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Thank You Very Much OneSight Team!



Cass Lake School Hosts Onesite Free Eye Exam Week

September proved to be a month for a lot of people to receive free eye exams and free glasses that helped improve their vision and gave them the tools to continue to care for their eyes in a more favorable way. Several volunteers and organizations came together to make this possible for area students, adults and elders in late September. Sponsored by the Luxottica Group Foundation, the is based on the premise that clear vision is a basic human right. Vision Vans bring free eye exams and glasses to needy children in inner cities, rural outposts and Indian reservations. With volunteers and partners to help with the details free eye exams for those in need was the order of the week in late September, but this was not the first time that this has happened. Since 1988 thousands of skilled teams of global volunteers have provided access to vision care around the world for people in need. If you have ever gone through the experience of not having very good vision to getting an eye exam and putting on your glasses or your contact lenses that improve your vision, you know that your eyesight being improved can and does change your life in a most profound way. Better vision helps students to be twice as effective at school, employees to be 35% more productive at work, and earn up to 20% more per year, and it allows each of us to deepen our connection to the people and the world around us.

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Chairwoman Carri Jones -First Quarter Newsletter

Boozhoo! We hope Band members are enjoying the changing of the seasons as the leaves change colors and the weather turns cooler. We have many exciting updates for our Nation including a State of the Band 2015 Recap and smaller community events.

Ganawenim Awesiyag – Taking Care of the Animals Event

The Tribal Chair's Office, Special Events, Leech Lake Housing Authority and Native America Humane Society partnered together to host the first ever Ganawenim Awesiyag (Taking Care of the Animals) event. We gathered on Saturday September 26th, 2015 to celebrate, learn and care for our animals and pets in the Onigum community.

Twelve people built dog houses for their pets with the help of Housing Authority carpenters. Leech Lake Police Officer Vincent Brown and K9 Carter gave a police demonstration and answered questions.



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Elder Elaine Fleming told stories over a lunch served by Special Events. Dog food and already assembled dog houses were available for Band members.

Dr. Raeyna Longtin volunteered her veterinarian services to anyone seeking wellness checks for their pets. Dr. Longtin examined a total of 30 dogs—3 general wellness checks and 27 received vaccines. The majority of dogs seen had never received distemper or rabies vaccines prior to our event. Therefore, we are happy to provide these services where our Band members reside.

Those pets with no previous vaccine history are advised to have the distemper vaccine “boosted” in 1 month for stronger immunity. The event was so successful we are collaborating again to hold a similar Ganawenm Awesiyag event in Ball Club on Saturday October 24th. If you would like to build a dog house in Ball Club, please get to the event early as it will be first come, first serve.

OneSight Eye Clinic

Leech Lake Public Relations and Special Events coordinated with 9 area schools and Walking Shield Inc. to hold an OneSight Eye Clinic for students and elders on the Leech Lake Reservation. OneSight Clinics offers free eye exams and glasses to needy children. The OneSight Clinic was held on September 14-18, 2015 at the Cass Lake-Bena High School. The Clinic served 202 elders/veterans/needy adults and 1,155 children from 1st through 12th grade. The Clinic manufactured approximately 1,000 new pairs of glasses for our community with a value over \$500,000! The number of people served at our Clinic set a new record for total services rendered at any OneSight Clinic held in the past!

OneSight Clinic has a team of 43 optometrists and technicians that came from all over the world to serve our community and we greatly appreciate their support! There has been discussion of another OneSight Clinic in 2017 and we will keep Band members updated on this possibility.

Bilingual Ojibwe/English Road Signs

In December 2014, as noted in previous newsletters, the Band and Cass County signed an M.O.U. to identify and develop Ojibwe and English language road signs in our communities. The road signs are located in the Prescott community—one directing viewers towards the community center and the newest one in front of their community center. The sign reads “Aadisookewigamig – *Place where Ojibwe legels are told*”. A similar M.O.U. is currently in place with Itasca County. If your community is interested in a bilingual sign in your community, please contact Tribal Roads department or email simone.greenleaf@llojibwe.org.

Circle of Time Statue Committee —Walker

The Circle of Time committee invited Leech Lake to be a part of the monument dedication and reception in Walker, MN on August 13th, 2015. The monument is comprised of 13 statues representing the art, culture and history of the Leech Lake area. The final statues were revealed and dedicated as a doctor, educator, homesteader, missionary, Ojibwe leader Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, a resorter, and WWI doughboy. The Circle of Time committee sought the Band’s input and comments from the Band.

Elders Events

LLHA vs. MCT 3rd Annual Fish Fry Throwdown

The Elder Service Providers Network, comprised of various MCT and LLBO employees dedicated to holding elder events throughout the year, collaborated with L.L. Housing Authority to host the 3rd Annual Fish Fry Throwdown. Over \$3,000 was raised through a silent auction and selling fish fry luncheons with half of the funds going to the Homeless Resource Program and half to the E.S.P.N. MCT took home the victory trophy for best fish.

Dancing Down Memory Lane

E.S.P.N. hosted the annual Dancing Down Memory Lane elder event in Ball

Club on Wednesday September 23rd, 2015. Elders were encouraged to bring a recipe to share for the recipe contest and dress up for the Country Western theme to win a prize. Music played throughout the event and capped off with raffles and a dance contest! Informational presentations were given for Memory Care and Awareness for Alzheimer’s and Dementia as well as Medicare A, B, C & D.

Tribal Administrative Internship Program 2015

The Tribal Administrative Internship Program welcomed Adrianna Wright and Vincent Robinson as the Tribal Chair’s summer interns for our third year running the program. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Deer River and Cass Lake-Bena recent high school graduates were invited to apply. Adrianna and Vincent earned college credits from the Leech Lake Tribal College as Instructor Elaine Fleming taught a condensed version of her Indigenous Leadership course. The course instilled the importance of learning local Leech Lake anishinaabe history and culture that is largely ignored in mainstream public education. Adrianna and Vincent shadowed various employees in the Health and Human Services divisions, attended RBC meetings, and spent time with doctors and health professional at I.H.S. as both are interested in health fields. The interns ended their internship with an educational trip to Washington D.C. with the Tribal Chair and her staff to meet with the Minnesota delegation.

2015 State of the Band Address Recap

“Our Past, Our Present & Our Future Initiatives” served as this year’s theme for the State of the Band Address. The annual event took place on August 20th, 2015 at the Northern Lights Convention Center. Leech Lake Honor Guard and the Leech Lake Singers opened the ceremony with a drum and dance performance. Nakaya “Ikwe” Losh, a Niigaane Immersion Center graduate, gave a presentation and the youth hand drum group Northland Eagles sang at different times during the Tribal Chair’s keynote address.

