioner of

Natural Resources, Robert L. Herbst in federal court on the issue of Minnesota forcing Indians to comply with Minnesota game and fish laws. The courts ruled on June 18, 1973 that "Plaintiff Indians have the right to hunt and fish and gather wild rice on public lands and public waters of the Leech Lake Reservation free of Minnesota game and fish laws. Defendants are enjoined from enforcing such laws."

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



ANTHONY BELGARDE | Debahjimon

Attendees at the 2018 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Fourth of July Pow Wow in Cass Lake, show their gratitude to Helen Johnson in recognition of the Bryan v. Itasca decision.

June 14 Marks Anniversary of Bryan v. Itasca Decision

By KAYLA DUOOS

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

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

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

At the time of the decision, the most significant impact was the taxation of Native Americans. As history has shown, the impact was

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

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

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

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



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Ventures into Cannabis Industry with New Business Launch

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WALKER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is proud to announce the launch of its newest business venture, the Sweetest Grass Dispensary by Leech Lake Cannabis Company. This marks a significant milestone in the Band's economic development initiatives, aimed at promoting self-sufficiency and sustainable growth within the community.

The Sweetest Grass Dispensary will have a soft opening exclusively for Leech Lake Band members on

June 3, 2024 at 10am. This special event will offer Band members the first opportunity to explore the new facility, learn about the products, and celebrate the Band's newest venture. Customers must be 21 or older to enter the facility and purchase products.

Following the soft opening, the grand opening for the general public is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at 10am. The Sweetest Grass Dispensary is located at 6838 Y Frontage Road NW, Walker, Minnesota and will feature a wide range of high-quality cannabis products, cultivated and produced with the utmost care and adherence to industry standards.

"We are excited to embark on this new journey with the opening of the Sweetest Grass Dispensary by the Leech Lake Cannabis Company," said Faron Jackson, Chairman of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. "This venture not only represents a new economic opportunity for our Band but also reinforces our commitment to creating sustainable, community-driven business models that benefit our members and the broader region."

The Sweetest Grass Dispensary is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of product quality and customer service. The facility will offer a welcoming environment where customers can learn about the benefits of cannabis, receive personalized recommendations, and purchase products that meet their needs.

The grand opening event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the facility, and special promotions. All are welcome to join in celebrating this exciting new chapter for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

RBC BRIEFS • June 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.

One meeting was held within the last reporting month, May 6 to May 29. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on lechlakenews.com under "Videos." Official meeting minutes can also be found on lechlakenews.com under "LL Tribal Council" and "Tribal Council Meeting Minutes."

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. May 9, 2024 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Lee Tourney, Head Start** – Presented an official construction contract for a school age care center. The center will provide care for children aged 6-12, the center is expected to be located near the CLB elementary.
- **Tracy Hawg, Homeless program** – Presented a contract for \$3.6 million in funding to begin building a new shelter. The new shelter will house 36 beds.
- **Chris Murray, Legal** – Presented an amended version of the cannabis regulatory act. The newly amended act will protect staff against any potential legal issues regarding the selling of cannabis.
- **Faron Jackson, Chairman** – Opened discussion on the proposed economic stimulus.

“ POW WOW GROUNDS

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- Electrical upgrades: new 200a service (2), new receptacles, rework existing wiring, wiring new structures
 - Bleacher cover repairs
 - Bleachers: replace wooden bleachers with steel, adjust and level all
 - Arbor repairs: new shingles, replace lumber as needed
 - Black dirt & grass seed as needed
- Inger, MN**
- New registration/storage building
 - New elders stand, repair existing
 - Electrical upgrades: new 200a service, new receptacles, rework existing wiring, wiring new structures
 - Bleacher cover repairs, new

- steel roof on all
 - Bleachers: replace seats/walkways, adjust and level all
 - Arbor repairs: new shingles, replace lumber as needed
 - Black dirt & grass seed as needed
- S. Lake, MN**
- One of our newer powwow grounds, this site needed the most extensive work to bring it up to the level of the other sites.
- New registration/storage building
 - New elders stand
 - New arbor
 - Electrical upgrades: new 200a service, new receptacles, wiring new structures
 - New bleacher covers w/steel roof
 - Bleachers: replace seats/walkways, adjust and level all
 - Black dirt & grass seed as needed
- Onigum, MN**

The Onigum Powwow Committee is in the process of moving their powwow grounds, new buildings are being constructed with the intention that they will be moved to the new site next spring.

- New registration/storage building
- New elders stand
- New MC stand

Sugar Point, MN

The Battle Point pow wow grounds will be moved slightly north to create more distance between the powwow and the residential units in the area. Nearly all of the buildings other than the arbor are being replaced.

- New registration/storage building
- New elders stand
- New MC stand
- Move and repair arbor
- Electrical upgrades: new 200a service, new receptacles, wir-

- ing new structures
- New bleacher covers w/steel roof
- Bleachers: replace seats/walkways, adjust and level all
- Black dirt & grass seed as needed

These enhancements will not only improve the structural integrity and safety of the grounds but will also incorporate elements that reflect our cultural values and community preferences. Our ultimate goal for phase one is to create a similar experience for community members and guests at all of our community pow wows.

LOOKING AHEAD TO Phase II

Phase II will commence in the summer of 2025 with the additional \$1 million funding. This phase will build upon the work completed in Phase I, ensuring all powwow grounds are fully upgrad-

ed and meet the highest standards of safety and cultural significance. We are also exploring the possibility of securing further funding to continue these important projects in the years to come.

A few preliminary items already targeted for Phase II include a new Elder stand and new bleacher covers in Cass Lake, electrical install for the new powwow ground location in Onigum as well as new lighting inside and outside of the powwow arenas at all sites.

STAY INFORMED

We will provide regular updates on the progress of these renovations. Please keep an eye on our communications channels for the latest news and information. We are excited about the positive impact these improvements will have on our community and look forward to celebrating our traditions in these enhanced spaces.

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.

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Heard Leech Lake S. 616 – On May 1, 2024 the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs had held its third hearing on S. 616—The Leech Lake Reservation

Restoration Technical Corrections Act of 2023. The Committee on Indian Affairs had ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably. The next steps before this bill becomes law will require the Senate and House passing the bill and the President signing it into law. This congressional bill will amend the original restoration act and provide an additional 4,362 acres. This bill is addressing illegal secretarial land transfers on Leech Lake. The position of Leech Lake has been the secretarial transfers were found to be illegal if transfer of land was made without sufficient consent by the owners. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that we need a full accounting of the land records that relate to secretarial land transfers.



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had the Honor and Privilege to Attend Community Events – On May 16, 2024 the Leech Lake Head Start had Niimiwin at the Onigum Community Center. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had been invited to the Leech Lake Tribal College graduation. The Northwest Technical College, the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Walker, Deer River, Northland, Cass Lake-Bena Schools

graduations. It's a very proud moment to see our children and family members graduating from Headstart, high school, and college. As we look to our future, the Leech Lake members have made higher education a priority. As I stated before, it was a privilege to be a part of the ceremonies, graduations, and pow-wows as we celebrate.

