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Grandprize Winner from Ball Club!



Kayne Fairbanks, from Ball Club, was the grand prize winner of an Xbox One Game System at the District I toy distribution last month. Congratulations Kayne! There was a winner at every toy distribution site, in all we gave away three Xbox One Bundle Packages.

LLBO Housing Reaches Unprecedented Agreement on Funding

As early as 2013, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority (LLHA) began working on a much needed rehabilitation plan for the homes in their housing portfolio. District I was chosen as the starting point. A capital needs assessment was conducted, and 41 units were identified as the greatest in need of rehabilitation. Rehab needs vary from structure to structure, however, most homes require major renovation to bring them up to current building standards. "This will help a lot of our Band members," said District I Rep. Penny DeVault. "There are a lot of homes across this area that need help and I'm happy to see it happening."

In June of 2014, LLHA submitted a Low Income Housing Tax Credit application to the MN Housing Finance Agency and an additional application was submitted to Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines for Affordable Housing Program funds.

On October 3, 2014, a meeting with MN Housing Commissioner, Mary Tingerthal, was hosted by Leech Lake Housing Authority and attended by Leech Lake Tribal Chairwoman, Carri Jones, other tribal dignitaries from Red Lake and White Earth and MHFA staff where the critical housing needs of the reservations were discussed. Commissioner Tingerthal had the opportunity to tour several housing developments on the Leech Lake Reservation to see the need first hand.

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Second Quarter Newsletter – 2015

Tribal Chair Carri Jones

Boozhoo and season greetings from the Tribal Chair's Office! We hope you and your families enjoyed the holiday season! We have many exciting updates and news to bring our Band members as we stay warm throughout the winter. The Band looks forward to another successful New Year as we ring in 2015!



Tribal Chair Office Cookie Decorating Event

On December 10th the Tribal Chair and District III's Offices hosted a Cookie Decorating & Hot Cocoa Event at the Boys & Girls Club in Cass Lake. Many families and children joined Leech Lake staff in decorating cookies with holiday frosting and sprinkles while sipping hot cocoa and eating food. Santa Claus made an appearance to take pictures with the families while other children colored pictures, decorated picture frames, and made holiday crafts. We are happy to provide safe, interactive community events for our Band members and friends.

Elder's Holiday Gathering

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe worked with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, SNAP-Ed Program, and Elder Service Providers Network to host the annual Elders Holiday Gathering at the Northern Lights Event Center on December 16th. A bus of 40 elders from the Twin Cities metro area made the long drive Up North for the event. Elders enjoyed a holiday buffet meal, listened to holiday music and participated in a Jingle Bell Rock Dance Contest. Other activities included pictures with Santa Claus, decorating cookies, listening to the Ojibwe Hymn Singers and handdrummers, and participating in stretches and exercises after eating. The event ended with raffle prizes to lucky winners and one elder won a TV donated by the Elder Nutrition Program! Over 300 elders attended this popular annual event! We are honored to join our elders in these fun activities and bring joy during the holiday season.

I.H.S. Contract Support Costs Settlement

From 2006 to 2011, the Band incurred unpaid contract support costs with the Indian Health Services. In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the United States Government must pay contracts in full so long as funds are available when the U.S. Government enters into a contract with a tribe for services. In 2012, the Band files a contract support costs claim with I.H.S. for unpaid costs. The RBC and I.H.S. negotiated a settlement amount and in October 2014, the RBC approves a resolution to collect \$1,554,118 in a settlement with I.H.S.

General Elections

We would like to thank each of our Band members who voted in the State and Federal elections this past November 4th. Many democrats who continue to support and lobby the Band's goals were either elected or re-elected to serve our people. We send congratulations to Rick Nolan, Betty McCollum, Al Franken, John Persell, and Steve Simon. Certain democrat politicians won their campaigns by a slim margin and we have our Band members who voted to thank. Without Band members out there actively voting each election cycle, we would not have elected officials fighting on our side. Leech Lake voters matter!

Night We Light Parade

The Band had our own parade float for the Night We Light Parade in Bemidji on Friday November 28th. Tribal Chair Jones was invited to serve as co-grand marshal of the parade alongside the Chippewa National Forest because of our involvement with the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree projects. Leech Lake won Best Community Float for our Candy Cane Lane float.

Flag Raising at the Government Center

On Friday December 19th the Band celebrated the official flag raising outside the Government Administration Building. The United States flag, Minnesota State flag, and Leech Lake flag were blessed by a spiritual advisor and ceremoniously raised by the Band's Honor Guard. Staff of the Government Building attended the flag raising along with Michael Monson, Northeast Area Director of the United States Department of Agriculture. The U.S.D.A. was instrumental in obtaining grants and funding to build the new Government Center. Without this sort of community collaboration, the Band would not have a safe building to run governmental duties.

Revised Omnibus Appropriations for Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig

The House and Senate released an Omnibus Appropriations measure which provided the Bureau of Indian Education around \$129 million in funding with \$20 million set aside for construction, \$3.8 million for employee housing repair, and \$50.5 million for facilities improvement and repair. The construction funding will be used to complete one school and knock off the design for the final 2 schools on the 2004 list. The new funding appropriates listed above moves things forward so the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school will have support to build a new facility in the near future. The report language specifically references the school and says "Significant health and safety hazards exist at Indian educational facilities across the country, including the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Bureau is urged to continue to work with Tribes to repair and replace substandard educational facilities." The Minnesota delegation sent letters to OMB for funding a new school. We will continue lobbying on the State and Federal levels to encourage the President and OMB as they finalize their school construction budget for 2016. Obtaining the funding for a new facility is due in part by our Band's lobbying efforts, the Minnesota delegation working on our behalf, and various national news publications writing about the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school struggles. Minnesota Public Radio, Huffington Post, Star Tribune and other publications have contribute to the schools national exposure.

Drug Abuse Youth Outreach

Leech Lake Tribal Police Department invited drug abuse survivor Dave Parnell to speak with students and the community at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school, Cass Lake-Bena High School, and the Bena Community Center. Mr. Parnell was addicted to methamphetamine for many years and tried committing suicide by shooting himself. Despite these hardships, Mr. Parnell overcame his addiction problems and now speaks to individuals on the dangers of suicide and depression caused by his addiction. The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department works to bring drug prevention outreach into our communities and for our youth. More information on Mr. Parnell can be found at www.facingthedragon.org.

Dayton's Task Force on the Protection of Children

While Minnesota ranks in the top five states in child well-being, some children fall through the cracks of the child protection system, suffering from maltreatment and even death by abuse. Governor Dayton appointed Tribal Chair Jones to the Governor's Task Force on the Protection of Children. Other task force members come from across the state including former chief justices of the Minnesota Supreme Court, state legislators, heads of social service, law enforcement agencies and child outreach workers for non-profit agencies. Tribal Chair Jones is the only tribal representative. The Band has reached out to each tribe in Minnesota and the Band's Indian Child Welfare Agency to gather feedback on improving the Child Protection system. The main goal of the task force is to respond with recommendations to the Legislature on how to improve the child protection system and screening process.

