

BATTLE OF SUGAR POINT

Recount the past events of the Battle of Sugar Point that made headlines across the Nation on October 5, 1898.

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LLBO AWARDED GRANT

The U.S. Commerce Department has awarded LLBO a substantial grant to boost the Tribe's wild rice industry.

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Monday, October 9 is Indigenous People's Day in Minnesota, replacing the day formerly known as Columbus Day.

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Minnesota's Indigenous elders gathered in Richfield, MN for the Inaugural Native American Elder Day.

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Tribal Leaders and Community Demand Urgent Action on Cleanup of 40 Year Old St. Regis Superfund Site

Photos and Article By
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CASS LAKE – Its been 40 years since the St. Regis Paper Co Superfund site poisoned the Leech Lake Reservation. It's been 40 long years of fighting, full of losses, small wins and building of state / federal partnerships.

Thursday, September 19, marked the 40th anniversary The St. Regis Superfund Site was placed on the National Priorities List. To draw attention to the decades-long battle to get the superfund site clean, LLBO invited federal/state staff members and press out to the site. The tent that housed the guests event sat a few feet away from a former soil containment site.

Ojibwe Nation and Mike Smith Sr. provided the invocation and the welcome song before guests were able to hear from former residents, youth council, and RBC members. A moment of silence honored those who died from disease caused by the chemicals from the superfund site, many of whom spent their entire lives advocating for a proper cleanup to happen. Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who spoke at the event focused on actionable items that can be done.

"Today is an acknowledgement of the 40 years that we have been working on here. Previous councils have worked on this and we want to get this remedied the correct way. Not just peace work," said Jackson.

Brandy Toft, Leech Lake's Environmental Director who welcomed guests to the event said the location choice and the move to show invited EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) staff poisoned water ways and soil across the reservation—was purposeful. Toft said the day was about quantifying the Tribes loss.

"It wasn't always this way. This was a thriving community. Every sign you pass on



LLBO Council Members, Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. (left photo) and Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday (right photo) both spoke at the event communicating the Councils efforts for advocacy on the sites clean-up.



Taylor Oshea, LLBO Ball Club, MN youth representative, stresses the importance of the clean-up for future generations with help from her aunt Nashel Bebeau.

the way here was signage for former residents homes, the power grid here does nothing," said Toft.

Around 40 homes were once located in the area, which were all deemed unsafe and demolished one by one, with only two currently remaining. In 2003, the toxicity levels in the soil led the EPA to issue a call for fencing off some areas to prevent exposure to

to get us to that point."

Present at the event were older pictures of the superfund site, as well as a detailed story map of the site (which is currently available for viewing on the DRM website.)

The event ended on a callout for the state and federal government to finally clean the site and to not let another 40 years pass before any work is done.

cancer-causing chemicals. Ongoing contamination has reached Fox Creek and Pike Bay. The EPA stated monitoring wells are being installed, and teams will begin sampling residential yards next year to reviewing health and ecological risks.

Lenny Fineday, Secretary-Treasurer of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, reinforced the council's commitment to the clean-up.

"We are going to continue to do everything we can to get the site cleaned up to an acceptable standard. I'm very proud of the resource management team that we have at Leech Lake," he added. "We'll continue to advocate at the EPA and we'll continue to allocate the resources internally that we have necessary

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October 5, 1898: The Battle of Sugar Point

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Information and Figures corroborated by Author GREG CHESTER

On the early Wednesday morning of October 5th, 1898 a handful of young Pillager men held off approximately 100 U.S. soldiers on the shores of Sugar Point. The fire-fight resulted in seven dead and ten wounded with no casualties reported on the Ojibwe side. The soldiers were eventually forced to retreat back to Walker, MN. This event has come to be recognized as the last military conflict between the U.S. and American Indians.

As with many conflicts, the tensions that led to the Battle of Sugar Point were varied. Lumber companies routinely swindled the Ojibwe people out of large amounts of money through unscrupulous practices.

One of the most cited complaints among the Ojibwe at that time was a "dead and burnt wood" clause which allowed the lumber barons to purchase timber at a greatly reduced rate if it was in such condition. They would often start forest fires and then quickly harvest both semi-burnt and green wood and claim it all as "dead", reaping massive profits at the expense of the Ojibwe.

In addition to practices such as these, timber was routinely appraised at a severely lower rate on the Reservations in Minnesota than it would have been elsewhere. Money received for the timber, which was intended to sustain the Ojibwe people was mishandled, misappropriated and frequently spent frivolously by Indian Agents on behalf of the Ojibwe. When the payments would come, they were notoriously late, much to the ire of the Pillagers and other bands at that time.

Mistreatment and injustices at the hands of U.S. Marshals and other agents also played a large role. Kickback schemes abounded between these federal agents and local hotel and railroad men, who were paid by the U.S. Government each time a witness or defendant was brought before the court in

Duluth. Ojibwe were routinely rounded up and brought to Duluth on false charges to line the pockets of those involved in the scam.

Delayed payments and consistent arrests in weak, unsubstantiated bootlegging cases eventually led the leaders of the Pillager tribe to send a letter to the U.S. Government asking them to look into the ongoing injustices the tribe was facing.

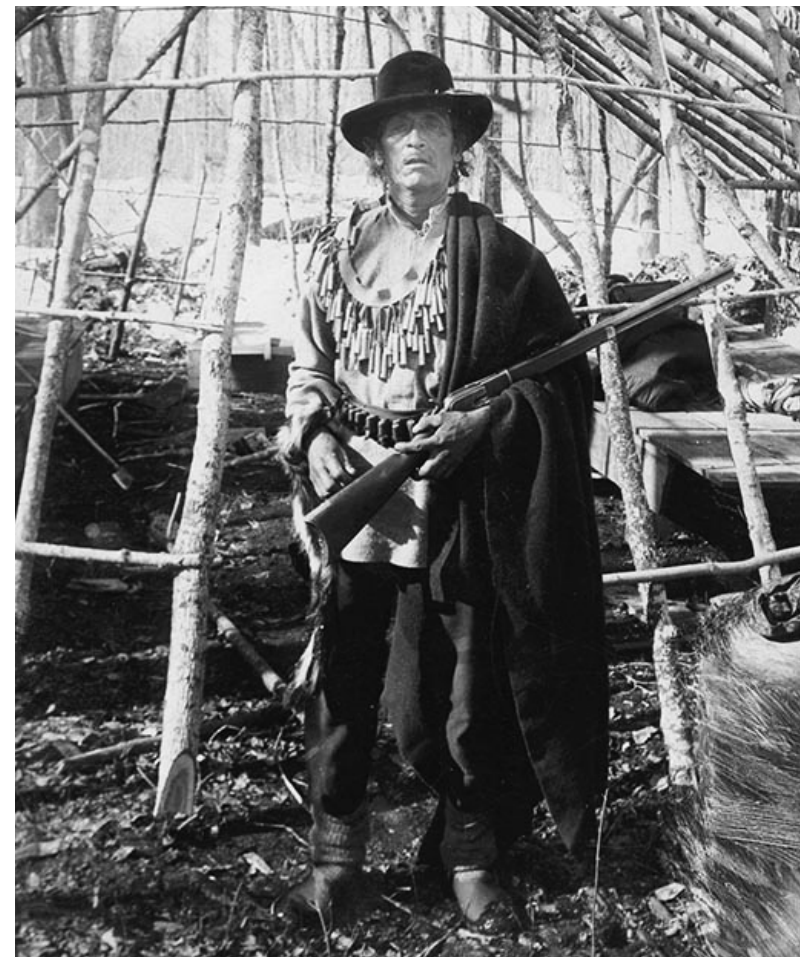
We, the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Pillager band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, respectfully represent that our people are carrying a heavy burden, and in order that they may not be crushed by it, we humbly petition you to send a commission, to investigate the existing troubles here.

The Chippewa Indians of Minnesota have always been loyal to the United States and friendly to the whites, and they desire this friendship to be perpetual.

We now have only the pine lands of our reservations for our future subsistence and support, but the manner in which we are being defrauded out of these has alarmed us.

We trust that you will protect us when the truth reaches you.

The letter went unacknowledged by the U.S. Government, further perpetuating the poor relationship between the tribe and U.S. officials.



"Old Bug" Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig.

via MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (Hole-In-The-Day) was an elder Pillager man and one of the many Ojibwe who had first-hand experience of the downfalls within the U.S. justice system. In April 1898, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was arrested by a U.S. Marshal on bootlegging charges and brought to Duluth for court.