Highlights from the State of the Band Annual Report 2015 include:

- Leech Lake and C.N.F. traveled to Washington D.C. to celebrate the lighting of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. The Band raised enough funds to cover the transportation, food and hotels for 132 youth and 30 elders to view the lighting. Students and youth sang and dance at various receptions in D.C. and held a three hour drum and dance exhibition at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian.
- The Band collaborated with Cass and Itasca Counties to open voting locations at the LLBO Government Center and the Ball Club Community center to increase voting access to Band members and non-Band members. A total of 59 voters cast their ballots at the Cass County voting location while 43 voters used the Ball Club location. We hope to bring similar voting services for the public in the upcoming election year 2016.
- Over 700 children and 300 adults attended this year’s annual Kids Perch Jerk on Lake Winnibigosh. Leech Lake held their annual Take-A-Kid Fishing in June 2015 and the Take-An-Elder Fishing in July 2015, both on Cass Lake.
- Treats of Tots handed out candy to over 4,400 children at our three casinos on Halloween last year. Meanwhile, Toys for Tots handed out over 3,000 toys and gifts across our three districts over the 2014 holidays.
- The Lyman “DeDe” Lose Transitional Home opened in Bena in May 2015, providing housing, resources and support to 30 residents.
- Onigum and S. Lake residents will see their new community centers completed in the upcoming year 2016.
- The new Justice Center is expected to be complete ahead of time before March 2016. The Justice Center will house Tribal Courts, LL Police Department, and Legal.
- The new Opioid Treatment Center will be fully operational by October 2015.
- The Elder Assisted Care Living Facility will open in 2016.

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Chairwoman Carri Jones

Secretary/Treasurer Archie LaRose Quarterly Report October 16, 2015

LLBO ACCOUNTING SUMMARY

The beginning of the new fiscal year saw the Band needing to authorize a continuing spending resolution due to the FY 2016 General Fund Operating Budget not yet being approved. The budget requests for General Fund revenue submitted by the Divisions equal \$26 million while there is only \$22 million available. This deficit is being addressed through reducing spending requests and utilizing other revenue sources to balance the budget.

The Annual Independent Audit Report for fiscal year 2015 is underway and scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2015, is conducted by the accounting firm of McGladrey, LLP. Fiscal year 2014 Audit finding included questioned costs and other procedural type findings. Internal Controls such as our Purchasing/Procurement system and Human Resource Personnel Policies (GAPP) combined with sound Accounting System policies and procedures will help to alleviate any audit findings.



Revenue/Budget Highlights for the quarter

Grant Revenues recognized equal \$1 million. This revenue source continues to be the Band's largest revenue line item budgeted at \$37.6 million projected for FY 2016. Gaming transfers to date = \$3 million. The Gaming transfers total budget for FY 2016 is \$13.6 million.

Taxes and license fees received from the State of Minnesota as of June 26th, 2015:

Sales tax –	\$2,932,853
Cigarette tax –	\$1,417,009
Liquor tax -	\$ 165,685
Gasoline tax -	\$1,135,150
DNR license fees -	\$2,851,965
TOTAL	\$8,492,662

This fiscal year we are budgeting \$8.3 million for total projected revenues from the State tax and license agreements. This is approximately \$2 million more than previous years primarily due to the State resuming cigarette tax reimbursements.

Program fees (other income) - \$4.3 million received for this fiscal year. Primarily a Health division revenue source, this has become the focus of the Human Services division and other divisions revenue sources budgeted at \$20 million per annum.

Expenditures – The annual Tax reimbursement check is budgeted and scheduled to be done, as in past years, the beginning of December. The cost of the annual reimbursement continues to rise as it is made according to the amount of enrolled members, including all the children. This year the Band purchased 178,000 pounds of Wild Rice. The cost of the green rice purchases came to just under \$240,000. The Temporary Employment Program was shut-down for a brief period this fall to allow for traditional activities such as ricing which also was a positive affect on their operating budget. Other operating budgets provided for utilizing the balance of the Sales tax rebate revenue and Gaming profits are the Division of Natural Resources annual average of 938K, Education Division 2.3 million, Economic Development 596K, Public Works 4.5 million, General Gov't and misc. programs 9.4 million, Tribal Police 1.7 million. The Band also assists the Boys and Girls Club, and local fire departments with their annual operating budgets.

We have spent \$8 million so far this fiscal year in the wages and fringe benefits line item. This line is budgeted at \$39 million in total for the fiscal year.

Capital expenditures and contracts is another large line item this fiscal year as we are in various stages of several construction projects including the Opiate Treatment Center Building, the IHS hospital expansion project and the Judicial Building projects. Total spent for these two line items equal \$5.8 million. The total budgeted amount for Capital Projects is \$15 million for this fiscal year. The Elder Care Assisted Living project also has begun with expenditures just starting to come in from the contractor.

The Band has also allocated \$1 million for a community center in Natures Lake and other local projects in District 1 and \$1 million for a Community Center in Onigum. The funds for these projects were identified to be taken out of General Fund reserves.

LEECH LAKE GAMING SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Quarter Ending September 30, 2015

Revenue

The upward trend in revenue has continued through July and August of this year with an increase in revenue of \$750,000, from \$15.8M to \$15.5M. This includes a \$160K increase in Slot Revenue and a \$700K increase in Tobacco Revenue. September has been strong but slower comparable to last year due to the issuance of Cobell Checks last September. All trends show continued moderate growth and both Gaming and Non-Gaming Revenue as we enter the slower winter cycle.

Expenses

Operating Expenses for Leech Lake Gaming were down over \$600K for July and August with similar results expected for September with a significant amount of the decrease directly related to Pow Wow expense (\$220K) being transferred to the Tribe and Marketing (\$155K)

Payroll Expense showed a decline of \$40,000 compared to Last Year for July and August with similar results forecasted for September.

Net Income

Net Income increased primarily due to the increase in Gaming Revenue (Increase of \$150,000K) and decrease in Operating Expenses and Payroll Expenses (Decrease of \$620,000). This has increased Net Income for Leech Lake Gaming by \$495,000 for July and August, with similar increases anticipated for September, generating a Net Income improvement of over \$500,000 for the quarter.

Forecast

Revenues continue to recover in Quarter 1 of FY 2016. Strong revenue numbers, combined with controlled operating and payroll expenses, are expected to substantially improve Net Income in the 1st Quarter compared to Last Year. With strong marketing plans in place, combined with the discount sales of national brand cigarettes pending future litigation of native tobacco sales (Tobacco Sales have more than doubled compared to last year), it is anticipated that Leech Lake Gaming should be able to sustain the current revenue and income growth through the coming fiscal year. With projected Revenue Growth and projected controlled Operating Expenses, Leech Lake Gaming is poised to have a strong start to FY which will bring additional dollars to the Tribe. Based on continued economic growth projections and proposals to control additional spending, Leech Lake Gaming is projected to show revenue growth and an increase in Net Income in the coming year comparable to the previous quarter.

Note: During July and August, Leech Lake Gaming sold 181,702 packs of cigarettes. This generated approximately \$275K in additional Tobacco Tax Rebate for LLBO that is not reflected in Leech Lake Gaming's financials.

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Archie LaRose

Secretary/Treasurer

District I Rep. Penny DeVault Quarterly Report-October 2015

Warmest of greetings to all of my fellow Leech Lake Band Members, what a year this past one has been. A whirlwind of projects, events and new learning experiences for the District I Office. We have enjoyed working together and working for the people of District I and Leech Lake. Each day brings new and exciting challenges, some days harder than the others...but still a gratifying and humbling experience. We will continue to strive for betterment in all areas for our Band members. Our youth were definitely at the forefront of our endeavors this past quarter. With school starting, we want to wish all of our new and returning students a very successful year. Education is one of the most important goals an individual can achieve. This Quarters report will once again highlight the most important areas of focus from the District I Office.



