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# MN Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan Poised to Become First Native Woman, Governor as Harris-Walz Ticket Gains Momentum



via PEGGY FLANAGAN | TWITTER

Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan kicked off the Native Voters for Harris Event in Phoenix Arizona on July 23, 2024.

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNESOTA - It's been two weeks since Vice President Kamala Harris named Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her running mate for the 2024 U.S. Presidential election. If elected this fall, not only would a woman of color lead the country for the first time, but a Native woman would govern a state for the first time in U.S. history too.

Walz was elected as Minnesota Governor in 2018, and won re-election in 2022. Walz is well known in Indian Country for having been a teacher on the Pine Ridge reservation, and his administration's decisions to repair MN Tribal relationships. Statewide changes include; Tribal consultation into numerous aspects of the state government, creating one of the country's first state offices for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives and strengthening its laws protecting Native chil-

dren in the adoption system.

Walz Lieutenant Governor, Peggy Flanagan, is an enrolled citizen of the White Earth Nation, one of the 11 federally recognized tribal nations based in Minnesota.

Before serving as Minnesota's Lieutenant Governor, Flanagan was a community organizer, and school board member, and was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. Flanagan has been the highest-ranking Native American statewide official in the U.S. since she was elected as lieutenant governor in 2018. That position is often performed behind the scenes, but Walz and Flanagan have said they chose instead to govern as partners.

Should Harris-Walz win the White House, Flanagans promotion would be a monumental achievement for all Native people.

Democratic Party leaders courted Native American delegates at the Democratic National Convention recently noting that Native voter turnout in swing states is what helped President Biden win during the last cycle. In a Saturday interview with MSNBC's The Katie Phang Show, Flanagan, discussed the importance of the Native American vote.

"I think Native people are strategically located in swing states across the country and our vote, the Native vote, can make or break a campaign or election. So, in many ways, ignore us at your peril," she said.

Flanagan said on Saturday that Native Americans face significant challenges with voting suppression, including issues with voter ID laws, transportation to polling sites, and inadequate voter engagement from political parties.

"There are several folks who have tried to throw obstacles to Native participation by suddenly deciding that tribal ID's are no longer a valid form of identification, saying that you need to have a physical address and not a PO box when in so many reservations communities that's not how people live," she said.
The lieutenant governor added: "It is very

clear that there is only one team that is interested in making sure that everyone has access to the ballot box and the freedom to vote, and that is Kamala Harris and Tim Walz."

According to the Native American Voter Rights Fund, only 66 percent of the known eligible Native American voting population is registered to vote. There are over 1 million eligible Native American voters in the U.S. who are not registered.

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#### **Deadlines**





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# Gi-ga-miinigoowiz Mamaandaawiziwin

May the Force be with you

By KAYLA DUOOS

WINNIPEG – Star Wars: A New Hope (Anangong Miigaading) has been translated into Ojibwe.

This new version of the film, debuted August 8, 2024, at Centennial Concert Hall in Winnipeg, Manitoba, features Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) voice talent, including University of Minnesota Institute of Linguistics alum Aandeg Jedi Muldrew (MA '22) as Luke Skywalker and Dustin Gerald Morrow Aagimewikamig (BA '21, MA '23) as Obi-Wan Kenobi. Morrow is a current PhD candidate.

The Ojibwe dub was directed by Ellyn Stern Epcar, produced by Michael Kohn and stars Ajuawak Kapashesit (Han Solo), Theresa Eischen (Princess Leia), Dennis Daminos Chartrand (Darth Vader), Tomantha Sylvester Nimi Anungo Kwe (C-3PO), Jeff Monague Myiingan Minaakwhe (Grand Moff Tarkin), John-Paul Chalykoff (Uncle Owen), and Wanda Barker Giwedinoonz (Aunt Beru).

Partners in the project include Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (DOTC), the University of Manitoba (UM), Disney/Lucasfilm, and APTN. Maeengan Linklater, Director of Operations (DOTC) and Cary Miller, Assistant Professor,

Department of Indigenous Studies (UM) served as project leads. Patricia Ningewance, Assistant Professor (UM)/Lead Translator, Dennis Daminos Chartrand, Associate Translator, Brian Cochrane with Albert Owl regional translators led the translation.

The project brought together a wide range of talent and multigenerational Anishinaabe speakers to bring this version to life. The dubbing was done over 10 days in early May in Winnipeg with the final mix completed at Skywalker Sound. The project is supported in part by the Government of Canada through the Indigenous Languages and Cultures Program from Canadian Heritage. Dougald Lamont helped launch this project in 2021 after proposing it to Pablo Hidalgo, a former Winnipegger and Lucasfilm executive as a language revitalization project in support of reconciliation.

The film will make its debut on Disney+ and the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network soon. Currently the Disney+ platform hosts, a Navajo translation of "Star Wars: A New Hope" that is available to watch now. The film also premiered at the Bemidji, CEC Theatre, August 30. Check your local theatre for showtimes.

# Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is urging Native Americans to contact their congressional representatives in support of the Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 9076).

The Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act (H.R. 9076) has recently been approved by the House Ways and Means Committee and is now moving forward for a full House vote. This vital bipartisan legislation is set to improve funding and policies for state and tribal child welfare programs, profoundly impacting the lives of Native children and families who are currently interacting or will interact with the child welfare system.

#### What does H.R. 9076 do?

The legislation reauthorizes two key federal child welfare programs under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. Tribal nations are eligible to receive funding under each of the two programs, which fund a variety of prevention services that help children stay out of foster care and strengthen families so they can have their children returned safely after placement in foster care.

The Committee approved H.R 9076 on July 24, 2024, with unanimous support (38-0). Several committee members emphasized how important tribal provisions were in the legislation.

#### Key Provisions of H.R. 9076

H.R. 9076 includes several important provisions. These provisions align with priorities previously introduced in the Strengthening Tribal Families Act (H.R. 8621 and S. 4471). The legislation reflects years of advocacy aimed at improving child welfare systems for Native children and families.

Provisions in H.R. 9076 that support tribes and Native children and families include:

- Increased Funding: Expands mandatory funding under the Title IV-B, Subpart 2 Program (Promoting Safe and Stable Families), allowing more tribes to qualify
   Updated Funding Mechanism:
- Updated Funding Mechanism: Changes the outdated regulatory formula under Title IV-B, Subpart 1 Program to a 3%

set-aside from the overall appropriation

- Enhanced Tribal Court Improvement: Doubles the funding for the Tribal Court Improvement Program from \$1 million to \$2 million per year
- Reduced Administrative Burden: Allows the Health and Human Services (HHS)
  Secretary to modify Title IV-B reporting requirements for tribes with smaller Title IV-B grants to reduce administrative burden
- ICWA Data Collection: Requires HHS to gather data on ICWA requirements from states regarding cases involving Native children
- Technical Assistance: Requires HHS to provide support to states and tribes to support effective ICWA implementation
- Tribal Consultation: Requires HHS to consult with tribes on the development of guidelines to maximize the engagement of tribes in ICWA state court proceedings
- Flexibility in Funding Usage: Allows tribes to use their federally negotiated indirect rate in the operation of Title IV-B programs
- Competitive Grant Eligibility:
   Clarifies tribes as eligible to
   apply for and receive competitive grant funding to evaluate programs or services that meet one of the evidence-based criteria under the Title IV-E
   Prevention Services Program
- Support for Foster Children: Allows HHS to waive the matching requirement, modify an application requirement, or use tribal data for evaluation activities under the grant program to support meaningful relationships between foster children and incarcerated parents.

