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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE CHAIRWOMAN CARRI JONES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Boozhoo! I am very pleased to bring you another issue of my quarterly newsletter. It is truly an honor to share the accomplishments of our dedicated employees and the activities the Band is engaged in.

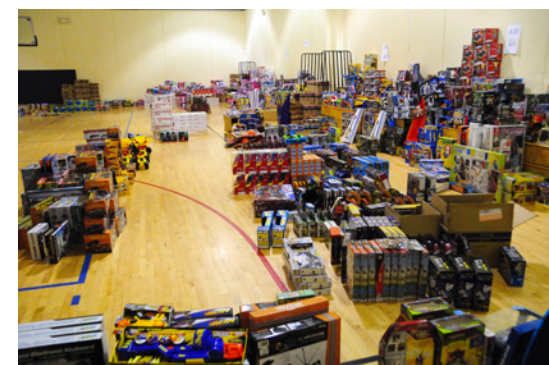
The passing of the holiday season symbolizes the completion of the 2013 Calendar year and the end of another quarterly reporting period. I am pleased to report that we conclude our quarter by sustaining a trend of positive growth and organizational development for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

As I have reported in the past, the Band is taking steps towards expanding our Health and Human Services capabilities through coordinated planning, relationship development and internal capacity building. This quarter we have invested \$3.5 million dollars into the Band's chemical dependency infrastructure, strengthened our knowledge of the healthcare industry, and secured resources to invest in future healthcare opportunities.

This quarter we also distributed a payment of both the Salazar settlement and the annual rebate, which totaled \$575.00 for each enrolled band member including our children. We also celebrated the holidays with the annual thanksgiving turkey distribution, a hugely successful \$50,000.00 toy drive, and community New Year's events in each district.

Looking forward to next year's holiday festivities I pleased to share that the Chippewa National Forrest has been selected to provide next year's Christmas tree for the Capitol in Washington D.C. The Band will be

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coordinating with the local forest supervisor and surrounding school districts to select a tree and ornaments symbolic of the region, its people, and our stories.

Speaking of stories, I am proud of the legacy we are building for the future of our nation. We have made huge progress in such a short amount of time. Progress that is, and will be visible across the reservation's landscape; progress we can accredit to competent, capable & effective self-governing institutions and the community's desire rebuild a nation.

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Accomplishments and Activities

Health and Human Services

The Band has invested a substantial amount of time and financial resources exploring strategies to improve the Reservation's healthcare system. The RBC authorized the administration's pursuit of this initiative back in Fiscal 2013.

We began our efforts by meeting with key staff from regulating agencies to discuss the Band's intent to reinvest program income generated from tribal healthcare activities back into our HHS Service Infrastructure. Specifically an \$12 million dollar surplus derived from chemical dependency treatment services. We also discussed gaps in service and the opportunity it gives us to create solutions.

Unfortunately, there is a great need for chemical dependency services such as In-Patient treatment, Halfway House Services, and Medication Assisted Treatment Therapy here on the Reservation. Fortunately, we possess the cultural knowledge, applicable skill, and now, the fiscal capability to address these needs, which is why we have allocated \$3.5 million dollars to improve the infrastructure of our chemical health programs.

In November the RBC approved the expansion of the Men's Halfway House and the Construction of a new opioid treatment facility. The administration pursued these investments to assure our chemical-health programs continue to provide sustainable services to patients dealing with addiction, while the Band explores additional solutions to community health such as youth prevention, inpatient treatment & Eldercare which we plan to fund or have funded with the remaining \$8.5 million dollar surplus.

We are currently exploring the development of an adult inpatient treatment facility and the construction of a Health and Human Services complex that will house our tribal clinics, recreational center, and the Band's Health and Human Services administration. The RBC also authorized the pursuit of these activities in fiscal 2013.

Since then the Administration has engaged a number of internal expertise, consultants, and industry professionals to develop a strategy moving forward. We have formed a Centralized Billing Taskforce (CBT) to maximize the billing for our tribal health services and assure the fiscal viability of our current projects. CBT meetings have become important to understanding specific funding sources and our ability to expand into other areas of healthcare.

On December 19th the administration met with representatives from the Red Lake Inpatient Treatment Program to discuss their experience providing residential treatment. This meeting helped us look at some of



the challenges of establishing inpatient care from an operational standpoint. However, we were also pleased to hear about their success and thankful for their consultation.

Shifting away from chemical health the Band is also exploring solutions to physical health and wellness. In November the administration was invited by Sanford™ Health, (Bemidji) president, Dan Olsen to discuss how Sanford can better serve the reservation & region overall. Mr. Olsen shared many of the new services at Sanford.

Services of interest to the Band included diabetic wound care and the cardiac unit. Leech Lake diabetics suffer amputations as a result of wounds that don't heal properly, which is why we discussed the importance of working closely with the Cass Lake Indian Health Service (IHS) to assure our tribal members have access to this sort of care.

We also discussed the cost of traveling to Fargo or Duluth to receive cardiac treatment for our tribal members and how working with IHS will reduce this cost. Finally, we shared the Band's intent to improve the reservation healthcare system, activities we are engaged in, and the possibility of collaboration in the future and invited Mr. Olsen and his staff to tour our Healthcare facilities.

On December 20th The Band was joined by Mr. Olsen and Mrs. Noreen Smith, Chief Executive of the Cass Lake IHS to learn how we can work collaboratively to address the reservation's healthcare needs. Some of the immediate concerns expressed by IHS revolved around contract health and Sanford's billing. Patients referred to Sanford from contract health were having issues with medical bills after payment from IHS. Both parties agreed to find a resolution to this issue.

The remainder of the day was spent on tour of the Reservation's Healthcare facilities and the IHS hospital. During the tour we discussed developing new services, such as Advanced Life Support for the Leech Lake Ambulance and partnering to provide specialty services. We discussed the relationship between health and economics and our vision of a vibrant community built on caring for our citizens. Partnering with local healthcare providers will strengthen our capacity to do so, by creating opportunities and providing increased knowledge of the healthcare industry.

I would like to thank our Health and Human Services programs for the work they do in the community and for hosting our visitors as we toured the reservation. I would also like to congratulate the Health Division on the Expansion of the Cass Lake Fitness Center, which will add an additional 2688 square feet to serve an additional 2000 visitors each month.

Hunting & Fishing distribution and Salazar Settlement...