Update on the Proposed Economic Stimulus Package – On January 9, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had been notified by LLBO Resolution that \$40 million had been transferred into a Tribal Reserve Fund. Leech Lake had received these funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Tribal Governments. Chairman Jackson, Sr. has been recommending and requesting that the Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council add the Leech Lake Economic Stimulus Package on the agenda for a vote. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had requested for a vote on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Quarterly Meeting in Onigum. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had further requested the agenda item for the proposed economic stimulus package be on the agenda for the Thursday, May 9, 2024 RBC Special Meeting. In response, the Leech Lake Mass Communications has drafted a letter that requests input from Tribal members and the letter is posted on the Leech Lake webpage.

American Indian Day on the Hill – On May 10, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr. and the 11 Tribal Nations in Minnesota had attended the American Indian on the Hill. The opening ceremony was on the front steps of the State Capitol. The



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

drum group Midnite Express had sung the honor song. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had the opportunity to meet and talk with Governor Walz. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had expressed his gratitude for the personal invite and discussing Tribal/State relations. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had the opportunity to talk about Tribal Sovereignty, re-funding the Minnesota Indian Scholarship program for higher learning, the three (3) Wellness Centers to be located in the three districts, and protecting the exclusivity of Indian gaming that funds Tribal programs and services. Another hot topic was the sports betting bill but the Minnesota Legislature did not pass it.

Minneapolis American Indian Center Grand Opening – On May 1, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr., Tribal leaders, and Lt. Governor Flanagan had opening statements on the grand opening. The American Indian Center was built in 1975. The center had undergone a \$30 million-dollar renovation for a new art gallery, social services and programs, business center, and community activities. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had reflected on the memories that we cherished with the community events, pow-wows, family gatherings, and bingo night

with our mothers. The old Minneapolis American Indian Center had served its purpose.

Attorney General Keith Ellison Visits Leech Lake – On May 8, 2024 the Minnesota Attorney General had a pre-meeting with the Leech Lake RBC. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had requested that the Attorney General host a Leech Lake Expungement Clinic. Mr. Ellison had stated this fall would be a good time to plan and have an expungement clinic at Leech Lake. On May 9, 2024 the Attorney General Ellison had hosted the Bemidji Expungement Clinic at the Northwest Indian Community Development Center. Mr. Ellison had talked about the difficulties with Native Americans trying to expunge their criminal records for simple misdemeanors, non-violent crimes, and lesser crimes.

Safety note, please check smoke detector batteries for proper working order. 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 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!

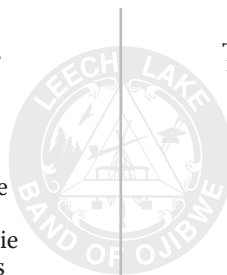
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District III Elder Birthdays

Aileen Allen
Brenda Anderson
Laurine Beaulieu
Shelly Bebeau
James Bellanger
Deborah Brown
Earlene Buffalo
Pamela Burnett
Nancy Cameron
Hazel Cahse-Zimpel

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Darlene Cloud
Rebecca Daniels
Dawn Doherty
David Fairbanks
Dolores Fields
Elaine Fleming
Delores Goggleye
Corinna Goose
Bernadette Gotchie
Gladys Granroos
Manuel Granroos
Francis Guinn
Veda Harrison



Karl Humphrey
Thomas Humphrey
Wilbur Humphrey
Florine Iverson
Faron Jackson
George Jackson
Roberta Jackson
Valerie Jensen
Thomas Johnson
William Johnson
Nancy Kingbird
Adrain Libby
Michael Libby

Birdena Lyons
Vernon Lyons
Maxine Manypenny
Loretta Meckel
Bernice Mitchell
Terrance Mitchell
Florestine Morgan
Antonette Mountain
June Mykkanen
Jacquelyn Nelson
Gerald Northbird
Lois Northbird
Shirley Preston
John Raisch
Marlys Rausch

Paula Savage
Richard Smith
Stacey Smith
Deborah Staples
Margaret Steensland
Joseph Stish
Nona Wade
Vivian Washington
Delina White
Melissa Wilson

**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**

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 May 2024.

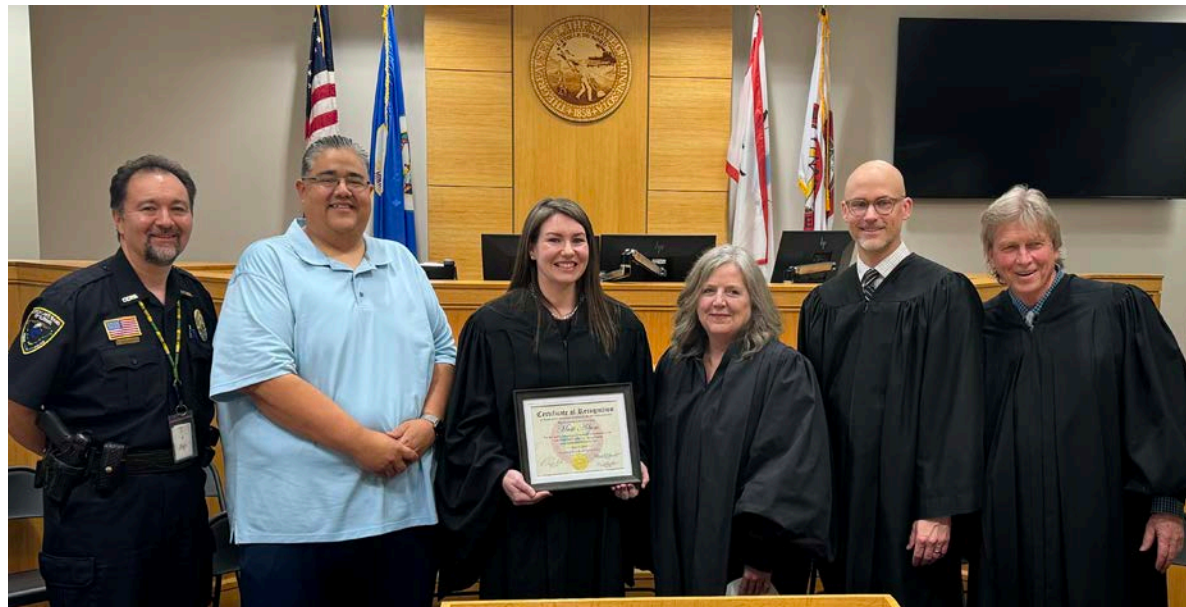
FINANCE UPDATE

With the FY25 Budget approved, the finance team has shifted focus to complete proposed revisions to the LLBO Budget Ordinance. We anticipate having revisions published within the first part of June so we can put the draft out for public comment before possible adoption at the July 2024 quarterly meeting.

Part of the Budget Ordinance revisions will include processes to build and maintain the reserve fund for the Band and procedures for how to expend those funds. This will allow us to move forward with proposals to expend reserve funds that focus on public engagement and input on how best to utilize these funds.

We will continue to review the FY25 Budget, noting that additional General Fund revenues are being realized for the first time in many, many years. More than \$4.6 million has been allocated to Leech Lake in Tribal Nation Aid from the State of Minnesota. We will look at priorities for these funds, including investing in our infrastructure, programs and services.