Treats for Tots Halloween

On Halloween Northern Lights, the Palace and White Oak Casinos hosted trick-or-treating for the children. Over 1,700 kids participated at the Northern Lights,

1,500 kids at White Oak, and 1,200 kids at the Palace showed up at the event for games and candy.

Toys for Tots Christmas

On Friday December 19th the Band held their annual Toys for Tots for Band member families. Over 3,000 toys were distributed across the three districts to be given away for children. District I held their site in Ball Club, District II in Bena and District III in Cass Lake.

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree 2014

The Reservation Business Committee and other government employees from Leech Lake traveled to Washington D.C. to celebrate the lighting of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. The Band worked diligently for months prior to the lighting to prepare community events and fundraisers to bring children and elders out to the Capitol. Synergetic Endeavors helped the Band raise over \$155,000 to cover the costs of transportation, food, and hotel stays for 132 children and 30 elders. Students were able to experience the Capitol for themselves, tour the Smithsonian museums and Georgetown University. Students from their school's drum and dance groups were able to exhibit their dancing and singing talents at the U.S.D.A. Chief of Forest Reception and held a mini three hour powwow at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. The Reservation Business Committee held meetings with members of the Minnesota delegation including Betty McCollum and Rick Nolan, National Taxpayer Advocates, and Pennsylvania Congressman John Kline who serves as the Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee. Leech Lake staff also attended various Capitol Christmas Tree Receptions throughout D.C. to spread the message of Leech Lake's contribution to this national event.

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Tribal Chair Carri Jones

Secretary/Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose Quarterly Report Jan 09, 2015

To the band membership, this report gives basic information on the financial state of the band. The band's finances change as we move through the year and there are issues that impact our finances. We never have enough resources to meet all the needs but we all have to continue to work to improve the lives of the band membership as a whole.

We all need to remember that Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth put a lot of financial resources into the region's economy. So we should work together with Red Lake and White Earth to leverage these resources to improve the lives of our people by building our tribal economies. We need to develop our economy, our tax system, the exercising of our sovereignty and jurisdiction, including inter-tribal commerce.

One of the questions people have asked about is the Native cigarette issue we have with the State of Minnesota. I hoped last quarter we would be ready to move forward on this issue. The council has not been presented with options and strategies yet for moving this issue forward. The state continues to withhold since 2009 about \$2.5 million of the shared tax revenues they owe us.

Leech Lake Gaming reports net income for the quarter is down by about 1 million dollars primarily due to the loss of the Native Brand Tobacco sales. We have lost revenue on both the government and gaming sides due to the unresolved 1995 State Tax Agreement issue (Native Brand Tobacco sales). Due to this reduction in net gaming income, the gaming allocation has been reduced from \$13.5 to 12.8



million dollars for this fiscal year. These are the funds we transfer from gaming to the government side to help cover operations costs.

This funding reduction is a concern because it occurred after the 2015 budgets were put together and we have not completed assessing the potential impact on the budgets. Some of the 2015 budgets are already being depleted at a rate that will likely require some type of corrective action before the end of the fiscal year. Revenues are always an issue and so we have organized a centralized billing department for Human Services so all billing will be handled in a more timely manner.

I formed a financial advisory committee for my office to more closely monitor both the financial state of the band and our financial systems. It will help identify financial policy needs, improve asset management, correct audit findings, save money, identify areas for overall system improvements. The goal is to identify and address issues before they become problems especially in regard to spending, spending patterns and revenue shortfalls. This will help me more effectively comply with the duties of my office per Ordinance 1.

The council met in mid-October 2014 to discuss band priorities and a follow up meeting December 29 where we discussed the need for an updated organization flowchart. The discussion continues in regard to both issues. The last program and service priorities were set in 1999, by LLBO Resolution No. 00-55. The priorities in 1999 were Social Problems, Land issues, Housing, Jobs, Education, and Capital Needs. I think these priorities are still relevant. We all know some of the areas that need attention are addictions, poverty, ICWA and Out of Home Placements, homelessness and affordable housing, economic development, job development, youth development, education and workforce training. We should be reviewing current statistics and efforts by divisions and programs to date in each of these areas.

I have included again an overview of the 2015 Budget; general fund, revenues and expenses. This also shows just how much money Leech Lake puts into the region's economy. There is more detail in the quarterly financial statements.

The Band's 2015 fiscal year budget is comprised of the following revenues and expenditures. General Fund currently has approximately \$8.6 million in cash reserves, this fund fluctuates going both up and down over the course of the year, this quarter the balance is \$10.5 million. These funds are comprised of previous lawsuit settlements and prior year additional sales tax revenues. These are funds held in reserve for future allocation as deemed necessary. This includes emergencies, grant cash matches, and capital projects that require additional funding.

Annual Revenues for fiscal year 2015:

The Gaming allocation or funds to be transferred to the Governing body for the 2015 fiscal year were \$13.5 million; this has been reduced by \$700 thousand to \$12.8 million. The State of MN Hunting and Fishing agreement projection is \$2.8 million.

The State of MN Tax agreement is also projected at \$3.5 million. This includes sales, gasoline, alcohol, and tobacco taxes.

The Band receives approximately \$50.7 million in Federal, State, and other grants. Other income, which includes land leases, health and human services billings, TERO fees, and other miscellaneous billings revenues total \$31.9 million.

Total projected revenues for fiscal year 2015 total \$101.7 million.

Projected expenditures for fiscal year 2015 include:

The Band pays \$48 million in salaries, wages, and fringe benefits for over 900 full, part-time and temporary employees.

Other operating costs total \$18.7 million. (Supplies, telephone, meeting, travel, equipment, insurance and repairs)

Capital Improvements and contractual total \$36 million that includes the Roads programs and building projects for Opiate, Assisted Living Center, Hospital expansion, and Justice Center programs.

Total projected expenditures for fiscal year 2015 equal \$102.4 million.

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Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer

January is National Radon Action Month!

Radon gas can be a killer! Do you have a killer in your home?

Radon gas is a killer, it's the second leading cause of deadly lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. If you are a smoker and have dangerous levels of radon in your home, your chances of lung cancer are highly multiplied. Radon is an odorless, colorless, and, tasteless gas. It's found naturally in soil and rock even here in Minnesota. Radon can be a problem in all types of homes including old homes, new homes, drafty homes, insulated homes, homes with basements, crawlspaces, and homes without basements.