On December 5th and 6th the Band distributed the Annual Rebate & Salazar Settlement to Tribal members at various locations throughout the reservation's districts. Checks were also mailed on Dec 13th to tribal members off the reservation.

This year each tribal member received a check for \$575.00. \$200.00 of this payment was derived from proceeds generated by the Band's Hunting and Fishing Agreement. The additional \$375.00 came from the Band's Salazar Settlement funds. The same amount of funds was also reserved for enrolled minors. These funds, and any future payments, will be distributed to them with interest when they become adults.

The distribution of payments to tribal members can be tough. Some of our tribal member's addresses change frequently and we need to update them in our accounting system before we can process payment. This creates a delay in the time a tribal member receives his or her check. It also creates a hardship on the accounting department because a



huge number of checks are returned in the mail and eventually need to be voided until we make contact with the recipients.

I would like to assure all of our tribal members that did not receive their refund that we are working to obtain your correct addresses and assure all payments are received as soon as possible. If you have not received your payment please contact the Band's accounting or enrollment departments to request the appropriate address update form.

Community Holiday Activities

On Saturday December 21st and Monday December 23rd, the Band distributed toys to community families at the Bena Community Center and the Cass Lake Facility Center. Event organizers chose to distribute toys in Bena because of the central location and to reduce any travel hardships from outlying communities. While this event was open to all districts a separate event was scheduled for district III the following Monday.

Toys were also distributed to urban families at the Twin Cities LIC Christmas Dinner on Dec 18th, which was held at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building in South Minneapolis. Funding for this year's toy drive was made possible by charitable donations from the Band's employees, The LLBO Tax Commission & Leech Lake Gaming.

The reservation also enjoyed some pretty positive and exciting New Year's Eve celebrations at the Cass Lake Facility, Ball Club, and Bena Community Centers. Families enjoyed fun, food and games with help from volunteers and the Leech Lake Tribal Police.

2014 CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chippewa National Forest has been selected as the provider for the 2014 Capitol Christmas Tree to Washington, D.C. in 2014. A generation has passed since a tree from Minnesota has visited our nation's capital as part of the nation's holiday celebrations.

To kick-off this exciting news, Smokey Bear and students from Cass Lake-Bena Elementary joined us in this special announcement held at the Chippewa National Forest's Supervisor's Office in Cass Lake on Wednesday, December 11. As part of the afternoon, students helped create decorations for the Christmas tree that greets visitors when they come to the office as a way to showcase what the ornaments might look like in 2014.

Beginning in 1964, the Capitol Christmas Tree has been a tradition in Washington D.C. Since 1970, a national forest has been selected with providing the tree that will represent the U.S. Forest Service and the state which it comes from. In 1992, the Chippewa National Forest and Leech Lake Reservation sent a 60-foot white spruce along with thousands of ornaments made by local school children.

"We feel honored to share our local forest and community on a national stage; representing everything that makes Minnesota a great place to live, visit, and experience," said Forest Supervisor Darla Lenz.

Groups, organizations, and individuals interested in helping with the year-long celebration and planning for the 2104 Capitol Christmas Tree can contact Chippewa National Forest either by phone at 218-335-8600 or by e-mail at R9_Chippewa_Public@fs.fed.us

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Tribal members from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe have hand harvested wild rice for generations. This is an Ojibwe right of passage handed down from our elders to our youth to help ensure one of our most important cultural traditions. Our wild rice is 100% natural and 100% organic. Revenues from the sale of wild rice goes toward purchasing next years crop from tribal members.

Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Tribal Clinics

Ball Club Clinic 30995 Arctic Drive Deer River, MN 56636 (218) 246-2394 Phone (218) 246-8695 Fax Monday-Friday 10am-4pm Medical Provider 5 d/wk.	Bena Clinic (218) 665-5303 Phone (218) 665-5304 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Provider Monday & Tuesday only.	Onigum Clinic (218) 547-0521 Phone (218) 547-0522 Fax Please call for availabilitiy.
Bemidji Clinic 705 5th Street, Suite D Bemidji, MN 56601 (218) 444-7186 Phone (218) 444-2460 Fax Mon - Thurs 10am - 4pm Friday - walk-ins a.m. only Medical Provider 4 d/wk	Inger Clinic 53736 County Road 146 Deer River, MN 56601 (218) 659-2764 Phone (218) 659-2625 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Provider 4 d/wk	Nest Clinic 6055 161st Street NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 (218) 335-8315 Phone (218) 335-4578 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Provider 3 d/wk

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Tribal College Scholarship Fund Expands



Lenny Fineday (Board Secretary), Bonnie Fairbanks-Stangel (Board Member), Rose Robinson (Board Chair), Dr. Don Day (LLTC President) LLBO D3 Rep. LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks

Last year a scholarship endowment was created in the names of LeRoy Staples Sr. and LeRoy B. Fairbanks for students at the Leech Lake Tribal College by Leech Lake's District III Rep.

As the second year of the endowment begins, a few lucky students will receive funds to help with the financial burdens of earning their education.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks started the endowment in 2013 as his way to help those who are helping themselves earn not just an education but something that helps the whole community through their hard work, studying, and enlightenment that comes with a greater understanding of academics. With this hard work and effort comes not only a classroom awareness but a deeper knowledge of yourself and your community and the history therein. Congratulations to the recipients and their benefactor.

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Anishinabe Values Essay

Students at Cass Lake/Bena and at Bug O Nay Ge Shig answered the following prompt at the end of a unit on Anishinabe legends.

We have read Anishinabe legends that tell us the values that we are supposed to live by: respect, love, sharing, bravery, humility, honesty, etc. Write about someone that you have met who is a good model of a person that follows some of these traditional values.

Josh Bussier

A person that I know that is a good representation of the Anishinabe legends is my mother. She shows respect to everyone and gives to those in need. She is hardworking and does the best she can do to support her family and friends, and while doing so she always makes us laugh, whether it's a story or something she did. My mother is a good role model and someone I look up to.

Caleb Duoos

I think Levi Brown follows these values pretty well. I'm sure Sherman taught him a lot of these and I am glad he has taught them to me. Levi is an all-around good guy to anyone.

Ciao Fisher

My grandma Molly has shown me many values. She has shown me how to respect my elders and my teachings. She also showed me that sharing and love are very important when it comes to family. She taught me bravery through conquering her own problems and looking them straight in the eye, and taking them on. She told me that honesty and telling the truth gets you farther in life. To her, I give thanks for being a positive role model, with traditional teachings.