We are also projecting additional profit from our offsite Class II



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

From left to right: LLPTD Chief Ken Washington, Secretary / Treasurer Lenny Fineday, District Court Judge Matti Adam, **LL Tribal Court Judges:** Chief Judge McConkey Greene, Judge Harralson, and Judge Harrington. The group gathered on May 10, 2024 to celebrate Judge Adam's investiture and swearing in as a new Minnesota District Court judge in Bemidji, Minnesota.

gaming operations in FY25, which is in addition to the budgeted allocation from Class III activities. I will be bringing forth a proposal to allocate 40% of Class II profits to the Elders program and 40% to Youth Activities. This will create a sustainable revenue source for these important programs. More information will be forthcoming as we consider these matters.

We also continue to work on our audits. On May 9, 2024, the RBC approved a second engagement letter with our auditors REDW so they can do onsite work regarding our FY22 audit. This onsite work is scheduled and will be completed as soon as possible. Once the FY22 audit is finalized and completed, the Finance team will review the timing and communication from REDW to determine whether to enter into a multiyear engagement letter for FY23 and going forward. The good news is that once we get the FY23 audit done and submitted, we will be fully caught up on our external audits. Work to get and stay caught up will continue.

LAND UPDATE

May 1, 2024, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs unanimously advanced S. 616, the Technical Corrections Amendment, which will restore approximately 4,400 acres of Forest Service land back to Leech Lake. The bill goes to

the full Senate now. We will continue to work closely with Senator Smith to get the bill through the Senate and eventually on to the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, planning continues on the Land Back ceremony, tentatively scheduled for mid-July. This ceremony will accomplish the return of almost 12,000 acres of Forest Service land back to Leech Lake. On May 16, 2024, I joined a call with attorneys representing the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Forest Service to finalize a Federal Register Notice that is the last step before the transfer can be accomplished. Please watch for updates regarding this important event as we want to celebrate this historic return of our land with all Band members! The event is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School.

MINNESOTA INDIAN GAMING UPDATE

On May 2, 2024, the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association held its regular meeting. Several updates to the MIGA Charter were proposed and unanimously adopted, including procedures for majority vote for internal matters and clarification that unanimous support is required to adopt official MIGA positions on legislation and public issues of concern. Another change was the addition of a new officer for

MIGA – a Vice Chair position. Though these Charter amendments are largely procedural in nature, they will help the Association tremendously from a functional and operational standpoint.

At the meeting, Shakopee Chairman Cole Miller, who had been serving as interim MIGA Chairman since January, was elected MIGA Chairman for a full two-year term. As the LLBO Representative to MIGA, I was elected MIGA Vice Chairman. Together, we will continue the work to protect Tribal government gaming in Minnesota and advance Tribal sovereignty.

CANNABIS UPDATE

On May 6, 2024, Leech Lake RBC members joined other Tribal leaders in a meeting with staff from the Governor's office and the staff of the newly formed Office of Cannabis Management, the office that will regulate the cannabis industry in Minnesota. The meeting focused on the potential impacts of pending legislation regarding Minnesota's cannabis laws. We also discussed how Tribes and the State can work together in this new industry. The meeting was productive and more regular meetings will take place in the coming weeks and months.

On May 7, 2024, an open Band member meeting was held at Cedar

Lakes Casino in Cass Lake to discuss advancements the Leech Lake Band has made in the cannabis industry and to gain Band member input on the direction we are taking. At the meeting, members of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission presented on its work to date. Also, members of the Cannabis Company Board of Directors presented on their work.

Overall, we know there is high interest in licensing individual band members to enter the industry. We are working as expeditiously as possible to help make this a reality. But it will take time to develop the breadth of regulations required, a lab to test product, and experience for our regulators to implement processes to ensure the highest standards in safety and quality are maintained.

We are also working to open a dispensary, which should be open in early June 2024. I commend our Cannabis Company Board of Directors for the work they have accomplished in a short period of time and for their innovation and dedication to the Band as a whole. Please watch for more announcements as progress continues.

On May 16, 2024, Leech Lake leaders and staff met with the Cass County leaders and staff regarding the Band's movement in the cannabis industry. This meeting was productive from a government to government standpoint and the County and the Band agreed to continue to work together moving forward.

STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATES

On May 6, 2024, Leech Lake RBC members attended American Indian Day on the Hill at the Minnesota Capitol sponsored by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. The event promoted Tribal sovereignty and efforts to strengthen partnerships between Minnesota Tribes and the state. Many productive conversations took place at this event.

On May 8, 2024, Attorney General Keith Ellison visited Leech Lake tribal leaders to discuss the work the Attorney General's office is prioritizing. Topics of conversation focused on expungements, the opioid/fentanyl epidemic, and gaming and cannabis matters. The conversation was cordial and fruitful.

On May 10, 2024, I joined others from Leech Lake at the investiture of a new 9th Judicial District...

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What is Niizh Manidoowag?

By KAYLA DUOOS

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

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

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

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

Traditionally, Two-Spirit individuals have been documented within Tribal history prior to and after colonization. Historically, Two-Spirit Tribal members often held specialized work roles within their Tribes, roles not typically assigned to their “opposite” gender. Among the Navajo, two-spirit males often became weavers, usually women and men's work, as well



as healers, which was a male role. Two-spirit females engaged in activities such as hunting and warfare, and became leaders in war and even chiefs. Among the Lakota, Mohave, Crow, Cheyenne, and others, Two-Spirit people were believed to be lucky in love, and able to bestow this luck on others.

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

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

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

OJIBWE TERMS

Agokwa “man-woman”
Ogichidaakwe “warrior-woman”

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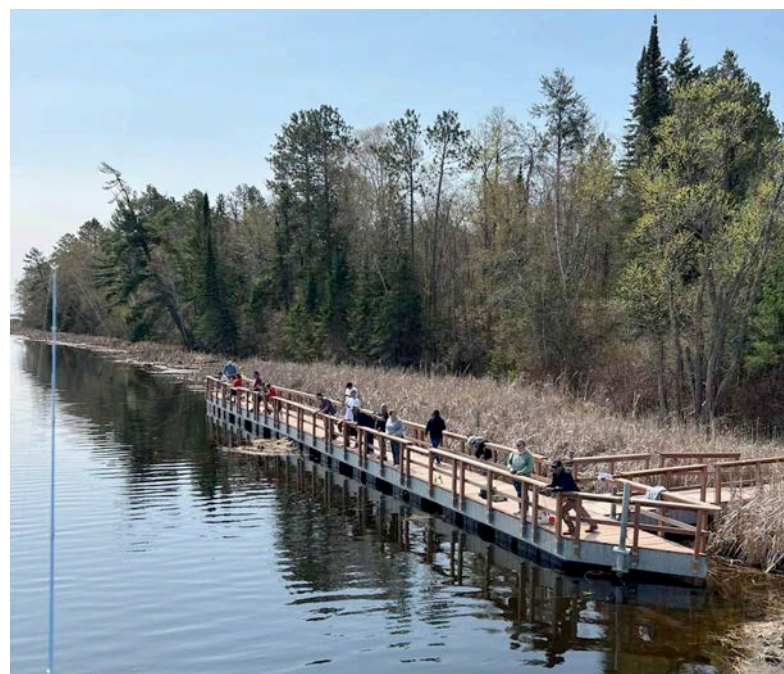
...Judge, Matti Adam. Judge Adam previously served as the Itasca County Attorney; in that role, she was a champion of the joint jurisdiction healing to wellness court with Itasca County and LLBO Tribal Court. We are looking forward to working with Judge Adam as she steps into her new role.