Operation One-Sight

The collaboration between OneSight, Walking Shield, Leech Lake Band and our area school districts proved to be a huge success. This initiative had nothing but positive stories from all of our participants and volunteers. Our community members were able to take advantage of this free eye clinic which was held at Cass Lake Bena High School. School busses, Tribal Transit and our Band employees provided transportation to this weeklong event. There were also countless meetings and planning to prepare for this event which was coordinated through the Leech Lake Public Relations Department. Thank you to our staff for a job well done. It is estimated that around 1347 youth, elderly and veterans received service. Once again, on behalf of District I and our children and elderly, we cannot express how grateful we are for this opportunity.

Elder Events

The District I Office had the honor of working at a couple annual elder events this past quarter. On September 18, 2015 the ESPN (Elder Service Provider Network) held the 3rd Annual Fish Fry Throw Down at the Palace Casino. This fundraiser was a fish cook off between Leech Lake Housing Authority and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. There was also a silent auction and raffle drawings. All of the proceeds raised went towards the ESPN Elders Program and our LLHA Homeless Program. Also, on September 23, 2015 we were able to assist with the ESPN "Dancing Down Memory Lane" elder event in Ball Club. This is a great opportunity for our elders and caregivers to come together for socializing, dancing, entertainment, education, and a wonderful meal. For more information on any elder event, please contact your local elder advocate, the District I Office, or Carol Jenkins at 335-8581.

Youth Events

For the second year in a row, the District I Office was able to hold youth dance specials at our three local powwows. We held our first dance special in S. Lake in June 2015. Next, we had our Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days District I Dance Special where 20 youth were gifted with new regalia. A special thank you to Robin Wilson on behalf of the Ella Wilson family for their jingle dress donation to honor Ella's memory. Our third dance special was held at the ChaChaBahNing Celebration in Inger. We were fortunate enough to gift 16 youth with new regalia. Thank you to the powwow committees and our elders for all of your assistance. Also, thank you to our local crafters for your hard work and beautiful regalia; all of the youth were very appreciative.

With the hard work and assistance of our local youth coordinators, LIC's and community members, we were able to have two very special youth events to cap off

this very busy summer. On July 31, 2015 the District I Office, along with the other two districts, were able to take bus and van loads of our youth to the Minnesota Lynx Game. It was Tribal Heritage Night, as the Lynx were playing the Atlanta Dream, featuring Native American superstar Shoni Schimmel. This was a magical evening and very inspirational for all of those in attendance, young and old.

Also this summer all of our District I Communities were able to take youth trips to Valleyfair. Including Duluth, who just recently returned from ValleyScare. Again, these events take a lot of planning and preparation, which would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated community members. Next summer we hope to pursue more fundraising efforts to assist in making more of these opportunities possible. A very special thank you goes out to all of our youth who attended these trips and represented Leech Lake and District I very well; everyone was on their best behavior.

The Band was again fortunate enough to hold Backpack/school supply Give-aways in all three of our Districts, as well as Duluth and Twin Cities. Backpacks were given to all students in grades K-12. The day also consisted of music, games, and a great meal. Kids in Need Foundation also generously donated 250 filled backpacks to our students enrolling in the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. And once again, from private donors, District I was able to provide 12 students with school clothes, through our "Child In Need" scholarship. As mentioned before, participating and partnering in all of these events and this work is certainly a very humbling experience and we in the District I Office are continually grateful for the opportunity.

Community Meetings

There has been a continuation of meetings regarding the S. Lake Community Center. District I will continue to support the wishes of the S. Lake community members throughout this process. This has been a long awaited project for this community.

On July 2, 2015 the Ball Club Community hosted the LLBO Quarterly meeting. Along with the Quarterly meeting, Tribal Programs and Divisions had informational booths set up to accommodate our community members.

The District I Community Assembly was also held in Ball Club on July 24, 2015. The focus of this quarter's assembly was to "Honor Our Future Leaders". All of this year's graduates, in attendance at the event, were gifted and honored with song. We also had the esteemed privilege of listening to Mr. Les Northrup share his wonderful story of his life in education. We had a delicious brunch prepared by our special events staff. We had graduates from Headstart, Elementary, Middle School, High School and College join us on this day of celebration.

Meetings With Outside Agencies

This quarter was also a busy one with the District I Office making contact with numerous outside agencies. Meeting with these agencies and attending these events helps to open many doors and create unique opportunities for the Band. In July, I was able to attend the 2nd Annual National Native American Leadership Forum. In attending the Leadership Forum, I was encouraged to think differently about the issues faced and bring with me the tools needed to tackle these challenges head on. This was a very insightful, educational networking event to attend.

On August 5, 2015 the District I Office had the chance to attend a meeting in Roseville, MN with the Kids In Need Foundation. This initial meeting hopes to be the beginning of many exciting educational endeavors where our youth will be the beneficiary's. The Kids In Need Foundation graciously donated Yoobi class packs for our teachers, along with the backpacks for our Bug School students.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe/Tribal Executive Committee held their meetings at the Northern Lights Event Center. I attended the MCT Health, Human Services Education Sub-Committee meeting. The following day, our office had the chance to sit down with a member of Congressman Nolan's staff to present the District I Projects and Priorities. Also, Senator Franken held a meeting with Tribal Leaders and members regarding the Opioid abuse epidemic affecting our tribal nations. At this meeting, each Tribal Chair briefly discussed this epidemic in relation to their

communities. Federal policies were also discussed with how they can help combat the epidemic. It was an honor to sit in on this meeting and listen to other Tribal Leaders, State Governmental Leaders as well as our own.

Community/ LIC Events

This Quarter brought about many events for the District I area. The July 4th Celebrations were held in both the Inger and Ball Club communities, as always there was a great turn out, with record numbers in attendance. Besides the fireworks display, there was music, dancing, bingo, food and fun. LLBO and District I are proud to bring these events to our membership. Being in the rural areas, we recognize the difficulty faced in trying to attend such things. Thank you to the community members that assist in making these a success.

The Leech Lake Band also sponsored the powwow celebration at the Wild Rice Festival in Deer River. Again, we had a record number of our dancers and spectators. We are continually outgrowing our space, which is a great thing because it shows the pride and interest in our culture. Thanks to the White Oak Casino for the sponsorship of this event. Along with this powwow, our other two District I communities held their celebrations (S. Lake, last quarter). Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days held their 53rd Annual and ChaChaBahNing held their 35th Annual. We were fortunate enough to attend all of these and enjoy our time with family and friends, a great chi-miigwitch to our powwow committees, singers and dancers.

A couple of our communities also held summer picnics for the community. Duluth LLBO Office held their annual summer picnic at the AICHO Building/Trepanier Hall. Our re-established Deer River LIC also held a community picnic and a meet & greet for the new council members. There was a great turnout at each of these events. The District I Office was on hand to answer questions, provide tribal applications and other such information.

The Inger LIC, Deer River LIC and Ball Club LIC have held their annual elections this quarter. Congratulations to all of the new and returning council members. Your time and dedication are appreciated and valued.