Brendan Humphrey

My grandpa Wally is a good example of a person who follows these values. He loves his family. He spends a lot of time hunting and fishing with our family. He respects other people and animals. He never takes more than what he needs. When we set net or clean fish he always shares fish and gives some to my aunts, uncles, and dad.

Joe Jourdain

My grandpa Bob Jourdain has taught me basically everything I know outside of school. He has always been there for me. He helped not only me, but everyone that has seen him. My grandpa taught me respect, without respect I wouldn't have met the people I know today. He also taught me to care for people even if I didn't like them for some reason. Caring for another person no matter what always gives a positive attitude to people around you and repays you in the long run.

Jarred Allen

My grandma Joanne Ortleby follows these values. She respects everyone and they respect her back. She loves her whole family even if she's mad at them. She shares almost everything she has. She is brave; she never gives up on something if she is determined. She never brags about her being better than anyone. My grandma is honest about everything. She won't tell us a lie if she doesn't want someone to know something.

Taydria Hurd

I have met this young old lady. She taught me how to love, respect, share, and be brave, humble, honest with others and me. Her name is Bernice Hurd, my grandma. Well my great grandma. She taught me a lot while growing up.

Corvette Northbird

My grandma is a person who lives by these values. My grandma is one of the most generous, caring, loving, and brave people I've met. My grandma is never afraid to do what's right. She puts herself before anyone. She gives back to our community.

Devery Staples

My uncle Gabbi Headbird was a man who represented all of these. He died a few years ago but if I had to choose a person it would be him. He taught me and my siblings to respect, love, and be honest about everything.

Samantha Robinson

My great aunty Babe was a very respectful, loving, sharing, brave, and honest person. My aunty Babe was very kind to everyone and loved the people in her life. She was honest about herself and others. She was very brave because she would do so much for her family and friends. She has passed now. R.I.P aunty! I love you and I miss you.

Jasmine Morris

My grandmother is the nicest, most caring person I know. Her name is Suzie. She would take anybody into her house and take care of them if they needed a place to stay. She wouldn't ask them for anything in return. I have so much respect for her. I love you Gram.

Ryan Nabors

Rob Tibbitts was my Ojibwe teacher. He uses all the values of the native Culture. Rob does a lot of traditional things like attending powwows, and some sweats. As long as I remember, he has always been a good man and Ojibwe teacher.

Jason Yates

My grandpa O.J Shastid was, in my eyes, the greatest man ever. He has taught me so much about life. He taught me how to learn from his mistakes so I don't have to make the same one. But here lately, I've been letting him down big time. He taught me wood work and how to treat people. He taught me the values of a real man. There wasn't a day that I spent with him that I didn't learn something. When he would teach me something new, he would say, "Come here son, I'm going to show you an old Indian trick". What I would give to spend one more day with him and hear him say those words just one more time.

Damon Staples

My father, Donovan Staples, lives by all of the Anishinaabe values. He always puts tobacco out and makes sure his family knows where they came from. He has hounded into me since I was young that I always base my decisions on the values similar to the ones I have recently read. On top of all that he also expands his native knowledge by reading about our people. He seeks guidance from elders as well as going to ceremonies and practicing the midewiwin ojibwemowin ways. He speaks Ojibwe decently which is a lot better than me. For all of this I admire him the most.

Lauren Lee

I have known Renee since 7th grade. Renee is the type that will be nice at first but only respects you if you truly deserve it. She is a very loving person if you don't judge her and accept her for who she is. When needed, she's there with the best advice she can offer. If she can't give you any advice she will listen. Renee is very loyal to those that she has let into her world and heart.

Jerred Moore

I met an old lady or elder that followed most of the values and who was a really good role model for me and many others. She is wise and never has anything bad to say. She always moves forward with a smile and is a really cool person.

Steve Rabbit

My grandmother is the perfect example for this because she always taught me to treat other people the way I would want to be treated. She taught me to respect the people who respect you, no matter what age, gender, race, or ethnicity. She said "All people are born equal. No one is born to hate. They may be taught to hate at a certain age. No one is born better than anyone else....except Nijjis." She was

kidding about the last part but the point she's trying to get at is that we all bleed red and everyone has an equal chance to make it somewhere. The point of this is to show what my Grandma taught me: to respect everything and everyone.

Nindonis Robinson

My Grandmother Shirley Raish lived her life this way. She was a great woman whom I admire, even posthumously. Her everyday life reflected these values. She also made sure that her grandchildren understood how vital it is to our culture that young people practice these values. Without her guidance I'd be an inconsiderate person. She helped many young people to learn how to be Anishinabe. I miss my grandmother every day.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

www.llojibwe.org and may: **drop off or mail documents to:**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – HR –
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633;

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697;

email documents to: andrea.jones@llbo.org

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 24th, 2014

Kitchen Assistant II-Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-005
Part-Time Custodian-Bena ~ Facilities Maintenance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-210B
Paraprofessional Health Educator ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-149B
CTSS MH/CD Practitioner~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-128D
Court Clerk ~ Tribal Court ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-193B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 17th, 2014

Family Support Specialist-Child Welfare ~ Human Services~DOQ~Job Code: 14-004
Pre-School Family Service Advocate ~ Early Childhood~DOQ~Job Code: 14-003
Rule 25 Assessor ~ A&D Outpatient ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-002
Training Center Coordinator-Ambulance ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-223B
Professional Development Advisor ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-239
Mechanic – Small Vehicle Repair ~ DPW ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-244
Child Protection Intake Worker - Child Welfare~Human Services~DOQ~Job Code: 13-240

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SPF-TIG Project Director ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-245
ICWA Director- Child Welfare ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-242
Pre-School Teacher ~ ECD ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-135C
Infant/Toddler Teacher – Bena ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-144C
Cook – Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-169B
Registered Dietician ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-081
Tax, Risk and Insurance Manager ~ RTC~ Job Code: 13-160
Mid Level Provider NP/PA ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-087
Controller ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-110B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$9.00/hr ~ Job Code: 12-001
Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$9.00/hr ~ Job Code: 12-000

Talking Circles

Greeting to All!

My name is Karen Anoka and I provide case management services for clients seeking behavioral health services who are experiencing Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence and clients who are in need of Suicide Prevention assistance. I work in collaboration with many resources on the reservation. A little about me, I recently graduated from Walden University in November 2012 with my Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. I have always had a passion to help others whether it is just being an ear for someone to talk to or helping others with resources in the area. My passion is helping others and giving what I can to assist others in their time of need.