On May 23, 2024, I joined other Leech Lake leaders at the quarterly Minnesota Indian Affairs Council meeting. At that meeting, we heard updates on the implementation of the new Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Families, which will be open on July 1, 2024. The meeting also featured an hon-

oring for retiring State Representative Jamie Becker-Finn for all of her hard work and dedication to Indian Country during her service in the Legislature.

On May 31, 2024, I attended the Tribal-State Partnership meeting where we discussed the ongoing work on the Partnership and the areas we should be prioritizing as we move forward with implementing the grant. Conversation focused on positive outcomes for all indigenous people involved in the child welfare system.

This concludes my report for May 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!
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43rd Annual Inger Fishing Tournament

via LLBO DRM

May 11, 2024 marked the 43rd consecutive Inger Fishing Tournament in Inger, MN. The tournament started out as a fundraiser for the men's softball team

but eventually switched over to a head start fundraiser and now it has been a community and surrounding area event for years. This year's event added Biggest

Dog Fish Caught Competition in memory of BJ Robinson to the tournament. There were over 60 anglers with the winner taking over \$300 home.

2024 General Election Notice: Polls Open June 11, 2024



via LEECH LAKE NEWS

CASS LAKE – The Regular Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on June 11, 2024 to fill the following positions:

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON

4 Year Term

- Faron Jackson Sr. (Incumbent)
- Gerald White

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON

4 Year Term

- Leon Staples Jr.
- Glen “Tuffy” Fisher

Election Date: June 11, 2024 | **Polls Open:** 8:00AM | **Polls Close:** 8:00PM

POLLING PLACES

DISTRICT I

Ball Club Community Center
31627 County Rd #39
Deer River, MN

Inger Community Center
53736 County Rd #146
Deer River, MN

S. Lake Community Center
59979 County Rd #4
S.Lake, MN

DISTRICT II

Bena Community Center
15032 Old Housing Drive
Bena, MN

Smokey Point-Kego Lake
Community Center
6159 Kego Lake Trail NE
Longville, MN

Sugar Point Community Center
10051 Battle Pt. Dr.
Federal Dam, MN

DISTRICT III

Cass Lake – Dikinagan Center
16120 60th Ave N.W.
Cass Lake, MN

Mission Community Center
2126 Finch Lane S.E.
Cass Lake, MN

Oak Point Community
05468 107th St. N.W.
Cass Lake, MN

Onigum Community Center
8825 Co. Rd. #13
Onigum, MN

Cass River Community Center
1731 Scenic Hwy. S.E.
Pennington, MN

BEMIDJI

Bemidji City Hall
Chamber of Commerce
317 4th St. NW
Bemidji, MN

DULUTH

Dr. Robert Powless Cultural
Center,
212 W 2nd St.
Duluth, MN

TWIN CITIES

Leech Lake Twin Cities Office
2438 27th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN

ABSENTEE VOTING

General Election Board
Che We Building (SE Corner)
PO Box 578
115 6th St. Ste. E
Cass Lake, MN 56633



Job Announcement

Position

Tribal Court Lay Advocate (Hybrid)

Location

Leech Lake Tribal Court/Grand
Rapid Office

Justice North seeks to fill the position of Tribal Court Lay Advocate providing civil legal services to eligible individuals in Justice North's 11 county coverage area, with a focus on members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Leech Lake Tribal Court. The position is hybrid. The Advocate can conduct some work remotely, but the position also requires attendance at in-person client and office meetings, tribal court hearings, outreach and other events as needed. This position is grant funded for two years initially, Justice North has the intention to apply to renew the grant.

Organization

Justice North, formerly Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, provides legal representation to low-income clients in 11 counties with offices in Duluth, Grand Rapids, Virginia, Brainerd, and Pine City. Justice North was founded in 1952 and has become an integral part of the justice system and a cornerstone of Northeastern Minnesota's commitment to the proposition that equal access to justice is a basic human right. In addition to a full range of general poverty law services, Justice North operates special projects to focus on the unique needs of the clients we serve, such as the Elder Law Project, Housing Clinics, and critical partnerships in multiple counties to prevent homelessness. Justice North is also one of the seven legal services programs that form the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition.

In every case that we handle, our goal is always to help our clients reach sustainable, holistic resolutions to the problems they face. Legal problems do not arise in a vacuum, nor does resolving a legal matter always achieve the client's goals of safety, stability, and security. To that end, we work closely with many community partners across our service area. Working in tandem with our community partners

can often spark a virtuous cycle of success for our mutual clients.

Responsibilities

The Tribal Court Lay Advocate position will represent parties in elder abuse, guardianship, and conservatorship cases in Leech Lake Tribal Court, as well as other legal areas that impact Tribal members such as probate and family cases. The work will help to divert Tribal members from the state judicial system and allow elders to remain independent and safe in their homes. Overall, the goal is the work is to achieve outcomes that are safe, equitable and restorative for individuals and their families.

The Tribal Court Lay Advocate will be present in the community they serve and attend community functions, outreach events and other opportunities as they arise.

Position responsibilities include

- Represents and advocates for clients in Leech Lake Tribal Court;
- Conduct initial interviews of applicants to assist with determination of services;
- Drafts correspondence: drafts and files petitions, motions, affidavits, legal memoranda, discovery documents, settlement proposals, orders, and other pleadings as needed to fully represent the client;
- Maintains client relationships through frequent contact, assists clients in preparing documents or for court appearances, updates client with new information;
- Establishes and maintains relationships with advocates, court staff, and other community resources; attends trainings, workshops, and various continuing legal education courses.

The Tribal Court Lay Advocate will receive training, mentorship and supervision from Justice North attorneys.

Qualifications

Applicants must be eligible for licensure as an Advocate in Leech Lake Tribal Court and become well

versed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court Code. The Code allows for non-attorneys to become admitted as Advocates provided they are a member of the Band or another Band affiliated with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Please review the Code for specific requirements.

Previous experience in poverty law is preferred but not required. Demonstrable awareness and sensitivity to the needs of the populations we serve is necessary. Candidates must have a valid driver's license, a working vehicle with valid insurance and willingness to travel to outreach opportunities, staff meetings and trainings. Excellent written and communication skills, familiarity with various forms of technology, the ability to work constructively with others, the ability and willingness to work hard, use good judgment, as well as the willingness to work independently are all necessary qualifications for this position. Applicants must be flexible and willing to accept additional duties as necessary.

Compensation

Pursuant to Justice North's salary scale based on years of experience, starting at **\$51,250**.

Justice North offers an excellent benefits package that includes health, dental, life and disability insurance, 403(b) retirement plan; exceptionally generous paid time off, and observes federal holidays.

Deadline to Apply

Open Until June 24, 2024.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and list of three references by following the link:

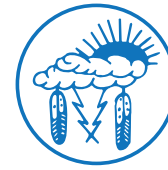
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Justice North is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Native American applicants preferred; however, we are committed to building a culturally diverse and inclusive workplace and strongly encourage women, persons of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, veterans, persons with disabilities and persons from other underrepresented groups to apply.



