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Why Treaties Matter Exhibit Opens at Northern Lights Casino



A traveling exhibit that chronicles treaties of the 19th century between American Indian Tribes and the Federal Government of the United States is now on display at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN. The exhibit shows video of elders and academics from Indian country speaking to issues such as legal rights, environmental rights to hunt and gather, and land issues that relate to the treaties of this era. The exhibit offers a lot of information that was created long ago and is still in action today.

The exhibit is a series of large poster-boards that have detailed information about the treaty era. There is also an interactive section to the exhibit where you can choose short videos on any topic from land and usage rights to language and sovereignty or even the spiritual connection to land to name just a few.

There are a lot of aspects from a bygone era at the why treaties matter exhibit. Many, if not all, of which affect us today. Lifestyles from this era to today have changed drastically, however. But, these treaties bridge that divide from one era to the next; from a life that has changed so severely yet holds on to lessons and traditions from long ago.

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Fourth Quarter Newsletter – 2015 Tribal Chair Carri Jones

Boozhoo and greetings! We hope our Band membership is enjoying the warm summer weather and children are enjoying summer vacation. Many exciting details and updates are provided in the following Fourth Quarterly Newsletter. Miigwech.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Take-a-Kid Fishing 2015

A variety of LLBO divisions and Boys and Girls Club took children fishing on Cass Lake in the beginning of June 2015. Over 204 kids fished, went on boat rides and enjoyed a picnic style lunch.

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Tribal Chair Carri Jones Fourth Quarter Report

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Spring Tree Giveaway

This year's Spring Tree Giveaway was hosted by DRM, Tribal Chair's Office and Special Events in May 2015. Community members were welcomed to take home wild plum, crabapple, highbush cranberry, junberry, or chokecherry seedlings or white pine, red pine and white spruce tree seedlings. Picnic food was served as well as flower pots to paint for the children.



Duluth Welcoming Spring Feast

Duluth LIC, Tribal Chair's Office and Special Events hosted the Duluth Welcoming Spring Feast in beginning June 2015. Duluth area Band members were invited to enjoy a feast of roast beef, wild rice, mashed potatoes, mac'n'cheese and dessert along with the RBC leadership. Raffles and prizes were given away. Flower pots were available for painting.

Why Treaties Matter Exhibit at the Northern Lights

The Public Relations division coordinated the traveling Why Treaties Matter Exhibit to be at the Northern Lights from June 8th, 2015 until August 28th, 2015. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Spiritual Advisor Larry Aitken opened the event with Land Director Levi Brown and LLTC Instructor Elaine Fleming spoke on the importance of this exhibit. Treaties are important because treaty making acknowledges our nationhood. Nations have a legal and moral right to make decisions about our resources, their citizenship, economy, and governance. We are peoples of nations. Therefore, we must understand our treaty rights and history to become a stronger nation for our Band members.

Embracing "Two Spirited LGBTQ Awareness Day"

On June 17th Leech Lake Housing Authority held their first annual Two Spirited LGBTQ Awareness Day in partnership with Outfront Minnesota. This event helped raise awareness and build a community for youth with sexual identity questions. The event



envision a state and tribe where LGBTQ individuals have equal opportunities, protection and rights. Attendees enjoyed a lunch, variety of speakers and door prizes. LLHA hopes to hold a bigger celebration next year.

GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

Collaborative E.P.A. Consultation – St. Regis Superfund Site

The RBC leadership will host a consultation meeting with Environmental Protection Agency staff on June 24th, 2015. The meeting is being held with goals of opening communication between our two parties as well as agree upon mutual goals concerning the St. Regis Superfund Site as we move forward with clean-up and accountability. The RBC will continue holding these meetings with community partners to accomplish the Band's priorities concerning our important natural resources.

Newly Approved Community Centers

Onigum and S. Lake communities are currently in the planning and construction phases to build new community centers as current building are in dire need of replacement. The RBC approved a resolution to support the funding back in April 2015. S. Lake plans to construct their new community center near the new powwow grounds.