I will be providing two talking circles, one for Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence and one for Suicide Prevention. These talking circles will be held two times a month with a spiritual advisor present. A light meal will be provided and craft supplies will assist with the healing of clients experiencing Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, or Suicide survivors or survivors of Suicide.

Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence is a huge issue and getting the help

needed is a priority of mine and will assist any clients that are referred with the best possible care and coordination of services.

Suicide prevention is also a huge issue, the Minnesota Department of Health has a link to data that was collected in 2011 and shows county numbers and areas of risk. Take a look, this information was interesting to me and I did not know there was such a high risk of suicide in and around our community today. MDH Data Brief link: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/docs/suicide/suicide_data_brief_2011.pdf

I am looking forward to my duties here in the Behavioral Health program with the Health Division. Any questions please feel free to call me on my office or cell, or email. Thank you all and Happy upcoming Holidays!

Karen L Anoka, BS

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Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Talking Circle



November 19, 2013
December 3, 2013 – No Circle
December 17, 2013
January 7, 2014
January 21, 2014

“Are you or have you experienced Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence? Would you like to join a support group to talk about your experience or to seek help? Join us every 1st & 3rd Tuesday for a talking circle to come together with others that are experiencing the same issues. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing.”

When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Starting November 19, 2013
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Where: HD2 Building
312 1st Street (Cass Lake)
~Light Meal Provided~

Suicide Prevention & Survivor of Suicide Victims Talking Circle



November 26, 2013
December 10, 2013
December 24, 2013 – No Circle
January 14, 2013
January 28, 2013

“Join us every 2nd & 4th Tuesday for a talking circle to come together with others that are victims, or survivors of suicide, or may have thoughts or feelings of suicide. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing.”

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
Starting November 26, 2013
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Where: HD2 Building
312 1st Street (Cass Lake)
~Light Meal Provided~

Food Distribution Eligibility

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

All persons residing within the Leech Lake reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution Is an alternative to SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program).

Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1st 2013

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
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3	\$1,780
4	\$2,126
5	\$2,489

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**Legally required child support payments to non-households members, documentation required.

**Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).

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**Shelter/utility standard deduction of \$400 for households that incur at least one monthly shelter/utility expense.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SECRETARY/TREASURER DONALD "MICK" FINN



SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT January, 2014

Boozhoo and Happy New Year to all! It has been a cold winter so far and I hope you all are keeping warm. I would like to take this time to update all Band members on the activities undertaken over the past quarter.

FINANCES

LLBO Budget

We are approximately half way through Fiscal Year 2014, which runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. We continue to monitor our spending to ensure that we do not overspend for this Fiscal Year.

Work on the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget is continuing. The Budget Team has worked with Division Directors to

present a FY '15 Budget that is balanced and meets the requirements of the Budget Ordinance. We will work diligently to follow the Budget Ordinance and hope to hold meetings in each of the districts within the next several weeks.

Settlements & Disbursements

In December, the Tribal Council authorized the disbursement of the Salazar Settlement, which was approximately \$3.5 million, along with the Tax Rebate to Band Members under the Band's Tax Agreement. These distributions totaled \$575 for each Band Member. The Band continues to have Settlement dollars available for future disbursements or investments. These dollars include the Powerline settlement of \$1.5 million, the Nelson Act settlement of \$2,452,280 and the Enbridge Account still has \$4,072,578 (including TERO portion). We have also set aside \$76,000 for Education incentives.

Taxes

Under the Tribal-State Tax Agreement, the State collects all taxes and then, using the formulas in the Agreement, the State reimburses the Band various portions of sales, tobacco, alcohol and gasoline taxes. As I have reported in the past, the Band and the State continue to have a dispute over the tobacco tax, and the State continues to withhold that tax from the Band. However, both the Band and the State continue to have open dialogue and progress is being made.

We recently learned that the State has underpaid the Band our share of sales taxes for several years. The Band has successfully received \$2 million that it should have received over the years the State miscalculated our share of sales taxes collected on the Reservation. Furthermore, progress is being made with regard to the Health Impact Fee imposed by the State. The Band continues to fight for its rightful share of those dollars collected by the State during that time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development continues to be one of my top priorities. Work is continuing on diversifying our operations so we can end our reliance on gaming dollars. We are also continuing the groundwork for establishing a separate corporation, so business decisions can be made with business in mind, not politics. I also continue to work for business diversification on the eastern side of the Reservation, where opening a gas station will create jobs, new revenue, and a new source of tax income for the Reservation as a whole.

LAND

Fee to Trust

As everyone knows, one of my top priorities is expanding our land base and placing land into trust.

Over the past several months, we have built a very good working relationship with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Realty Office. We have moved two parcels through the fee-to-trust process: the former World of Christmas property, and the property known as "Antler's Ridge," in the area north and east of the Northern Lights Casino. Both parcels should go into trust later this month.

We are stepping up our overall efforts in fee-to-trust. For many years, the Band would submit an application to place a parcel of land into trust, and the Bureau would reject it for one reason or another. These previously rejected applications account for more than 700 acres of land. We have consolidated these parcels into six new applications and will re-submit these applications soon. We will follow-through and ensure that each of these parcels are placed into trust within the next several months.

Restoring Our Homelands

Another priority I have is to restore our Reservation lands by returning lands improperly taken from the Band. For decades, we have known that the Department of Interior improperly transferred several thousand acres of Reservation land to the US Forest Service through a process known as "Secretarial Transfers". Through work at our DRM, we are in the final stages of identifying each of these parcels.

The Department of Interior has committed to working with the Band to get these lands back to the Reservation. We are working with the US Forest Service for their commitment as well. Congressman Rick Nolan has agreed to introduce legislation to have these lands returned to the Band in trust status. When this is complete, the Band's land base will nearly double.

There are still many hurdles, but the first stages have been very successful and I am hopeful that we will see real progress on this issue in the next several months.

These are some of the things we have been working on over the last quarter. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at (218) 335-8200. It is a privilege to serve as your Secretary-Treasurer and I appreciate hearing your comments on how to make our Reservation a better place.