Once arraigned and let go due to insufficient evidence, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was left to make the 135 mile journey home on his own accord. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig hitched rides on multiple trains, only making it so far in the journey before being repeatedly thrown off for not having a ticket. Leading him to eventually walk the last 40 miles home in his moccasins, wearing them down to his bare feet. It was at that moment he swore he would never allow himself to be arrested ever again, lest he may perish on his next forced journey home. He kept true to this word and never again sat before the U.S. Judicial system.

When Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was called on to stand in Duluth as a witness for another bootlegging case a few months later, he ignored the U.S. Marshals warrant for his appearance. He was then detained along with Sha-Boon-Day-Shkong,

another Pillager man when they went to collect their annuity payments in Onigum. Recognizing the stakes at hand at the possibility of another trip to Duluth, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig called out for help. The other Ojibwe in Onigum, hearing the pleas of one of their elders, surrounded, and gently, yet forcefully secured his release.

The army officials who were in charge of the arrest of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig that day, went forward to tell a tale of how they were surrounded by over 200 warriors and attacked, when in reality it was a small group of Pillager band members. Reportedly, less than 20 people, mostly women, aided in Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shigs escape.

Once the U.S. Army received word of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shigs escape, they put out wanted notices for those reported to have been involved in his escape. To be certain those men were caught, they sent down an additional 77 soldiers from Fort Snelling.

The 80 soldiers began their quest that fateful morning and arrived on the shores of Sugar Point that afternoon. After failing to find Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, the army set up base camp.

How the battle began has often >>

« been disputed throughout the years. The Pillager have held that the soldiers began firing on a canoe containing two women and a child as it rounded the corner of Sugar Point. The military claims that a rifle was accidentally discharged towards the Ojibwe side. Regardless, an intense firefight between the two sides erupted. The Pillager people went into that day not wanting battle but were prepared if it came.

The battle continued into the night and no harm came to any of the Ojibwe people outside of Indian Officer Gay-Gway-Day-Be-Tung (George Russell), who was allegedly shot by mistake, by a soldier who assumed he was fighting alongside the Pillagers. The 3rd U.S. Infantry saw six casualties and ten wounded that night.

On the morning of October 7, 1898, the soldiers retreated from Sugar Point, battered, hungry and cold. Once back to safety in Walker, the commanding officer, General Bacon, would be quoted in newspapers as saying that he “scattered” and “whipped the indians good”, a poor attempt at saving face.

Once word of the battle spread,

hysteria ran rampant in the surrounding areas that an “Indian Uprising” was coming. Additional troops were sent to the area, and outcries to the US Government for assistance and protection were pouring in from the non-native people in Minnesota. Memories of Custer’s defeat at Little Big Horn, just 22 years prior in 1876, led the newspapers of the day to run wild with unsubstantiated headlines.

The townspeople of Walker surrounded themselves with a 24-hour rotating shift of armed guards.. In Bemidji, all of the women were herded into a courthouse as 200 armed “militiamen” stood guard outside. It took a few weeks for the buzz to die down, though the relationships between the Ojibwe and their neighbors were never fully repaired.

With all of the nation’s attention turned towards Leech Lake, the U.S. Government was forced to hear the grievances put forth by the Ojibwe people. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, William A. Jones, was soon dispatched to the area. After an extensive number of meetings with the tribal elders, an agreement was

reached. Several Pillagers turned themselves in for warrants related to Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig’s escape, although Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig himself upheld his pledge to never return to U.S. Court or jail. Most of those who turned themselves in served between two to six months, and everyone involved received a full pardon from President McKinley a short time after.

Further investigations revealed the damage that had been done to the Ojibwe at the hands of the logging companies, as well as during the first arrest of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig and those who aided in his escape. Reforms in the management of timber on the Leech Lake Reservation eventually led to the establishment of the Chippewa National Forest.

None of the Pillager Ogichidaa who engaged in battle at Sugar Point ever were tried or received punishment for their involvement. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig went on to live another 18 years in the area before passing peacefully. The U.S. Army never returned to the shores of Sugar Point on Leech Lake, the site of their final battle and defeat in the period now known as the “Indian Wars”.

U.S. Commerce Department Awards \$3.6M to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to Boost Wild Rice Industry

Grant will fund construction of rice processing Facility, creating Jobs and strengthening Tribal Economy.

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the Department’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$3.6 million grant to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Cass Lake, Minnesota, to support the Tribe’s wild rice production industry.

This grant will construct a 6,100-square-foot rice processing facility on Tribal land that would enable the processing of wild rice, Leech Lake’s only commercially produced product. According to grantee estimates, this EDA investment is expected to create 15 jobs.

“The Biden-Harris

Administration’s Investing in America Agenda is committed to supporting Tribal communities’ work to build strong, diversified economies,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “This EDA investment will create new jobs at the Leech Lake Reservation, boosting the Leech Lake Band’s rice production industry and strengthening its economic resilience.”

“The U.S. Economic Development Administration is proud to partner with Tribal Nations as they work to strengthen their economies,” said the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development Cristina

Killingsworth. “This project will empower the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to process its own wild rice and open additional business opportunities.”

“Wild rice is a sacred part of Leech Lake’s culture and a key resource for Tribal members and the Tribal economy,” said Senator Tina Smith, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. “This grant will help the Leech Lake Band promote the welfare of its members.”

This project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the Regional 5 Development Commission (R5DC). EDA funds R5DC to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment, and create jobs.

This project is funded under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023, which provided EDA with \$483 million in additional Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program funds for disaster relief and recovery for areas that received a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act as a result of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022. Please visit EDA’s Disaster Supplemental webpage for more information.

Gov. Walz Declares September 30 as MN’s ‘Day of Remembrance’ for American Indian Boarding School Survivors

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNESOTA – September 30, 2024 is now the “Day of Remembrance for survivors and families impacted by United States American Indian Boarding Schools” in Minnesota.

“For over 150 years, the United States pursued, embraced, or permitted a policy of forced assimila-

tion of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people through the federal Indian boarding school system; and from 1819 to 1969, the federal Indian boarding system was expansive, consisting of a minimum of 408 federal Indian boarding schools, comprising 431 specific sites across 37 states or then territories, including 21...

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RBC BRIEFS • October 2024



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

All available council members, including scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors, attend RBC briefings. 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 conference will take place on the same day.

One meeting was held within the last reporting month, August 26 to September 30. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on leechlakenews.com under “Videos.” Official meeting minutes can also be found on leechlakenews.com under “LL Tribal Council” and “Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.”

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. September 10, 2024 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Tanya Roerick, DRM** – Presented a funding grant to expand DRMs youth programs. Expansion includes: outreach to Duluth Tribal members, and supporting events like wolf center/bear center visits and their skills camp.
- **Ken Washington, Public Safety** – Presented an architect contract for the Leech Lake Animal Wellness center. Development for the center has been underway for several years.

Chairman's Monthly 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.

Leech Lake Awarded \$3.6 Million for Wild Rice Processing Plant – On September 24, 2024 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce grant. The \$3.6 million grant will support the Tribe's wild



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Chairman Jackson and District III Rep. Leon Fairbanks join members of the Ojibwe Nation drum group at the St. Regis Superfund Site event.

rice production industry. The grant will construct a 6,100-square-foot rice processing facility on Leech Lake. Biden-Harris Administration's investing in America Agenda is committing to supporting Tribal communities. This EDA investment will create new jobs and boost the Leech Lake Band's wild rice production industry. "Wild rice is a sacred part of Leech Lake's culture and key resource for Tribal members and the Tribal economy," said Senator Tina Smith. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that the new wild rice plant will benefit Leech Lake because we are one of the biggest harvesters of traditional wild rice. On average, Leech Lake purchases 250,000 pounds of green wild rice annually. Chairman Jackson, Sr. wanted to say Mii-Gwetch for the Tribal Development staff's hard work.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. Attends the Observation of the 40th Anniversary of the St. Regis Superfund Site – On September 19, 2024 about 50 residents and officials gathered on the field to observe the 40th anniversary of the St. Regis Superfund designation. A moment of silence honored those who died from cancer before officials explained what it will take to complete the cleanup and why it has taken so long. "This here has been going on, you know, maybe even before 40 years," said Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. "I had relatives living in this area in the 50's. And a lot of my relatives have passed from cancer too." The St. Regis plant opened in 1957. Workers preserved raw lumber used as railroad ties and phone poles. International Paper Co.

acquired ownership in the 80's. South of the railroad tracks and Hwy 2 is a vacant field where 40 homes once stood next to St. Regis. In 2003, the toxic soil led to the EPA to call for immediate fencing in areas to prevent exposure to cancer-causing chemicals. The EPA had advised residents to eat no more than a dozen whitefish from the Pike Bay and Cass Lake per year because of dioxin levels high enough to increase risks of cancer. O'Shea said action is needed "to ensure that the St. Regis Superfund site is not just a forgotten chapter in our community's history, but a success story of resilience and recovery."