The National average is 1 in 15 homes have high radon levels. The Minnesota average is 1 in 3 homes. Testing your home is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high. EPA's most recent [health risk assessment](#) estimates that approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year are attributed to radon. Testing for this toxic gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive, and effective. If high radon levels are detected in the home there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce the concentrations to acceptable levels. Protect your family. Test your home! If you haven't tested your home *do it now* during National Radon Action Month. The Leech Lake Air Quality Program has radon kits available free of charge to community members. Please limit one test per household. If you have further questions about Radon, please call the Air Quality Program at the D.R.M. at 218-335-7429, 7441 or call LLHA radon technician 218-335-3716. You can also call the National Radon Information Line at: 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236). Information is also online at <http://www.llojibwe.org/drm/environmental/radon.html>.

2015 Annual Kid's Perch Jerk

Once again we are pleased to be sending this letter on behalf of the Leech Lake Tribal Council announcing a very special event: **"The 2015 Annual Kid's Perch Jerk"** fishing contest. This wonderful event will take place on March 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Lake Winnibigoshish (Denny's Resort) located in Bena, MN. This contest is held for all area youth ages sixteen and under. Along with the regular ice fishing contest there will be a contest for the biggest fish as well. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and kids will have a chance to win numerous doors prizes along with many bikes. We will have additional fun games for the kids to participate in throughout the day. There will be free food and beverages available for all participants.

Based on last year's participants we expect anywhere from 500-700 contestant participants and over 1000 people with the youth, adults and volunteers. Because of this vast amount of people we are once again **are looking for volunteers** to assist in making this year's "Kid's Perch Jerk" a very successful event. It would be greatly appreciated by the Leech Lake Tribal Council if many LLBO Employees would commit to volunteering to help out for this event and represent the LLBO team. We will be forming a committee for this event and the meetings will be held downstairs in the Tribal Office Chambers on Thursdays January 15th & 29th, February 16th & 26th, and March 3rd and 5th at 2:00 p.m. The committee will meet and discuss requesting donations, getting event information out to the public and help build our volunteer list.

If you have any questions you may contact the following people and offices.

Special Events Office: 218-335-8351

District II Offices: 218-335-8202 or 218-335-8341

Thank you from,

Jim Michaud & "2015 Kid's Perch Jerk" Committee

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LLBO Housing Agreement on Funding

At the end of October 2014, Tax Credit awards were announced. Although LLHA was not awarded tax credit funds, the need here on Leech Lake was so apparent that MHFA made an unprecedented offer to the LLHA to fund the rehab and rehabilitation of 22-28 units across Inger, S. Lake and Ball Club communities. The homes were chosen from the June application and focused on the homes in greatest need. The funding will be in the form of a 30 year deferred loan. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines also announced a grant award for this project. All of the offered funds will be used in construction and administration of the Leech Lake District One Rehab and Rehabilitation project. LLHA is diligently working with MHFA's underwriting staff to close the terms of the agreement and they anticipate that they will finalize the terms before the spring construction season begins.

These awards allow LLHA to take the first step in a larger project to renovate the homes in District II and District III as well. In the upcoming years, LLHA will work toward rehabilitating and upgrading more units in an effort to preserve all our communities.

District I Youth Spotlight

Nashel Arlys-Lyn Bebeau is a 16 yr old Junior at Deer River High School. She is very active in school as well as in her community. Alongside her you will always see her younger sister. She's been active as the youth representative for the JOM Committee, a member of The Movement Coalition, the LINK Crew (info on both of those organization should be found on the ISD 317 website). She also plays basketball, softball and volleyball. Nashel was the 2013 Minnesota Indian Education Female Student Athlete of the year as well.

Congratulations Nashel!



District I Elder Spotlight

Hope Thompson lives in Deer River, She was born Cloquet Mn , and has lived in Ball Club, Bena , and other areas around Leech Lake . Hope went to Wahpeton and Flandreau boarding schools and graduated from Flandreau. She has been working for Ball Club Elderly Nutrition program for over 30 years. She has raised sixteen children.

Hope has been beading since she was a little girl. This is her favorite thing to do as a hobby. Beading was one of the jobs she did to help with family expenses as a kid. She did a lot of beading for people on the Pow wow trail over the years. She has been asked to do the Princesses Crowns for the Leech Lake Pow Wow since the 80s. This was one of the family traditions that was handed down in Hope's family. Her mother and Aunties did a lot of beading for people on the pow wow trail as well. Hope also served on the JOM committee for a few years, and has always volunteered for community events, and cooked for the pow wows, and is on the Elders council. Hope enjoys her Grandchildren very much and runs them to their sports practices and games.



District I Rep Penny DeVault Quarterly Report-January 2015

With the second quarter of my term winding down, I would like to begin by giving a report on our first District I Quarterly Meeting held in Inger, MN on October 17th, 2014. We had a full agenda and quite a large number of band members participating and offering their valued input on important issues. We also held our Youth Quarterly Meeting in conjunction with this meeting, being as it was during MEA week. Reports were given by the Chairwoman's and Secretary Treasurer's Office, LIC information presented, along with a report on the Seneca Cigarette's and Tax Agreement. I would like to thank the programs that attended and provided the District I Band members with critical information: Facility Maintenance, Housing, Land, Public Relations and Planning, along with the program booths that were setup. Our Youth Agenda consisted of "Tree to DC" ornament making, arts and crafts, and activities provided by the DRM staff. Thanks again to our Wildland Firefighters and DRM staff for all of your help.



The week prior to our District I Quarterly, we hosted the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Quarterly in the S. Lake Community at the Center on Friday, October 10, 2014. We were able to accommodate the meeting size with the assistance of an outdoor tent and the hard work of our Facility Maintenance, Events, and TEP staff, in addition to community members from the S. Lake area. It is our goal to continue to hold Band events and meetings in the outer areas, showcasing the great hospitality of our District I communities.

The next District I event, the "District I Community Assembly," will be held at the Lone Eagle Center in Ball Club on Friday, January 16th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The overall goal is to share information and solicit opinions from community members on improving services offered to the District I Communities. The planning committee is comprised of members from our five LICs: Gary Charwood and Candice Rogers from S. Lake LIC, Missy Bowstring and Dorothy Robinson from Inger LIC, Gina Munnell and Betty Jenkins from Winnie Dam LIC, Rose Wilson and Dave Cronin from Ball Club LIC and Derek Jackson and Dee Jackson from Deer River LIC, along with the District I staff and Richard Jones from Planning Division. We will once again have program presentations, informational booths, and applications for reservation services. A preview of some of the day's agenda will be Legal Update, Executive Director/Tribal Update, Tribal Services, Energy Assistance, Land, Housing, Community Services, District I Daycare, District I Projects and Priorities. All District I Local Indian Councils and Band Members are encouraged to attend and participate.