We are calling on all advocates for the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to contact their House representatives and urge them to prioritize H.R. 9076 for a prompt vote. Your voice can make a significant difference. We've created a sample letter that you can customize and send to your representative, urging them to prioritize H.R. 9076.

You can find your representative's contact information at *congress.gov*.



via MINNESOTA TWINS

# MN Twins Host Native American Heritage Night

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota Twins, Treasure Island Resort & Casino, and the Prairie Island Indian Community unveiled a first-of-its-kind Franklin baseball glove celebrating Native American Heritage. The gloves will be given away to the first 5,000 fans attending the Twins' annual Native American Heritage Night on August 31 at Target Field, when the Twins host the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Minnesota Twins Community Fund will distribute an additional 1,000 gloves to youth throughout the region via a to-bedetermined program in collaboration with Treasure Island and the Prairie Island Indian Community.

Tickets for the August 31 Native American Heritage Night, presented by the Prairie Island Indian Community, are available online at twins.com/tickets, via phone by calling 1-800-33-TWINS, or in person at the Target Field ticket office. First pitch for the Twins vs. Blue Jays is set for 6:10 p.m. that night, with gates opening at 4:00 p.m.

"Dakota heritage is our state's heritage, and we are proud to celebrate the Prairie Island Indian Community and help spread the joy of baseball through these amazing gloves," said Kristin Rortvedt, Executive Director of the Minnesota Twins Community Fund. "We are grateful to our partners at Treasure Ísland Resort & Casino, the Prairie Island Indian Community, and Franklin for creating this special representation of the Dakota Oyate and other indigenous people. We're excited to host Native American Heritage Night at Target Field on August 31, and we look forward to seeing these custom gloves on ballfields throughout the region!'

"Our partnership with the Minnesota Twins creates a perfect opportunity to celebrate and share our Dakota heritage and culture with our neighbors," said Grant Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council President. "Sports are a great unifier and events like Native American Heritage Night and the custom-glove giveaway help us connect and build a stronger community."

Design details and inspirations for the Native American Heritage celebration glove are outlined below.

- Mni Šota Makoce: Minnesota comes from the Dakota name for this region, Mni Šota Makoce, "the land where the waters reflect the skies." The outside of the glove features "Mni Šota" in the font and style of the "Minnesota" lettering that adorns the front of the Twins' road grey and alternate navy jerseys.
- Eagle: The glove also features the eagle, a sacred symbol to Dakota communities for carrying prayers to the Creator. Having been in the presence of the Creator, eagles, and their feathers, are considered a blessing.
- Star Quilt: A design reminiscent of pieces of a star quilt is shown on the palm. Star quilts are considered by Tribal nations to be an esteemed gift given as a symbol of great reverence for an individual's contribution and commitment to the community; it represents the morning star and resilience following the depletion of the buffalo.
- Colors: The colors used in the glove's design are meaningful to the Dakota Oyate as they represent the four cardinal directions: black (west), red (north), yellow (east) and white (south).
- Logos: The glove features the Prairie Island Indian Community seal and the Twins' "TC" mark.

# **RBC BRIEFS · September 2024**











By KAYLA DUOOS

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

RBC briefings are attended by all available council members alongside scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors. Agenda items are presented for discussion at the Tuesday briefings and then are voted on for passage at the Thursday meeting. Occasionally, due to time constraints, a combination briefing and meeting will take place on the same day.

Two meetings were held within the last reporting month, July 28 to August 26. 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**

 ${f 1.}$  July  ${f 2,2024}$  A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

#### **Presentations Given:**

- Harry Entwistle, Housing Presented the FY25 housing plan. Plan highlights discussed included: reducing the 500-person waitlist, repairing and modernizing current houses, and recruiting new workers.
- Cassandra Tapio, A&D Presented the Saving Lives Project grant and the overdose prevention grant. Both grants needed language to be changed. Discussion included increasing outreach to younger children than the typical demographic who may be impacted by drug use.
- **2. August 22, 2024** A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

#### **Presentations Given:**

- Ken Fox, DRM Presented the 2024 wild rice purchase price which is \$6 per pound.
- Lee Giffen, Construction Manager Presented the IHS expansion request to add 17.7 million dollars to finish construction. This includes a new ambulance garage, and a drive-thru pharmacy.

# U of MN to Become 1 of 7 Universities to Offer Ph.D. in American Indian Studies

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – The University of Minnesota will soon offer a doctoral degree in American Indian Studies.

Just six universities in the United States offer a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies, and the U's program will be the first in the Midwest, and the seventh in the Nation. The program came from following recommendations in a landmark report titled "Oshkigin Noojimo'iwe" released in 2023 by

the TRUTH project that called on U leaders to repair their relationship with Tribes in the state.

The TRUTH Projects report is a 554-page document that aimed to reframe how Minnesotans view the university and called on U leaders to atone for nearly two centuries of abuses. It described the university as a "land grab" system that profited from treaties that stripped tribes of their land, reiterated concerns with some U-led research projects, and recounted how the government ran a board-

ing school on the land where the university's Morris campus is now located.

Among other things, the report called on U leaders to create the doctorate program, return land to Tribal Nations, make reparations, hire more Indigenous staff, boost support for Indigenous students and set aside space on each campus for Indigenous people to gather, pray and learn.

In the past year, the U hired two more Indigenous faculty members, provided housing scholarships to 38 freshmen this past school year and is continuing talks with some of the Tribes about how to further reduce the cost of attending college.

The university founded the first Department of American Indian Studies in the country in 1969, but its work has until now focused on primarily on students seeking bachelor's and master's degrees.

The new program is scheduled to launch in the fall of 2025. The University hopes having a doctorate program dedicated specifically to American Indian Studies will allow the U to better tailor its courses to students' interests and to ensure they're getting instruction in critical topics, such as languages. Students with those types of degrees have gone on to teach, work for historical societies, curate for museums or run programs that help return remains and artifacts to tribes.

For more information on the PHD program, contact the University of Minnesotas Indian Studies Department at **612-624-1338**, or by emailing *aminstud@umn.edu* 

# 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.

**2024 Economic Stimulus Proposal** – The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council had intense discussions on the state of approving a disbursement from the Tribal Reserve Fund. A great many sub-

jects of concerned had to be addressed. The Leech Lake People wanting a bigger Wellness Center near Cass Lake. We have needed a store for the Inger community for years. The lack of housing and addressing the homelessness at home shall require resources. The Leech Lake economic development and diversifying the economy of the Band has to be considered. The Leech Lake Cannabis Dispensary in Walker has been a great idea but another dispensary business is needed and diversifying into the growing of a product and wholesaling to other Tribes could also generate revenue for licensed Band members. Leech Lake gaming's net profit had increased by \$10 million from last year. After further negotiations, \$750 dollars for stimulus relief and \$250 dollars for the annual tax rebate is on the table but without official approval.