PRESERVING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

BUG O NAY GE SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

15353 Silver Eagle Drive, Bena, MN 56626 | Phone: 218-665-3000 Toll Free: 1-800-265-5576 | www.bugonaygeshig.org

▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig 5th graders spent several days at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Wolf Ridge is dedicated to learning about the environment and human impact on it. The students had a wonderful hands-on experience with their teachers.



▲ 36 students with excellent attendance, grades and behavior at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School enjoyed an End-of-the-Year trip to the Seven Clans Waterpark on May 17.



▲ The 8th grade and 12th grades took end-of-the-year field trips using funds that they raised during the year. Pictured is the 8th grade at Canal Park in Duluth.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Senior High enjoyed a beautiful evening for their prom on Saturday, May 11. The theme of this year's prom was "Enchanted Forest". Pictured are a few of the senior high girls.



▲ The Seasonal Activities class from Bug O Nay Ge Shig recently went spearfishing at Knutson Dam. Then at school, they processed and smoked the fish and presented them to elders.

2024 Leech Lake Memorial Day



Traditional Pow Wot



May 24-26
Veterans Memorial Grounds
Cass Lake, MN





Obituaries

Donna Gotchie



Donna Mae Gotchie passed away unexpectedly at Maplewood Assisted Living where she resided. Donna was 59 years old she was born on June 5th 1964 in Cass Lake Mn. Her parents Sandy Gotchie and Nellie Gotchie

Donna Mae is survived by her children Marie Wilson Terrance Wilson jr. Vanessa Wilson and Terrell Wilson. she has 9 grandchildren Jamaal Baird Jr. Shaylee Baird Julianna Baird. Terrance Wilson ||| Tashawn Wilson, Tierra Wilson, Tahvon Sagui, Taleigha Sagui and Honesti Lopez .one great granddaughter Koa Rae. that she loved so much. Donna loved beading sewing and gardening she loved being outdoors .she work for Leech Lake Gaming throughout the years. She will be greatly missed by many .

She will have a wake service at Lone Eagle Center in Ball Club, MN on Wednesday 22 of May Visitation and prayer service at 7pm .

Funeral Services will be on Thursday 23 of May @ 11am she will be buried by her late significant other Terrance Wilson Sr. and son Terrell Wilson at Fairbanks Cemetery all welcome to attend come and share memories of Donna Mae.

Caroline Hulett

Caroline Vivian Hulett of Mission, Minnesota, began her journey to the spirit world on May 9, 2024.

Caroline was born in Cass Lake, MN, to Jess & Christina Dorr. She grew up in Mission, MN. She attended school in Black duck, MN. She enjoyed being outdoors watching her family, cabin cleaning, gardening. She loved going on walks. She loved taking rides with her husband, going to the casino. She enjoyed her music, coffee & of course her cigarette



every morning before The Price Is Right came on. She enjoyed going to watch live bands at the old Palace. She loved visiting with all close friends & family.

Caroline will be missed dearly by her children Donald (Lorie) Hatfield, Dolores Fields, Ronald Hulett Sr, Jennifer Connor, grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews & cousins.

She will be welcomed into the spirit world by her parents Jess & Christina Dorr, her husband Roger Hulett Sr, sister Evelyn Dorr, her brothers James Dorr & John Dorr and her daughter Stephanie.

A wake for Caroline will begin at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Wednesday, May 15 all to be held at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake, MN. Her Spiritual Advisor will be Allen Hardy. Pallbearers for Caroline will be David Headbird, Jayden Howard, Vincent Downwind, and Dion Barrett. Honorary pallbearers are all those who loved Caroline.

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

Evan Gale

Evan Hunter Gale, "Gaagii aasige inini" meaning "Everlasting Light of Man," age 32, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from his home in Bemidji, MN. Evan was born on May 31, 1991, in Bemidji, the son of Cynthia M. Gale.

Evan was a big, loving, gentle guy, with a great, maniacal laugh! He loved the outdoors, animals, and celebrating holidays and birthdays with family. Evan was very creative, enjoying making costumes for cos-play. He liked animae, and even learned Japanese. He



loved his num chucks, PS5 and playing video games. He enjoyed going to WWE Wrestling Matches. Evan loved cooking and experimenting new foods on his family, even making Everclear Brats once. He was very brave, handled his illnesses very well. Evan was most comfortable with his mom around. He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

Those greeting Evan in the spirit world are his grandfather, Bert Gale, Jr .; grandmother, Marlene Stately; and special friend/father figure, Duane.

Those Evan leaves behind to forever cherish his loving memory are his mom, Cynthia; brothers, Dean (Tiffany) Gale and Jon-Erik Gale; sisters, Tyler Luther, Alexandra (Joe) Trego, Aubrey (Nathan) Terebenet; nieces, Lisa, Chloe, Lorraina, Lillian; nephews, Sant and Ethan; great-niece, Adrienne; close aunts, Lorna Urrutia and Katherine Gale; and close uncle, Douglas Stately.

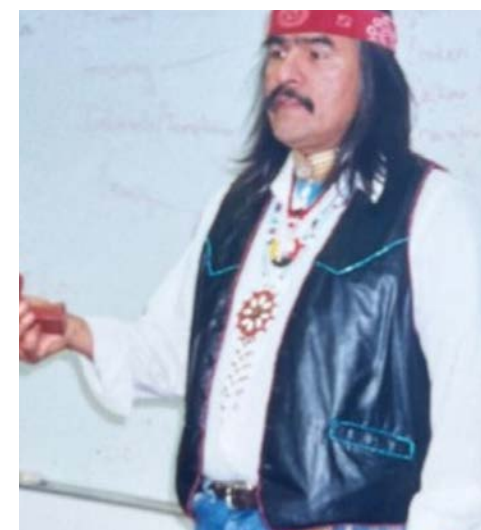
An overnight wake for Evan will begin Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and continue until his Sunday, May 19, 2024, (time to be determined) service, all to be held at Battle Point Community Center. Those helping to lay Evan to rest are Dean Gale, Jon-Erik Gale, Joe Trego, Nathan Black, Byron Whitebird, David Chase, Saint Luther, and Ethan Gale. Honorary pallbearers are all Evan's nieces and nephews.

Evan'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

Francis Littlewolf

Francis Cedric Littlewolf (December 17, 1947-May 3, 2024) Ogimaa Maheengans/Akiwenzii, of the Ma'ingan Doodem, hereditary Chief, started his journey on to the spirit world. Cedric was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota. His family moved to the Iron Range and he grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota, later living in many different communities across Northern Minnesota.

Cedric will rejoin his father Steven and mother Frances, brothers Steven, Richard, Ken, sisters Carol, Janice, Joyce, Brenda, son Steve, grandson Darrian, partner Annette Vaughn,



and many other beloved relatives who are awaiting him in the spirit world.

Cedric is celebrated in life by sisters Donna, Cheryl, Verna, Della, brothers Ron, Tim, and Brian, his children Francis (Carolyn), Donovan (Lori), Mark (Merrilee), LeAnn (Vinson), Nevada (Rick), Wolfgang (Rebekah), Cedric (Seanna), and Kallie, his grandchildren Francis III, Barbara, Kyle, Alyssa, Josh, Austin, Henry, Preston, Isaiah, Brandon, Teague, Khayman, Rodney, Mika, Kira, Elijah, Aeron, Cedric Jr., Legend, Owen, and Shaylee, great grandchildren Poemaut, Arabella, Ezra, Lincoln, many nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. Cedric always took time to visit with others and had a beloved community everywhere he traveled.