Leo Jordon Onigum Pier Dedication

In June 2015, Leech Lake DRM assembled and dedicated a fishing pier in Onigum to community member Leo Jordon. Cass County donated the pier at no-charge to Leech Lake to use at our own will. Fourth district Cass County Commissioner Scott Bruns attended the official Pier Dedication Ceremony remarking he is impressed by the relationship the Band and Cass County has successfully built in recent years.

Leo Jordon served as a valuable Leech Lake employee for over 20 years with the DRM, serving as a Conservation Field Officer, Fields Operations Supervisor and Chief Conservation Officer. Leo was one of the first Native American Cass County Deputy Sheriffs in 1972. Leo served as a role model to many



Conservation Enforcement staff during his time spent with the Band.

Youth Division coordinated their Take-a-Youth-Fishing Day in conjunction with the Pier Opening. Youth and the Onigum community enjoyed a sunny day fishing, boat rides and canoeing from the new pier along with raffles and meal.

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Testimony

Senator Franken invited Tribal Chair Jones to submit written and oral testimony in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The testimony focused on the Band's long struggle to replace the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School (High School) facility, which is administered and funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Through treaties and executive orders, our ancestors ceded to the United States significant tracts of our homelands. In return, the U.S. promised to provide for school buildings, teachers, and the education of our youth. Hundreds of thousands of additional acres of our homelands were taken from us pursuant to the land allotment mandates of the federal Nelson Act in 1889, which is the Minnesota version of the General Allotment Act. As with the various treaty promises made to our people, one focus of the Nelson Act was to

dedicate funds generated from these lands for “the establishment and maintenance of a system of free schools among said Indians, in their midst and for their benefit.” These treaty promises have no expiration dates and remain the law of the land. Sadly, these promises have not been kept.

Jones’ testimony urges Congress and the Administration to develop a comprehensive plan to fully fund the construction needs at the Leech Lake High School and fix organizational barriers which are preventing this. In addition, Congress and the Administration must work in consultation with tribal leaders, educators, and others to develop innovative ways of funding and building Indian reservation schools.

LOBBYING UPDATE

Leech Lake is dedicated towards fighting these educational obstacles our Tribal schools face. The Minnesota Legislature concluded their one-day special session on June 13th and I’m pleased to report the legislation appropriates a total of \$16.7 million for Indian education formula aid and an increase of \$5 million for tribal contract schools. The Indian education aid is replacing the Success for the Future program as we recommended. It allows schools to be eligible to receive aid that enroll 20+ American Indian students and operating an American Indian education program. The legislation also amends the calculation for determining tribal contract or grant school aid and raises the maximum per pupil aid cap from \$1,500 to \$3,230 for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

As a result of our efforts, the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school will receive an increase of \$1.3 million for the next two years. The Band thanks Governor Mark Dayton and his Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius.

BAND NEWS

Upcoming State of the Band 2015

All are welcome! The State of the Band will take place at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, MN on Thursday August 20th, 2015. We invite all of our Band members and the surrounding communities to attend this informative event to learn about what the Band has accomplished and continues to work on. The State of the Band Annual Report will be available and offer more detailed information on the Band’s divisions and progress. Division booths will be set up to provide resources. A light meal will be served.

Summer Youth Program 2015

The Summer Youth Programs employed and placed approximately 40 youth. The youth work in an area of their interest, in their respective communities, and learn job skills to better enable their success in the future.

Graduations

Leech Lake Head Start ended their school year with 98 children graduating. 57 children graduated from the Cass Lake center, 12 from Bemidji, 6 from Ball Club, 8 from Onigum, 9 from Bena, 2 from Sugar Point, and 7 from Inger.

Leech Lake Tribal College	2014-2015 Enrollment Data
Total Enrollment:	Native American Students
Fall 2014: 229 students	Fall 2014: 93%
Spring 2015: 200 students	Spring 2015: 89%
44 graduates	

21 different Tribal Nations represented this school year

Bug-O-Nay-Ge Shig High School graduated 13 seniors total. Four students graduated with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Congratulations! We wish you success!