The Ball Club community came together for a suicide awareness event. This event brought community members together for healing and awareness. Thank you to the LIC members who planned and put on this event and brought light to a dark topic. You touched many hearts on this evening.

Tribal Government

We are pleased to announce the Mobile Clinic has arrived in the S. Lake community. This endeavor enables our members to attend clinic in their own community. Please be on the look-out for the next mobile clinic day in S. Lake. Many kudos to the Health Division and employees for this opportunity.

This summer also brought the close of our first four-week internship for 2015. Our intern was able to work hands on with the District I Office. This year was definitely a learning year for all of us involved in this pilot project for District I. We hope to continue this next summer and expand our horizons. Again, thank you to the Chairwoman's office for allowing us to shadow their Tribal Administrative Internship Program.

The District I Office and staff will also be applying to attend the Blandin Community Leadership Program. With hopes that we are able to continue self growth and learn more about community and tribal initiatives through this program.

Again, on behalf of my staff and I, it is an honor to serve the people of District I and the Leech Lake Nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Penny DeVault
District I Representative**

Onesite Free Eye Exam Week

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Access to Vision Care Empowers families to meet their basic needs without undue strain on time or budget, communities to provide quality vision care for people, and entire countries to take the next big step in advancing quality of life for all. These vision clinics have served nine million people in over forty countries. With the help of dedicated partners, there are 8 sustainable vision centers operating today, providing permanent access to vision care to over 2 million people. In the next five years, that number will grow to over 10 million. In conjunction with the Onesite organization, the Walking Shield organization offered its time and effort to help those in need.

Walking Shield became an agency partner of this program in 1996. Through this collaboration, Walking Shield has brought OneSight to numerous locations that have large American Indian populations. Project locations have included both rural and urban areas. Walking Shield's role is to identify project sites and assist with the coordination of: Identification of children with financial need, prescreening of identified children, scheduling of appointments, completion of necessary consent forms, and transportation of children to and from the venue. To date, OneSight projects coordinated by Walking Shield have provided over 22,000 eye exams, distributed more than 15,000 glasses, filled an 80% need, and has provided services valued at over \$2,000,000 to those in need of better vision. In Cass Lake there were almost 1,200 children that were screened and over 200 adults. Of those, 85% of the children required glasses and 98% of the adults screened need them as well. These services were badly needed and the statistics back up that need.

The whole idea behind Walking Shield's mission is to improve the quality of life for American Indian families by coordinating programs that provide shelter, healthcare, community development support, educational assistance, and humanitarian aid. Working closely with tribal leaders, Walking Shield provides a variety of services to American Indian families and helps to link the people to the services such as the recent free eye exams offered in Cass Lake. Walking Shield is a multi-funded nonprofit organization. They receive federal, foundation, and corporate grants. They receive donations from individuals and also have a planned giving program.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe would like to thank Onesite and Walking Shield for all of their efforts to help bring better eye sight to our area for everyone that was in need. A special thanks goes out to the Cass Lake host-school and a special thank you to Cass Lake/Bena Superintendent of Schools-Rochelle Johnson; High School Principal- Bryan Hackbarth; Elementary Principal-Janey Blanchard; School Nurses-Rhonda Reimer & Melissa Jenson; Luanne Frazer & the Cultural Staff, and the school custodial staff. Also: participating OneSight schools, Bug 0 Nay Ge Shig Shig; Northland Community Schools; Deer River Public Schools; Bemidji Public Schools; Laporte Public School; Black Duck Public Schools; Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Public Schools; Grand Rapids Public Schools.

A Special thanks to all of the volunteers including: I.H.S. Staff; MN Chippewa Tribe Elder Staff; Leech Lake Health Division; Leech Lake Elder Advocates; Herschel Ogema from the LLBO Youth Division; LLBO Facilities Maintenance; LLBO Day Labor Program; Leech Lake Police Department; Leech Lake DRM (for freezer space); Leech Lake Headstart Kitchen Staff & Julia Whitebird for ordering and handling the food; Leech Lake Gaming Transportation and the many other volunteers and staff who helped make the OneSight clinic a huge success.

Donations and Contributions: The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Che We Express; Leech Lake Gaming; Nei Bottling of Bemidji; Sandstroms of Grand Rapids; KLN of Perham, and to all of those who now have a better literal vision of the world that helps foster a better philosophical vision of the world where the two meet.

THANK YOU!

District II Rep. Steve White Quarterly Report-October 2015

Aaniin tribal members, friends and family From the District II Office. With School back in Full swing the District II office would like to ask that we all keep a diligent eye on the safety of our children throughout your day to day travels.

We have had a busy summer season full of exciting community events, our fourth of July celebrations were full of fun for our communities, Kego Lake and Bena had a cook out and Fireworks, Sugar point had fireworks and a community beach clean-up event that went well for the elders and youth.

June through September we utilized our mobile clinic offering basic health care services to our outlying communities, for our band members that have difficulty getting to any of the tribal clinics on a regular basis, we are currently working to improve those services offered through the mobile clinic, we have added Chiropractic Services to the Mobile clinic with our Chiropractor Dr. Murray Smith.

In August, Tribal Council members, their assistants, our Public Relations Department and Marilou Chanrasmi met with The Kids in Need Foundation (KINF) to talk about our future partnership together. At the end of last school year my office, Marilou, and Jeanne Mock, from the KINF, secured over 200 backpacks for Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School students. It is an honor to say that on the first day of school we presented a backpack full of school supplies to every child that attends the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School.

We also had backpack giveaways and picnics with our Duluth and Twin Cities offices, Waubun Park was the location of the Twin Cities Office picnic, there was plenty of fun and activities for everyone who attended, Twisted Balloons, owned and operated by a Band Member from the Twin Cities was there painting faces and making animals out of balloons for the kids in attendance. Duluth residents had a dinner at the AICHO building. Every one that needed a backpack received one; we also played bingo and raffled off various prizes. Both days were enjoyable and filled with lots of fun!!

Our District II Backpack giveaway was held at the Bena community center, the kids came and enjoyed hours of 3 different bouncy houses and waterslide fun, tribal enrollments attended as well, providing our Band members with Tribal I.D's and enrollment information.

Each of our respective Community LIC's took their children on a trip to Valleyfair in August; we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this happen for the children of District II.

September 10th, 2015 Art Chase, Angela Nordman, and my office met with the Commissioners-on-Wheels Tour at the Big Winnie General Store in Bena to discuss the need for a bike path from the store to the old housing road. Phase I of The project is due to be finished October 15th 2015. Phase II will start at the old housing road and continue to the Big Fish Restaurant and there has not been a date set for completion as of yet.

We will be having a Halloween party/pumpkin carving event in Sugar Point, Kego Lake and Bena sometime towards the end of October, we will be sending out flyers to everyone on our mailing list, if you do not receive the flyers that the District II office sends out every month and would like to start receiving them just call the office at 218-335-8202 or 218-335-8341 and give one of my assistants your address so that they can add you to our list, or if you want to update your address, you can do that as well.