Cedric was a warrior and believed in protecting our people and our cultural practices. As an iconic boxing legend, Cedric won five state championships and represented in six national finals for Golden Gloves Boxing. He formed strong bonds with his Coach Bill Grillo and other fighters. He was always proud to show what an Ojibwe warrior can do. Cedric was a champion fighter and it was more than boxing for him. He was a fighter for our people and it was his highest honor to fight for the Anishinaabeg, the people.

Cedric loved children and he would do anything for our future generations. He always made time to visit classrooms with Ojibwe traditional teachings. He was a lifelong storyteller and passed many teachings on through his stories. He loved creating beadwork, leatherwork, and master crafting spirit staffs, war clubs, and other Ojibwe traditional and spiritual items. Cedric was an artist with a keen eye for details and beauty.

He was a kind and generous Dad and a strong brother, son, and grandson. He is greatly loved by many and he helped many people in his life. He had great patience and a great heart. Many learned about the true meaning of love from his example and teachings.

A traditional wake will begin at Noon on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Mission Community Center and continue until the service at 8AM on Monday, May 6, 2024. Pallbearers include: Ron Littlewolf, Brian Littlewolf, Cedric Littlewolf, Wolfgang Littlewolf, Mika Wudinich, Vinson Wilson Sr. Honorary Pallbearers include: Francis Littlewolf,

Donovan Littlewolf, Mark Littlewolf, Amos LaDuke, Preston Littlewolf, Isaiah Littlewolf, Brandon Littlewolf, Rodney Goodsky. Burial will be at the Porcupine Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN.

Elizabeth "Betty" Seaboy



Elizabeth "Betty" Jane (Graves) Seaboy, "Ozhawaazizi Ikwe" meaning "Bullhead Woman," age 65, of the Crane Clan, journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, May 20, 2024, from her home in Cass Lake, MN. She was born on February 2, 1959, the daughter of Gladys (Jourdain) and Wilfred Graves in Minneapolis, MN.

Betty grew up in Onigum, MN. She had worked for years at the Palace Casino, now known as Cedar Lakes Casino. Betty was a loving mother to her son and daughters. She was known for her creativity with her beadwork and her dance moves. Her hobbies were beading, going to pow-wows, watching "CSI" and "Basketball", listening to oldies music and chair dancing.

In Betty's earlier years, she was an ace pool player. Her pool team was known as Mr. Arthur's Wildcats, in 1983, her team was the world champions in Las Vegas, NV. Her pool name was, "Backdoor Betty."

Betty will be lovingly remembered by her children, Mannie (Carla) Seaboy and Nancy Weber; ex-husband, Mike Seaboy; grandchildren, Cheyenne, Jax, Micah, and Landon Seaboy, Ava Rimmel, Dylan Smith, Mary, Megan, Nathan Jr., and Samuel Rosebear; siblings, Roland Graves, Donna (James) Campbell, Patty Graves, Joyce Graves; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Those greeting Betty in the spirit world are her parents, Gladys and Wilford; daughter, Rose Weber; sisters, Barbara (Graves) Stately and Beverly (Graves) Manier; brothers, Richard and Robert Graves, Sr.; and many other relatives.

An overnight wake for Betty will begin on Friday, May 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. and continue until her traditional service on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., all to be held at

the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Betty's Spiritual Advisor is Anwat Goodwin. Those helping to lay her to rest are William "Bill" Stately, Daniel Stately, Nathaniel Kingbird, Shawn Campbell, Mike Auginash, Frankie Papisodora-Clark, Aaron Kemp, and Nathan Rosebear, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Scott Graves, Arnie Oakgrove III, and Robert Lussier, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Rosa Stately, Beverly (Rodney) Prentice, Vernelle Lussier, Nadine (Vince) Cook, Petra (Nick) Ybarra-Johnson, Rebecca Graves, Elaine Monroe-Saccoman, Jackie Kemp, Mary Ellen Graves, Jackie Graves, Gahshi Roper, Shannon Stately, Renee Martin, and Rana Kingbird. Interment will be in the Red Lake Episcopal Cemetery in Red Lake, MN.

Betty'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

Loyd Fowler Sr.



Loyd Fowler Sr. on September 2, 1968, in San Jose, California. JR moved to Alabama when he was an infant and attended Moody High School. When he turned 18, he moved to Cass Lake, MN. He began working at the Palace Casino where he met his wife and mother of his children Cindy Bedeau. After leaving the casino JR met and went to work for Bob Wittner and continued to work for the Wittner family until JR passed away. He worked for Wittner's for 35 years.

When JR wasn't working for Bob, he enjoyed working on cars, landscaping, playing keno at the casino and shooting pool, darts and playing softball. He loved his Alabama football "Roll Tide" too, as well as a good western movie. JR also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Family welcoming JR to the spirit world are his parents, Loyd Fowler Sr, and Anna Wind; Robert Erle, Brian Dudley, Fancis "Cowboy" Wind, Dodie, Marion Wind, Glenda Bryan, Charles Guinn, Orville Luvkins, Robert Wittner, Owen Beaulieu, John Bedeau, and Christopher Dudley.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are Cindy Bedeau, the mother of his children, Sons; Joe (Bethany) Fowler, Brent (Serayah)

Fowler and Marcus (Justine) Fowler, daughter; Samantha Fowler, brothers; Albert Yeatts, Nolan Fowler, sisters; Elizabeth Fowler, Sheila Pfifer, and Barbara Elder, grandchildren; Adrik, Jalen, and Marcalyn Fowler.

An overnight wake for Loyd will begin at 6:00 p.m., on Monday May 20, 2024, and continue until the 11:00 a.m., Traditional Service on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, all to be held at the Mission Community Center, Cass Lake, MN. JR's Spiritual advisors are Vince Morris and George Wind. His pallbearers are Joe Fowler, Brent Fowler, Marcus Fowler, Dave Wittner, Dale Fairbanks, and Robert Newago. Alternate pallbearers are Dylan Strong, Mike Newago, Rick Newago and Dante Hill. Honorary pallbearers are Glennis Dudley, Christy Dudley, Dawn Dudley, Lenora Bedeau, Laurie Bedeau Aunt Mae, and Jean Beaulieu, Jean Beaulieu, John Wind, Jennie Reyes, and Jody Wind, and all his family and friends. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Loyd's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker MN. Online condolences may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

Rosaland Rushman



Rosaland Sue Rushman, "Biidwewewidamookwe" which means Approaching Voice or Sound Woman, age 43, of Cass Lake, MN began her spiritual journey on Friday, May 3, 2024, at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji. She was born on April 5, 1981, in Cass Lake, the daughter of Henry Wakonabo and Mary Rushman.