Carri Jones
Tribal Chairwoman

Why Treaties Matter Exhibit

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The exhibit is about many things, and these issues of land and rights and tradition and culture are deeply personal. It is about how we got to where we are. It is about how one thing changed into another across time. The name itself “why treaties matter” is a tool to get us to think. To think about how and why these treaties matter. To think about what things might be like if they never existed in the first place. To think about how we can use them to make our lives better, and to make the lives of our children more promising.

The exhibit will be on display through August and is free of charge. There is also a website for the exhibit which can be viewed here: treatiesmatter.org



New Drug Task Force Agreement



Picture taken by Vivian LaMoore

A new joint powers agreement between the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Upper Sioux, Lower Sioux and Leech Lake tribes was signed into effect recently creating a new drug task force between the participating bands. With illegal and prescription drugs being so readily available the new task force is an effort to try and push back against the drug trade.

There are a range of issues that are key to this effort, but having babies born addicted to a substance is one of the saddest ones. Children are the unheard victims of this fight. They are at the end of the ripple effect that starts with the supply and demand for drugs.

Officer Derrick Naumann will head up the task force that will work in cooperation with existing task forces, the state patrol, county sheriff departments, patrol officers, detectives, and all other law enforcement agencies.

Fourth Quarter Newsletter Penny DeVault District I Rep.

Aaniin, from the Office of the District AI Representative. Once again it is my pleasure to highlight a few areas of importance from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

ELDERS

It is always a pleasure for myself and my staff to attend and support our Elder events. Without the knowledge and wisdom provided by our cherished elders we are lost. They are our teachers and our leaders, our past and our present. This Quarter, my staff was able to attend, as a member of the planning committee, the Elder Abuse Awareness Conference at the Mystic Lake Casino on April 29-May 1, 2015, along with 70+ Elders from the Leech Lake Band. It was great to see all of the rural and urban elders reuniting and having a great time, while learning about a serious matter that affects us all.

Another great event for our Elders was the annual Elders Feast put on by the Leech Lake Housing Authority. The District I Office was able to attend and help out at this event. Always great to visit and mingle with our Elders. Again, there were over 300 Elders in attendance at the Northern Lights Casino on May 16, 2015. A wonderful meal and entertainment was provided, along with t-shirts, gift bags, lawn chairs and door prizes. Thank you to all of the many volunteers that make this truly a great event for our Elders.

This June, Wisdom Steps held the "Honor Our Elders" 15th Annual Celebration and Conference at Black Bear Casino Resort. Wisdom Steps is a preventative health initiative developed by American Indian Elders for American Indian Elders. For more information about Wisdom Steps and how you can join, contact your local Wisdom Steps Advisor or your Elder Advocate.

The next portion of my report will also involve our Elders and also our Youth...



One Sight

An exciting initiative that the Band is proud to present and offer is the upcoming OneSight Eye Clinic on September 14-18, 2015 at the Cass Lake Bena High School. Walking Shield, Inc. will be partnering with OneSight to provide eye exams and brand new glasses for the visually impaired on the Leech Lake Reservation. The OneSight Team will provide 800-1000 students and 150 Elders and Veteran's with exams and eye glasses if needed, the eye glasses will be manufactured on sight that week with their prescription.

"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"

OneSight: "Since our mission began 25 years ago, OneSight has provided vision care access to 8.5 million people worldwide; access they previously never had."

The Leech Lake Band is very thankful and grateful for this opportunity. For more information, contact the Leech Lake Public Relations Department or the District I Office.

YOUTH

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is offering a four week internship for the summer 2015 beginning on July 6, 2015. Eligible applicants must be a High School Junior or Senior with preference given to applicants considering or seeking post-secondary education. Applicants must be a member of the District I Community and a Leech Lake Enrolled Band Member. The intern will gain knowledge and experience about the processes concerning tribal administration, the Reservation Business Committee (RBC), and the LLBO Divisions. The internship positions are paid and post-secondary credits are offered from the Leech Lake Tribal College if post-secondary requirements are met. This is a new and exciting project for the District I Office to be a part of and we would like to thank the Chairwoman's office for allowing us to shadow their Internship Program.