Chairman Jackson, Expresses the importance of the **"Get Out The Vote" –** Election Day will be Tuesday, November 5, 2024, please mark this date on your calendars. Why are National, State of Minnesota, county, and township elections so important for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. It was not too long ago, we could not vote in these elections or express our opinions. We have every right to participate in these elections because we pay taxes, we are citizens, and we must have friends that support Leech Lake's communities. We had spoken to Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan about the three districts needing Wellness Centers and they delivered \$24 million. The 11 Tribes in Minnesota had requested support for Tribal Impact Aid. Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Flanagan had delivered again with \$40 million in Impact Aid for the MN Tribes and Leech Lake's



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

share is \$4.8 million. For generations, the Leech Lake Band had fought for illegally transferred land. We had spoken to U.S. Senator Smith and U.S. Rep. McCollum. They drafted and sponsored LLRR Act that was passed and 11,778 acres was returned to Band ownership. Once again, US Senator Smith and US Rep. McCollum have a second bill on the table called LLRRTC Act that's before the U.S. Congress. This bill will return another 4,362 acres that was illegally transferred. These are just a few of the reasons why we need to support and vote for candidates that support us. On a side note, we have a Leech Lake Band member running for the Minnesota House 2B race. Michael Reyes has thrown in his name in the MN House 2B race. Moving Forward by Voting!

Tribal/State Relations Training - On August 28, 2024 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe had hosted the Tribal-State Relations Training. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had provided a welcome for the Minnesota and Tribal employees. The mission statement is to provide training and education about American Indian Tribal governments, histories, cultures and traditions, in order to empower state employees to work effectively with American Indians and promote authentic and respectful relationships between state agencies and American Indian Tribes. Intended outcomes are better relationships with Tribes. Delayed or poorly executed consultation has led to misunderstandings and frustration between Tribes and the State of Minnesota.

18th Annual Niimi'idiwin Returns to Sanford Bemidji Campus – On August 8, 2024 Chairman Jackson, Sr. had attended the pow-wow. The Sanford



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Hospital staff had asked Chairman Jackson, Sr. to provide a welcome from the Leech Lake Band. The Sanford employee had stated, "This was the first time a Chairman had attended the Niimi'idiwin powwow." The annual powwow provides an opportunity for Sanford Health and Indian Health Services Hospitals to invite community members to gather for a celebration of holistic healing and our community's Ojibwe heritage. A celebratory meal of Red Lake walleye and traditional wild rice from Leech Lake was served. The Arena Director was Gary Charwood. Host drum was Nut Hill.

Leech Lake Wild Rice Season 2024 – The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council had determined that the wild rice beds had been affected by high water levels and weather that was reported by DRM. As we are all aware, Leech Lake DRM is paying \$7.00 dollars per pound for green wild rice. As of Thursday, we had purchased 86,828 pounds of wild rice at a cost of \$607,796.00...

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# October

District III Elder Birthdays

Robert Banks Robert Bartel Charles Bobolink Jill Brown Sherman Brown Thomas Cloud Darlene Cobenais From the District III Office Leon, Toni & Kari

Sharon Declusin
William Donovan
Myron Drummond
Michael Escobedo
Kenneth Fairbanks
Roger Fairbanks
Richard Fineday
Patsy Fisher
Leon Garbow
Geraldine Goodwater
Beverly Guernsey
Monica Hooker

Christina Howard
Evelyn Iler
Frank Isaacs
Doris Jones
Robin Jordan
Marcia Kleeb
Geraldine Littlewolf
Marvin Littlewolf
Keely Losh
Thomas Lyons
William Masten
Gary Mitchell
Beverly Molash
David Morgan
Jane Munnell

Emily Munyer
Melvin Northbird
Freda Oothoudt
Samuel Papasodora
Louis Paquette
Steven Rejholec
Jennie Reyes
Alvin Roy
Richard Schulman
Michael Shaw
Henrietta Sherer-Nason
George Smith
Dale Tatro
Jane Valencia
Frances Van Nett

Shannon Washington Cheryl White Lois White Jeanne Whitwam Machell Wiltse Margaret Wind Doris Wittner

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

# Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday

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 August 2024.

#### GENERAL FINANCE AND AUDIT UPDATE

The end of year financial statements for Fiscal Year 2024 are still being compiled, but the initial projections show that we spent 94% of General Fund Direct Funding dollars, meaning we came in under budget by 6%. I will have a full financial report on Fiscal Year 2024 budget performance in the October quarterly report.

Work also continues on our

external audits as our auditors are in the final stages of completing FY 2022. Once this audit is complete, work will immediately commence on the FY 23 audit. Our Finance team is working diligently with our auditors at REDW to complete these audits and ensure that we are

# TRIBAL STATE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

reporting expenditures correctly.

On August 2, 2024, the Tribal State Partnership met to discuss the ongoing work with the child protection system in Minnesota. Discussion at this meeting focused on the systems the State and counties utilize to report data, including SSIS and the court filing system. We discussed the need to update

information collected as these procedures have not been modified in quiet some time.

We also discussed Family Resource Centers and how some counties are moving forward with implementation of this model of service delivery. I will be working with our team here at Leech Lake to explore the possibility of utilizing the Family Resource Center model as we move forward with implementing the Initiative. Please watch for continued updates.

#### **GET OUT THE VOTE UPDATE**

On August 9, 2024, the National Congress of American Indians Executive Committee met to discuss national Native Get Out the Vote efforts. NCAI will be providing mini grants to tribes and indigenous organizations to promote voter registration and ensure our people vote in the upcoming elections in November.

On August 28, 2024, the NCAI Midwest Region hosted a call with leaders and community members regarding our regional efforts. On this call, I and other leaders spoke on the urgency of this election and the need to ensure that Indian Country's voice is heard by electing candidates who will promote tribal sovereignty.

This election is extremely important for Indian Country and we want to ensure that all people exercise their right to vote. Importantly, we are also marking the 100-year anniversary of the Snyder Act of 1924, which granted Indians citizenship in the United States and established the right to vote. Its hard to believe that just 100 years ago our family members were not able to vote in these elections. We can make an impact and help change the trajectory of our country for the better by collectively exercising our right to vote. If you have any questions on voting, please reach out to me at any time.

#### MINNESOTA INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL UPDATE

On August 14, 2024, I met with the executive board of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. During the meeting, the MIAC board appointed me to the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection. The Supreme Court Council had its inaugural meeting on August 21, 2024 and discussed the strategy for the upcoming meetings and how we will compile our final report to



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On August 6, 2024, Secretary/Treasurer Lenny Fineday attended the inauguration ceremony for the White Earth RBC. He is pictured here with District III Representative Laura Erickson and Chairman Michael Fairbanks, who were both sworn in that day.

the legislature. This Council was established to assist the legislature in identifying the changes needed in our child protection system. Please continue to watch for updates on the work of this Council.

#### **RBC RETREAT UPDATE**

On August 19 and 20, 2024, the RBC held a retreat in Hinckley, Minnesota. This retreat was useful for discussing implementation of plans and how we can best move in a positive direction. We discussed a number of areas, including the funding options of the Wellness Centers construction, further developing our youth and elders programming, strategies to increase our third-party billing revenue, and other matters. The conversion was open and productive, and we are looking forward to positive results

from this retreat.

Of note, the RBC agreed to pursue a financing package for the Wellness Centers that does not expend General Fund dollars. This package includes the Minnesota bonding funds, leveraging 105(l) leasing dollars from the Indian Health Service, and exploring New Market Tax Credit financing. As this plan is further developed, please watch for more information.