Sugar Point LIC just had an election; I would like to congratulate the winners





of those seats. Also Kego Lake/Smokey Point and Bena LIC's will be having their elections coming up in November. If you would like to sign up for the positions just give my office a call and your name will be added to the ballot. Must meet the criteria to be considered to apply for LIC positions: 18 years of age by Election Day, reside for 30 days prior to the election in the LIC community and also must be a band member. Watch for the flyer for the date and time of the elections. I encourage everyone to get out and vote!!

ISD# 118 Northland Remer School is having another referendum vote for a new school on November 9th, 2015. I encourage you to get out and vote if you reside within that school district. They are pushing to get a whole new school. The children deserve better and safer learning environments, bigger class rooms, and after school activities with transportation home. We will be hosting a dinner to talk about the issues and concerns of the school coming up in October 12th, 2015 at the Sugar Point community center so also watch for that flyer in your mail box. Please encourage all your family and friends to attend. You are now able to absentee vote at the Cass County Courthouse right now and the Remer City Hall starting on October 1st. VOTE YES ON NOVEMBER 9TH, 2015 FOR A NEW NORTHLAND REMER SCHOOL!!! Thank you to all of our people that participated in the wild rice harvest this year, it is a very important tradition that we need to keep alive, and for the upcoming hunting season, please use caution and good judgement when out in the woods with everyone else.

I would like to let everyone know that if you are not able to make it to my office in Cass Lake or to the Local Indian Council meetings, to speak to me about the issues you face; you can contact my staff at 218-335-8202 or 218-335-8341, they will be happy to assist you in setting up a meeting time and date, or I can come to your house so that we can address any issues together and find a viable solution.

**Miigwetch,
Steve White**

 Wishing District II Elders a <i>Happy Birthday!</i> October Birthdays 		
Richard Johnson Clara Smith Diana Stangel Michael Tibbetts	Marilyn Losh Bryan Finn Brenda Greene	Leona Shaugobay Iolanthe Goose Patricia Moose Roger Fairbanks

District II LIC Elections ~!! DATE CHANGE for ELECTION DAY !!~	
Bena Community / All positions up for election Election will be on <u>November 13th</u>, 2015 11am-7pm at Bena Comm. Center Chairperson Vice-chairperson 1 Elder Rep. (must be over 55) Secretary/Treasurer 1 Youth Rep. (must be 18 or older)	
Kego Lake/Smokey Point LIC Elections / All positions up for election Election on <u>November 12th</u>, 2015 11am-7pm at Kego Lake Comm.Center Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, 1 Elder Representative (must be over 55) Secretary/Treasurer, & 1 Youth Representative (must be over 18)	
Contact District II Office to sign up for positions Closing date to sign up will be October 30th, 2015	

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Awarded 3 CTAS Grants

Leech Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded 3 grants through the Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) – FY 15. The Leech Lake Department of Public Safety (DPS) was awarded funding for equipment and vehicles. The Tribal Courts and DPS were awarded monies to hire a Court Administrator and Methamphetamine Investigator. The third grant was also awarded to the Department of Public Safety to hire a Crime Victim’s Advocate to assist victims of domestic violence, elders being abused, and sexual assault.

The awards are made through the Justice Department’s Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), a single application for tribal-specific grant programs. The Department developed CTAS through its Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office of Justice Programs and Office on Violence Against Women, and administered the first round of consolidated grants in September 2010.

“Funding provided will greatly enhance Leech Lake’s ability to keep communities safe, strengthen community policing, and serve victims of crime,” said Chairwoman Carri Jones. “In addition to the three full time positions, this funds our police department with new vehicles, replacing ones with hundreds of thousands of miles on them, bullet proof vests, a new radio tower for their new location and body cameras for officers. We are very excited to continue to get this funding to increase our capacity to countermand drug and gang activity happening on the reservation.”

Listed below are ways some of the grant dollars will be used and the purpose. This gives an example of how important it is to receive the CTAS grant funds from the Department of Justice. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe improves every year with the help of the Department of Justice, with the grants dollars received can help improve our community and the people who live within the reservation.

B.I.A- Indian Highway Safety Program:

One Full Time Officer, Enforcement of highway traffic laws on Leech Lake Reservation, to promote safer roads in Indian Country.)

COPS Grant- Body Worn Camera Grant:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Police Department. These cameras will be worn by Tribal Police Officers while in performance of their duties. The purpose of these devices is threefold. To continue to build upon and strengthen community relations, ensure that both the community and officer are held accountable for their actions that will also aid in the prosecution or declination of offenders.

Tribal Courts Receive Grant Awards!

Over the next three years these grant dollars help the Leech Lake Tribal Court system employ a court administrator, defense attorneys for parents/custodians in child protection cases and juvenile matters, and also funds Guardians ad Litem (GALs) to report to the court on what is in the “best interest” of the children in child protection cases, custody fights, adoptions and guardianship matters.

There are additional funds for a Meth Investigator that will work through the Leech Lake Tribal Police department. The administrative requirements of the court require a minimum of three deputy court clerks. During the past several years Leech Lake Tribal Courts have been operating with one to two clerks. Now they can go to three clerks and not worry about overworking the clerk staff.

Burn Barrels Emit Poison

In 2006, the Leech Lake Air Quality Program implemented the Burn Barrel Clean-Up Project. As of 2014, 75 barrels have been collected. Each household was given two recycling bins to promote recycling and reduce waste in exchange for their burner removal. The elimination of backyard burning reduces the risk of pollution on the reservation dramatically and recycling can cut household waste in half.

The Leech Lake Air Program continues to work toward developing solutions for removing these pollution producers. You can help our sovereign nation by stopping illegal burning on the reservation and by recycling, reducing, and reusing to lessen the amount of garbage in our environment.

WHAT POLLUTION DOES OUR GARBAGE EMIT?

PAPER

bleached white paper releases halogenated hydrocarbons, inks and dyes give off toxics, some are coated with plastics to make them shiny, some have plastic windows

PLASTIC

Plastics is a HUGE source of chlorine & hydrochloric acids.

HEAVY METALS

Produces arsenic, styrene, barium, mercury, chromium, formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, lead, nitrogen, and sulfur oxides. Lead can accumulate in blood, bones, and body tissues affecting kidneys, organs and nervous systems.

STYROFOAM

Burning styrofoam will release 57 chemical byproducts...wow!

PARTICULATE MATTER

Its just not smoke: Some particles are small enough to enter the lungs can cause numerous health problems. Particles can aggravate respiratory conditions such as asthma and bronchitis, and have been associated with irregular heartbeats and heart attacks. People with heart or lung disease, the elderly, and children are at highest risk from exposure to particles.

TIRES

Tire emissions include particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur oxides (SOx), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), such as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), dioxins, furans, hydrogen chloride, benzene, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals. Many of these compounds can also be found on the St. Regis Superfund Site...they are chemicals of concern.

To turn in your burn-barrel call the Leech Lake Air Quality Program at 218-335-7429 or 1-800-442-3942 Monday through Friday.

Tribal Roads Receives Grants

Leech Lake Tribal Roads has received funds from the Department of Transportation for transportation and safety improvements. “The funds will be for safety planning, engineering improvements, enforcement and emergency services, and education for tribal communities. This is the second year such funds have been awarded since the program’s inception. The Leech Lake funds will be used to develop a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan for the leech lake Reservation.