Chi-Miigwetch!
Donald "Mick" Finn



LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE STEVE WHITE



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Aaniin!! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and spent valuable time with their loved ones. As we approach another year I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous one. Since our last quarterly report the divisions and RBC have been diligently working on several new and continuous projects that have and will benefit the livelihood of the people of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

October was the beginning of our always busy holiday season. Many of our Local Indian Councils began plans for their community events and other projects held during this time of year. These LIC's depended upon an increase

in the communication between the RBC and each unique community they represent. Now more than ever the RBC and the divisions are depending on these councils to deliver different services to each community. Recently the RBC and it's executive staff have incorporated supportive policies to ensure the individuals elected to these positions are fully supported by the Leech Lake Tribal Council and its departments to fulfill their leadership duties within their communities. Policies include paid leave when called upon if the individual is employed by the band, Leech Lake Gaming or a participant of Leech Lake Temporary Employment. Supporting the employees of our organization is vitally important to our work environment and improvement of our organization.

The Leech Lake Financial Services Department had also incorporated another supportive service to the employees of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Previously, employees could apply for loans by using their leave hours available up to \$1,000.00. The LLFS department has now incorporated a new policy that allows employees to borrow any amount as long as the individual has the leave hours for collateral.

Winter season always brings wear and tear on our employees vehicles especially the tires that have many miles to travel for several of our dedicated employees. Once again, the RBC and Leech Lake Transportation have teamed together to offer the opportunity to employees to purchase tires for their vehicles through a payroll deduction. For more information contact your district representatives office.

In the month of November we finalized the payments to contractors and performed the last details to make the move to the beautifully constructed government center. This building currently houses our offices and the executive staff but will be also be home to other division in the future. Planning has begun to place other divisions in the government center.

Turkey's were delivered the week of Thanksgiving to band members living on or near the reservation to ensure families could enjoy holiday feasts with their loved ones. I would like to personally thank the Local Indian Councils of the District 2 area and the employees of LLTEP for delivering this gift to the families of LLBO

members. These committee members and employees are called upon during these times to assure all band members are served. An average of 75 turkey's were delivered in the three areas covered by LIC's which are as follows: Bena, Sugar Point and Boy Lake/Kego Lake/Smokey Point. Once again, chi -miigwetch to everyone that helped with this event.

In a council meeting in November the RBC passed a resolution to recognize a uniform age of 55 and older as the elder age for services offered by programs directly from the Leech Lake Band. This resolution was considered to help with some of the confusion of the age of an elder. The band has estimated 1,700 will be added to the population covered by several programs that offer services to elders. These programs include but are not limited to Tribal Assistance program, Community Services, Elder Assistance Program, Small Engine repair shop, Leech Lake DMV and many other direct benefits. Please contact your district office with any questions you may have on this resolution and services you may be entitled to.

The Christmas holiday brings the images of family and smiling faces of children receiving gifts from Santa. For the second year in a row the employees of LLBO, LL Tribal Council, LL Gaming division and the Walking Shield organization have made this possible for several families and their children. Over \$50,000



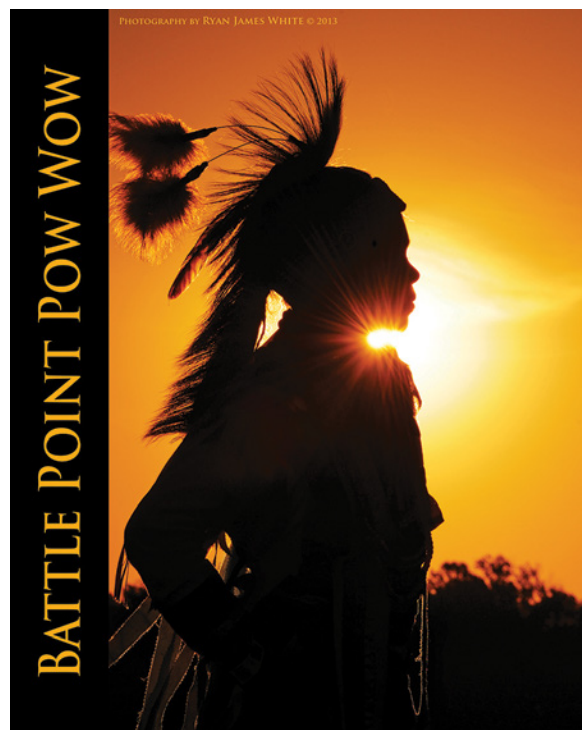
was used to purchase toys for the "Toys for Kids" event held on December 21st in Bena and December 23rd in Cass Lake. An estimated 1,800 children were provided with a gift valued at an average of \$25 each gift. Each site also had "surprise" drawings that included the opportunity at a chance to win gifts such as: Xbox one, PlayStation 4, Nabi tablets, WiiU and small Cars themed televisions. Several staff members who volunteered at the event gave their Saturday to assist. The dedicated staff that donated their time commented, "it's Christmas and it just feels good to help with an event for kids." This program was developed last year due to the loss of the Toys for Tots program that no longer serves this area. Since then it has been a pleasure working with these dedicated individuals and watching employees come together for such a great cause. Being part of events such as this makes the holidays much more enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to make this event a success.

District II members that have not received their \$575 Tax Rebate/Salazar Settlement, please contact District 2 Office for assistance.

District II Calendar

The District II office would also like to announce that their District II calendar has finished printing a limited amount. Those that would like a DII calendar can pick them up at the District II office at the new RBC building in Cass Lake, located next to Che-We.

Miigwetch!





Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

115 Sixth Street NW. Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court
Honorable Megan E. Treuer, Associate Judge of Tribal Court

Civil/Probate Division

**In Re: Estate of
Frances Louise Sherer,
DOB: 07/07/1942,
Decedent.**

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS

Court File No. CV-13-112

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Frances L. Sherer, died October 19, 2013. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, Upper Level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on the 2nd day of December, 2013, upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Rowa Donovan, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Review Hearing held on January 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in Leech Lake Tribal Court, to determine heirs and appoint a personal representative.

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

DATED this 10th day of December, 2013.
Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER Family Division

YOU, THE RESPONDENTS LISTED BELOW, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that State Court Order Establishing Child Support has been registered with the Leech Lake Tribal Court. If you wish to contest the registration of the Foreign Child Support Order against you, you must request a hearing within twenty (20) days following the final publication of this notice. Your deadline to request a hearing is April 21, 2014. You may contact the Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program located at 222 Second Street, Cass Lake, Minnesota, 218-339-5640, to obtain a form to request that hearing.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that this Order will be enforced unless you file your objection with the Tribal Court.