I am also proud to have been invited to a Community Drug Awareness and Prevention Task Force meeting. Although we are in the early stages, I am incredibly hopeful in the difference we will be able to make in our communities. The group has begun meeting regularly, addressing issues, and bringing their individual expertise to the table in an effort to combat the various problems associated with drugs and addiction. Please contact the District I Office for more information and how you can join the cause.

Community Events:

The 2014 holiday season was a busy time for District I. The majority of our LICs held community parties such as Fall/Winter Feasts, Halloween, Christmas and New Year's Celebrations and my staff and I were grateful to have been able to attend the majority of these events. In addition, with the help from LIC and

community members and LLBO and gaming employees our Treats for Tots and "We Are Giving (toy distribution)" events were huge successes. We would like to extend our appreciation to all of these hardworking individuals, who continually strive to make these events a success. The District I Office was also very pleased to host a Kids Christmas Workshop in Inger on December 20th. I am confident a good time was had by all; activities included stocking and cookie decorating, ornament making, Sharing and Caring store and wrapping center, visits and pictures with Santa, and a great lunch was provided.

The District I Office, along with students from areas schools and our elders were honored to attend and be a part of the "Tree to D.C." trip to Washington, D.C. This trip was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. As your District I Representative, I was able to attend very important meetings with our local, state and federal politicians and lobbyists. The highlight of our trip was the dance performance at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The pride shown by our great nation that day and week in D.C. was immeasurable.

Community Information:

It is with great pleasure that we announce that District I & II are the recipients of a combined Blandin Foundation Grant for regalia making. The first class for District I will be held in the S. Lake Community, plans are currently underway for class schedules, dates and times. This is an exciting opportunity and endeavor for us to undergo. Future plans are to continue with classes in the other District I Communities.

The Tribal Council has been doing strategic working sessions in an effort to improve band operations and services. A brief update of progress will be given at our Community Assembly on January 16, 2014 in Ball Club.

For those Leech Lake Band Members 18+ years and older that have still not yet received your \$200 tax rebate, please contact the Accounting Office at (218)335-3659 or you may also contact the District I Office at (218)335-3772 or (218)335-4444 for assistance. With the winter weather upon us, here are some critical after hours emergency contact numbers to have on hand:

Leech Lake Community Services

DPW Director	(218)556-5526
CS Program Manager	(218)760-7091
Plumbing	(218)398-2825
Heating	(218)407-4030
Electrical	(218)820-9519
Septic	(218)407-4281
Leech Lake Housing Authority	(218)759-6035
Leech Lake Tribal Assistance	(218)513-9794
Leech Lake District I Staff	(218)536-0342 or (218)839-3174

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year, filled with the warmest of blessings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny DeVault

District I Representative



District II 2nd Quarterly Report Steve White FY 2015



Greetings, I hope you all had a great Christmas!! I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! If you still haven't received your tax rebate check you should call Accounting at 218-335-3659. They will need to know your full name, date of birth, the last six numbers of your social security number and your current address. Accounting can let you know what is going on with your check and reprint it if need be. If you need assistance in receiving Energy Assistance call the receptionist at 218-335-3783, you can call Delia White at 218-335-4440 she is the intake worker, or you can also call Connie Littlewolf at 218-335-3704 she is the Program Coordinator. Call any of these numbers to see if you have qualified for Energy Assistance or if you need an application.

On October 25th & 26th, 2014 the District II Office hosted three Halloween parties within the district. We enjoyed carving pumpkins, playing games, visiting with all the people; we had a coloring contest for the children and also had lots of candy! We had an awesome two days, and a fun time was had by all. The office would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help set up and run the parties!! Tree to D.C. cutting ceremony was held on October 29th, 2014. This was a great opportunity for Leech Lake to develop our relationship with the Chippewa National Forest and gain some recognition on the national stage. The tree represented a look at our vast natural resources and partnerships that we have formed. It was also a great opportunity to bring some good kids to Washington for a trip that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington D.C. was on December 3rd, 2014 and Minnesota and Leech Lake played a big role. We had Congressional and Senate leadership speaking about our natural resources and partnerships with enthusiasm. December 13th, 2014 we had our 2nd Annual District II Winterfest. This event was yet another huge success. We had roughly 200 people in attendance, we enjoyed the day riding a sleigh, the Leech Lake Tribal Police provided rides on their ATV, the children made gingerbread houses, Santa was there giving out candy and taking pictures as well. MiiGwiich to Leech Lake Legacy for donating school supplies, coats, boots, hats and gloves your efforts are greatly appreciated. All of the Leech Lake Legacy donations were distributed to very thankful people. Also, Thanks to everyone that volunteered to make this day possible, we couldn't have done it without you!

We also had our Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe "Gimiigiwemin" on Friday December 19th, 2014 at the Sugar Point Community Center. The office, along with volunteers, handed out 283 gifts for all the children of the District II area. I know that we ran out of toys for the ages 0-2 years old; so if you didn't receive a gift for your small child and would still like to come pick it up you are more than welcome to. Call the office at 218-335-8202 or 218-335-8341 and we will have the gift all ready for you!

We also gave away some door prizes that day; the lucky winners of the tablets were Carrie Bellanger, Tonya Wilson, Tracy Gale, Donna White, Katie Gould, and Derek Nason. Amos Laduke was the lucky winner of the XboxOne Bundle. Lori, Michelle and I personally would like to say MiiGwiich to all those that volunteered their time to make this day possible: Katie Gould, Marlene Mitchell, Donna White, Scott & Stephanie Kellar, Becky White, Darrell Gale, Kyle Gordon, Gil Applebee, Aaron Fairbanks, Sugar Point Temporary Employment Crew, THANKS TO YOU ALL. Thanks for your time and have a happy and safe winter. Remember that our Kids Perch Jerk Fishing Contest will be in early March!

THANKS

Steve White

District III LeRoy Staples Fairbanks Quarter Report FY 2015

District III Monthly Forum in December

District III Forum monthly forums are convened in order to stay in touch and seek guidance from the people of Leech Lake. Our December Forum was held at the Palace Casino Birch room and there were more than 85 in attendance, mostly elders. We had some brief community updates, a little comedy, story telling, food, raffles, and gift baskets for the elders in attendance. We personally invite all Leech Lake citizens to come out to share a meal, hear updates from programs and projects, and to share your voice and contributions.



District III LIC News

At November's monthly forum, we introduced the upcoming LIC elections that will help us to start the New Year with cooperative and coinciding processes throughout our District. LIC elections will be held in January and February on the regularly scheduled LIC meeting date. The District III offices are here to facilitate the LIC elections, so please stay in contact with us for assistance with notifications and structural electoral processes.