Our Great Nation of Leech Lake is Calling for a Strong "Get Out the Vote" Turnout – On Tuesday, November 5, 2024 will be the U.S. Elections for President, Senators, Representatives, State of Minnesota, County, and Local seats will be on the ballot. This will be Chairman Jackson's last message in this report to encourage each and every Band member to exercise their right to vote. Your vote is the message that we are still here and our Nation still exists. We need strong leaders like Senator Smith, Senator Klobuchar, candidate Michael Reyes for MN House, Governor Walz as V.P. and V.P. Harris as President, who will fight with us in protecting our sovereignty, addressing the unmet needs of our health care funding, the Biden administration had invested in Leech Lake with recent funding for a New Wild Rice Processing Facility, and new housing are critical needs for the Leech Lake Band. Our ancestors and elders had fought for the rights we enjoy today, please honor them with exercising your right to VOTE!



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Twin Cities Elder's Day 2024 – On September 18, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had attended, "A day to honor those who came before us and those who are still with us!" Cheryl & Greg Goodman in the picture, Leech Lake Elders wanted a pic for their scrap book. A main attraction of the Elder's Day event was Elvis. A great many Elder's had reported that Chairman Jackson, Sr. had been dancing to Hound Dog with many elders. Minneapolis Mayor Frey had been invited as a special guest at the 1st Annual Twin Cities Elder's Day 2024. Diane Grooms was very instrumental in the planning and implementing this special day for our Elders. The highlights of event were door prizes, BINGO, and visiting with old friends.

Exercising Sovereignty with Leech Lake Enrollment – In the beginning of time, the Chippewa Nation was strong with traditionalism, culture, customs, and the Tribe made decisions that must be honored by other Nations. Where do we stand today, MCT Res. 32-15 had been passed and reaffirmed by the MCT, TEC. In 2023, the MCT, TEC had passed Res. 32-15 for implementation that will allow any...

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November

District III Elder Birthdays

Bonnie Beaulieu
Sharon Bebeau-Cavitt
John Bedeau
William Bedeau
Willis Burnette
Evelyn Campbell
Sheryl Charwood

From the District III Office Leon, Toni & Kari

Janet Cloud
Eleanor Craven
George Donnell
Dean Elmberg
Anita Fahlstrom
Kenneth Fahlstrom
Donald Fairbanks
John Fairbanks
Jerome Finn
Glen Fisher
Mary Goggeye
Russell Goggeye



Charles Hanson
Kerry Harper
Shari Headbird
Peter Hunt
Debra Jackson
Kenneth Johnson
Marlene Johnson
Karen Jones
Connie Littlewolf
Roselyn Loeken
Andrea Lyons
Darlene Monroe
Cynthia Morris
Peter Morris
Terrence Morris

Eugen Northbird
Suzanne Northbird
Steven O'Brien
Clayton Oothoudt
Ethelyn Peacock
Joseph Plumer
Richard Raish
Robert Randall
Walter Reese
Winona Richardson
Jeffrey Riewer
Mary Rober
James Samuelson
Jeffrey Sande
Angela Sayers

Linda TeJohn
Lana Tucker
Kerri Wakefield
Carol White
Lyman White
Mary White
Timothy White
Robin Windom

**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 September 2024. It was a very busy month but I'm pleased to report progress on a number of initiatives as outlined below!

GENERAL FINANCE UPDATE

On September 3, 2024, the RBC received financial updates from our enterprises, including a close out of Fiscal Year 2024, which ended on June 30, 2024. Our Gaming Enterprises did very well in FY 24. Net Profit for all units under the Leech Lake Gaming umbrella outperformed budget expectations by 51.7%. Net profit for FY 24 outperformed FY 23 by 85.6%. The market position for our gaming operations remain strong as we move into Fiscal Year 2025.

The planning for the three wellness centers continues to move along well, as previously reported. The project will be funded through cash bonding from the State of Minnesota, 105(l) Lease reimbursements and New Market Tax Credit financing. This funding structure reserves general fund dollars for other items, such as a stimulus payment for Band members, paying down other existing debt and acquiring more land within the Reservation. We look forward to breaking ground on these centers in 2025.

On September 25, 2024, the Budget Committee met to approve various budget modifications to the FY 25 budget as requested by programs. Importantly, additional funds were added to the Community Services program and the sanitation program to maintain our water systems on the Reservation.

WILD RICE UPDATE

The Band supported our manoomin harvest for the 2024 season by purchasing 142,439 pounds of green rice from harvesters on the Reservation. This is a relatively low harvest as the water levels were high. The RBC approved an historic increase in the purchase of green rice to \$10.00/lb toward the end of the season in order to support our ricers doing the hard work in high water to harvest this year's crop. All told, the Band spent \$1,086,810.00 in purchasing green rice this season.

Importantly, on September 26, 2024, Leech Lake was provided notice that the US Department of Commerce awarded a \$3.6 million grant to the Band in order to construct a wild rice plant. This plant, when completed, will provide the Band with the ability to finish green rice so we can keep the entire wild rice process in-house, from purchasing green rice, to parching, winnowing and packaging. This move greatly increases our ability to protect our food sovereignty with our most sacred food source.

GET OUT THE VOTE UPDATE

On September 3, 2024, I met with the Leech Lake Government Relations team to discuss our Get Out the Vote strategy. As we have done for the past several election cycles, the Leech Lake Administration Building ("RTC building") is an early voting site for residents of northern Cass County. This early voting site opened on September 20, 2024 and will be open for early voting until November 4, 2024.

I also asked the Government Relations team to take advantage of updates to Minnesota statutes that require counties to hold at least one day of in-person early voting on a Reservation if requested by a Tribal Government (MN Stat § 203B.01 Subd. 4(b)). As a result, we will hold one day of in-person early voting at the Ball Club Center for residents of Itasca County on October 21, 2024; one day of in-person early voting at



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Secretary/Treasurer Lenny Fineday joined Chairman Faron Jackson in welcoming Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and a delegation of MN House leaders to Leech Lake on September 23, 2024. **Pictured are (From left):** Deputy LLBO Legal Director Ben Swankier, Heather Keeler (DFL Moorhead), Interim LLBO Executive Director Gordon Fineday, Rep. Erin Koegel (DFL St. Paul), Rep. Athena Hollins (DFL St. Paul), Rep. Liz Lee (DFL St. Paul), Lenny Fineday, Speaker Melissa Hortman (DFL Brooklyn Park), Chairman Jackson and Rep. Dave Pinto (DFL St. Paul). The delegation enjoyed a great conversation about legislative priorities after a comprehensive tour of the Tribal College.

the Cedar Lakes Casino for residents of Cass County on October 21, 2024; and one day of in-person early voting at Mission Community Center for residents of Beltrami County on October 30, 2024.

In addition, we are planning a Get Out the Vote rally for October 20, 2024 at Cedar Lakes Casino, promoting a pro-Tribal sovereignty ticket. It is critical that we get out the vote in this election and let our voices be heard. I truly hope that all Band members will exercise their right to vote either on November 5, 2024 at your local polling place, by absentee ballot before November 5, or by utilizing one of the early voting options listed above. We also have Get Out the Vote coordinators on staff leading up to the election. More information on our Get Out the Vote efforts is available in this edition of the DeBahJiMon!

FOUR WALLS UPDATE

On September 3, 2024, I joined other Minnesota Tribal leaders and

Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead on a call to coordinate a joint Tribal-State comment letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding their interpretation of the Four Walls policy that would have required our people to visit a physician before receiving services from a Behavioral Health provider or for Substance Use Disorder. I'm proud to report that all eleven Tribes in Minnesota signed on to the comment letter and it was submitted on time on September 9, 2024.

On September 11, 2024, I attended the Minnesota Department of Human Services Legislative Summit, where we discussed a number of issues, including the impact of the Four Walls policy on Minnesota Tribes. We also discussed amending the Minnesota State Medicaid Plan to include a separate category for Housing Stabilization Services for Tribes in Minnesota.