If you do not wish to contest the validity or enforcement of the Registration of Foreign Order and Petition for Affirmative Relief, you do not need to take any action. The Leech Lake Band will continue to withhold your wages in the same manner as your wages have been withheld in the past.

DATED: December 11, 2013.
/s/ Samantha Jasi, Court Administrator.

Respondent

Wilson, Jr., Darrell Wayne
Hislaw, Bobbie Jo
Nason, Gordon Joseph

Case No.

FA-12-262
FA-13-107
FA-13-227

Family Division

**In Re the Custody of J.L.S.,
a minor child,
Jason Curtis Silcox
and Evelyn Monroe, Co-Petitioners,
vs.
Rose Downwind, Respondent.**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. FA-12-61**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the Initial Hearing originally set for December 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to March 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will commence in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, upper level, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the Petition for Custody.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If respondent fails to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Default Judgment against you. If petitioner fails to appear, this matter will be dismissed by this court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of December, 2013.
Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Andrea D. Birt, Parent.
Court File No. CP-13-22

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 12, 2013, an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. The child of Andrea D. Birt, born on January 18, 2010, is the subject of a child protection proceeding. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586 or 3682 or 4418. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Probate Division**In Re the Estate of:****FRANCES LOUISE SHERER,
Decedent.**NOTICE & ORDER FOR HEARING
ON A PETITION FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND
FORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Court File No. CV-13-112

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 28, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**, a hearing will be held in this Court located at 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Facility Center, upper level, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on a petition formal probate of the estate of the above-referenced decedent, and for the appointment of Rowa John Donovan, whose address is PO Box 1326, Cass Lake, MN 56633, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in a(n) unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

NOTICE of this hearing is hereby served and posted pursuant to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Title 10: Probate Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.11.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2013.

BY THE COURT: Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

Probate Division**In Re the Estate of:
JUDY ANN HARPER,
Decedent.**NOTICE & ORDER FOR
HEARING ON A PETITION FOR
FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,
AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Court File No. CV-13-77

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **March 28, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.**, a hearing will be held in this Court located at 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Facility Center, upper level, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on a petition for formal probate of the estate of the above-referenced decedent, and for the appointment of Jeffrey Winston Harper, whose address is PO Box 612, Cass Lake, MN 56633, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in a(n) supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

NOTICE of this hearing is hereby served and posted pursuant to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Title 10: Probate Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.11.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2013.

BY THE COURT: Honorable Paul W. Day Chief Judge of Tribal Court

**ANYTIME
TAX
SERVICE**


Anytime Tax Service is back on Shingobee Island off of Hwy 200 in Walker by popular demand. Once again we will be doing a corporate discount for all Leech Lake gaming employees.. for all casinos and anyone else on the reservations. If you come in the first 30 days in January you will receive **\$30 cash on spot** - a lower fee taken out of your refund from any other competitors- fast excellent customer service along with referral drawings as well. Office hours M-Sat 10-6 and evening and other appointments as needed. The casino will cash the checks and the shuttle will even bring you.

**ANYTIME
TAX SERVICE****...Where Integrity Matters.****218-652-2171**Also a location off of Hwy 34
between Nevis and Park rapids.

Conifer Estates Recieves 2013 Circle of Excellence Award by the MN Department of Human Services



Conifer Estates, a 20-unit supportive/transitional housing project in Bemidji, Minn., serving homeless families, was honored as one of eight 2013 Circle of Excellence Award winners by the Minnesota Department of Human Services Monday, Dec. 16, in St. Paul. Pictured (left to right): Jane Barrett, executive director, Red Lake Housing Authority; DHS Commissioner Lucinda Jesson; Tim Flathers, executive director, Headwaters Regional Development Commission; Mary Thompson, operations director, Headwaters Regional Development Commission; Julie Kurschner-Pineda, Homeless Resource Program manager, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing; James Brun, board member, Red Lake Housing Authority; Sandy Kingbird, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing; Richard Barrett, tribal council member & chairman, Red Lake Housing Authority; Mary Tingerthal, MN Housing Finance Agency Commissioner.



Leech Lake Legacy 2014 Events*

*As of the date of this printing, all events are scheduled to be held at the Leech Lake Tribal Police Headquarters in Cass Lake. However, additional locations may be added so please check the Leech Lake website for the most current schedule.

January Saturday, January 4 Puppy Roundup	February Saturday, February 1 Puppy Roundup	March March 21-22 Spay/Neuter Clinic Vaccination/Wellness
April Saturday, April 19 Puppy Roundup Vaccination/Wellness	May May 16-17 Spay/Neuter Clinic Vaccination/Wellness	June Saturday, June 7 Puppy Roundup Vaccination/Wellness
July July 11-12 Spay/Neuter Clinic Vaccination/Wellness	August Saturday, August 16 Puppy Roundup Vaccination/Wellness	September September 12-13 Spay/Neuter Clinic Vaccination/Wellness
October Saturday, October 11 Puppy Roundup	November Saturday, November 15 Puppy Roundup	December Saturday, December 13 Puppy Roundup

For additional information, please contact us at: leechlakelegacy@gmail.com or 612-437-9073 or visit our website at www.leechlakelegacy.org



Upward Bound Advisor

Itasca Community College is seeking a part-time (80%) Upward Bound Academic Coordinator. This MAPE Academic Professional 1 will manage a wide range of advising, recruiting and advocacy services to program participants. Bachelor's degree required. More information on application procedures and responsibilities: <http://www.nhed.edu/human-resources/icc.html>

AA/EOE

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee Aka Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe hereby announces that a Regular Election will be held on **June 10, 2014 on the LEECH LAKE RESERVATION.**

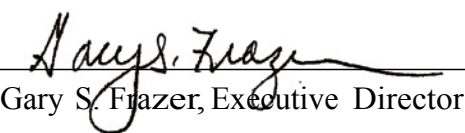
This REGULAR ELECTION provides for an **April 1, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION** in the event there are more than two (2) eligible candidates for each open position.

Elected positions to be filled are as follows:

- A. **Secretary/Treasurer** - Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee-Four(4) Year Term
- B. **Committee Person District I** - Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee-Four (4) Year Term
- C. **Committee Person District II** - Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee -Four (4) Year Term

Candidates shall file with the Secretary/Treasurer or his designee during regular business hours beginning on January 21, 2014. Filing will close on January 31, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

Attached are the Dates & Guidelines for the 2014 Tribal Elections.