Community Infrastructure

Last fiscal year, through official action, the Leech Lake Tribal Council voted unanimously to authorize the building of a new Onigum Community Center. The funding source wasn't identified at that point, but we are still working very hard to make sure this project comes to fruition this year. I believe all decision makers are very aware that the Onigum community has a great need of resource and infrastructure, and we will all work together to ensure we continue to support our people in the Onigum Community.

LLBO Education Endowment

Across-the-board budget cuts reduced LLBO's scholarship fund this past year, but we are still seeing an increase in Leech Lake students in post-secondary enrollment. In order to continue to support our Band members' higher education training options, our office introduced the creation of a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Education scholarship endowment, which will be brought to the Tribal Council for approval in the very near future. This will allow Leech Lake to increase the number of awards to our students attending post-secondary institutions. The creation of this endowment will be made possible by dedicating \$75,000 of restricted earmarked dollars set aside for education this year, and contributing an additional \$50,000 for the next 5 years to the endowment. Awards of these scholarships will still go through same scholarship application process with our Education Division.

The Cobell Scholarship Fund has received a transfer of nearly \$1 Million from the Department of the Interior from the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. The Cobell Scholarship Fund is administered by the American Indian College Fund, and we encourage all tribal members who are considering post-secondary options to apply for scholarships from this organization. The information can be found at www.collegefund.org

White House Tribal Nations Conference Attendance Dec 3, 2014

District III Representative Staples-Fairbanks attended the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC on December 2-3, 2014. One tribal leader was invited from each of the nation's federally recognized tribes. Also, 40 high

school-aged Tribal Youth Ambassadors from around the United States were chosen to attend the conference alongside the tribal leaders.

Certainly, the Tribal Nations Conference agenda gave valuable time with President Obama's cabinet members who work with our tribal leaders input to oversee the President's executive priorities and actions. Panelists included Secretaries of the Interior, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Small Business Administration, Education, and Labor. But it was the time shared with the Tribal Youth Ambassadors which most impressed District III Representative. The opportunity to share time with the youth in creating the ideas for the future of our nations is a privilege that Staples-Fairbanks relishes the most.

The Administration made several announcements, including:

A Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour that ensures all cabinet secretaries visit Indian Country before the end of the President's Administration, so they understand and address the needs of Native students and communities.

Generation Indigenous: A new initiative that will provide opportunities for Native youth, including a Native Youth Community Project to fund communities looking to prepare their Native students for college and careers.

The launch of a National Tribal Youth Network aimed at supporting leadership development through internet connectivity and social media outreach.

The first White House Tribal Youth Gathering scheduled for the summer of 2015.

Youth Leadership and Development

After attending the White House Tribal Nations Conference and discussing the current issues, assets, and barriers in Tribal Leadership, LeRoy has a renewed energy to support and create more positive youth leadership development efforts here at Leech Lake. We are excited to be developing ideas for youth engagement, which will honor Ojibwe culture-based ideas of leadership and positive community growth with our Leech Lake Nation. The youth leadership initiative is a very exciting opportunity for the staff in our offices. The work is long overdue and we are eager to mobilize. There are many aspects to leadership and the gifts of our youth community members, so we haven't narrowed down what the primary initial focus will be. Many ideas for growth have been brought up in our forums and at community gatherings, such as:

youth councils/commissions to assist with decision-making, localized youth leadership training that is ongoing and consistent, promotion of healthy lifestyles through physical fitness and healthy eating, increased support of student athletes, youth forums at the schools to hear our students perspectives, policy and research, STEM, young business leadership, participation in promoting native vote for tribal and non tribal elections and building future candidates, and developing a clearinghouse to gather leadership, scholarship, internship, mentorship and fellowship opportunities for our aspiring youth.

A primary piece to building up our leadership effort is the "My Brother's Keeper White House Initiative". We will convene a meeting in January to begin planning and implementation of this effort. We will need your help from the community to carry out not only this venture but also future work on many other youth priorities. Please stay tuned for notices of meeting times and places, or contact the District III office staff or Representative.

Congressional budget news

After providing a very short-term funding extension, Congress passed their nearly \$1.1 trillion FY 2015 spending package. The proposed measure will fund 11 of the 12 FY 2015 appropriations bills in a comprehensive omnibus spending package - funding programs through the end of the fiscal year, September 2015. The same measure includes a continuing resolution (CR) for the controversial Homeland Security appropriations bill, providing funding only until February 27, 2015 after the 114th Congress is in session.

Important Native education related details include:

\$70 million above FY 2014 levels for the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Education (BIA/BIE) - total funding set at \$2.6 billion.

\$2 million for the development and operation of tribal education agencies.

A \$250 million increase for the Preschool Development Grant Program.

An additional \$75 million for the Child Care Development Block Grant to support the recent reauthorization and update of the law, for which tribes will now receive a minimum two percent funding set-aside.

A \$1.5 million increase for TRIO programs that help disadvantaged students access higher education -- totaling \$840 million.

Level funding for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) titles and Head Start.

Report language directing the federal government to consult with tribes in updating the Johnson O'Malley student count and authorizing the Secretary of the Interior the ability to approve satellite locations of existing BIE schools to provide flexibility for the transportation of Native students.

Other District news and events

Many events happened in November and December to celebrate a winter holiday season, and to support community members. Fundraiser lunches for positive community events, and holiday dinners to celebrate community happened with our Tribal College, Elders' Support Network, LL Housing Authority Homelessness Program, LIC communities, and the many schools that serve our Leech Lake students. The Toys for Kids Miigiwewin served over 1200 children in the District III communities, and we thank the District III LIC representatives, community members, and employees who donated over 176 hours of volunteer time to assist in making this event possible in our communities. We enjoyed sharing in good company, and celebrating the strength in our community.

We will be coordinating a youth trip to the Minnesota Swarm Native American Night at the Xcel Energy Center on February 6, 2015. The Swarm recently drafted Miles Thompson, the best Native American Lacrosse player, with the 3rd overall pick in the draft. Hopefully the trip will inspire some of our young student athletes about getting involved in lacrosse and other sports. We wish to inspire them by showing how far our native athletes can go with hard work and dedication.

District III Representative attended the "Change the Name" rally at the TCF Bank Stadium on November 2nd, 2014 where the Minnesota Vikings played the Washington football team. LeRoy was very honored to represent Leech Lake at the event where there was an estimated 3000 in attendance.

This January will be the start of the 3rd season for the youth Leech Lakers Basketball program. The first year started with one team, and expanded to two teams the following year. This is the first year that it is offered to boys and girls in 3rd-6th grades. Councilman Staples Fairbanks founded this program in 2013 to help create a sustainable basketball program and to offer more programs for more kids. LeRoy continues to build capacity and bring together dedicated community members and volunteers to help shape positive paths for our community youth.

From the District III office we hope you had happy holidays, and best wishes to you and your families with the start of a new year.