On July 31, 2015 the District I Office will be coordinating a Youth Trip to the Target Center in Minneapolis, MN. On this night, the Atlanta Dream will be playing the Minnesota Lynx. We are very fortunate enough to be able to attend with our Youth and partake in this awesome event where we will be able meet Shoni Schimmel. Please contact the District I Office or your local youth coordinator for more information.

Regalia Classes

We are happy to report that the District I Regalia classes have definitely been a huge success. This endeavor certainly would not have been possible without the collaboration between the Blandin Foundation and the Leech Lake Band. We would like to extend our appreciation to all of the talented instructors; Annie, Amanda, Tarah, and Clara. Also thank you to our participants for their hard work, dedication and commitment to working evenings and weekends. This opportunity for our communities has been a great addition to our other community events working towards bringing all members together.

Also, this summer we have been fortunate enough to continue with our District I Youth Dance Specials at our three District I Powwows; S. Lake, Ball Club and Inger. This past month we were able to hold the first dance special at the S. Lake Powwow, we would like to thank the powwow committee for allowing us the time to do this. Thank you to all of our participants and to the elders for their assistance. We plan to continue on with this at the Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Powwow and ChaChaBahNing Powwow. We have already received a generous donation from Robin Wilson and family on behalf of our late elder and longtime community member Ella Wilson; this jingle dress will be gifted to a youth in her honor during the 53rd Annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Powwow.

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July 4th Events

The District I July 4th Celebrations are again planned for this year in the Inger and Ball Club Communities. We invite all area community members and visitors to enjoy these events. Inger's celebration will be on July 2nd, 2015 at the softball fields beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be music, food and door prizes along with a visit from Smokey the Bear. Ball Club celebration will be on July 4th, 2015 at the Ball Club Community Center. The day will kick off with a 4th of July Carnival fundraiser from 1p.m.-5p.m. with all proceeds going to the Robert "Johnny" Mitchell singing contest. All of your support is greatly appreciated. Following the carnival will be the District I Celebration with dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will once again be having bingo, music, food and door prizes along with our friend Smokey the Bear. These events are going on the eleventh year and are great family events open to everyone.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

The District I Community Assembly will be held on July 17th, 2015 at the Ball Club Community Center. We will be "Honoring Our Future Leaders" and would like to extend an invitation to all the Graduates of 2015: Headstart, Elementary, High School and College. We will begin with an honoring brunch at 10 a.m. We will also have Human Resource agencies in attendance with employment information, along with area colleges. There will also be an update on the District I Strategic Planning Process. Please join us on this day to honor our graduates and all of their achievements.

DISTRICT I LOCAL INDIAN COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Again as always, our hardworking LIC's have been diligently planning upcoming events in their respective communities. Here is an upcoming schedule of events:

BALL CLUB: LLBO Quarterly Meeting	Thursday, July 2, 2015
4th of July Carnival Fundraiser	Saturday, July 4, 2015
11th Annual July 4th Celebration	Saturday, July 4, 2015
District I Community Assembly	Friday, July 17, 2015
Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days	July 18-19, 2015
DEER RIVER: Wild Rice Festival Powwow	Friday, July 10, 2015
INGER: 3rd Annual July 4th Celebration	Thursday, July 2, 2015
Regalia Class	See Participant Class Schedule
LIC Elections	Mon., August, 3, 2015
S. LAKE: Community Development	LIC Meetings
WINNIE DAM: Regalia Class	See Participant Class Schedule

For further information on any of the topics in this quarters report, feel free to contact the District I Office at 218.335.3772 or 218.335.4444.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny DeVault

District I Representative

DISTRICT I ELDER SPOTLIGHT

It is with great honor that we would like to feature Louis Boyd as our Elder Spotlight for this month. Louis is a longtime resident and elder of the S. Lake Community. He is an extremely intelligent and passionate man that loves his family dearly. Louis raised seven children who then blessed him with thirteen grandchildren (nine girls and 4 boys) and one great grandchild and another one on the way. When Louis speaks of his children and grandchildren the love and pride is very apparent.