On September 19, 2024, there

was a follow up call between CMS leadership, DHS leadership and myself. We discussed next steps on the Four Walls policy. We are working now to coordinate a call with all Minnesota Tribes and CMS leadership so we can develop the plan for the best path forward. At this point, CMS is agreeing with us that clients who use Tribal behavioral health and substance use disorder services should not be required to see a physician, but there are steps we must take to ensure this is finalized. I remain committed to ensure that Leech Lake people are able to access the services they need and deserve.

TRIBAL COLLABORATION UPDATE

On September 5, 2024, I attended the grand opening of the Lower Sioux Hemp Campus. The Hemp campus is utilized to cultivate and manufacture a number of hemp products, including Hempcrete, a...

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Biden-Harris Administration Awards More than \$1.5 Billion in State and Tribal Opioid Response Grants to Advance the President's Unity Agenda for the Nation

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – On September 26, The Biden-Harris Administration, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced more than \$1.5 billion in awards for fiscal year 2024 Tribal Opioid Response (TOR), State Opioid Response (SOR), and SOR/TOR Technical Assistance grants.

This grant funding is a critical investment in President Biden's Unity Agenda for the Nation and the HHS Overdose Prevention Strategy, and supports evidence-based, holistic practices that address the overdose crisis through prevention; harm reduction, including naloxone and other opioid overdose reversal medications; treatment, including use of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD); and recovery supports.

Awards for fiscal year 2024 (FY24) build on efforts to ensure opioid overdose reversal medication saturation across communities, ensuring these medications are in the hands of those most likely to experience or witness an overdose. The FY24 awards have an increased focus on services for transitional aged youth and young adults (ages 16-25 years); expand availability of MOUD in correctional settings; and emphasize the role of services that use a whole-person approach by considering an individual's physical and mental health needs and their social supports. Additionally, TOR awards increased more than 14.5% over FY23 levels, and include a needs-based supplement to support tribes in counties with a high level of overdoses among Tribal members.

"Tribal and state opioid response grants are an integral part of advancing President Biden's and Vice President Harris' Unity Agenda for the Nation, and a key tool to beating the opioid epidemic," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "In the past four years, these programs have connected hundreds of thousands of people to substance use disorder treatment, supported millions of people in recovery, and enhanced naloxone saturation efforts across the country. We're incredibly proud of these efforts and are following through on our commitment to

expand prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery infrastructure across the nation."

"Expanding access to treatment is an essential component of beating the overdose crisis. State and Tribal Opioid Response grants are a critical tool in the fight," said HHS Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm. "As part of his Unity Agenda, President Biden is making sure evidence-based strategies and tools are available to support all communities. The result is more lives saved and more people being able to get the care and treatment they need."

"Today's awards will help Tribes, states, and territories build on their successes and continue to expand necessary infrastructure and implement programs and services to address the overdose crisis," said Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D., HHS Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and the leader of SAMHSA. "Importantly, this funding will promote comprehensive, person-centered approaches to addressing needs across the continuum of care, from prevention to recovery support."

The more than \$1.5 billion in awards includes:

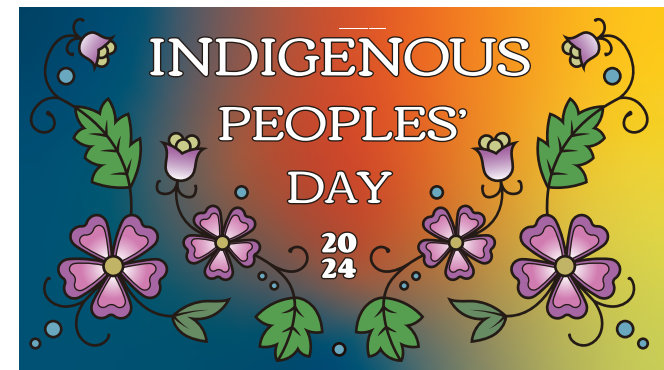
- Tribal Opioid Response – (\$63 million) – This program assists in addressing the opioid overdose crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved MOUD and supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for OUD and co-occurring substance use disorders.
- State Opioid Response – (\$1.49 billion) – This program addresses the public health crisis caused by escalating opioid misuse, opioid use disorder (OUD), and opioid-related overdose across the nation by increasing access to MOUD; supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for OUD and other concurrent substance use disorders; and enhancing the continuum of care for stimulant misuse and use disorders, including those involving

cocaine and methamphetamine.

- State Opioid Response/Tribal Opioid Response Technical Assistance – (\$18.5 million) – This program, through free training and technical assistance, advances the provision of trauma-informed, culturally relevant, and evidence-based substance use-related approaches and interventions across the country and across the lifespan to reduce the impacts of opioid and stimulant misuse and use disorders on individuals, families, and communities. Since their inception in 2018, State and Tribal Opioid Response grants have funded treatment and recovery services for people in need across the country. For example, grantees reported more than 177,000 people received treatment for OUD and more than 56,000 people received treatment for stimulant use disorder between September 30, 2021, and September 29, 2022. During that same period, almost 480,000 people received recovery support services. Awards also support overdose prevention and response, with almost 2.7 million naloxone kits distributed and more than 92,000 reported overdose reversals between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Opioid response grant successes are most evident in qualitative improvements in the lives of participants. At the six-month follow-up, most clients reported improved housing stability, social connectedness, health, and employment and education achievement. For most participants, mental health outcomes also improved, with clients reporting less depression, less anxiety, less trouble controlling behavior, fewer suicide attempts, and increased abstinence from alcohol or drug use.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text **988** or chat at [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org). To learn how to get support for mental health, drug or alcohol issues, visit [FindSupport.gov](https://www.FindSupport.gov). If you are ready to locate a treatment facility or provider, you can go directly to [FindTreatment.gov](https://www.FindTreatment.gov) or call **800-662-HELP (4357)**.



By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNESOTA – Monday, October 14 is Indigenous Peoples day.

The holiday which replaces Columbus day in the state of Minnesota via proclamation, and various cities throughout the state is meant to focus on how Indigenous communities have persevered despite history. This year marks the seventh anniversary of the official holiday recognition for the city of Bemidji and the state.

The official change to replace Christopher Columbus day with one honoring Indigenous people in Bemidji came about in 2016. The change was made through a grassroots effort by Bemidji State Professor Vivian Delgado and students in a previous Indigenous treaty and law course who brought their pitch to the city council.

The state of Minnesota signed their proclamation replacing

Christopher Columbus day that same year. Governor Tim Walz has renewed former Governor Dayton's original proclamation since being elected.

Last year, a bill to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day as an official holiday in the state was presented in the House. HF 211 (Rep. Heather Keeler, DFL-Moorhead) was first heard on Feb. 21 in the House State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee. This holiday would require that no public business be conducted on the second Monday in October.

HF 211 passed out of committee and was referred to the House floor. Its companion, SF 104 (Sen. Mary Kunesch, DFL-New Brighton) which seeks a similar change and recognition of the holiday, has not yet been heard.

Both bills are still currently listed as active within the Minnesota House and Senate.



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“ CHAIR REPORT

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...Band to count all Chippewa blood for enrollment purposes. This enrollment criteria in implementing Chippewa blood is the first step in flexing that sovereignty and not the end product that could be changed. As we all know, the Leech Lake Constitution Delegation and the MCT Delegates have been working for years, in the past 8-years they had conducted many meetings, and this MCT Delegation has finally submitted a draft constitution for review and comments.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. was Invited to the Beltrami County Adult Corrections Center Ceremonial Groundbreaking – On September 25, 2024 Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. wanted to deliver a strong message on wrap around services for Leech Lake Band members that are incarcerated in Beltrami County. The biggest concern for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is the Beltrami County Detention Center Needs Assessment in August 24, 2022 that identified Inmates by Race had an average of 60% Indigenous American. Chairman Jackson had

stated that we need impartial treatment in the courts with fair sentencing for all citizens in the area. At Leech Lake, we have found that evidence-based programs that included the Native American's family and faith-based programs had a higher rate of success in reducing social issues. The Beltrami County Program Committee in 2022 had recognized and acknowledged the elevated numbers of American Indian inmates housed within the Beltrami County Jail. As such, it is important to deliver services and/or programs in a culturally informed manner. Space to allow cultural activities and spiri-

tual practices to occur has shown the reduction in recidivism and recovery. Another area identified is Tribal/State Relations Training for culturally specific training for all agent staff who work with Tribal Nations shall benefit all stakeholders and housed inmates. In closing, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe wants the same ideals that all citizens want, safer communities, addressing crime, dealing effectively with substance abuse, and healthier communities.