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LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks

District III Representative



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Quarterly Newsletter FY 2015 Community Events



TREATS FOR TOTS -
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CASS LAKE

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CHRISTMAS
DINNER -
NORTHER
LIGHTS
CASINO &
EVENT CENTER



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TRIBAL NATION CONFERENCE

THE NIGHT WE LIGHT PARADE



GOVERNMENT OFFICE -FLAG RAISING



CHANGE THE NAME RALLY



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Awarded \$10,000 Blandin Foundation Grant

Leech Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded the Blandin Foundation FY 2015 grant. The \$10,000 Blandin Foundation grant will support community building, cultural and artistic vitality through community education. The grant will be utilized for regalia making workshops for the remote communities on the Leech Lake Reservation. The Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee has strongly supported and approved the Blandin Foundation grant. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe greatly appreciates the support that the Blandin Foundation provides with monetary resources for community education. District I Representative DeVault, District II Representative White and staff have contributed to the success of obtaining the grant funding.

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION CAREER/JOB FAIR 2015

Friday, February 13, 2015
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Northern Lights Casino & Hotel
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Lunch will be provided

Open to: General Public

High School Students, grades 10-12

Information from:

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APPLICATIONS/RESUMES MAY BE ACCEPTED

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Door Prizes will be given away (Must be present to win)

For More Information Contact:
Leech Lake Education Division
218-335-8360
1-866-638-7738
fax: 218-335-8339

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 – Human Resources
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.

Complete packet Includes: Application, Resume, Cover Letter, & References.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

3 Special Needs Teacher Assistants ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 15-006

Truancy Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-005

Cass Lake Pre-School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood-Job Code: 14-171B

Director of Nursing ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-087C

Domestic Abuse Re-Education(DAR)Prgm Coordinator ~Human Services
~JobCode:14-208

Director ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-203B

Pre-School Team Leader Bemidji ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-143B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-001

Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-000

LEECH LAKE POWWOW COMMITTEE IS TAKING BIDS

Leech Lake Royalty's Princesses **Beaded Crowns & Braves Roaches**, also **Professional Sound System** for the Leech Lake (Cass Lake) Pow Wows. Bids must be in by **February 13, 2015** - Selections notified by **March 2015** Submit bids: **LaVonne Thompson** Leech Lake Event/ Pow Wow Coordinator lavonne.thompson @ leechlakegaming.com

Or Leech Gaming Division

6280 Upper Cass Frontage Rd. N.W.

Cass Lake Mn.56633 (218-308-3680)

District III LIC Elections

LIC Elections for District III Communities will be held in February 2014 on the regularly scheduled monthly meeting date of each council.

District III Communities: Bemidji, Cass Lake, Cass River, Mission, Oak Point, Onigum, Sugar Bush/Buck Lake

Nominations and voting will be conducted at your meeting site.

Feel free to contact District III Offices with questions at 218-335-8200,

Leech Lake Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Event Slated for February 5th

Boozhoo!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to a Community Gathering that will be held on February 5th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leech Lake Tribal College Drum Room. This event is being held to create awareness of the Minnesota Food Charter and more specifically to garner information from our community members to determine how we can work to better our own food systems. Leech Lake SHIP, Cass County Health, a member of Health4Life, and the Leech Lake Tribal College/Vista, are partnering to host this culturally adapted Food Charter launch. A brief background of the MN Food Charter will be given however; we would also like to take this opportunity to hear from you. What do you want to see regarding access to food in our area? How do you think we can improve our food systems? Do you think that a food charter specific to our area would be beneficial? Are there policies you would like to see enacted? Is this a direction you would like SHIP to take? Come, share your input, wisdom, and experience and join us in a meal sourcing items that have been grown regionally and prepared by yours truly. Hope to see you there!

Miigwech/Nya:weh

Amanda Shongo SHIP Coordinator

amanda.shongo@llojibwe.org

218-335-4524/218-407-7996

Sudoku December Puzzle Solved

The Answer Key to the Sudoku Puzzle that was on the back page of the December Issue

I hope this will be a good addition for the Debahjimon 2015 Issues

To all those people who loves doing puzzles.

Happy New Year
May this year bring joy and Happiness to all!

Starr White

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Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting

November 13, 2014

New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota



Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:11 am

Roll Call:

Carri Jones, Chairwoman	Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treas.	Excused
Penny DeVault, DI Rep.	Present
Steve White, DII Rep.	Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep	Present

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve agenda with two additions, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Old Business:

Motion by Steve White to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2014 and November 4, 2014, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-54** Wilder Research 2015 Homeless Study, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 3-0-0.

New Business:

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-55** 56Community Education Classes – Regalia Making, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to table resolution to outline funding assistance requirements from the Leech Lake Opioid Treatment Program, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-56** approving an operating loan request from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for the Homeless Shelter on the Leech Lake Reservation, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Other:

Wisdom Steps Program informational.
Niigaane Program discussion.

Motion by Steve White to adjourn at 10:35 a.m., second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting

November 20, 2014

New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota



Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:13 am

Roll Call:

Carri Jones, Chairwoman	Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treas.	Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep.	Present
Steve White, DII Rep.	Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep	Present

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve agenda with changes, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:

Motion by Steve White to approve the November 13, 2014 Minutes, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-57** to outline funding assistance requirements from the Leech Lake Opioid Treatment Program, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-58** to Appoint Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution **No. 2015-59** to authorize promissory agreement between Leech Lake Gaming and Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc., second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the following home sites:

LD2015-103 Joseph P. Raisch, lease assignment to Western Bank, North Cass Lake area;

LD2015-104 Angela Wind, rescind Resolution No. LD2015-29, Plantation area;

LD2015-105 Florenstine Morgan, new lease, Southwood Loop area;

LD2015-106 Leroy Whitebird, Sr., lease assignment to Western Bank, South Cass Lake area,

second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the following lakeshore leases:

LD2015-107 Russell Lego, cancel residential lease, Sugar Point area;

LD2015-108 Ricky Eugene Wuori, Sr.,

recreational lease, Sugar Point area;

LD2015-109 Richard Hellickson, cancel residential lease, Traders Bay area;

LD2015-110 Scott Chapman, recreational lease, Traders Bay area; second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Land Resolution No. **LD2015-111**, Eric J. Myhra, Special Use Permit, Oak Point area, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Other:

Don Day - Tribal College Outreach Site, Metropolitan Area informational.
Richard Jones & Eric Shepherd - Update on Homeless Shelter

Motion by Steve White to adjourn at 10:00 a.m., second Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Sustainability Tip for January

Eliminate food waste: Before grocery shopping, make a list of the items you need so you don't buy unnecessary food items. In addition, try not to shop on an empty stomach, as this may lead to excess purchases.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER Family Division

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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 18, 2014.

/s/ Samantha Jasi, Court Administrator.