#### **CANNABIS UPDATE**

Leech Lake's foray into the cannabis industry continues to be successful. While there have been startup costs associated with getting into the industry, developing appropriate regulations, and opening the dispensary, the revenue coming into the business has exceeded projections. The company continues to work with multiple suppliers to ensure an adequate supply of product is available.

The RBC is also working with other Tribes in Minnesota as well as the Governor's office on the cannabis compact. This compact will allow Band-licensed businesses to operate off the reservation in limited capacities as well as allow Bandlicensed product to be sold within the broader Minnesota market. We are working closely with the legal department and our cannabis commission to get the best terms possible as we negotiate with the Governor's office.

#### **CONSULTATIONS UPDATE**

On August 22, 2024, the RBC had two consultations, one with the Iron...

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U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, whom initially announced and spearheaded the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

# DOI's Final Report on Federal Indian Boarding **Schools Confirms Generational Trauma and Loss**

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON - The final report on boarding schools from the US Department of Interior (DOI) has been released.

The boarding school initiative report, which is the second and final volume of the investigative report by the DOI builds on the initial volume published in May 2022 to significantly expand on the number and details of institutions to include attendee deaths, the number of burial sites, participation of religious institutions and organizations, and federal dollars spent to operate these locations. It also includes policy recommendations for consideration by Congress and the Executive Branch to continue to chart a path to healing and redress for Indigenous communities.

Volume 2 updates the official list of federal Indian boarding schools and maps to include 417 institutions across 37 states or then-territories. It provides detailed profiles of each school and confirms that at least 973 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children died while attending federally operated or supported schools.

It also identifies at least 74

marked and unmarked burial sites at 65 different school sites, and estimates that the U.S. government made appropriations available of more than \$23.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2023 inflation-adjusted dollars between 1871 and 1969 for the federal Indian boarding school system as well as other similar institutions and associated assimilation policies. The Washington Post, who also researched the schools in a yearlong investigation found at least 122 priests, sisters and brothers assigned to 22 boarding schools since the 1890s were later accused of sexually abusing Native American children under their care. Most of the documented abuse occurred in the 1950s and 1960s and involved more than 1,000 children.

In the process of publishing ese two volumes, the Department's staff and contractors reviewed approximately 103 million pages of federal records. Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary Newland also met with officials government Indigenous leaders from Australia, Canada and New Zealand to understand the processes they used to address the legacy of similar assimilation policies, to include boarding schools and institutions.

"The federal government facilitated by the Department I lead took deliberate and strategic actions through federal Indian boarding school policies to isolate children from their families, deny them their identities, and steal from them the languages, cultures and connections that are foundational to Native people. These policies caused enduring trauma for Indigenous communities that the Biden-Harris administration is working tirelessly to repair," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "I am immensely proud of the hundreds of Interior employees - many of them Indigenous - who gave of their time and themselves to ensure that this investigation was thoroughly completed to provide an accurate and honest picture. The Road to Healing does not end with this report – it is just beginning."

"For the first time in the history of the United States, the federal government is accounting for its role in operating historical Indian boarding schools that forcibly confined and attempted to assimilate Indigenous children. This report further proves what Indigenous peoples across the country have known for generations - that federal policies were set out to break

us, obtain our territories, and destroy our cultures and our lifeways," said Assistant Secretary Newland. "It is undeniable that those policies failed, and now, we must bring every resource to bear to strengthen what they could not destroy. It is critical that this work endures, and that federal, state and Tribal governments build on the important work accomplished as part of the Initiative."

The report includes eight recommendations for the federal government from Assistant Secretary Newland that aim to support a path to healing the nation, including:

- · Issuing a formal acknowledgment and apology from the U.S. government regarding its role in adopting and implementing national federal Indian boarding school policies;
- Investing in remedies to the present-day impacts of the federal Indian boarding school system;
- Establishing a national memorial to acknowledge and commemorate the experiences of Indian Tribes, individuals, and families affected by the federal Indian boarding school system;
- Identifying and repatriating remains of children and funer-

ary objects who never returned from federal Indian boarding schools;

- Returning former federal Indian Boarding school sites to Tribes:
- Telling the story of federal Indian boarding schools to the American people and global community;
- Investing in further research regarding the present-day health and economic impacts of the federal Indian boarding school system; and
- Advancing international relationships in other countries with similar but their own unique histories of boarding schools or other assimilationist policies.

In late 2023, Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary Newland completed "The Road to Healing," a historic 12-stop tour across the country that provided Indigenous survivors the opportunity to share with the federal government their experiences in federal Indian boarding schools for the first time.

The Road to Healing events included opportunities to connect survivors with trauma-informed support through the Department of Health and Human Service's Indian Health Service and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The reflections of many of those individuals are included in Volume 2 and transcripts are available on the Federal Boarding School Initiative website.

The Department also launched an oral history project to document and make accessible to the public the experiences of generations of Indigenous then-children who attended the federal Indian boarding school system. Through a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and with funding from the Mellon Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition is currently interviewing survivors for what will be a collection of first-person narratives. The Department and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, part of the largest museum, research and education complex in the world, are partnering to explore how best to share with the public the history of the federal Indian boarding school system and its role in U.S. development, with a proposed focus on the never-toldbefore experiences of survivors.

Both volumes of the report as well as the associated appendices can be found the Bureau of Indian



# Senators Demand Immediate USDA Action Amid Food Distribution Crisis in Tribal Nations

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of senators is demanding immediate action from USDA after several Tribal Nations reported that a federal food distribution program they rely on—has not fulfilled orders for months, and in some cases has delivered expired food.

Last spring, the USDA consolidated from two contractors to one for deliveries of its Food Distribution Program in Indian Reservations. In a letter sent to USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack on Friday, August 23rd, the senators expressed concern that Native American families across the country are experiencing "extreme disruptions."

"Participating households have not had consistent food deliveries for over four months," the senators wrote. "This is unacceptable."

Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon said he was stunned to hear from five tribal nations in his state this summer that they have been struggling to meet their families' needs since the consolidation.

"The USDA must swiftly and fully address this self-inflicted crisis," Merkley said in a statement. "There can be no more excuses for food delays, missed deliveries, or delivery of expired products."

Merkley is joined in the letter by Democratic Senators including, Tina Smith of Minnesota, Martin Heinrich of New Mexico, Ron Wyden of Oregon, and republican senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer of North Dakota and Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma.

Mary Greene-Trottier, who serves as president of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations and directs food distribution for North Dakota's Spirit Lake Nation said that more than 50,000 Native American families are dependent on the government program's food.

"They're going without," Greene-Trottier said. "Imagine showing up at the grocery store during COVID or a winter blizzard, and the shelves are empty. That's the feeling that they get."

Paris Brothers Inc., the sole contractor for the food distribution program said that it is "actively addressing" recent issues.

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The USDA has consultation with Tribes scheduled for September in Washington, D.C.

The agency said the decision to consolidate was the outcome of a competitive bidding process, and Paris Brothers was the only company that the USDA board determined could meet the need. To help the contractor scale up to handle a larger influx of inventory, the agency has provided USDA staff to assist with customer service-related work with tribes and is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help with the company's logistics program.

"Our first order of business has been to get food where it's needed," the agency said in a statement. "In addition, we are undertaking a review of our procurement process to prevent similar circumstances from occurring in the future."

The agency also is assisting tribes in using other federal programs that can offer additional food and resources, and has offered \$11 million to tribal nations to address the food shortages while Paris Brothers tries to catch up.