Louis was raised in a logging camp with his family until about the age of seven when they moved to a house in S. Lake. It was during this time that Louis and his family really began to focus on their traditional values. Louis accredits his younger brother for steering his family down the traditional path; when as just a young boy, his brother asked his mom to make him a dance outfit. Louis' mother made both of her sons dance outfits and Louis has been dancing and following the Pow Wow Trail ever since. Louis is considered a legend on the Pow Wow trail and was at one time an International Dance Champion in fancy and grass dance. Louis estimates his time as a dancer on the Pow Wow trail at about 60 years and continues to dance to this day!

As a young man, Louis enrolled in Bemidji State University, but did not finish until later in life. At this time, he was instrumental in developing the Indian Studies Minor, where he was tasked with the job of reaching out to various elders of many different tribes and asking what they would like to be taught in collegiate Indian Study classes. He then worked in the woods when a near tragic experience made him realize it was time to go back to finish his degree. When he returned to Bemidji State University he found that they now offer a major in Indian Studies, being a clear passion of his, his educational decisions were obvious. Louis is a proud graduate of Bemidji State University and holds a degree in Indian Studies. Louis then used his degree to teach Indian Studies at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School and also in Minneapolis, for some time. Louis has devoted his life to the Native American culture and teachings and has an arsenal of inspiring stories of his travels, the people he has met, and lessons he has learned. When asked if there was anything specific Louis would like included in his article he pointed to a vast collection of VHS video tapes and explained his collection extended to his bedroom where he had video reels and they are all of pow wows! In doing this I believe he was expressing his love for our culture and hopes to spread his knowledge and passion to the people.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES &
KNOWLEDGE WITH US, LOUIS!
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Youth Spotlight will continue on page 13

Fourth Quarterly Report 2015 Steve White District II Rep.

Greetings from the District II Office!! Summer is finally upon us! I hope you are all enjoying yourselves. I would like to congratulate all those that recently graduated from school. May all of your futures be a great success!!

On April 9th, 2015 Congressional Representatives such as Rick Nolan, John Kline and Todd Rokita took a tour of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school to witness for themselves the conditions of the former school bus garage that was converted into a temporary learning facility when enrollment increased in the early 1980's. Leech Lake has been featured in several local and national news stories regarding this issue that has sparked debate from Washington D.C. to St. Paul. We are not going to stop this effort. Our children deserve a better facility and better education that will come with a safe school

The Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home had its grand opening in May. If you need to utilize this facility you first have to fill out an application. You can go directly to the Home or you can also fill out the application with Julie at the Homeless Program at Leech Lake Housing. There is a process that you do need to go through. The Transitional Home just received a grant in the amount of \$119,500.

On April 11th, 2015; we had our "Spring Is In The Air" feast in Bena. There was also a homeless shelter meeting where some presenters from Housing, the Police Department, Tribal Development, and Gaming spoke to the nearly 100 people that attended. There were door prizes for young and old, and we also shared a delicious meal. There were some leather jackets that were donated by the Leech Lake Legacy ladies available for whom ever wanted one. After the meeting there were tours of the newly remodeled Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home. A great day was had by all!!



On April 24th, 2015 there was a Cass County Board and LLBO joint meeting in an effort to not only continue the relationship, but to also grow the partnership between the Leech Lake Band and Cass County leadership. A memorandum of understanding, from government to government, was signed in early 2014 and this most recent meeting was called to help tighten the relations between both bodies.

Leech Lake shares more land base with Cass County than any of the four counties where our borders cross. Therefore, having a solid mode of communication between the two can not only make service delivery more efficient but it can help us each to both save budget dollars and secure funding for ongoing and future projects. One very large part of this caveat in the relationship will be bolstered by the new justice center that Leech Lake is currently building which will offer the ability to serve northern Cass County/Leech Lake Band members and save them a trip to Walker, MN—the seat of Cass County courts.

Art Chase and I joined Cass County officials and traveled to Washington D.C. in June to request funds to replace the bridge on County Road 8 located in Federal Dam. I see children along with adults walking on both sides of the bridge and am very concerned for their safety. Cass County's proposal would provide walk-ways on both sides of the bridge, which would keep individuals safe from traffic.