Respondent

Antonio DeWayne Brown,
Hislaw, Bobbie Jo
Brian Keith Madigan, Sr.,
Myron J. Wakonabo

Case No.

FA-13-123
FA-13-107
FA-13-190
FA-11-43

Suicide Prevention

A poster contest raising awareness for Suicide Prevention was held for one local school on the Leech Lake Reservation. Other schools were invited however, due to circumstances they opted out this year. Karen Anoka, the Behavioral Health Case Manager for the Leech Lake Tribal Health Division, awarded two winners from the Cass Lake ALC with an iPad Mini. The winning posters will be enlarged for display at their school and for distribution throughout the Leech Lake community.

Suicide is 100% preventable, let's strive to make others aware that there is help.


Winners: Tianna White and Shaelynn Fisher-Cass Lake Bena ALC



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Frank Nason
Marilyn Roybal
Frederick Nason
Alvina Omer
Donna Elaine Reggunti
Hope Thompson

From District I Office
Penny, Sarah, & Sondra

Lorna Urrutia
Sharon Wakanabo
James Wilson
Marilyn Wilson



Wishing District II Elders a
Happy Birthday!
January Birthdays

From District II
Office Steve,
Michelle, & Lori

Marion Bobolink **James Campbell**
Richard Losh

Happy New Year & Many more Birthdays to come!

Letter of Thanks and Gratitude

The family of Timothy Wayne Goodman "Gimiwan Aanakwad" would like to give our deepest thanks to the following people and organizations for helping during Tim's services: Thank you; Mike Dahl, Melvin and Shell Goodman, Lou and Mary Murray and others for your spiritual leadership. Thanks to all the Pallbearers/Honorary Pallbearers who are some of Tim's closest and trusted people. Thanks to those who kept his fire, prepared his food and to all the Singer's who sang on his drum during the wake. Thanks to the Leech Lake Tribe for the use of your facilities and other assistance. Thanks to Jarrod and Jenelle from the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker for your services and all the other organizations that were involved. Thanks to all the friends and relatives for your support. Even though this is a difficult time for us, we are also very grateful for everyone who could not make the services. We understand this since Tim has many relatives and especially friends from all over the country and Canada. Your thoughts and feelings are with Tim and us.

Miigwech,

From the Goodman and Johnson Family.



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Obituaries



Bernice Mary Hurd

Bernice Mary Hurd, age 74, of Cass Lake, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at the



Sanford Hospital in Bemidji. She was born on October 22, 1940 in Onigum, MN the daughter of Harry and Susan (Lee) Morris.

Bernice was a very kind, and strong woman who enjoyed being around her family. She would go ricing, hunting, fishing and netting. She loved going for rides with her grandchildren, visiting with her family and neighbors, especially Darryl. Bernice was the nicest person you could ever want to meet. She would cook for people, but you always had to finish your food or you wouldn't be invited back to eat again. She liked going to the Palace Casino to play bingo, reading, and working cross word puzzles to keep her mind active.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Susan, husband; Robert Hurd, Sr., two daughters; Kathy and Rhonda, and one son Gerald "Jake" Hurd.

She is survived by her sons; Terry (Julie) Morris of Cass Lake, and Robert Hurd, Jr. of Cass Lake, daughters; Cindy (Vern) Hurd of Cass Lake, Debbie Jones of Cass Lake, Taydria Hurd of Cass Lake, brothers; Harry Morris of Cass Lake, and Steve Jones of Minneapolis, sister; Christine Jones of Minneapolis, 31 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren, and the numerous step children that she helped to raise, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Bernice at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass

Lake. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Bernice will include: Jared Westbrook, Joe Leblanc, JayJay Leblanc, Larry Krumery, Kyle Mitchell, Lucas White, Terry Jones, and Antonio Bellanger. Honorary pallbearers will be: Howard Jones and William Lohnes. Interment will be held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Mission/Cass Lake following the service.

Bernice'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

Dora Jean Wind

Dora Jean Wind, 58 years old, of Cass Lake, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2014 at her home in Cass Lake. She was born on May 7, 1956 in Cass



Lake, the daughter of Alvin John Wind, Sr. and Roberta Jayne (Holstein) Wind.

Dora grew up and graduated from the Cass Lake High School in 1974. She attended BSU for some of her generals, then transferred to Duluth where she obtained a degree in Mass Communications. Dora was there for over four years before returning home to Cass Lake where she attended the Tribal College and graduated in 2007 with an Associates Degree in Teaching. She used this degree to teach children at the Head Start for over 18 years. Dora always enjoyed teaching and taking care of the kids. She was very good at beading and did some beautiful work. Dora liked making fry bread, beading, telling stories,

taking care of her dogs, working with her plants and flowers, going to craft fairs, facebooking, and being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; Alice and Levi Wind, Joe Holstein, Sr. and Marion Budreau-Folstrom, father; Alvin John Wind, Sr., brother; Martin Wind, nephew; Derek Brown-Wind, numerous aunts and uncles.

Dora leaves behind her husband; Daryl Clark, daughter; Nita Clark, mother; Roberta Wind, brothers; Alvin John Wind, Jr. (Freda Littlewolf), and Michael Morris, sisters; Jennie (Mark) Reyes, Marion Wind, Jody Wind, and Glenda (Roger) Bryan all of Cass Lake, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Dora will at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father Paul Larson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Lawrence Edward Krumrey, II, Mario Reyes, Sr., Martin Wind, Michael Reyes, Mark Reyes, Jr., and Roger Bryan. Alternate pallbearers will be Will Kingbird, Sr., John Wind, Donald Wind, Sr., Joshua Wind, Sr., Frank Kingbird, Francis Wind, and the Leech Lake Head Start Administration Staff. Interment will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service on Wednesday.

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

Hazel Ruby (Tibbetts) Holm

Holm, Hazel Ruby (Tibbetts) age 101, of Ball Club, MN, passed away 12/13/2014 in Grand Rapids, MN. Survived by daughters Nancy, Carol and Sandy; sons Tim, Ben and Dean; 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, friends and relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Lawrence and son Larry. Hazel was among the first American Indian Nurses, she worked for the American Red Cross in WWII also worked at Lutheran Deaconess

and Deer River Hospitals. A private family service will be held at a later date. Special thanks to Chany Garrison her help and kindness. Arrangements by Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, Minnesota.

Joyce Anne Hanson

Joyce Anne Hanson, 80 years old of Cass Lake, MN passed away on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at the Havenwood Care Center



in Bemidji with her family by her side. Joyce was born on April 1, 1934 in Cass Lake the daughter of Charles and Sarah (Jones) Headbird.