Date: January 13, 2014 Gary S. Frazer, Executive Director

ELECTION CALENDAR 2014

NEW FILING FEES FOR 2014

DISTRICT SEATS INCREASED FROM \$5 TO \$15

AT LARGE SEATS SEC/TRES INCREASED FROM \$15 TO \$30

**For More Information &
For Filing For Office See**

**Sharon Brown (218) 335-8201
RTC Governemnt Building
190 Sailstar Dr .NW,
Cass Lake MN 56633.**

January 17:	Election Announcement	June 10:	General Election (Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
January 21:	Opening of period for filing for office.	June 11:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
January 31:	Close of filing period	June 12:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
February 14:	Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC.	June 13:	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
February 19:	Challenge certification or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.	June 17:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
February 21:	Decision of certification or non-certification or within 48 hrs. of appeal.	June 18 (or 17, 16, if request for Recount is filed before deadline):	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
February 24:	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.	June 27, (or ten days from Notice of Contest, whichever is sooner):	Deadline Decision on Contest
February 24:	Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge.	July 1 (or within days of decision on Contest):	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election 3 Appeals. Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision
February 25:	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.	July 5 (or within 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal):	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
February 25:	Notice of Primary	July 8:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal).
February 26:	Notice of Regular Election without an associated Primary	July 8:	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
March 31:	Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.	10 days from Hearing on Appeal:	Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.
April 1:	Primary (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)	Day following Decision of Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.
April 2:	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)		
April 3:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.		
April 4:	Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)		
April 8:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).		
April 9: (Results, if Allowed or 7th or 8th If earlier request)	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount.		
April 18 (or 10 days following the day the Notice of Contest was Filed):	Deadline of Decision on Contest		
April 21 (or within 3 days of decision on Contest)	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Tribe and with reservation tribunal rendering decision.		
April 24 (or with 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal):	Record of Contest to Court of Election Appeals.		
April 28:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal).		
May 8:	Last Day for Decision on Appeal (10 days from hearing on appeal).		
May 9:	Notice of Regular Election TEC provides ballots		



**Ojibwe
Service**

Ken Johnson
Entrepreneur
218-335-9846

422 Basswood Ave, NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633



Obituaries




Leona Mae (LaRose) Johnson

*Eisch-kan-nah-
nah-wah-be-quay
(Strong Standing
Woman)*

Leona Mae (LaRose) Johnson Eisch-kan-nah-nah-wah-be-quay (Strong Standing Woman) started her journey on January 6, 2014.

Born on March 5, 1946 in Detroit Lakes, MN to parents, John Joseph LaRose and Nancy Cummings-Rock-LaRose of Ponsford, MN, she met her lifetime companion of 53 years, Floyd Peter Johnson, Sr. and was married on January 14, 1967. They raised a family that consisted of 4 daughters and 2 sons, Lorena Marie Johnson, Cass Lake, MN; Lorraine Marie Johnson, Longville, MN; Lisa Michelle Johnson, Walker, MN; Loretta Mae Johnson (Gary), Park Rapids, MN; Lucas Wayne French, Longville, MN; and Floyd Peter Johnson, Jr., Pine River, MN.

Leona was very proud of all her 26 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and all her nieces and nephews. She liked to go to pow-wows, play bingo, and also do her jigsaw puzzles.

She loved being with all her grandkids and supporting them in any competitions for princesses and braves. She will miss her little companion, Nessa, and she would like to thank everyone for being there supporting her family. Migwitch.

Leona will be laid to rest for she was the last of her immediate family. Visitation will begin at the Veteran's Building in Cass Lake, MN at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and continue until a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014.



RICHARD 'RICK' EDWARD FAIRBANKS

*June 5, 1953 –
Nov. 27, 2013
San Francisco*

Richard Edward Fairbanks of San Francisco, CA, passed away Nov. 27, 2013 at Stanford, CA after an extended illness. He was born to Lucille Imogene Scherer and Albert Edward Fairbanks on June 5, 1953 at Oklahoma City, OK. His grandparents are Josephine Beatrice Lynde and Mike Joseph Fairbanks of Ball Club (Winnie Dam), MN and Virginia Hardwick and Mac Scherer of Oklahoma City, OK.

Fairbanks graduated from Oklahoma City's Capitol Hill High School, received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education from The University of Oklahoma in 1976 and a Master of Business Administration from (Oklahoma) Central State University in 1978. After a long career in the hospitality industry, he retired to San Francisco.

Survivors include his siblings Robert Alvin Fairbanks of Norman, OK; Tawana Jean Fairbanks of Bemidji, MN; Duane Albert Fairbanks of Oklahoma City, OK; Yvonne Denise Fairbanks Landrum of Oklahoma City, OK; Priscilla Ann Fairbanks of Cass Lake, MN; Johnny Mac Fairbanks of Bemidji, MN; and Kathryn Sue Fairbanks of Cass Lake, MN and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two nieces and two nephews.

Fairbanks was a citizen of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Traditional rites and ceremonies are pending. His ashes will be interred at Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, OK with his parents.



Rose Mary Brightstar- Lyons, Cloud Miinance (Little blueberry)

Rose Mary Brightstar-Lyons, Cloud (also known as "Rosie" by her friends) and her Anishinaabe name was Miinance (Little blueberry), was born at home in Bena, MN on February 28, 1932 and entered into rest at her home in Cass Lake, MN on January 2, 2014. Rosie was a mother of 10 children, and a homemaker who loved to be with her children and grandchildren. She worked as a hotel maid in Minneapolis, MN. Her hobbies were bead working, sewing, making birch bark baskets and bird houses, braided rugs, blankets and teaching her arts to her children. She got pure joy out of new born babies and welcoming them to the world with her own special prayer and "baby song." Rosie loved to harvest Wild Rice with her Daughter and go for walks in the forest. She enjoyed planting flower gardens and helping raise her grandchildren.

Rosie's survivors include her daughters, Birdena "Birdie" Lyons (Mike Myers) of Cass Lake, MN, Sharlene Cloud of St. Peter, MN, Darlene Cloud of Marshall, MN, Phyllis Cloud of Fargo, ND, Janet Cloud of Bemidji, MN, and a son Norman Cloud of Moorhead, MN, adopted children Della Cloud-Jones (Jim Jones) of Cass Lake, MN, Bob Jourdain (Lois "Mouse" Tanner-Jourdain) Bernard Rock Jr. and 10 grand children, 13 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, many adopted grandchildren, numerous nephews and nieces, her Wen'enh Arlene Whipple Larson of LCO, Wisc. and her best friend Ruth Blackburn.