Safety note: As the fall weather is slowly creeping into colder nights. Furnace maintenance is a must

after sitting all summer long. Changing the air filter will help with better air flow and protecting the furnace. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors need annual maintenance with new batteries. Some detectors have a red button on the back of detector to see if it actually works or a red light on the front of the detector that shows it's on. In keeping our elders safe, check walk ways and stairs that are free from clothes and toys will prevent slips and falls. Chairman Jackson, Sr. was the safety compliance representative for Xcel Energy before retirement. Please be safe and take care!

“ S/T REPORT

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...durable building material that is used in housing construction. To date, the Lower Sioux Community has built four houses from Hempcrete and they are very interested in working with other Minnesota Tribes to expand opportunities. We will continue to explore this and other possibilities in order to meet our growing housing demand on Leech Lake.

Also on September 5, 2024, I joined the monthly NCAI Executive Committee call. On that call, we discussed a number of issues including Get Out the Vote. My report to the Executive Committee focused on the work surrounding Four Walls and our attempts at expanded self-governance funding for family services.

On September 9, 2024, Leech Lake leadership met with Fond du Lac leadership to discuss issues of mutual concern as it relates to environmental regulations. The meeting was productive and we were both able to share valuable information. We were thankful for the invitation from Fond du Lac and invited them to Leech Lake for further conversation and information sharing.

On September 23, 2024, Tribal leaders in Minnesota gathered for the inaugural Grand Council meeting, hosted by the Lower Sioux Community. This meeting was held for Tribes to work together on a host of issues. Tribal leaders in Minnesota have been talking about the concept of a gathering for Tribes to meet outside the context of Gaming and without the State present. The conversation was fruitful and I am hopeful for progress moving forward. Three Subcommittees were formed: a Wild Rice Subcommittee, a Cannabis Subcommittee and a Political/Legislative Subcommittee. The Grand Council will convene again in



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On September 19, 2024, LLRBC members met with IHS Director Dr. Roselyn Tso and discussed a number of issues, including IHS funding disparities and Leech Lake's efforts to combat the drug epidemic on the Reservation.

December prior to the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce dinner in Hinckley, MN. Please watch for further updates!

INDIAN GAMING UPDATE

On September 6, 2024, I attended the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association meeting with other Tribal leaders. At this meeting, we discussed the need for additional data gathering on the economic impact of Tribal government gaming within Minnesota. Leech Lake, along with every other member Tribe of MIGA, agreed to participate in the study to be conducted by Klas Robinson. MIGA will convene again after the election to discuss the legislative priorities for the 2025 legislative session.

From September 16-18, 2024, I attended the Indian Gaming Association Midyear meeting. At

this meeting, we heard a number of presentations on cannabis in Indian County, as well as session focused on natural resource protection. On September 17, 2024, I attended the Tribal Leaders Midyear meeting, where we received updates on case law, the partnership between IGA and NCAI, and heard reports from Chairman Stevens and Executive Director Jason Giles.

On September 27, 2024, I joined other RBC members and Leech Lake staff for a consultation with the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to discuss Leech Lake's assumption of exclusive Class II jurisdiction within the boundaries of the Reservation. This consultation was a follow-up to our initial consultation in June 2024. Further dialogue will take place as we asked direct questions regarding the Gambling Control Board's position

on Leech Lake's assumption of exclusive jurisdiction. Please watch for more information as we continue to work together to exercise our sovereignty.

SUPERFUND SITE UPDATE

On September 19, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with Cliff Villa, Assistant Deputy Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, and Debra Shore, Region 5 Administrator for the EPA at Cedar Lakes Casino. This meeting focused on paths forward to redevelop trust between the EPA and the Cass Lake community as the EPA considers options for clean up of the St. Regis Superfund site.

After the meeting, all parties gathered in Cass Lake at 2nd Street and Basswood Avenue Southwest (the only parcel of trust land located on the Superfund Site) to commem-

orate forty years that the site has been listed on the National Priorities List for cleanup. This was not a celebration as we all know this site should have been completely remediated decades ago. We will continue our diligent efforts to ensure that the site gets cleaned up and the area redeveloped for safe human habitation as quickly as possible.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE UPDATE

On September 19, 2024, the Leech Lake RBC hosted the Director of the Indian Health Service, Dr. Roselyn Tso. At the meeting, we discussed a number of issues related to the delivery of health care on the Reservation, including purchased/referred care, funding for the IHS hospital in Cass Lake, and funding for the Tribal clinics and behavioral health services offered by the Tribe.

Dr. Tso also presented the IHS Director's award to our newest program, the Community Wellness Recovery Navigator's program for the commitment and innovation in supporting the health and wellness of individuals with Substance Use Disorder on the Leech Lake Reservation.

It was a high honor to receive national recognition for this new program! We are thankful for Dr. Tso's recognition of the work we are engaged in to combat the Opioid epidemic on the Leech Lake Reservation and promote healthy families and communities. As we celebrate this accomplishment, we recognize that much more work needs to be done and remain committed to providing resources that promote healthy families.

This concludes my report for September 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's Culture Department was fortunate to host the children from Leech Lake Head Start for a Wild Rice Processing Demonstration which included parching and winnowing.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig senior high students enjoyed a trip to the BSU College Fair which included representatives and materials from over 40 higher education institutions.



▲ Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is back in session! The drum got our school year off to a good start, with several generations coming together to celebrate the start of another school year, the 49th in Bug O Nay Ge Shig history.

▲ High School students at Bug O Nay Ge Shig participated in the wild rice season by making poles and knockers at school. Following this, a day at Rice Camp included ricing, safety demonstrations, outdoor cooking, and fishing. The ricing process will now be finished at school and the rice will be given to community elders.



via TWITTER

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan visited and made time for photos with Indigenous elders who attended the celebration in Richfield, MN.

Walz, Flanagan Designate September 18 as Native American Elder Day in MN

By KAYLA DUOOS

RICHFIELD – Minnesota Celebrated the inaugural Native American Elder Day.

More than 300 elders from different nations, across Minnesota and Canada, made the trek to Richfield's Veterans Park to celebrate the historic event.

"Native American elders hold a

respected and cherished place in their communities as the keepers of tradition and cultural knowledge and connect younger generations to their culture, ceremonies, and traditional medicines; and Native American elders have lived rich lives filled with valuable lessons in traditional teachings that offer guidance and healing rooted in culture; and Native American elders often

use oral storytelling to connect the past, present, and future with creation stories, cultural beliefs, and lived experiences that strengthen familial bonds and ensure teachings and language are not lost; and elders have helped their communities come together and heal from injustice through advocacy, truth-telling, education, and advancing policy and reconciliation efforts"

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, a member of the White Earth Tribe, attended the event and presented the state's official proclamation.

"I do hereby proclaim Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, as Native American Elder Day in the great state of Minnesota," Flanagan said.

“ REMEMBRANCE

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...schools in Alaska and seven schools in Hawaii; and the area known today as Minnesota had 23 Indian boarding schools, 21 of which were directly funded or supported by state or federal resources, and all of which directly impacted the children and subsequent generations of the 11 sovereign Tribal Nations sharing geography with Minnesota, as well as Tribal Nations across the United States; and the creation of the federal Indian boarding school system was part of a broader policy aimed at acquiring collective territories and severing the cultural and economic connections between Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages, the Native Hawaiian

Community, and their territories.

The assimilation of Indian children through the federal Indian boarding school system was part of the broader goal of Indian territorial dispossession in service of the expansion of the United States with assimilation eventually becoming an objective of federal policy in and of itself, and the removal and placement of these children in the boarding school system directly led to the breakup of Indian families and the erosion of American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and the Native Hawaiian Community; and the deaths of children while under the care of the federal government or federally supported institutions is a tragedy that has for too long been unknown or acknowledged by the dominant society despite this long-felt trauma remaining prevalent

throughout American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and the Native Hawaiian Community. The State of Minnesota is committed to educating, raising awareness, and supporting reconciliation efforts to ensure that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of Indian Boarding Schools and the children who died while attending these institutions are never forgotten."