Joyce enjoyed bingo, playing cards (poker or rummy) with her family. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also loved doing laundry, which included everyone else's laundry, until she couldn't do it anymore. Joyce would tell stories to her grandchildren about growing up. She loved watching them grow. Joyce cherished having her family together in one place. She made sure everyone knew it was about being together, loving one another and having fun. Joyce will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

Those family members that Joyce joins again include her parents Charles and Sarah, husband Kenneth, special friend George Jones, all her brothers and sisters. Joyce was the last of 17 children born to Charles and Sarah. Her children, which include Oras, Gerald, Douglas and Sarah.

Family that she leaves behind to cherish her memory include her son; Marvin Hanson of Cass Lake, daughters; Brenda (Hank) Hanson of Bemidji, and Mary Hanson of Minneapolis, thirteen grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Joyce will be at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers for Joyce will be Richard Butcher, Jr., Douglas Butcher, Gerald Butcher, Henry Sutton, Kenny Hanson and Mark Hanson. Honorary pallbearers include all of her family and friends. Interment will be held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake/Mission.

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

Terrance Wayne Robinson, Sr.

Terrance "Terry" Wayne Robinson, Sr. "Mukwa", 54 years old, of Federal Dam, MN passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. He was born on October 5, 1960 in Cass Lake, the son of Franklin and Dolly (Gale) Robinson.



Terry loved to hunt, fish, ricing and working on cars. He joyed spending time with his family both visiting and going to gamble with them. He was passionate about practicing his American Indian Customs. They were very important to him.

Family that Terry joins again include his parents Frank and Dolly, his daughter Carrie Robinson and one Uncle Bert Gale.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory include his wife Mary of Federal Dam, son; Terrance Robinson, Jr. of Cass Lake, daughters; Sherry Robinson of St. Paul, Beth Robinson of Cass Lake, Carmen Robinson of Federal Dam, and Alexis Anderson of Federal

Dam, brothers; Frank Robinson of Cass Lake, and Charlie Robinson of Red Lake, aunt Marlene Stately, grandchildren; Anthony Robinson, Derek Robinson, Terrance Robinson III, Jake Robinson and Ryan Robinson.

A wake service for Terry will be at the Sugar Point Community Center, Federal Dam, MN. Spiritual leader will be Allen Hardy. Pallbearers for Terry will be Ray Geving, Mike Mitchell, Eric Helling, Lloyd Fisherman, Donald Geving and Tatanka Banks. Honorary pallbearers will be Dennis Banks, Donald J. White, Jimmy Campbell, DeDe Losh, David Gale, Henry Wahwassuck, Gerald White, Alvin White, Kirk Kottmeyer, Kenny Gale, Darell Gale, Frank Robinson and Dan (Fud) Wilson. Interment will be held in the Battle Point Cemetery at Sugar Point, MN.

Terry'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

Walter J White

Our brother was born in the fourth month, on the nineteenth day, in the year of nineteen forty-five... Little things many may not take notice to, are usually things that are right before their eyes, such as....

April being the 4 month and being of 4 directions, as well as, being the 4 seasons here in the North.... Day 19, Walter continuously danced through life as if he was always feeling the zest of being a 19 year old... The year 45, will be his dance card number.... as, he danced through life as if his favorite 45 record was a Blues Melody that was continuously playing... Creator gifted our mother Ruby her 1st son and he would become our best teacher in life and our true WARRIOR... Walter entered this world and call Mother Earth home for nearly 70 years, silently teaching the 7 Grandfather



teachings of life... Being an elder, he began to retell stories he heard as a child as he connected the present to a past when these values were both a part of ceremonies and everyday life. Walter was a living billboard and all can relate to his 7 teachings as he was all of them as this was his spiritual battery here on Mother Earth....

Minwaadendamowin – RESPECT
Zaagidiwin - LOVE
Debwewin - TRUTH
Aakodewewin – BRAVERY
Nibwaakawin – WISDOM
Miigwe'aadiziwin – GENEROSITY
Dibaadendiziwin – HUMILITY

He brought out the best and the worst in an individual.... He was the mirror of life and he allowed the individual to see themselves.... This is a true teacher....

Today, many of us view a warrior as being of a military of the white man's army, to the Indigenous Native of Turtle Island, it is being a champion of life's barriers of mankind and spiritual beliefs....

Walter was and will continue to be a Warrior as in this name lies 7 letters represents 7 decades of life and living the 7 Grandfather's teaching of his people.... W....is for Walter

A....for always being awesome
R....for always being resilient
R....for always carrying the Anishinaabeg richness within his spirit
I.... for his integrity
O....for always being the visual of connection, coming full circle
R....finally, for resting, as he fought a long and difficult battle of Cancer, he ended on equal terms, he said "lets surrender together as he heard his relatives singing to him in the distance"...

Walter's journeys here ended on January 1, 2015, he left Mother Earth on a new year cycle, on the first day to start all over again, his journey to the Grand Circle of Internal Life...

2015, these numbers are interesting... He charmed life here on Mother Earth as a continuous 19 year old, he left at the ripe age of 20, on the 1st day of the year with 5 intentions...he was born on the 4th month, welcoming the 4 directions life and exited the next direction home...

he completed the 5 arena's of life....

He was born Maadaa, as this is a way of life, not just at a ceremony, not just to say that he was of this way of life....Maadaa is the teachings of life and he was a teacher, as he became a visual to all, that may have been straying away from what Maadaa life is....His Native Name will be silent here on Mother Earth, but will be sang to him when he enters internal Maadaa life, as our relatives that have passed before him are singing his name in the Ojibwe Hymns as they welcome him home :)

We will miss you and when this happens, we will look for our reflection as we are one.... Tears may fall, we will remind ourselves that you came from the purest of waters and was returned to the purest of Oceans.... We will be lonely, but just knowing your embrace and love will last throughout time and we will feel your love through the winds of the air, the warmth of the fires and fullness of the waters.... Now, the Eagles have arrived, your plane that will carry your spirit home, until then our dear brother... go with love and just know how much you have imprinted our lives with your richness and resilience of life :) With loving thoughts, Your Relatives :)

Our brother Walter passed quietly in his home in Mandan, ND. He was survived by his life time friend Rebecca Burns of Bismarck, ND and had no children, he cherished every nephew and niece as if they were his own.

Services are being held at the Bena Community Center. Rev. George Ross, Hare Family Drum, Soloist Patsy Gordon and the Ojibwe Hymn Singers will assist Walter on his final Journey Home

Pallbearers: Craig Lyons, Ozzie Snowdon, Joshua Lyons, Tony Lyons, Dustin Lyons and William Wade Lyons

We would like to thank Leech Lake Tribe for all their assistance in Walter's funeral care, along with the Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker, MN. Our family is grateful to the PACE Hospice Care staff and his Doctor. We appreciate all our relatives and friends for their condolences and help.

Chii megwech, The Family of Walter J. White, aka Wally!

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