Rose liked bough picking, ricing, gambling, playing Keno, being in the outdoors and exploring. She loved spending time with her kids, grandchildren, and dogs. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

The family that Rose joins again are her paternal family; grandpa; Henry Wakonabo, Jr., uncles; Joseph, Roger, Richard Wakonabo, Arnie Ogema, cousin; Shawn Guinn, grandma; Thea, auntie; Sharon Wakonabo. Maternal family; grandpa; Henry Jack, Sr., uncle; Henry William, Jr., cousins; Delbert, Daniel Rushman, Melvin Durant, Dean, Dennis, Ernest, Sr. and Fritz Garbow, Lenny Oberg, Roger and Virgil Ravensborg, grand-

ma; Izetta, auntie; Debi, cousins; Cheyanne, Regina Rushman, Lillian, Joyce, Joyce and Louise Durant, Brenda Oberg and Sherri Ostlund.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her children; Shane, Shania, Sheldon, Shawn, Shawnte, Devin and Harvey Rushman, grandchildren; Lydia, Natalie and Jupiter Rushman, Zigoniikwe Bloom-Rushman, Elijah Bloom, Asher Rushman and Belle Wolfe, siblings; Marilyn and Allison, Grace and Justin, Henry and Lisa, Jamie and Bob, Roger and Alisha, Candace and Landon and Lorena Wakonabo, mother; Mary Rushman, special nieces and nephews; Daveen Earth, Darian and Rodney Wakonabo, boyfriend; Eugene Howard, Sr., other relatives and friends.

A wake for Rose will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2024, and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Tuesday, May 7 all held at the Inger Community Center in Inger, MN. Pallbearers for Rose will be Bradley Bowstring, Aaron Robinson, Francis Wind, Landon Kingbird, Marvin Bowstring and Duane Garbow. Alternate pallbearers will be Valarian Kingbird, and Jerome Wakonabo. Honorary pallbearers will be her children, grandchildren, siblings, and her dog Poopsie. Interment will be held in the Inger Cemetery in Inger, MN.

Rose'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.

Marilyn Westbrook



Marilyn R. Westbrook, Wezhaawashk-Mwaanakwadookwe "Blue Cloud Woman" of the Eagle Clan, age 63, of Bemidji, MN traveled to the Spirit World on Thursday, May 2, 2024 in Bemidji, MN.

Marilyn was born on May 18, 1960, to Winifred and Oscar Westbrook in Minneapolis, MN. She attended school in Minneapolis, MN and also studied at Leech Lake Tribal College. She was a longtime member of MIWSAC, as well as a Circle Keeper for the organization. She moved on to...



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 Child(ren) of: Jamie Littlewolf, David Fineday & Keely Headbird, Parents

Court File No. CP-24-05

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Petition, Motion for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear 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 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 be-

cause 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 Re the Custody of: C.E.H.F. Minor Child, DOB: 02/19/2007; A.C.F., Minor Child, DOB: 12/26/2007. Stephanie C. White, f.k.a., Stephanie C. Fairbanks, Petitioner, v. Joseph C. Fairbanks, Respondent,

Case No. FA-22-124

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 12th, 2024, a Notice of Motion and Request for Hearing was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before July 17th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., the date of the Motion Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In 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.

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/tc-Fines.html>

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Vanessa White and any man who may claim paternity of minor child

Court File No. CP-23-06

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 parent(s). 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 by way of Legal Publication because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on May 8, 2024 at 1:30 PM. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may determine what course of action is in the best interest of the child and trans-

fer permanent custody of the child by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Beatrice Elaine Bivens, DOB: 09/14/1944, Decedent

Court File No. CV-23-148

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Beatrice Elaine Bivens, died July 6, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 27th, day of February 2024 at 10:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Phyllis R. Wade, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 27, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Phyllis Wade, 31555 Hawk St. Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Beatrice Elaine Bivens, 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: Frank Eugene Bowstring, DOB: 11/07/1959, Decedent

Court File No. CV-23-163

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Frank Eugene Bowstring, died November 20, 2023. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of March 2024 at 2:30 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Tera Wilson, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on March 12, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tera Wilson, PO Box 1327 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank Eugene Bowstring, 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 the Matter of the Guardianship of: K.F.O., Child, DOB: 05/04/2003; K.I.O., Child, DOB: 09/22/2007. Kelli L. Stegall, Petitioner, And Cherie Olson and Dennis L. Harrison, Respondents

Case No. FA-23-97

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 3, 2023, a Petition for Appointment of

Guardian (Minor) was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on June 5th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. the date of the Continued Initial Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

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

In 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.

Obituaries Continued.

...facilitating a breakout session at least year's conference and from that was asked to speak at the Bemidji MMIW event. She was always on the road traveling and loved visiting friends and relatives while attending powwows, listening to the drums, watching the dancers and playing keno.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children Desiree Ramos and Kenneth Rogers and grandchildren; brothers John Joe Stately, Thomas "Jambi" Westbrook and Stephen Ortley; adoptive sisters Armella Neadeau, Marsha Neadeau and Valerie Thompson; and many nieces and nephews.

Those greeting her in the spirit world are her parents Winifred and Oscar; grandparents Rose and Xaviar; adoptive father Elmer Thompson; brothers Alvin Downwind Sr and James Westbrook; sister Rosalie Jourdain;

sisters-in-law Audrey Stately and Barb Westbrook; grandson Xavier Westbrook; and traditional parents Sharon & Kenn Mitchell.

A traditional wake will begin on May 8, 2024 at the Redby Center in Redby, MN and continue until the service at 10 AM on Friday, May 10, 2024 with Spiritual Leader Zac Earley. Active Pallbearers will be Alvie Downwind, Joe Kettle, Chad Prentice, Bruce Jourdain Jr, Joey Kettle Jr and Standing Bear Stately. Honorary Pallbearers will be Arlene White, Willamette Hardy, Adele Zephier, Anna Westbrook, Ashley Brun, Kim Tellinghaisen, Diane Roy, Diane Howard, Susan Moffet, Marilyn Hardt, Colleen & Wayne Overson, Michael Dahl and Lisa McAllister. Burial will be in the Westbrook Family Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE ENROLLED

2024
Post-Secondary
Graduates

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Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

June Birthdays



District I



Peter White
Calvin Howard
Lisa Gullickson
Donna Gotchie
Mary Bebeau
Philip Thompson
Jeffrey Howard

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

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

From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle

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Charlene Dahl
Roxanne Drumbeater
Barbara Shipley

Robert Veilleux
Kathy Thompson
Jim Allen
Beatrice Dunn

Lorraine Johnson
Ricky Goose
George Hawkins
Jean Howard

From the District II Office Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



District III*



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Linda Aitken
James Allen
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Gloria Beaulieu
Shirley Beaulieu
Jathon Bebeau
Kenneth Bellanger
Tracey Benjamin
Timothy Boisvert
Evelyn Brown
Sue Brown
Anthony Budreau
Melvin Burnette
Annette Cloud
Charles Dahle
Carl Day
Ramona Day
Tony Donnell
Muriell Ellis
Holly Evans
Aaron Fairbanks
Ronald Finn

Kathleen Frazer
Michael Garbow
Keith Garton
Barbara Haugen
John Herrera
Kenneth Hough
Ernest Howard
Evelyn Howard
Nanette Howard
Gerald Humphrey
Michael Johnson
Beverly Kamrowski
Francis Kangas
Matthew Kangas
Verna King
Carol Kingbird
Gregory Kleeb
Timothy Littlewolf
Linda Losh
Sharon Lovelace
Nina Martin
Rhonda Michaud
Edwin Monroe
Tony Morris
Janet Northbird
Richard O'Brien

Michael Olson
Garr Pemberton
Phyllis Pendleton
Diane Pieri
Dawn Purdy
Sue Robinson
Berton Rock
Ernest Ryan
Paul Smith
Rosetta Smith
Carol Staples
Connie Taylor
Kathy Thompson
Victor Thompson
Kenneth Tibbetts
Kevin Wakefield
Carol White
Claire White
Peter White
Phyllis White
Rodney White
Francis Wiggins
Colleen William

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari
all coupons must be used within Birthday Month

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for June

OJIBWEMOWIN

ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

mawinzo
nimawinz
Gimawinz
mawinzowaq
Mawinzowin
Niwii-o-mawinz.
Giwii-o-mawinz.
Giwii-o-mawinz ina?