Governor and Vice President Candidate Tim Walz signed the official proclamation. September 30 is already widely known across Indian Country as "Orange Shirt Day" to honor boarding school survivors. Orange Shirt Day aka National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was first established as a day of observance in 2013 in Canada. The use of an orange shirt as a symbol was



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Native American elders hold a respected and cherished place in their communities as the keepers of tradition and cultural knowledge and connect younger generations to their culture, ceremonies, and traditional medicines; and

WHEREAS: Native American elders have lived rich lives filled with valuable lessons in traditional teachings that offer guidance and healing rooted in culture; and

WHEREAS: Native American elders often use oral storytelling to connect the past, present, and future with creation stories, cultural beliefs, and lived experiences that strengthen familial bonds and ensure teachings and language are not lost; and

WHEREAS: Native American elders have helped their communities come together and heal from injustice through advocacy, truth telling, education, and advancing policy and reconciliation efforts; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota honors Native American elders and their resilience and courage in preserving language, traditions, and culture for future generations; and

WHEREAS: We recognize and celebrate Native American elders for their contributions in Tribal Nations, the urban Native communities, and in all communities across Minnesota; and


WHEREAS: Minnesota remains committed to ensuring that all Native American elders can age with dignity and respect and are celebrated for their continued leadership and contributions to Minnesota's rich cultural heritage.

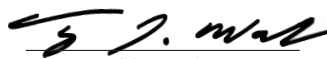
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 18, 2024, as:

NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER DAY


in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17th day of September.





GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE



Carlisle Indian School.

via NATIONAL ARCHIVES

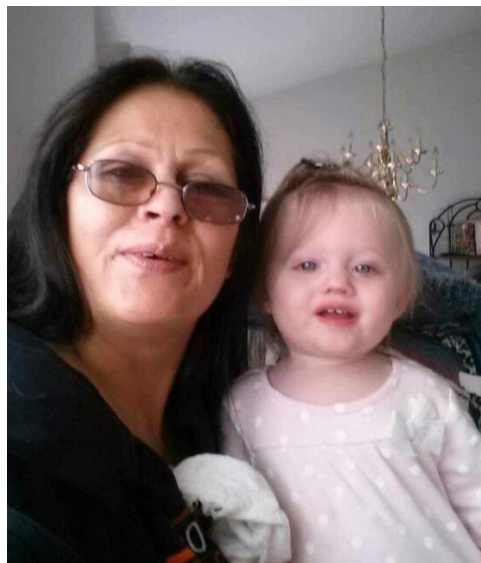
inspired by the accounts of Phyllis Jack Webstad (author and activist from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation,) whose personal clothing—a new orange shirt—was taken from

her during her first day of residential schooling, and never returned. The orange shirt is a symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children in the residential school system.



Obituaries

Dawn Schubel



Dawn Marie (Brown) Schubel “Mimiishke niibikwe” meaning “Running Water Woman”, of the Bear Clan and of Cass Lake, MN, began her journey to the spirit world on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from the Villas in Osseo, MN. She was born the daughter of Barbara (Johnson) and Ronald Brown on April 4, 1963, in Minneapolis, MN.

Life is nurtured by our drinking of water just as all life from this stream. “Indizhikaaz mukua Bewsa” I was allowed to be nurtured by my mother’s waters and so many others. She was loved MORE than I can count by so many. She will be remembered for her contributions to the arts and native culture, and all those left to love and cherish her memories. Mother, we know you’re on your own time, but we await you. We can almost hear the thunder from the ride, we know it is getting close to bringing you home.... LET THEM ALL HEAR YOUR RIDE!!

Those greeting Dawn in the spirit world are her parents, Ronald Brown Sr. and Barbara (Johnson) Brown; siblings, Don and Mary Brown.

Those left behind to cherish her memories are her mother, Laurie Carlson; sons, James and William; grandchildren, Harper, Haidyn, Hailey, and the grandson she has yet to meet.

The wake for Dawn will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday September 21, 2024, and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Monday September 23, 2024, all to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Naabekwa, will be her Spiritual Advisor. Helping lay her to rest are Thomas Brown, Ray Brown, Daniel Brown, Byron Brown, Harley Brown, and Mishiikii Benais Brown, alternates pallbearers are Travis White, and Jame Hikes. Honorary pallbearers are all

those who knew and loved her and will carry her love forward. Interment will be immediately following the services at the Bena cemetery, Bena, MN.

Dawns care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolence may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

Ellen Adams



Ellen Jean Adams, age 86, began her journey to the spirit world on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at her home in Bemidji, Minnesota. Ellen was born on February 23, 1938 in Nett Lake (Sugar Bush), Minnesota to Henry Goodsky Sr and Helen (Burnside) Goodsky Strong. She grew up in Sugar Bush and attended Orr School. She married Allen Adams in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. She taught at Head Start in Nett Lake and went on to pursue her education at Bemidji State University later in life. Her dream became a reality when she began her career as a Kindergarten Teacher at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School for 40 years. Ellen loved bingo, basketball, baseball, the Vikings, powwows and she was a jingle dress dancer. In earlier years, to make extra money on summer breaks from school, she had a food stand at the powwows. Her strength, determination and resilience helped her through the challenges she encountered during in life.

Ellen is survived by daughters Fran King and Sharon Adams; 16 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Goodsky Sr and Helen (Burnside) Goodsky Strong; sisters Bonnie Guenther, Donna Smith, Diane Morrison, Cindy Councillor and Alma Lumbar; and

brothers Eugene Goodsky and Hank (Whiz) Goodsky; and grandsons Leondre Adams and Nolan Windigo.

A wake will begin at 7 PM on Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Mission Community Center (the Old Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School) in Cass Lake, MN and continue until the service at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 with Spiritual Leader Allen Hardy. Active Pallbearers will be Nathan King Jr, Ernie Jay Morrison Jr, Victor Morrison, Chad Smith, Dillon Smith, Paxton Goodsky, Gavin King and Todd Goodwin Jr. Honorary Pallbearers will be Vanessa Adams, Teresa Adams, Krysta King-Merrick, Desirae Smith, Kim Councillor, Lorenzo White, Teryn Adams, Mia Lussier and Sadie Seelye. Burial will be at Sugar Bush Family Burial Grounds in the Nett Lake Reservation.

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

James Jones



James Patrick Jones, Aanakwadoons “Little Cloud” began his journey to the spirit world on September 7, 2024. Born on November 3, 1995, James was a beloved father, partner, brother, son, uncle, and friend whose warmth and humor left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. Known for his sharp intellect—particularly with numbers. James built connections with people from all walks of life, always embracing others with kindness and love. Even those who met him only briefly were touched by his warmth, humor, and generous spirit.

James of the Ajijaak Clan took pride in his Ojibwe culture. Whether it was fishing, ricing, hunting, or listening to the stories of his elders, James honored his roots and shared his knowledge with those around him. He was also a gifted beader, creating beautiful works that he shared with those he loved.

Working alongside his father, James Jones Jr., and his brother, Charles Jones, in Dirt Divers, James expanded his knowledge of archaeology and cultural resources. He cherished the opportunity to engage with the land and his ancestry while working with family.

Above all else, James was a devoted family man. He built a beautiful life with his partner, Valerie Rodriguez. His children—his greatest joy—held special places in his heart, each with their own cherished nickname: Keshawn Michael James (“My Shauny Boy”), Anastasia Azariah (“Stasia Baby”), Aubriella RaeLee (“Angel Baby”), Isabella Elleen (“Baby Love”), and Ramiro Roberto (“Sonny Man”). His family was his world, and he dedicated himself to ensuring they were surrounded by love and laughter.

James is survived by his parents, James Jones Jr. and Patrice Jones; siblings, Davina Curry (Lonnie Crenshaw), Drew Curry (Alisha Mason), Brett Beaulieu (Joyce Tate) & Rae Dahn (Austin Dailey), Shayla Beaulieu, and Charles (Michelle Smith-Jones); grandparents, James Jones Sr. and Della Jones; aunts, uncles, and all of his nieces and nephews.

James is preceded in death by uncle, Andrew Jones; older brother, William Clifford Jones; grandmothers, Wanda L. Jones (Antell) and Donna E. Beaulieu (Parker); aunt, Audrey Stately; nephew, Keshawn Beaulieu; and grandfather, Jim Beaulieu Sr.

James will be remembered for his unconditional love for his family, his passion for his culture, and the joy he brought to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

He will now join the ricing beds alongside his big brother, William Jones Sr., who he missed so much.

James’ care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

June Mykkanen



June Ann (Molash) Mykkanen, a proud Native woman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe went to the spirit world Friday morning at 8:57 a.m. on August 30, 2024, in Big Stone Health Services in Aitkin, Minnesota. She was born July 12, 1953 to Francis Peter Molash and Frances (Garbow) Molash, preceded in death by her parents, sisters Lyda, Joyce, Marilyn, Mary, Colleen and Harriet,

brother Delbert and her constant traveling companion, little dog Nacho.