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

On August 22, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead and Commissioner Tikki Brown, head of the newly formed Minnesota Department of Children Youth and Families.

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...Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board and one with Minnesota Department of Human Services.

The IRRRB consultation focused on potential projects in the S. Lake and Inger communities. Projects focused on these communities as the IRRRB's service area is limited by state statute. We also discussed possible off-reservation projects as well.

The consultation with the Minnesota Department of Human Services focused on the four walls policy fix proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the newly established Minnesota Department of Children Youth and Families.

On August 28, 2024, I joined DHS leadership and leaders from other MN tribes at a meeting with CMS to discuss their implementation of the four walls policy, and the public comment period for their proposed rule change. This

meeting was productive and led to the development of a joint Tribal-State Public Comment letter that will be submitted in September.

Overall the conversations at both consultations were productive and we are looking forward to positive results moving forward.

This concludes my report for August 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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...dollars. By this time last year, we had purchased over 100,000 pounds of green wild rice.

Tribal Notice on Discovery of Burial Grounds – If a burial site is discovered, please do not disturb the area. Contact the Leech Lake Tribal Police or the Tribal Historical Preservation Office.

This will preserve evidence and the burial site artifacts.

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. Checking the heating register vents for dust plug ups and proper air flow in each room of the home. 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!* 



via WYOTODAY.COM

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# Native American Women **Warriors Present Colors at** Santa Clara NFL Game

By KAYLA DUOOS

SANTA CLARA - Native American Female Service members presented the colors at the NFL 49-ers vs New Orleans Saints game, August 18, 2024,

The service women present at the game are members of the Native American Women Warriors, a virtual nonprofit colorguard organization made up of active duty, retired, reservist, and auxiliary family members from around the world.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have one of the highest representations in the armed forces, and Native American women are the fastest-growing population of veterans.

The organization is dedicated to empowering Native American women warriors, with the tools and support they need in active duty and/or retirement. They aid in their transition from a warrior's journey to civilian life through readjustment assistance, strengthening cultural ties, assistance with mental health and wellness services, and career readiness.

#### SERVICE MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED

- Anita Kohlhagen, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, U.S. Army Veteran
- **Inez Sanchezolmos**, Northern Arapaho tribe, Retired U.S. Navy

- Jude Black, Northern Arapaho tribe, U.S. Army Veteran Libby Neugin, Cherokee Nation, U.S. Navy Veteran Renee Gaines, Apsáalooke Crow Nation, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Mitchelene BigMan, Apsáalooke Crow Nation, Rétired U.S. Army

For more information on the Native American Warriors Association, visit www.nawwassociation.com.









via LLBO DRM

# 3rd Annual Ma'iingan in the Moonlight Event

The LLBO DRM recently held the Annual Ma'iingan in the Moonlight event. 15 youth along with DRM staff visited the North American Bear Center and International Wolf Center in Ely, MN. Youth learned about these important species and other wildlife of the northwoods.

This trip is supported Annually by a BIA grant and the DRM Fish and Wildlife Program.



# LET'S TALK ENERGY TRANSITION

The Just Transition Taskforce will be hosting Community Town Halls to provide information about our work and gain valuable insights and ideas from members of six different communities in Itasca County about energy transition and what is being done to get prepared!

We will host these sessions over two series of three townhalls.

# SEPTEMBER SERIES

- Nashwauk City Hall
  - Sept. 25th, 2024 | 5:30 7:30 PM
- Itasca County Family YMCA
  - Sept. 26th, 2024 | 12:00 2:00 PM
- Deer River High School Commons
  - Sept. 26th, 2024 | 5:30 7:30 PM

# **OCTOBER SERIES**

- Cohasset Community Center
  - o Oct. 15th, 2024 | 4:30 6:30 PM
- Bigfork City Hall
  - o Oct. 16th, 2024 | 12:00 2:00 PM
- S.Lake LIC Community Center
  - Oct. 16th, 2024 | 5:30 7:30 PM

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## Andrew Jones



Andrew Roy Jones, Gewaydinoo Inini "North Man", of the Kingfisher clan began his journey to the spirit world on August 17, 2024. He was born on March 29, 1978 in Cass Lake, MN to Della and James Jones Sr. He grew up in Cass Lake and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved hunting, ricing, setting nets and trapping, and playing football. He enjoyed drumming with his brothers on the Cass Lake drum group and dancing grass dance. He loved watching WWE and the Dukes of Hazzard, for which he fondly carried the nickname "Roscoe."

He met Leila Northbird while working together at the Palace Casino in 2004. Together they built a life with their three children. Andrew and Leila were married traditionally on June 15, 2013. Andrew loved and adored his children; they were his pride and joy. He loved travelling to pow wows, attending all the sports games his kids were playing, playing video games with his family, playing cribbage and spades, and getting outdoors as much as possible, collecting maple sugar, netting, ricing, hunting, playing keno, frisbee golf and the MN Vikings.

Andrew loved his nieces and nephews. He was a big kid himself and would be seen playing nerf wars, going for walks, swimming, sledding or playing football/basketball right along with them. He helped raise his two younger sisters Felicia and Lakasha and would often have a nephew or niece or many by his side. He would often travel to Redby to visit his favorite aunt Gloria Cloud and Aunt Andrea Cloud.

Andrew was a hard worker and would help anyone. He was often doing jobs for family members and friends, fixing cars, household repairs, hauling things, delivering fish and venison from his most recent catch. He also worked with his brother Jimmy in Archeology. He was so good at identifying game trails and different medicinal plants that tied so well with his archeology trait. It was here he met his special friend Elly Smith who he spent time with over the last few years. Together they enjoyed hiking, picking berries and mushrooms, and helping others. Andrew will be greatly missed by his parents James Jones Sr and Della Jones, his daughter Aalydia (Sissy) Jones, sons Dru (Bae'Bae) Jones and Kyan (Love Bug) Jones, wife Leila Northbird, brothers James (Patti) Jones Jr, Gerald Cloud-Vos, Arthur Jones, Roger (Andrea) Durant, sisters Kim Cloud, Roxi (Alt) Cotton, Felicia Cloud-Jones, Lakasha Cloud, June (Darin) Wilber, numerous loved nieces and nephews and special friend Eleanor Smith.

He is preceded in death by maternal greatgrandparents Evelyn Cloud & Ben RedEagle, Cecelia & Roy Cloud, grandparents MaryJane & Andrew Cloud Sr, and Arthur & Katherine Jones, brothers Charles Jones & Joseph Vos, sister Abigail Jones, nephew William Jones and niece Ambria Wind, and special friend Faye Nelson, special aunt Andrea Cloud, and numerous aunts and uncles.

A traditional wake will begin at 5 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at the Mission Community Center until the traditional service at 10 AM on Friday, August 23, 2024 with Chuck Grolla and Mike Dahl. Active pallbearers are James Jones, AJ Masten, Jim Brown, Lawrence Gibbs, Roger Durant, and Jonas Northbird. Alternate pallbearers will be Michael Jones and Dauntay Cloud. Honorary pallbearers are Dave Northbird, Jourdain/Mainville brothers, Brian Anoka, Joseph Brown, Chuck Bobolink and all of his nieces and nephews. Burial will be at Northbird Family Burial Grounds.