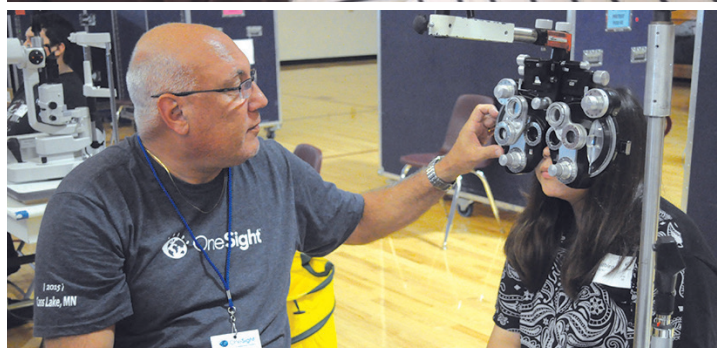


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District III Rep. LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks Quarter 1 July 1-Sept 30, 2015

LLBO donate to Bii Gii Wiin CDLF

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe granted a request from the American Indian Development Corporation as an award to the Bii Gii Wiin (Coming Home) arm of their Community Development Loan Fund.

Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund has recently launched the Tribal Initiative Empowering to Save (TIES) program. Leech Lake has collaborated and partnered with Bii Gii Wiin to support urban Leech Lake Band members save and provide much needed assistance of getting into homeownership. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is the first Tribe to enter into the TIES program by issuing a check on September 21, 2015. Bii Gii Wiin is grateful for this opportunity to work with urban Leech Lake Band Members.

The support from the tribe is to help 5 urban band members with an Individual Development Accounts (IDA). Once the band member is in position to open an IDA, the individual sets a goal to save \$1,000 towards down payment into IDA. Once the goal is met, between 6 months and 2 years, Bii Gii Wiin will match with \$2,000 and the Tribe will match with \$2,000 for a total of \$5,000 towards down payment assistance. This is very exciting to help urban Leech Lake Band members achieve the goal of Home ownership.

Presented to PAWS at CL-B High School

In mid-summer, the District III office presented to the PAWS summer enrichment program at Cass Lake-Bena Alternative Learning Center. PAWS stands for People At Work and Study, and this summer the high school enrichment course focused on the local Leech Lake region from an Ojibwe perspective, to describe historical and contemporary life of our people in the region today. The High School students who participated learned from many local speakers about the history of this region, and the District III office was invited in to talk about contemporary governance practices. The students had prepared three white boards full of smart, critical questions for the District III Representative to respond to on topics such as land use and land ownership, governance and co-governance, civil rights of Band members, economy in the region, local decision-making structures, among other ideas. The students demonstrated high levels of learning engagement and preparation in the questions that they developed for our class session that day. This was an inspiring day for us, and we look forward to the future leaders who are developing in our community. We are grateful to the staff and students who participated in the PAWS program this year, and thankful that they included our perspectives.

LLTC Library Naming

Leech Lake Tribal College opened the newly constructed library on campus and held a naming recognition event. The new library is named the Bezhigoogahbaw Agindaasowigamig, the Larry P. Aitken Library. The Bezhigoogahbow Agindasoowigamig provides a place for students to study, research and work with research assistants and librarians. On average the library serves about 100 people a day.

The 8,000-square foot facility features a classroom, meeting space, public computer terminals and more than 6,000 books in addition to an e-book library and catalogs for CDs, DVDs and software. Additionally, the library is open to community members. Library hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Larry Aitken was gifted with a plaque and a blanket to commemorate the occasion. As he has said, "This is a dream university! We live in a phenomenal time... A time when we can learn on our own land, from our own people, and on our own terms!"

Back to school

In late August the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe gave away 1000+ backpacks

with school supplies to students in grades K-12 in the District III area. We wish everyone well in school this year. Dream of success, and you will achieve everything you set your heart to!

1855 Treaty Authority Rice-In

District III Representative and others participated in a rice-in at Hole In the Day Lake to support the rights of tribal members of the 1855 Treaty Authority to harvest and gather in traditional territories. In an attempt to evoke a court case from the State of MN for ricing and netting outside of reservation boundaries, the Band members from White Earth, Leech Lake, and Fond du Lac took to Hole In the Day Lake by Nisswa, MN in late August. The first day of the protest was thwarted by the State DNR as they offered the entire group of Ojibwe a blanket one-day permit that was subsequently ripped up. The group assembled the next couple of days to exercise our usufructury rights that were so stipulated in an 1855 treaty that does not deny these rights, and whose boundaries are far greater in area than the reservation boundaries recognize today.

DHS training at LLBO

Minnesota Department of Human services hosted a training for 90+ DHS workers at our Northern Lights Events Center on the topic of Protective Services for Aging Adults. The decision by a state agency to hold the training at tribal lands is a good outreach gesture, and we appreciated the consideration for our rural, outstate participation. The training injects money into the local economy and builds relationships between our reservation-based services and the outside agencies that we work with to serve our constituents.

Attendees Included representatives from 37 Counties Minnesota Counties, White Earth Reservation, Red Lake Reservation, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and two law enforcement agencies.

RRFN Visitors

Leech Lake Housing Authority and the District III office hosted visitors from Manitou Bawating Elders Council (Rainy River First Nation). The Housing Authority was contacted by the Rainy River First Nation, who wanted to learn more about Leech Lake's services for Elders. Their community has recently formed an Elders' Council in their First Nations Territory, and they brought the Elder Council members to Leech Lake to observe and learn from some of our Leech Lake Programs. They brought in great questions about programming and sustainability, and injected some good ideas for government relations to our community members as well. The LL Housing Authority staff provided gifts to the visitors and hosted them at the Elder Apartment Buildings in Cass Lake, and several of our Leech Lake programs gave in-depth presentations on health care activities, emotional health efforts, meal programs, and general well-being. The MCT's Adult Day Services also presented their services and provided a tour for the visitors from Rainy River First Nation. It was a good day to highlight and reflect upon the many good efforts that Leech Lake has to serve our Elders.

Reflecting on Quarter 1 and moving forward

Our District III offices talk with constituents for comments and concerns on a daily basis. While the District III Office does not provide direct financial assistance to constituents, we work with the reservation-based and regional service providers in the area to refer people to resources. We know that there are a great number of unmet needs in our people's lives. On a weekly basis, the District III Office receives a large number of calls for crisis shelter needs (short- and long-term homelessness), food crisis needs, and as the start of the new school year approached, we had several requests for clothing and shoes to help growing students start off the new school year. Major utility crisis needs come up frequently as well, such as electric or heating fuel costs. Many other crisis needs are heard through our offices, and we work to help people to solve these and to plan ahead for future needs.

Many of these needs will take systemic changes, and forward-looking planning to figure out how to assist for long-term health and vitality in our community.

Educational Endowment

One area in which I would like to see the Leech Lake Band move forward is through creating an educational endowment fund. Each year, we receive several requests for post-secondary scholarship assistance due to extraordinary needs, and unfortunately there are Leech Lake students who go without educational support funds. It is time for us to implement a sustainable and forward-looking plan to support our students through all of their school years.

Planning Ordinance

I am concerned that we have had so many challenges with setting priorities for the Band and following through on them. We had to act on a Continuing Budget Resolution from the beginning of our fiscal year until October 2015. This directly impacts our programs and our ability to evaluate and provide relevant services to our people.