One of June's favorite pastimes was spending time playing cards at Northern Lights and Cedar Lakes Casinos, especially Ultimate Texas Hold 'em tables, as well as many favorite slots. June also had a green thumb and loved gardening when she could. She loved traveling with her sisters to casinos, garage sales and visiting her many friends, with Nacho by her side. June loved arts and crafts and was an avid reader in her spare time when she wasn't at the casino, she will be remembered by her many handmade decorative hats and blue hair.

June held many jobs during her lifetime, she was one of the managers of the Minneapolis Public Library, Restaurant manager Grand Casino Mille Lacs, but her most favorite job was working for the Onigum community center. She always had a smile and would take time to meet, talk and go out of her way to help anyone at any time, day or night developing lifelong friendships.

She is survived by her husband Arnold (Preacher) Mykkanen, son Joel (Kim) Molash, brothers Julian (Bev) Molash and Larry Hardy, sister Lorene Bojanczyk, granddaughter Jayden Molash, Angelina, Tansy, Mercedes, ShyAnn, Valerie, Geena, Kleo, and special grandson Marleau and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A wake will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 starting at 5:00 p.m. and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 all held at the Onigum Community Center. Alan Hardy will be the spiritual advisor. Active pallbearers will be Victoria Mykkanen, Joel Molash, Julian Molash, Larry Hardy, William LaDeaux, Fillmore LaDeaux, and Dean Tulenchik. Honorary pallbearers are all of June's friends. June'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.

Peter Hunt

Peter John Hunt, age 70, began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, September 12, 2024 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Peter was born on November 23, 1953 to Frank Taylor and Louella Mary Hunt in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He grew up in the Cass Lake area and attended the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School before going into the Marines. Basketball and softball were more than a hobby with Peter (aka Slippery) and he played with Anishinabe and CHIPPS. He loved all sports! He loved fishing and joking around. He was happy-go-lucky, enjoyed life and was loved by everyone!

Peter is survived by two sons Dwight (Cassandra) Jones and John Jones; daughter Jenny Smith (Luke French); 11 grandchildren Tristian Jones, Elijah Jones, Mikayla Jones, Aubriaunna Jones, Sincere Jones, Jazlyn Jones, Jalysa Johnson, Devry Smith, Deidra French, Damian French and Dominic French; 2 great-grandchildren William and Christopher; sisters Beverly Jacobs and Pamela Jacobs; and brother George Jacobs Jr (Jake); and nephew George Jacobs.



He is preceded in death by son Pete Jones; brother Willie Jacobs; sister Helen Jacobs; his parents; and special friend Phyllis Gotchie.

A wake will begin at 7 PM on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Cass Lake Facility Center and continue until the service at 1 PM on Monday, September 16, 2024 with Bill Butcher. Drum provided by Nick Budreau. Active Pallbearers will be Dwight Jones, Devery Smith, George Jacobs, Chad Budreau, Elias Budreau, Jarell Jacobs and Derek Wind. Honorary Pallbearers will be Minnesota CHIPPS Softball Team and Anishinabe Basketball Team, Jacob Budreau, Christopher Roybal, and all family and friends.

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

Ressina Hunt



Ressina Leann Hunt, age 34, of the Eagle Clan and Cass Lake, MN, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, September 13, 2024, from Cass Lake. She was born as a twin with Ronald Hunt on June 18, 1990, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Lorena Johnson and Roland Hunt, Sr.

Ressina then moved to Northern

Minnesota to be closer to family and the Leech Lake Reservation. She attended and graduated from Bemidji High School. Ressina was later blessed with a beautiful daughter, Delraya. She enjoyed life with all her loved ones, Barbeques, playing scratch offs, and many craft projects. Ressina had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party! She liked traveling to see family and friends in the community. Ressina's favorite holiday was Halloween, and she always dressed for the occasion. She loved listening to music, but above all else she loved spending time with family.

Those greeting Ressina in the spirit world are her parents, Lorena Johnson and Roland Hunt, Sr.; grandparents, Leona and Floyd Johnson, Phyllis Chief, and James Hunt, Sr.; brother, Roland Leslie Hunt, Jr.; and sister, Rachele Hunt.

Those Ressina leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are her daughter, Delraya Hunt-Rushman; brothers, Steve Smith, Daniel Hunt, Jage (Jamie) Hunt, Sr., Ronald Hunt; sisters, Rosalind (Thomas) Leon and Rayna (Paul) Hunt; close cousins, Belinda, Rachele, Nancy, Ashley; numerous nieces and nephews.

An overnight wake for Ressina will begin on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., and continue until her traditional service at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 19, 2024, all to be held at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake. Ressina's Spiritual Advisor is Adrian "Naabekwa" Liberty. Those helping to lay Ressina to rest are Derek Hunt, Jage Hunt, Jr., Rayden Hunt, Isiah Troy, Cody Rushman, Armondo Leon, Patrick Lowry, and Arlen Johnson. Honorary pallbearers are Ronald Hunt, Rayna Hunt, Jage Hunt, Sr., and Rozalina Hunt. Ressina's final resting place will be home with family.

Ressina'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.

Rick Wuori Sr.

Rick "Da Boss" Wuori Sr., Ma'ingan, of the RBear clan, age 63, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on September 24, 2024. Rick was born on December 29, 1960, to Roger and Mabel (Kruse) Wuori in Virginia, MN. Rick was a beloved father, husband, son, nephew, grandfather, and friend known for his resilience, strength, and generous spirit. He was a proud member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Rick had a deep sense of responsibility and respect for his family, friends, and community. He carried these principles with him throughout his life, shaping his career and livelihood. Rick left a lasting impression on all those that he met, even if it was only for a moment.

Rick was married to his wife Kim on February 17, 1982, in Virginia, MN. Together they raised their four boys in Cass Lake, MN, who always kept Rick and Kim on their toes. Rick was a dedicated businessman, always ensuring that his work aligned with the values he held dear - hard work, fairness, and giving back to the community. In 1991, Rick was the first of his family to complete a col-



lege degree as he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Bemidji State University to create opportunities for not just himself but also for his family and community. He served as the Finance Director for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe for 28 years before retiring. He had built several successful businesses on the Leech Lake Reservation including Sportsman's Pizzeria in Cass Lake, The Players Sports Bar in Walker, and the Wuori-Free Daycare.

When Rick wasn't working, he could be found ice fishing, watching the Vikings on Sundays, western movies, cooking shows, and watching the sunset at his cabin on Leech Lake with his family and friends. He was an amazing cook and loved to make food for his family and community.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Kim; his mother, Mabel Kruse; sons: Chad Wuori, Corey Wuori, Ricky (Audrey) Wuori Jr., and Christopher Wuori; mother of his grandchildren, Cheryl Whitebird; grandchildren: David Whitebird Wuori, Dedric Wuori, Malayna Wuori, Michael Wuori, Alan Wuori, Ashlynn Wuori, Ricky Wuori III, Annabelle Wuori, Lillian Wuori, Flora White, Tiara White, Aaliyah Powless; great-grandson, Greyson Wuori; brother, Todd Wuori, and aunt, Darlene Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Wuori; grandmother, Agnes Jackson; uncles: Ben and Buck Jackson; and aunts: Irene Mitchell and Karen Pardus.

A celebration of life open house for Rick will be held from 1-3PM on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the White Earth Family Center in Cass Lake. Honorary pallbearers will be: Chris Pemberton, Kevin Barsness, Dave Wittner, Cory Frazer, Brian Brunelle and Rob Palmer. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack (whisperingpinesnorth.com).

William Lyons

William Wade Lyons, "Migizi" age 33, of the Crane Clan and Rosemount, MN...



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW
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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: Miranda Wilson and any man who may claim paternity, Parent(s).

Court File No. CP-22-04

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 children 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 because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on October 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the children.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Michelle Taylor and Simon White, III, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-12

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 docu-

ments. The next hearing is scheduled for October 2, 2024 at 3:00 PM. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear in these proceedings, the Court may proceed on behalf of the children by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Mariza Brown and any other person who may claim paternity of minor child, A.W.

Court File No. CP-22-19

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on October 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the child.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Sloane Dunn and Jess Headbird, Parents.

Court File No. CP-18-37

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 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. The next hearing in this matter is on October 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the children.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Sloane Dunne and any man who may claim paternity of minor child, G.H. DOB: 11/22/1990.