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

### Constance Beaulieu

Constance Ann Beaulieu, age 79, of Bemidji, Minnesota passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family by her side. She was born in Red Lake, MN on September 2, 1944, to Lucille Kingbird and Fabian Dudley.

Connie liked to read various types of books and watch her soap operas. She was especially happy when her family was around. Playing games of strategy like scrabble was one of her favorite things to do. She enjoyed a cocktail from time to time as well...Vodka Cranberry was her go to. She will always be remembered for her quick wit and looking sharp!

The family that Connie is reunited with



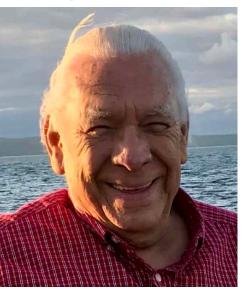
are her parents; Fabian Dudley and Lucille Kingbird, son; Simon W. Kingbird Jr., sisters; Ruth Morrison, Barbara Kingbird, brother; Leo Kingbird Jr.

She leaves behind her sons; Lamont, Barry, Jerry and Keith King, daughters; Cecilee, and Jonnie Beaulieu, brothers; Wayne, Ron, and Gordon Kingbird, sister; Valerie Weaver, as well numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on August 21, 2024, at 12:00 at the New Redby Center in Redby, MN. Honorary pallbearers are all those who knew and loved her. Connie will be going home with family following the celebration.

Connie's arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family maybe left at www.norhernpeace.com.

# Eugene Novak



Lugene John Novak, age 78, born November 10, 1945 in Brillion, Wisconsin passed away July 30, 2024 at his home.

Survived By: Daughter Dawn Luella Jackson (Eric) of Cass Lake, MN. Daughter Tara Jane Novak (Josh) of Bemidji, MN. Son Michael John Novak (Sydney) of Bemidji, MN. And 18 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild. Preceded By: Mother Ethel Novak, Step-Father John Novak, Wife Luella Jane Novak (2014), Son Scott Edwin Novak (2018). Visitation: Wednesday, August 7 beginning at 5:00pm Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, MN. Service: Thursday, August 8 starting at 12:00pm Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, MN. Burial: Pine Ridge Cemetery, Deer River, MN.

Gene grew up in Brillion, Wisconsin, and was a proud member of the Oneida Nation and a member of the turtle clan. He was an avid Packer Backer, and shared stories from when he was a young boy of sneaking into Lambeau Field to watch games.

Gene met the love of his life- Luella Mainville in Chicago, IL. They moved to Minneapolis and were married in 1969. After they married, Gene and Luella moved up north to Deer River to start their family. They also took time to rice and hunt together. Gene held a variety of jobs in the area: he was a Deer River Deputy, a lumber operator, forestry technician, and Indian Education Director for Deer River Schools. The family travelled to many powwows and made lifelong friend-ships. While raising their family, Gene and Luella were avid followers of their children's sports and activities. Upon his retirement, grandparenting became their greatest joy.

Gene loved to read mystery thrillers, thrift for treasures, build and collect model cars, watch history and crime dramas, and play trivia games. He also loved to attend the grandchildren's birthday parties, school activities, and \$5 movie nights with his children.

Honorary Pallbearers are Gene and Luella's grandchildren: Greg, Mike, Jacob, Chloe, Gabe, Chris, Ben, Kallie, Bradley, Eej, Ethan, Ava, Ahki, Cole, Ahki, Miskwaa, Giizis, Miika, Ani.

# Keith St. Cyr



Keith Rene St. Cyr "Animikii Inini" meaning "Thunderbird Man", of the Loon clan, age 60, started his journey on August 1, 2024, from Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, MN, surrounded by his family. Keith was born February 9, 1964, to Wilbur and Valerie St. Cyr in Chicago, Illinois.

Keith lived with his grandma Jo C in

Oakland, California until he was adopted by Earl and Josephine Morris. He was raised by them in Cass Lake, MN. He graduated high school in Bena, MN.

After graduating Keith loved to help his family and friends by providing them with childcare anytime they needed. He never had children of his own, he thought of Chantelle Fairbanks and Yolanda "La La" Smith as his own. He loved to spend time with his nieces and nephews, he had nicknames for all of them.

Keith was a fantastic artist, he enjoyed playing drums and singing at Pow Wows. When he wasn't doing that, he loved his Godzilla movies. He Also enjoyed family get togethers and teasing people to make them laugh.

Those greeting Keith in the Spirit world are his parents, Wilbur and Valerie St. Cyr; adopted parents, Earl and Josephine Morris; brothers, William St Cyr, Martin Wind, and Eugene Morris.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his brother, Vincent (Shelly) Simons Morris.

An overnight wake for Keith will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, and continues until his service Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. all to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Keith's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Pallbearers are Dylan Morris, Cedric Morris, Rueben St. Cyr, Vincent Morris, Dana Sargent, and Torey Kingbird. Honorary pallbearers are Anita Simons, Joe Kingbird, Penny Fairbanks, Stacey Morris, and all that knew and loved him. Interment will follow his service at the Morgan Cemetery, Oak Point.

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

# Shawn Smith Sr.



Shawn Joesph Smith Sr., 52, of Minneapolis, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on July 27,2024, from his home. He was born to John Hoffman and Brenda Smith on April 13, 1972, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Shawn grew up in Minneapolis, attended and graduated high school there. He loved to ride bike around the city, play basketball, work

out, and take pictures of the city. He also enjoyed family get togethers.

Those greeting Shawn in the spirit world are his mom, Brenda Smith; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Those Shawn leaves behind to cherish his memory are his son, Shawn Smith Jr.; daughters, Mishka Smith and Evelyn Smith; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

An overnight wake for Shawn will begin at 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 17, 2024, and continue until his 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 18, 2024, all to be held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be Shawn's Spiritual Advisor. Shawn's urn bearer will be Jim Brown. Honorary urn bearers are Sheldon Brown, Jeff Brown, Dennis Brown, Joe Brown, and Charlie Brown, also all those who knew and loved him.

Shawn'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.

#### Vincent Simons-Morris



Vincent Charles Simons-Morris (Chi-Muckwa "Big Bear"), 55, of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, August 17, 2024. Traditional services will begin at 11:00 am,

Traditional services will begin at 11:00 am, Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the Veteran's Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin at 11:00 am, Thursday, August 22, 2024 and continue until the time of the service at the Veteran's Building in Cass Lake. Interment will be at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Vincent was born July 25, 1969 in Cass

Vincent was born July 25, 1969 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of George White and Valerie Simons. He graduated from Bug-onay shig school. He graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College and worked for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as an alcohol and drug counselor. He married Shelly Roy January 3, 2015. He was a pipe carrier, Sun Dancer, Song Holder, and active in practicing his traditional ceremonies. He loved his culture and helping people. He was a people person. He was a talented beader and very creative. He loved drumming and singing. He will be greatly missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Shelly Morris,

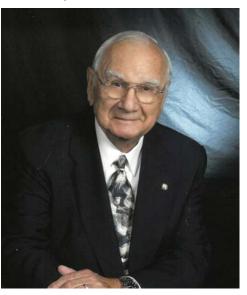
sons, Dylan and Cedric Morris, 10 grandchildren, aunt, Anita Simons, nieces, Valerie St. Cyr, Keyla St. Cyr, Faith Morris, and Danielle Morris, nephews, Reuben St. Cyr and Lakota Morris, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, George White, mother, Valerie Simons, adopted parents, Earl and Josephine Morris, brothers, William St. Cyr, Keith St. Cyr, Martin Wind, and Eugene Morris, and his we-eh, Marvin White.