Rosie was preceded in death by her husband Silas Cloud and her children, Richard Cloud, Fayette Cloud, Marilyn Cloud-Kingbird, and Walter

Cloud, Grandson Dustin Kingbird, four sisters, one brother, her mother Margaret Brightstar, her father Albert Lyons, and her grandmother Eliza Jane Morgan, who raised her.

A wake for Rosie will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 starting at 5:00 p.m. A traditional service for Rosie will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8 also at the Vet's building. Spiritual Leader will be Lee Staples. Interment will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery (Bena Cemetery) at Bena, MN following the service at the Vet's Building.

Pall Bearers: Art Jones, Andy Jones, Kevin Mainville, Joe Jourdain, Randy Finn, Logan Cloud
Honorary Pall Bearers: all family friends and relatives

Friends & relatives are welcome to extend condolences to the family at www.northernpeace.com Rosie's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.



Beverly Ann Starr

Beverly Ann Starr, 59 of Cass Lake passed away on Sunday,

November 24, 2013 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota with her family by her side.

Beverly was born on January 19, 1954 the daughter of Edward and Irene (Wilson) Bellanger. Beverly and her family moved to Minneapolis in 1963 and she remained there until she moved back to Cass Lake in 1983. She met Pete and together they lived in Cass Lake. They were married on September 1, 2003 and Pete passed away shortly afterward on November 9, 2003. Before his passing they had been together for over 20 years. In 1978 Beverly attended the Longest Walk which was from Minnesota to Washington D.C. She was very active in Native American Affairs.

She joins those who went before her which include her husband Leonard (Pete) Starr, both of her parents, sister Mary Jane Medrano (Wilson) Nov. 2012, brothers Donald Bellanger Dec. 2012, Thomas (Bennie) Bellanger, Michael Wayne (Mikey) Bellanger, 4 nephews, and 1 niece.

Beverly is survived by her brother Kenneth Bellanger of Cass Lake, sisters Darlene Bellanger and Shirley Stiyer all of Cass Lake.

A wake service for Beverly will begin at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 26 and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Wednesday, November 27 all at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Beverly will be Kenny Bellanger, Will Breidtfjord, Rick Wilson Sr., Aaron Hufstetler, Vern Mitchell and Nikkos Reyes. Alternate Pallbearers are Wayland Wilson and Eric Little Crow. Honorary Pallbearers will be Nancy Fisherman, Patsy Wilson, Cindy Hurd, Florine Bellanger, Shirley Stiyer and Flora MacArthur. Interment will be held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Mission/Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Beverly's care is entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, Minnesota. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com



**Cecelia
(Bone)**

Drouillard
"Muckwa-wii-da-se-maad-equay-wan" (Bear who walks with women)

Cecelia (Bone) Drouillard, "Muckwa-wii-da-se-maad-equay-wan" which means "Bear who walks with women", passed away on December 4, 2013 at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo with her family by her side. Cecelia was born on October 12, 1941 at Mission/Cass Lake the daughter of Charles Robert Staples and Margaret (Charwood) Staples.

She lived in Bemidji with her

children until the early 80's and then moved to Mission where she lived with her sister Roberta until her passing. Not a day went by without her making somebody laugh with her sense of humor. She enjoyed watching Criminal Minds and CSI Miami with her family. When she was able to get out of the house from time to time, she loved going to the casino to play Bingo 20-20 and slots. She also enjoyed visiting with her sister Catherine and brother Patrick every so often.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Margaret, sisters; Betty, Delores and Naomi, brothers; Samuel, Charlie and Richard, daughter; Barbara and granddaughter Jessica Staples.

She is survived by her sons; Michael Staples, Kenneth Staples, Dennis (Margaret) Staples, Clarence Staples, Darryl (Claudette) Drouillard, and Burnham Drouillard, daughters; Linda (Bear) Staples, Denise (Tory) Staples, and Luella (Pete) Drouillard.

A wake service for Cecelia will begin at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2013 and will continue until the 1:00 p.m., service on Monday, December 9, all at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers will be David Drouillard, Ryan Staples, Anthony Swanholm, Kenneth Staples, Jr., Gordon Jackson, Jacob Morris and Thomas Adams. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Staples, Darryl Drouillard, Dennis Staples, Sr., Kenneth Staples, Sr., Clarence Staples, Burnham Drouillard, Daniel Kingbird, Jr., Cheryl Staples, Patty Staples, Anna Wind, Michelle Morris, Alaina Wind, Nikki Kingbird, Jasmine Drouillard and Bitsy Kingbird. Interment for Cecelia will be held in the Staples-Fairbanks Cemetery in Mission/Cass Lake later in the spring.

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

LLBO WIC FOR January 2014

LLBO WIC Program will be holding January WIC Clinics as follows:

WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only
8:00a.m.-3:30p.m. and 1:00p.m.-3:30p.m.

Monday: Jan. 6, 13, 27th

Wednesday: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29th

Tuesday: January 7, 14, 21, 28th

Thursday: January 30th

Friday: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31st

WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS

1st Thursday, Jan. 2nd - Onigum Comm. Ctr.

No Onigum Wic Clinic

2nd Thursday, Jan. 9th - Inger Clinic

Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

3rd Thursday, Jan. 16th - Ball Club Comm. Ctr.

Appointments 10am - 3pm

4th Thursday, Jan. 23rd - Bena Clinic

Appointments 10a.m. - 12p.m.

If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call
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The Leech Lake Lynx 4th grade basketball team took 1st place in the Northwood's Tournament Series in Blackduck on Sat. Jan. 11, 2014.

They played three games in the tournament: Grand Rapids, Blackduck, and Deer River.

Special Thanks to Coach Kristen Brown for taking the time to work with these girls and the parents for all their support.

Back Row - L to R: Amira, Brianne, Coach Kristen Brown, Krisalyn, Kionna, Mya
Front Row - L to R: Taryn, Raven, Baylie

2014 Team Schedule

January 11, 2014	Blackduck Tournament
January 25, 2014	Cass Lake Tournament
February 8, 2014	Grand Rapids Tournament
February 15, 2014	Deer River Tournament
March 8, 2014	Grand Rapids Tournament
March 15, 2014	Bemidji Tournament



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January Birthdays

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**Anthony "Tony" Bixby
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Kathryn Laplante
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Hope Thompson**

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District I Office
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