Court File No. CP-20-27

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. The next hearing in this matter is on October 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may transfer permanent custody of the child.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Gloria Jean

Whitebird Mellado, DOB: 01/25/1944, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-53

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Gloria Jean Whitebird Mellado, died June 2, 2021. 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 July, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Karen L. Mellado, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 17, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Karen Mellado, PO Box 1102 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gloria Jean Whitebird Mellado, decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Linda Jane Butcher, DOB: 08/13/1951, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-05

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Linda Jane Butcher, died December 29, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 7th, day of August, 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 Sarah J. Whitebird, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 7, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Sarah Whitebird, 8144 Onigum Rd. NW Walker, MN 56484, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda Jane Butcher, 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: S.R.J., Child, DOB: 06/19/2020. Eric L. Strong, Petitioner, and Brandi Jenkins & Matthew Hardy, Respondents,

Case No. FA-24-70

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 24, 2024, 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 October 16th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. the date of the Review Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: M.G., Minor Child, DOB: 12/20/2014; T.G., Minor Child, DOB: 05/27/2016; K.G., Minor Child, DOB: 10/27/2018. Dolores Fields, Petitioner, and Deanne Headbird & Eugene Goggeley, Respondents,

Case No. FA-22-06

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 19, 2022, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was

filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on November 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., the date of the Review Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Candace White, aka, Candace Gotchie, Petitioner, v. Leah Gotchie, Respondent.

Case No. CV-24-104

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Amended Temporary Harassment/Restraining Order has been issued based on the hearing held August 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in this matter. You have Mediation scheduled on November 4, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. and a Review Hearing scheduled on November 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

1) RESPONDENT SHALL

NOT HARASS THE PETITIONER.

2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING WITHIN 50 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME AND NOT INTERACT WITH PETITIONER.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Chavonne Kingbird-Abram, Petitioner, v. Alexis White, Respondent.

Case No. CV-24-91

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

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3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING

WITHIN 200 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME.

4) RESPONDENT MUST STAY AT LEAST 20 FEET AWAY WHILE AT SCHOOL.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Delores Benais Fineday, DOB: 05/22/1945 Decedent

Court File No. CV-24-100

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Delores Benais Fineday, died March 11, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, 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 9th, day of September, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Myron L. Fineday, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 9th, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Beverly Whitebird, PO Box 959, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth Whitebird, 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: Elizabeth Ann Whitebird, DOB: 08/29/1939 Decedent

Court File No. CV-24-94

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Elizabeth Ann Whitebird, died May 7, 2014. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, 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 9th, day of September, 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 Beverly Whitebird, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 9th, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Beverly Whitebird, PO Box 959, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elizabeth Whitebird, 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: Travis Lee Raisch-Fairbanks, DOB: 07/03/1985, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-147

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Travis Lee Raisch-Fairbanks,

died June 20, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 27th, day of February 2024 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Judee Garbow, surviving relative of the decedent.

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

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 the Marriage of: Stephanie C. White, Petitioner, vs, James L. White, Respondent.

Case No. FA-24-98

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, James White, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this case in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 190 Sailstar Drive NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, Tribal Justice Center, a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner.

You are served with this no-

tice via publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Candace White, aka, Candace Gotchie, Petitioner, v. Marcie Gotchie, Respondent.

Case No.. CV-24-105

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Amended Temporary Harassment/Restraining Order has been issued based on the hearing held August 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in this matter. You have Mediation scheduled on November 4, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. and a Review Hearing scheduled on November 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

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Obituaries Continued.



...unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from the Hennepin Healthcare Center in Minneapolis, MN. He was born on October 23, 1990, in Minneapolis, the son of Mary Lyons.

Wade was a proud student at Red Lake Nation College. He loved Halloween and celebrating an entire birthday week. Wade was a soft spoken, kindhearted, generous, hardworking young man, who included everyone, making them feel welcome, like they had a friend with him. He was a funny guy who could make everyone laugh. He was always up for an adventure; he brought warmth and happiness wherever he went. Wade took pride in himself, making sure he looked nice, he also liked to represent that he was indigenous. He enjoyed volunteering, working on cars, getting his hands dirty, taking things apart, and riding motorcycle. He rode his motorcycle on numerous MMIWR rides, something he was proud to support

and be a part of. Family would like everyone to "STTL" just like Wade's first tattoo, meaning "Stay True to Life!" Wade will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those greeting Wade in the spirit world are his brothers, Daniel Gades, Jeffrey Lerew, Christian Lyons; grandma, Margaret Smith; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gades; uncles, Butch Lyons, Charlie Lyons, Jr., Butch (Lillian) Belcourt; nephew, Baby Snowden; cousin, Charlie Lyons III; and close family member, Wade Lerew.

Those Wade leaves behind to forever cherish his memory are his mom, Mary Lyons; brothers, Joshua Lyons, Ozzie Snowden, Jedidiah Lyons, Jonathan Lyons, Chauncey Lyons; sisters, Fonda Smith, Fransisca StandStrong, Michelle Bruggeman; uncles, John and Darrell Lyons; nieces, Keely Smith a.k.a. Wade's Twin, Lily, Ruby, Zyra, Ava, Amaya, Amera; nephews, Mah-Koonce, Aki, Wanu, Wyatt, Tucker, Wabanan; great niece, Manidoo; close family members, P. Bruggeman, Frank Smith, and Taylor Broome. A two-night wake for Wade will begin at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, and continue until his traditional service at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 6th, 2024, all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Father William "Bill" Butcher will officiate. Those helping to lay Wade to rest are Aki Smith, Anthony Lyons, Jedidiah Lyons, Mah-Koonce Smith, Justin Bellanger, Jr., Steven Lyons, Dustin Lyons, Josh Lyons, and pallbearer guard, LCPL Mason Schmidt. Honorary pallbearers are Craig Lyons, Chauncey Lyons, Jonathan Lyons, Ozzie Snowden, Wanu Smith, Cody Schmidt, Keely Smith, Jaylen LaRose, and Frank Smith. Interment will be in the Lakeview Cemetery, Bena, MN, following Wade's service.

Wade'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.

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

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 9, 2024

Building Maintenance Manager (Bena Center) ~ DPW ~ \$28.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-163

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Security Officer (A.R.C) ~ A&D ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-164

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

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

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 (2) ~ 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

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

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

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

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

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

Case Manager (Child Support) ~ Legal ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-139

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

Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ \$18.61/hr ~ Job Code: 24-144

Secondary Child Protection Program Manager ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-145

Carpenter (Facilities Maintenance) (2) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-146

Accounting Clerk I ~ Finance ~ \$22.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-148

Accounts Receivable Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-149

Health & Safety Administrative Assistant ~ Regulatory ~ \$19.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-150

Health & Safety Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) ~ Regulatory ~ \$16.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-151

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

Attention

All Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Members

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 A Free Sanford Health Community Education Series

Understanding depression and its treatment options

Thursday, October 24
 5:30 p.m. | Social with light appetizers
 6 p.m. | Presentation
Sanford Event Center
Offered in person only.

Depression. What is it? Join Kayla Schenheit, MD, and Ashlea McMartin, LPCC, as they discuss the importance of understanding depression. They'll outline current data, risk factors, treatment options and why it's important to seek help.

Free to attend. Registration is required.
 Visit sanfordhealth.org/classes-and-events/doc-talk-bemidji to register.

For additional information call (218) 333-5862.



Kayla Schenheit, MD
 Child Psychiatry



Ashlea McMartin, LPCC
 Behavioral Health

553-938-463 9/24

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

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THIRD: \$500	SIXTH: \$100

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MONDAY 5PM-9PM	TUESDAY 10AM-9PM
<p>SNOW CRAB LEGS RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$70.00</p>	<p>TACOS FRY BREAD OR SOFT SHELL BEANS & SPANISH RICE \$16.90</p>
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<p>PRIME RIB RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$42.40</p>	<p>PULLED PORK SANDWICHES RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$21.05</p>
FRIDAY 5PM-9PM	SATURDAY 5PM-9PM
<p>FISH FRY RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$15.80</p>	<p>BBQ SMOKED RIBS RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$26.20</p>
SUNDAY 10AM-9PM	
<p>FRIED CHICKEN RUSSET BAKED POTATO & VEGETABLE \$18.15 ADD \$1 FOR ALL WHITE OR DARK MEAT</p>	<p>Shingobee ON THE BAY SPORTS BAR · MARINA Walker, MN shingobeeonthebay.com</p> <p><small>Subject to change. Management reserves all rights. Photos: owner's assets photos.</small></p>

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