Honorary casketbearers will be Darold Madigan, III, Nancy Kingbird, Ken Cloud, Joy Morris, and his Sundance family.

Active casketbearers will be Dylan Morris, Cedric Morris, Reuben St. Cyr, Marcus Roy, Lakota Morris, Jeremy Morrow, Michael Aggamway, Aaron Wind, Jr.

### Boyd Schluter Jr.



Boyd Nicholas Schluter, Jr., 89, of Cass Lake, MN died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Neilson Place in Bemidji.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, May 11, 2024 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN with Father KK officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service under the direction of Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji. Interment will be at

the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake.

Boyd Nicholas Schluter Jr. (Nick) was born March 31, 1935 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Boyd and Edythe (Munnell) Schluter. His parents divorced and in 1943 his father married Vernetta Schmidt. In 1944 his father was drafted into the U.S Navy serving on PT-Boats in the South Pacific until the end of the war. During WW II, Nick and his brother lived in Seattle, WA with their mother, returning to Cass Lake in 1948 and finishing High School in 1953. He went to Seattle and worked in the Medical Supply field for a year. In 1954, he returned to Cass Lake for a short visit and then enlisted in the United States Air Force and made a career in the service. He was very proud of his career having served two tours in Japan, flying all over the Far East for five years and serving one year in Vietnam "in country". He also served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a member of the Battle Staff onboard the "Doomsday Aircraft" the National Airborne Command Post, a Presidental Support Aircraft out of Andrews AFB, MD. He flew around the World when President Nixon made his world trip. He retired in 1975 moving to Massachusetts, going to college and working in the Intermodal Industry in management positions for 35 years. Nick was a Life Member of the American Legion, VFW, DAV, and AMVETS organizations. He was previously married to Mary Mederios and Kathleen Houle. In 2013 he moved back "home" to Cass Lake, MN and married "Peggy" (Margaret Reedy) Olding. They had many happy times together traveling around Europe, Canada and the USA. He was a proud member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Bear Clan.

He is survived by his loving wife Peggy, two daughters; Heidi Schluter and Nikki Lowe, sisters; Julie (Burt) Miller, Maple Valley, WA, Edythe Berg, Sarasota, FL; Step-Daughters; Joanne Ehrenzeller, Hanover, MA, Krista Krupa, Agawam, MA, Annie Sevenich, Cass Lake, MN, Mary (Rich) Bull, Laporte, MN, Shelley (Darrel) Wilson, Ball Club, MN, Kathy Kresien, Cass Lake, MN Ruth Olding of Brainerd, and 4 Grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Curtis Schluter, stepsons Mark Olding and Tom Kresien.

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# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418 Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene Chief Judge of Tribal Court Honorable David Harrington Deputy Judge of Tribal Court Honorable Michael Harrelson Deputy Judge of Tribal Court

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Kelly R. Isham, Petitioner, v. LeRoy M. Pemberton Jr., Respondent,

Case No. CV-24-75

NOTICE
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Parte Order for Protection has

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

been issued on June 17, 2024.

SERVICE OF THIS ORDER MAKES THE FOLLOWING RE-OUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DIS-MISSED:

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.
- 3. RESPONDENT MUST NOT ENTER PETITIONER'S RESIDENCE OR ANY FUTURE RESIDENCE.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANC-TIONS BY THE COURT

#### 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 PER-

SONS 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 abovenamed 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 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 documents. 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 abovenamed 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 PER-SONS 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.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

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

Court File No. CV-24-05

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS 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 GIV-EN 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 De-BahJiMon in two consecutive issues (Leech Lake Judicial Code, title 2, Part II, Rule 5, Section C(5)) because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In 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 Goggleye, Respondents,

Case No. FA-22-06

#### NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NO-TICE 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

In the Matter of: Heather Fineday, Petitioner, v. Alfred J. Desjarlait II, Respondent,

Case No. CV-24-108

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVENAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Ex Parte Order for Protection has been issued on August 22, 2024.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

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

1) RESPONDENT SHALL

NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.

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

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

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

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

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

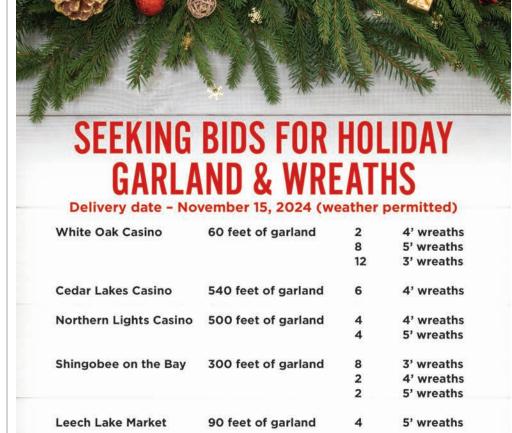
Court File No. CV-24-33

#### NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ernest Robert Ryan, died January 12, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 17th, day of June, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sandra K. Ryan, surviving spouse of the decedent.

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

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



Bids may only be submitted by enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe with EIN #.

Sealed bids must be received by the end of the business day on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

For any questions please e-mail Samara.Lohnes@leechlakegaming.com

#### Bids can be submitted by:

Dropping off at Leech Lake Gaming Front Desk from 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday. (Attention Adam Nason in Purchasing and Samara Lohnes in Marketing)

#### OR

Mail to:
Adam Nason or Samara Lohnes
c/o Leech Lake Gaming
6268 Upper Cass Frontage Rd NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633





# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

# September Birthdays

## District I

Franklin Bowstring Sr.
Wanda Howard
Russell Stangel
Marella Dodson
Patrick White
Leo Gotchie Jr.
Richard Donnell Jr.
Terrance Hodder
Phyllis Wade
Mary Jo Gotchie

Marvin Bowstring Alan Mainville Harold Goggleye Curtis Bowstring James Michaud Myrna Hardy Ronald Howard Zelda Lyons

From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle



## District II

Melvin Losh Ruth White Robert Losh Sr. Terrance Hodder Lavina Marion Rodney Johnson Happy Wenell

From the District II Office Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



# District III\*



Lucy Aitkin Betsy Allen Robert Beaudreau Larry Beaulieu Elaine Benoit Curtis Brown Myron Buffalo William Butcher Patricia Cook Jimmy Day John Dunn Iris Fairbanks Michael Fairbanks Donald Finn Kirby Finn Robbie Finn Patsy Gordan Teresa Gunter Anthony Hare Terrance Hark

Marilyn Harrison Beverly Hensley Helen Jacobs James Jones Norman Lawrence Ruby Lowry Aubrey Lyons Sharon Mainville Ronald Mitchell Marcia Morgan Reagan Morgan Dorothy Oakes Barbara Ornelas **Angelo Pantazies** Robert Pemberton John Raisch Elizabeth Reese Victoria Reich Vincent Rock

Michael Roy Linda Sailor Robert Schaaf Michael Smith Terrence Smith Jerry Smith-Jordan David Sokolik Kimberly St. John Dennis Staples James Taylor Michael Troy Janice Waddell Valerie Washington Thomas Whipple Patrick White Russell White Gary Wickner Virginia Wiesehan Richard Wilson George Wittner