She/he picks berries.
I am picking berries.
You are picking berries.
They are picking berries.
berry picking
I am going to pick berries.
You are going to pick berries.
Are you going to pick berries?

odataqaaqomin(aq)
miin(an)
asasawemin(an)
miskomin(aq)
ode'imin(an)

blackberry (blackberries)
blueberry (blueberries)
chokecherry (chokecherries)
raspberry (raspberries)
strawberry (strawberries)

OJIBWE SOUND CHART

VOWELS

a
aa
e
i
ii
o
oo

OJIBWE SOUND

asemaa (tobacco)
omaa (here)
esiban (raccoon)
bine (partridge)
niiwinn (four)
opin (potato)
oodenaa (town)

ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

about
father
way
pin
seen
obey, book
boat, boot

CONSANANTS

b
ch
d
g
h
j
k
m
n
p
s
sh
t
w
y
z
zh
,

OJIBWE SOUND

bakwezshigan (bread)
gichi-oginiig (tomatoes)
doodooshaboo (milk)
gaag (porcupine)
hay' (oops)
maajaan (go)
mikinaak (turtle)
mamoon (take it)
bine (partridge)
baapiwag (they laugh)
es (clam)
waagosh (fox)
anit (fish spear)
waawaan (egg)
babagiwayan (shirt)
mooz (moose)
niizh (two)
ma'iingan (wolf)

ENGLISH EQUIVALENT

big
chin
dog
go
hi
jello
kite
milk
name
pig
sun
bush
time
woman
yell
zebra
measure
oh – oh (glottal stop)

Notes:

The English letters and sounds of f, l, q, r, u, v, and x are not part of the Ojibwe alphabet.

The Ojibwe alphabet contains the additional double-letter symbols of aa, ch, ii, oo, sh, and zh.

The glottal stop, which is represented by an apostrophe, is a sound made by a release of air from your throat, similar to when someone punches you in the stomach.

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

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Developed by Camille Naslund, Ed.D.,
Niigaane Program Director / Teacher

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off, mail or e-mail documents to:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources

190 Sailstar Drive NW - Cass Lake, MN 56633

JOBS@LLOJIBWE.NET

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Licensed Assisted Living Director ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-003*
- Clinic Nurse Supervisor (Red Cedar Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-004*
- RN Diabetes Educator (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-010*
- Archaeological Technician (2) ~ DRM ~ \$16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-029*
- Compactor Driver/Operator (Solid Waste) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-032*
- Grant Writer ~ Health ~ \$25.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-034*
- Home Healthcare RN (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-035*
- DRM Director ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-037*
- Staff Accountant II ~ Finance ~ \$26.00/hr or D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-042*
- Naagaanizid Gekinwadaamaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-044*
- Early Learning Scholarship Assistant & Engagement Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-046*
- Maajigiin Center Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-048*
- Diabetes Registered Dietitian (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-050*
- 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 (2) ~ 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*
- Seasonal Invasive Species Technician (2) ~ DRM ~ \$16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-072*
- Crisis Response Team Behavioral Health Specialist ~ Behavioral Health ~ \$30.90/hr ~ Job Code: 24-079*
- 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 (Maajigiin Center) ~ Education ~ \$22.97/hr ~ Job Code: 24-091*
- Domestic Violence Officer ~ DPS ~ \$30.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-092*
- Grants Manager/Data Records Technician ~ DPS ~ \$24.15/hr ~ Job Code: 24-093*
- 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*
- Case Manager (Urban Office) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-097*
- 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*
- Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter - Full time) ~ Administration ~ \$16.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-103*
- Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter - Part time) ~ Administration ~ \$16.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-104*
- Grounds Crew/Driver (Facilities Maintenance) (2) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-106*
- Accounting Clerk I ~ Finance/Accounting ~ \$22.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-107*
- Summer Food Cook (Mission) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-108*
- Summer Food Cook (Prescott) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-109*
- Summer Food Cook (Bena) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-110*
- Summer Food Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-111*
- Summer Food Cook (Onigum) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-112*
- Summer Food Cook (Sugar Point) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-113*
- Summer Food Cook (Inger) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-114*
- Summer Food Cook (Boy Lake) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-115*
- Bailiff (Part time) ~ DPS ~ \$26.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-118*
- Truancy Case Manager (Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-119*
- Lead Cook (A.O.B) ~ Education ~ \$22.76/hr ~ Job Code: 24-120*
- Accounting Clerk II ~ Finance/Accounting ~ \$26.97/hr ~ Job Code: 24-121*
- Staff Accountant I ~ Finance/Accounting ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-122*

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2024

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JUNE 7TH

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\$38,000 IN CASH PRIZES
1PM-4PM SATURDAYS IN JUNE

JUNE 28» \$1,000 CASH DRAWINGS: 6PM-10PM
BRONCO DRAWING: 10:15PM

NORTHERN LIGHTS
CASINO · HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER
Walker, MN

PLINKKO MANIA

\$52,000 IN CASH PRIZES
7PM-10PM SATURDAYS IN JUNE

JUNE 30» \$1,000 CASH DRAWINGS: 2PM-5PM
MAVERICK DRAWING: 5:15PM

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TORNADO OF CASH

\$70,000 IN CASH PRIZES
7PM-10PM SATURDAYS IN JUNE

JUNE 19» \$250 CASH DRAWINGS: 7PM-10PM
POLARIS DRAWING: 10:15PM

WHITE OAK
CASINO
Deer River, MN

10K A MONTH GIVEAWAY

7PM-10PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 June, we'll roll it into July's giveaway and add an additional \$10,000.

Walker, MN: northernlightscasino.com
Cass Lake, MN: cedarlakescasino.com
Deer River, MN: whiteoakcasino.com

Swipe daily in June 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.

2X BONUS ENTRIES

12PM-8PM WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE 2024

Earn DOUBLE entries, for every 10 Player's Club points earned, for the Putt for Dough (Northern Lights), Plinkko Mania (Cedar Lakes) and Tornado of Cash (White Oak) drawings.

Walker, MN: northernlightscasino.com
Cass Lake, MN: cedarlakescasino.com
Deer River, MN: whiteoakcasino.com

See Player's Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.

SPRING INTO SUMMER

DRAWINGS 6PM-10PM ON THE START OF SUMMER: JUNE 22
EARN ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY TEN POINTS

OVER \$4,000 IN PRIZES!

- Mentview 700C Bikes
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- Rave Big Easy Towable Tube
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- Champion 3500 Watt Dual Fuel Generator
- Smoke Vertical Charcoal Smoker
- DeWalt String Trimmer & Blower Combo Kit

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