It is my wish to work together with our Council towards meaningful and solution based priorities for the people we represent. I, along with the Secretary Treasurer's Office would like to introduce a planning ordinance that will guide our governance and our operations by mandating meaningful work plans through our systems. Essentially, this ordinance will act as a road map to guide us to where we want to be as an organization.

Miigwetch

LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks

DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT OCTOBER 2015

Adam Butcher is sixteen years old, born on 3-17-99 on St. Patrick's Day. Adam resides in Winnie Dam, on Jackson Village Road. He attends Cass Lake Bena Alternative Learning Center. His week is structured similar to your average mainstream school attending class daily; other than classroom sizes he doesn't see the difference. Adam is able to work at his own pace and will be graduating at the end of this school year, one year earlier than expected. His current grade point average is 3.55. He undecided on which college to attend or what he is going to study, Adam plans on continuing with his education.



WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE ADAM AS
OUR SPOTLIGHT AND WISH HIM THE VERY
BEST IN HIS UPCOMING ENDEAVORS.

Leech Lake Tribal College Basketball Teams Embarks On a Campaign for the NIAC Conference Title

The Leech Lake Tribal College basketball program has been remarkably successful, placing first in regular season standing in its first season. The Leech Lakers are a member of the Northern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and compete with other private, public, and tribal colleges in the Midwest. The Lakers also compete in non-conference games against higher level competitors ranging from ranking junior colleges to division two teams. This season, the men's and women's teams are headed by coaches David Northbird and Rodney Northbird. The coaches stated they want to carry on the tradition of high expectations set forth by previous year's season led by Coach Brady Fairbanks. Fairbanks is currently at Haskell Indian Nation University completing his degree.

"We want to continue that tradition of competition to attract future student athletes and build community investment in our team. Our players are recruited from the Leech Lake and surrounding areas, so this is truly a representation of our local talents", said Coach David Northbird.

To build community involvement, the student-athletes have engaged in the weekly Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club's basketball tournament for the youth of the Leech Lake area. The women's team members also volunteered their time at the college's fundraiser event at Tianna Country Club in Walker, Minnesota.

"We want to build community involvement and investment for the teams and the college. It's nice to see young kids wearing our team shirts and other LLTC brand items because it shows support from the community. Some of these kids know the players and look up to them as role models, so it is important for us to have positive interactions with them," said Coach Rod Northbird.

The Leech Lakers start their regular season October 31st, 2015 against Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, North Dakota, and end their campaign in late February's playoff conference tournament. The Cass Lake-Bena High School gymnasium will host the Lakers visiting opponents this season until a more permanent facility can be established on campus. The community is invited to support their local college team as they compete against their tribal college counterparts and other colleges throughout the State and Midwest areas.

"The goal is to have our athletes showcase their talents and gain an accredited education. The students not only compete in athletics, but they also work hard in academics as well. Some of our student athletes have excelled in academics and continued on to four-year universities. We are proud to provide them the opportunities to better themselves and their families", said Athletic Program Director, Steve Smith.

The program plans to include community organizations and groups at home games, events and activities such as youth basketball showcase during intermissions and performances by local drum groups and dance clubs.

Stay tune for news and updates on the upcoming season by visiting our website at www.lltc.edu. Show your support for the local Leech Lakers as they represent the Leech Lake community in this year's athletic campaign.

The Leech Lake Tribal College a provider of accredited higher education grounded in Anishinaabe values serving the community of Leech Lake and surrounding areas. The college awards Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in multiple program areas. For more information please contact the college at (218) 335-4200 or visit our website at www.lltc.edu.

LEECH LAKE ENROLLED MEMBERS Tax Rebate Checks

KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS UPDATED IN **ACCOUNTING**
IN ORDER TO RECIEVE A REBATE CHECK!

It is the enrollee's responsibility to keep his/her mailing address updated.

It's that time of year again for **2015 Tax Rebate checks**, so if you want to get your check on time make sure your address is updated with Accounting. To update your address, complete the following forms, (W-9 Form & Enrollee Address /Update Request) which can be found at www.llojibwe.org. You can either fax or mail the forms.

The Accounting Office distributes the Rebate checks so if thier database doesn't have your address or has an old address, then you may not recieve your check. For instance if you are a current employee your address is in thier database, if you were previously employed by the Leech Lake Band you may want to check if your address is current, however, if you never worked for them then you have to fill out the forms discribed above. You may have Updated your address with the Enrollement Office but those are two different databases which can not share information. To be on the safe side fill out the forms and send them to Accounting.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

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

Please submit Cover Letter, Resume, Credentials, 3 Letters of Reference, and Transcripts for positions requiring any Degree above High School Diploma or General Education Diploma

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.

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application and/or documents before or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date the position is scheduled to close to be considered for a position.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 30th

Youth Build Coordinator ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-153
CL Family Service Advo ~Early Childhood~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-122B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Foster Care Specialist-Child Welfare ~ Health & Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-151
2 Cook - Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-087C
Accounts Receivable Clerk 1 ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-148
Full-Time Mid Level Provider (NP) ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-142
2 Driver/Operators ~ DPW~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-140
Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-136
4 Part-Time EMT Attendants ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-137
4 Pre School Teachers ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-088B
Wildlife Biologist, Assistant Program Director ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-135
BallClub PreSchool Team Leader ~Early Childhood~ Job Code: 15-094B
3 Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081
3 Infant/Toddler Teachers ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-091B
Part-Time RN PHN ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-073
2 Program Accountants ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120
Community Economic Development Specialist ~ Tribal Development ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-059C
2 Full-Time LPN ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097
2 Tribal Planner/Developers ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 15-058
3 Part-Time Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-028
Tribal Assistance Manager ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-036

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

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Thursday, October 29, 5pm to 9 pm

Topics

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Call (218) 759-2022 to register.

For further details, email theresa.flocken@nwioic.org

You're Invited!

Please Join Us in Saying

FAREWELL to
Dr. Heap-Chester

* We wish her nothing but
the best as she begins a new
chapter in her life!! *

WHERE: Ball Club Community Center

WHEN: Tuesday, October 27, 2015
10:00 am to 3:00pm

CONTACT: LorettaLynne @
(218) 246-2394

LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Dr. Heidi Heap-Chester has been a provider for the Leech Lake Communities for nearly 30 years!! She is considered a valued member of our communities and even family to some. We would like to celebrate and thank Dr. Heap-Chester for the caring and dedication she has shown to our many generations.



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Henrietta Skog	Charles Michaud	Milton Campbell
Bernard Robson	Steven Jackson	Viola Bellanger
Florence Parker	Thomas Howard	Shari Bebeau

From District I Office PENNY, SARAH, & SONDRA

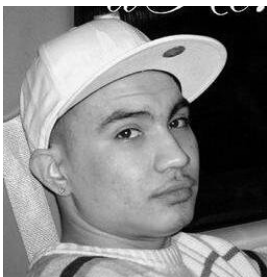


Obituaries



Roger Allen Strong, Jr

Roger Allen Strong, Jr, 27, of Cass Lake, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2015 in Bemidji, MN. He was born April 4, 1988 in Bemidji, MN the son of Terri Pemberton and Roger Strong, Sr.