From the District III Office Leon, Toni & Kari

\*all coupons must be used within Birthday Month\*

# Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for September

ONIBMEWOMIN	N ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN	
noos	my father	
qoos	your father	
nimbaabaa	my father	
qibaabaa	your father	
ńindizhaa	I go	
inini	a man	
a'aw inini	that man	
ikwe	a woman	
wa'aw ikwe	this woman	
ninibaa	I am sleeping	
nindayaa	i am	
nimaazhi-ayaa	l am unwell	
aaniin noos	hello father	
ningabaa I	get off (vehicle or boat)	
nindoonjibaa	l come from	

OJIBMEWOMIN	ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN
ninga	my mother
giga	your mother
nimaamaa	my mother
gimaamaa	your mother
nim-bi-izhaa	I come
ininiwag	men
ongow ininiwag	these men
ikwewag	women
ongow ikwewag	these women
nimaajaa	I am leaving
nimino-ayaa	l am well
gii-izhaa	She/he is leaving
maajaan	goodbye
niinawind	we
gaye	and

#### **EXERCISE**

Aaniin noos. Gimino-ayaa. Noos maajaa. Giga-da-bi-izhaa.
A'aw inini maazhi-ayaa. A'aw inini gii-izhaa. Ginibaa gaye ninibaa.
Ginibaam gaye niinawind ninibaamin. Ongow ikwewag maajaawag.
Nimino-ayaa. Ongow ininiwag da-maajaawag. Noos ginibaa.
Goos maajaaban. Nimino-ayaaminaaban. Ikwewag gii-nibaabaniig.
Nimaamaa Bemijigamaag onjibaa. Ningabaamin.
Da-gabaawag ongow ininiwag. Ninga-bi-izhaa.
Noos gaye ninga da-bi-izhaawag. Gimaajaa. Maajaan!
Maajaan! Maazhi-ayaawag ininiwag.

Niiqaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program 15353 Silver Eagle Drive, Bena MN 56626 Telephone: 218-665-3000 Toll free: 1-800-265-5576

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

## REMAINING 2024 LLBO POW WOW SCHEDULE

Sagasweiwe 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow September 6 - 8, 2024 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Battle Point 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow September 20 - 22, 2024 Battle / Sugar Point, MN 56641

For more info call: 218-335-3637 or visit facebook.com/llpowwows

# **Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings**

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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources 190 Sailstar Drive NW - Cass Lake, MN 56633 JOBS@LLOJIBWE.NET

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Tribal Planner/Developer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-183

Shelter Technician (Full time – Cass Lake Emergency Shelter) ~ Administration ~ \$16.75/

hr ~ Job Code: 24-184

Shelter Technician (Part time – Cass Lake Emergency Shelter) ~ Administration ~ \$16.75/

hr ~ Job Code: 24-185

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

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

Naagaanizid Gekinwaa'amaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-044

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

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) ~ Rehavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-065 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

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

Bailiff (Part time) ~ DPS ~ \$26.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-118

Driver/Operator (Heavy Equipment) ~ DPW ~ \$20.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-133

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

Carpenter (Facilities Maintenance) (2) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-149

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

Criminal Investigator ~ DPS ~ \$32.49/hr ~ Job Code: 24-158

Professional Development Advisor ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-160

Surveillance Operator (Cedar Lakes Casino) ~ Regulatory ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-161 Professional Development Advisor ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-160
Surveillance Operator (Cedar Lakes Casino) ~ Regulatory ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-161
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) ~ Regulatory ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-165
MnTRECC Statewide Quality Coach ~ Education ~ \$26.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-169
MnTRECC Workforce Advisor ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-170
Gekinwaa'amaaged (Teacher) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-173
Driver ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-174
Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-175
Grants Manager/Data Records Technician ~ DPS ~ \$24.15/hr ~ Job Code: 24-176
Intake Screening Worker (Opioid Treatment Program) ~ A&D ~ \$20.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-177
Investigator ~ Regulatory ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-178
Strategic Planning Coordinator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-180
Driver/Operator (Tribal Roads) ~ DPW ~ \$20.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-181
Fisheries Biologist ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-182
Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ \$18.61/hr ~ Job Code: 24-186
Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ \$18.61/hr ~ Job Code: 24-188
Driver (ENP) (2) ~ Health ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-188



#### **EPA Begins Review** of the St. Regis Paper Co. Superfund Site Leech Lake Reservation, Cass County, Minnesota

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a five-year review (FYR) of the St. Regis Paper Co. Superfund site located within the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation in Cass County. The Superfund law requires regular checkups of sites that have been cleaned up – with waste managed on site – to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. This is the seventh FYR of the site.

Cleanup of sludge, visibly contaminated soil and groundwater contaminated by wood-treatment chemicals – primarily dioxins and pentachlorophenol – began in the 1980s by the state of Minnesota and included:

- Excavating and moving contaminated soil to an on-site hazardous waste landfill.
- Installing a treatment system for contaminated groundwater.
- Providing public water to residents in the affected area.
- Establishing a groundwater monitoring well network.

Since 1995, the responsible parties have continued to monitor and treat contaminated groundwater, and maintain the on-site hazardous waste landfill, under EPA oversight. The FYR will list additional recommendations for this waste management. In addition to the FYR, planning is underway for the soil cleanup in residentially zoned areas of the site, as well as for the groundwater investigation in the Fox Creek River Valley.

The five-year-review is an opportunity for you to tell EPA about site conditions and any concerns or questions you have. More information, such as site documents, are available online at www.epa.gov/superfund/st-regispaper, This review should be completed by July 2025. Contact:

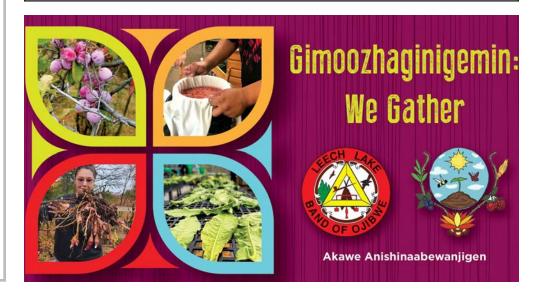
#### **Phil Gurley**

Community Involvement Coordinator 312-886-4448 gurley.philip@epa.gov

#### **Zack Sasnow**

Remedial Project Manager 312-886-0258 sasnow.zack@epa.gov

You may also call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays.





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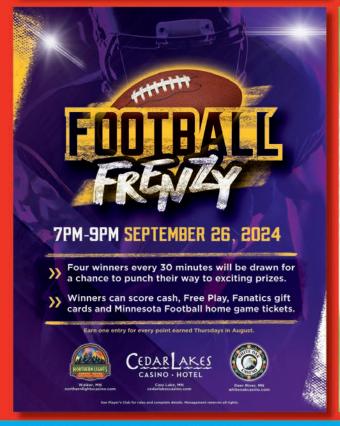
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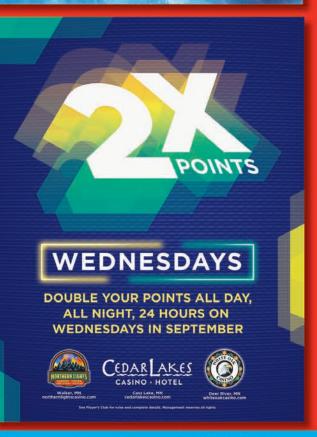
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