The District II Regalia Making Classes were a huge success and are coming to an end. The instructor for Sugar Point was Eva White. She started her class in March and completed it in May. Bonita Desjarlais was the instructor for Bena. She started her class the second week in June and is already finished. Alexis Graves is now the instructor for the Kego Lake area. She started her classes the middle of June and will be done by the middle of July. I would like to say that I am happy that the District I & District II offices collaborated on this project. These classes were very beneficial for all that were involved. I hope to bring this class to the communities again real soon.

As of July 1st, 2015 all elders over 55 and disabled people are eligible for the \$300.00 again. You can go directly to Tribal Assistance to fill out the application. It needs to go to a vendor though and cannot be put in your personal name. If you can't make it to Cass Lake to fill out the paperwork then just call my office and my assistants will be happy to help you.

Again I would like to let everyone know that if you are unable to make it to my office in Cass Lake or to the Local Indian Council meetings to speak to me about the issues you may face, then contact my staff at 335-8202 or 8341 and they will be glad to set up a meeting time and date so we can address these problems together. I am more than willing to come to your house to meet with you.

If you do not receive the flyers that District II office mails out every month and would like to start receiving them then just call the office at (218)335-8202 or (218)335-8341 and give one of my assistants your address so they can add you to our list. Or if you want to update your address you can also do that.

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Steve White

District II Representative



Fourth Quarter Newsletter LeRoy Fairbanks-Staples District III Representative

Leech Lake Band congratulates all of our Leech Lake Band students who graduated this spring! We are pleased to announce that we had 68 high school graduates and received news of 28 new college graduates during Quarter 4 of this year. Congratulations graduates! Thank you and your families for the hard work that you put in and we wish you well in the next stage of life that you choose.

District III Representative LeRoy presented his annual contribution to the LeRoy Staples Sr. and LeRoy B. Fairbanks Scholarship Fund at the Leech Lake Tribal College. In 2012, LeRoy pledged to give \$50,000 over four years to establish a scholarship endowment fund in order to support Leech Lake students who choose to attend the LL Tribal College. The recipient of the LeRoy Staples Sr. and LeRoy B. Fairbanks Scholarship this year is Andrea Brown.



Onigum pier opening

In June, we celebrated the opening of the Leo Jordan Memorial Fishing Pier at the former Onigum Marina site. Onigum community members came together with Leech Lake DRM, DPS, Public Relations, Youth Division, and Administrative staff to provide a family-focused day of celebration. Leech Lake provided fishing rods for area youth to break in the fishing dock. Employees and community members helped

to bait hooks and drive boats, and several neighboring community members came to celebrate the new recreational area that is available in the Onigum area and to remember Leo Jordan's life and work.

Onigum community center approved

In April, the Leech Lake Tribal Council approved the financial and design stage of the plans to construct a new community center in Onigum. Council approved funding for the project, and the plans are moving ahead with the input of the Band's programs and the Local Indian Council that represents the Onigum community.



Drug Awareness Prevention meeting

In May, Leech Lake DPS provided an evening of learning, sharing, and healing when they held a community Drug Awareness and Prevention Meeting at the Mission Center. The meeting was open to all District III Band members, and more will be held in the future, as we know that this is not an easy nor quick issue to solve. LL Tribal Police and area law enforcement members presented information, and opened the evening up to discussion for participants to share stories and ask questions. The Mission and Buck Lake/SugarBush LIC's co-sponsored this informative session.

Legacy fund supports language revitalization at LL

Minnesota legislators passed the Omnibus Legacy Bill, during a Special Session in the early days of June. The bill had originally passed in the House in May on the final day of the regular session, but did not arrive at the Senate for a vote in time before the session concluded for the year. Sponsored by Rep. Dean Urdahl (R-Grove City) and Sen. Richard Cohen (DFL-St. Paul), the bill would appropriate \$540 million to be allocated in the following manner:

Clean Water Fund:	\$228.3 million
Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund:	\$124.8 million
Outdoor Heritage Fund:	\$97.8 million
Parks & Trails Fund:	\$89.3 million

In the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, \$2,500,000 is appropriated over the next biennium for Ojibwe and Dakota language revitalization projects in Minnesota, administered through the MN Indian Affairs Council. Of that portion, Leech Lake's Niigaane Ojibwemowin Immersion school will be granted \$125,000 per year for their operations and implementation. The District III offices are dedicated to the support of Ojibwe language revitalization in all areas of our lives.