Roger enjoyed being with his family. He was a very proud father and loved his children deeply. Roger really loved his music and hangin' with his friends. His long time friends were Sadonna Conner, Vinnie Brown and Arlen Littlewolf, all of whom he respected greatly. Roger loved his Godparents Aunty Lori and Uncle Chris very much. He will be missed deeply by all who knew and loved him

The family that he has reunited with are his Grandpa Bunky, Grandmas Agatha and Estelle, cousins; Manda Lane and Leroy III, aunt; Sandra and Rhonda. He leaves behind his mother and step-father; Terri Pemberton and Richard Benjamin of Cass Lake, his father Roger Strong, Sr. of Redby, his son Styles Carter Strong of Morton, his daughter Jaleah Sioux Grayeagle Strong of Alexandria, brother; Dylan Strong of Bemidji, sisters; Brandi (Dylan) Shank of Williston, ND and Tashia Strong of Redby.

A service will begin at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father Paul Larson will officiate. Helping to lay Roger to rest will be Vinnie Brown, Arlen Littlewolf, Jerrick Pemberton, Dan Dudley, Sr., Brandon 'Bull' Beaulieu and George Strong, Sr. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his service.

Roger's arrangements have

entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Endonnis Jean Baird

Endonnis Jean Baird, age 44, began her journey on September 13, 2015 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Endonnis was born to Patricia (Jones) Wilson and Randolph Headbird on February 4, 1971 in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Endonnis took care of many people in her life and she spent time with her family and friends whenever she could. She loved her grandkids and her puppies dearly. Endonnis liked to go to pow-wows, bingo and going to the lake. At the time of her passing she was surrounded by friends and family. Endonnis believed in the creator and always made offerings of tobacco when she saw an eagle. Endonnis was a resident of Cass Lake, MN at the time of her passing.

Endonnis is survived by her husband Jim and their 3 kids Melissa, James and Jamie and her grandkids Lexi Baird and Cassidee Pacheco

She is preceded in death by her parents Randolph Headbird & Patty Sue (Jones) Wilson, sister; Amanda Holt, brother; Brenton Headbird and many others.

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



Noel 'Ole' Eugene Thompson, Sr.

Noel 'Ole' Eugene Thompson, Sr., 51, of Cass Lake went home to be with his Creator on Thursday, September 17, 2015. Ole graced

this earth on November 5th, 1963 in Minneapolis, the son of Charles Sr. and Sylvia (Paquette) Thompson.

Noel Thompson Sr. or known by many as Ole, had many passions in life. None of them came close to his love for his children and grandchildren. Family was at the core of who he was as he annually organized family reunions and gatherings. His personality and sense of humor always brightened up your day and he will be remembered for always being spontaneous and joyful. A proud member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, he always took pride in who he was and his generosity was known by many. As a father of three, he shared special memories of his two sons and daughter and talked about them any chance he got. His first and only plane ride was to visit his grandchildren last September in California.

Family that Ole joins again are his parents, Charles Sr. and Sylvia, sisters; Marilyn, Eliza, Cheryl and Debra, nieces, nephews and many other family members.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons; Noel (Rachel) Thompson, Jr. of Visalia, CA and Kyle Thompson of Simi Valley, CA and his daughter Cecelia Thompson of Fridley, MN, brothers; Charles Jr. of Duluth, Peter 'PJ' of Cass Lake and Christopher of Minneapolis, sisters; Laura and Susan both of Minneapolis, grandbabies Lucca Noel and Mark Noel, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and many friends.

Helping to lay Ole to rest will be Peter 'PJ' Thompson, Charles Thompson, Brian Makarrall, Gerald Christensen, Jr., Jarrod Mankie and Archie LaRose.



His honorary pallbearers are Laura Goodwin, Laura Thompson, Sylvia Thompson, Julia Barnett, Susan Oquist, Kathi Thompson, Dave Patterson and Dawn Benjamin. Interment will be in Thompsonville Cemetery at Cass Lake following his Friday service.

Ole's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com. We will miss you, our friend.

Jean Arechigo Rhodes

In Loving Memory Of Jean M. Arechigo Rhodes, 36, of Moorhead, MN, died Wednesday, September 23, 2015, in Sanford Palliative Care, Fargo, ND.



Jean Marie Arechigo was born October 6, 1978, the daughter of Arband Arechigo and Marlyce Bellanger in St. Paul, MN. She lived in Minneapolis with her family until moving to Moorhead at a young age. She was raised in Moorhead and graduated from Moorhead State High School.

Jean loved her family, nieces and nephews. She was always willing to lend a helping hand caring for her nieces and nephews. Every year she looked forward to the 4th of July family reunion picnic. She enjoyed listening to music, especially going out and listening to local bands, watching movies, sports and rooting for the Denver Broncos. Jean will always be remembered for her loving kind heart.

Jean is survived by her parents, Arband Arechigo, Moorhead, and Marlyce Bellanger, Cass Lake, MN; her siblings, Cheryl (Michael) Murphy, Lakeland, MN, Doug Arechigo, Fargo, Duane (Tabitha) Arechigo, Mora, MN, Colleen Anderson, St. Paul, Donald Arechigo, St. Croix Falls, WI, Samantha Neisen, Cass Lake, Jeremy Ince, Cass Lake and Steven Ince of Hackensack; twenty nieces and nephews; ten

great-nieces and nephews; and many aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Angel; paternal grandparents, Eloise and Joseph Arechigo; maternal grandparents Jacob and Alice Bellanger; and many uncles and aunts.

Cory J. Walter Jones

Cory J. Walter Jones, age 27, began his spiritual journey on September 8, 2015 in Deer River, Minnesota. Cory was born to Veronica Jones and Robert Brown on April 28, 1988 in Minneapolis.



Cory loved to be with his family. He was a good dad who loved his children very much. Cory really enjoy listening to music, hanging out with his friends and playing basketball. He will be missed deeply by all who knew and loved him.

Cory is proceeded in death by his mother; Veronica Jones, brothers; Jesse and Pete Jones, and grandparents; Rose Jones and Merrel LaRose.

He is survived by his father; Robert Brown of Cass Lake, son; Anthony Gotchie of Cass Lake, daughter; Lilly Jones of Cass Lake, brothers; Robert, Dwight and John Jones all of Cass Lake, sisters; Roxanne and Dawna Jones both of Cass Lake.

A wake for Cory was at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Pallbearers for Cory will be Anthony Lee, Sidney Harrison, Ryan Staples, Jason Hart, Chris Barrett, and Tim Adams. His honorary pallbearers are Robert Brown, Robert Jones, Dwight Jones, John Jones, Joe Carmona, and Frank LaRose. Interment will be in the LaRose-Jones Cemetery at Cass Lake following his Monday service.

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

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In Re: Estate of:

Lisa Fisherman,
DOB: 04-25-1969
Decedent

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS**

Court File No. CV-15-26

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Lisa Fisherman, died April 7, 2015. A hearing was held upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy**, Determination of heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Eric Fairbanks, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing Eric Fairbanks, PO Box 712 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lisa Fisherman, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within thirty days (30) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATEED this 10th day of August 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

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