MN Education Bill increases support for tribal students

Also during MN Legislature's Special Session, MN lawmakers passed a \$17 billion education funding bill that positively impacts Leech Lake's students. Included in that compromise bill is \$18 million in new funding for Native American students and tribal schools overseen by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Education.

Of that fund, the Success for The Future program will be transformed into a dedicated funding stream. Schools with at least 20 Native American students will receive a base of \$20,000 in funding and \$358 for each additional student. This means that school districts that serve Native American students will not have to compete for limited amounts of funding, but will have a significant amount dedicated to serving our students over the next two years.

Also in that fund, A \$5 million increase in aid to tribal schools will boost their per pupil funding cap from \$1,500 to \$3,230. That money will offset federal dollars the schools should be receiving, but the new state funding is only budgeted for the next two years. Tribal Council and Minnesota lawmakers have long pushed for the Bureau of Indian Education to better fund schools here and across the nation. Using state funds to fill in where the federal government's funding is falling short sends a message to our students that they are not being overlooked. We are thankful for the cooperative work of our Tribal Nations Education Committee and the Minnesota Department of Education's Indian Education office for representing our communities to bring in this funding for the next two years. Minnesota has roughly 20,000 native students with one-third attending schools in the Twin Cities metro and the rest going to out-state district and charter schools. About 800 students attend four tribal schools overseen by the Bureau of Indian Education.

Miigwetch,

LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks
District III Representative

New Chief Bemidji Statue Dedication

A new bronze cast sculpture of “Chief Bemidji” (Shaynowishkung [he who rattles]) was celebrated earlier this summer on the shores of Lake Bemidji. A few citizens and groups came together to help get the project off the ground and to choose the place and the artist that would create a new statue to commemorate the Ojibwe leader.

The committee chose artist Gareth Curtiss of Olympia, Washington, who has three decades of experience, to sculpt the new statue. Curtis traveled from Illinois to Minnesota for the ceremony and dedication event.



The statue is not only a symbol of a leader from the past, but it also represents the time in which he led. The nineteenth century lives in the hearts of American Indians as a veritable “dark ages” because it was such a tumultuous time. From treaty signings and the forfeiture of land to battles between the Dakota and Ojibwe as well as the newly formed country of America pushing westward to expand its territory and economy; this was a time when deceit, murder, and the usurping of entire regions of native peoples was the norm. Children were taken from homes to be “educated” at boarding schools, dams were built-flooding food stands and uprooting villages and wild game, timber was harvested with promises of payment to Indian populations that was made in very small deceitful installments and turned the timber industry of this region into one of the largest government sponsored boondoggles of its time.

Some of the history surrounding the statue came to be an issue for local politicians. There are plaques that tell some of this history at the site on which Chief Bemidji stands, and they denote some of the history accurately, which is to say that some of the words and stories depict a dark time-to put it mildly. Putting these stories of truth in the public forefront and letting people read what really happened became a bit of a political mess that was voted on and approved by the Bemidji City Council in April of this year. It was an act of courage to not ignore these terrible times.

The City Council voted to keep the truth of the atrocities that were committed on the plaques. They chose to not hide what happened in this place so long ago. Telling the truth about the most difficult things can be a mechanism for healing. It can teach you things about people and history that reveal why things are the way they are now. Lie to yourself about history and behavior and the truth and the world, and you will not learn anything. But, if you let the truth in, you will learn as well as heal.



Celebrate a heritage of healing

Sanford Bemidji, Red Lake and Cass Lake IHS Hospitals and White Earth Health Center invite you to help honor the physicians, health care workers and holistic healers who are all dedicated to promoting physical, mental and spiritual health in our communities. This event is open to all who would like to show respect and celebrate the diversity in the healing process.

Join us for:

Healing Powwow

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 • 4–8 p.m.

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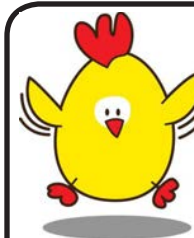
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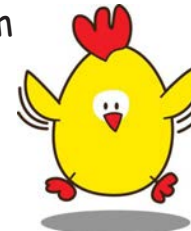
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Leech Lake Engages EPA Regarding Superfund Pollution Removal

The Leech Lake Band recently met with EPA staff and took a tour of the superfund site that sits just north of the Division of Resource Management. The talks were candid and detailed and Leech Lake set out its opinion about how it wants the site cleaned up to help reduce health risks.

There is a long history when it comes to the superfund site and it begins with a company in the 1950's. The St. Regis Corporation operated a wood treatment facility in Cass Lake from 1957 to 1985. The Champion International Corporation ("Champion") assumed responsibility for the Site in 1985. Champion leased portions of the Site to Burlington Northern Railroad in 1988. The International Paper Company assumed responsibility for the Site in July of 2000.

Known chemicals used at the Site include creosote, pentachlorophenol ("PCP"), No. 2 fuel oil, ketone, and a chemical for preserving wood referred to as "CCA" comprised of copper, chromium and arsenic as a salt solution. Dioxins and furans are also chemicals of concern ("COCs") at this Site, originating as contaminants of industrial grade PCP. Additionally, the Band believes that the Site has not adequately been characterized, and other contaminants may be present, including but not limited to PCBs, DDTs, Mercury, Quinolines, and Carbozoles, for which additional work must be done to characterize and determine action levels for cleanup. On September 21, 1984 EPA placed the St. Regis Paper Company Site (the "Site") on the National priority List ("NPL"). The State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") was the responsible government unit ("RGU") for this Site until 1995, when the EPA became the RGU at the request of the Band.

The Site, as originally designated, was comprised of four operable units ("OU"). OU1 was the Treating Facility; OU2 was the Cass Lake City Dump; OU3 was the Extension of the Cass Lake Municipal Water System; and OU4 was the Contaminated Soil Vault. In February 1985, the MPCA and Champion International Corporation ("Champion") signed two Response Orders by Consent under the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act of 1983 ("MERLA") to implement an agreed remedial plan for the Site, one for the Wood Treatment Facility Area and one for the City Dump Pit Area at the former Cass Lake City Dump. These Orders provided for a remedial investigation and feasibility study of the Site; development and implementation of a Response Action Plan to abate or minimize the release of hazardous substances from the Site; and routine monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the response actions.

Leech Lake is meeting with more state and federal workers in July so please stay tuned for more progress on the issue and more history of how the superfund site got to where it is.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council held a joint meeting with concerns of the Superfund site. Pictured above is EAP employees L to R: Joan Tanaka, Rick Karl and Tom Turner

Leo Jordan Honored in Onigum

Friday June 12th was a day for celebration to honor Leo Jordan who served Leech Lake for decades primarily as head of conservation and public relations for the Department of Resource Management here at Leech Lake.

There was a picnic and memorialization ceremony at the pier in Onigum to commemorate the work that was done by Leo. Kids by the dozens showed up to canoe and to go fishing.

Leo began his law enforcement career as a military policeman for the U.S. Army in Berlin Germany, during the years of the Berlin Airlift until being discharged in the early 1950's. In 1971 he continued his law enforcement career when he attended the BIA Law Enforcement Academy in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Jordan worked as a deputy sheriff for the Cass County Sheriff's Department along with Lymon "Dede" Losh. Leo and Lyman were the first Indian Cass County Deputy Sheriffs. In 1972 a historic turn of events unfolded at the beginning of the movement for tribal self-determination as Leo and Lyman served the Sheriff's Office with distinction and bravery.

On March 17, 1975 Leo was hired as a conservation field officer to the newly established Leech Lake Conservation Enforcement Department. He served as a field officer until 1978 when he was promoted to Field Operations Supervisor. He was subsequently promoted to Chief Conservation Officer until his retirement in 1992. He did however return as a public relations officer until he fell ill in September of 1997.





Leech Lake Community Events



Deer River Days Activities and Mini-Powwow



53rd Annual Miigwetch Mahnomen Days Powwow held the Robert Johnny Memorial Singing Contest
Pictured above: the Mitchell Family and Contest winners the Iron Boys



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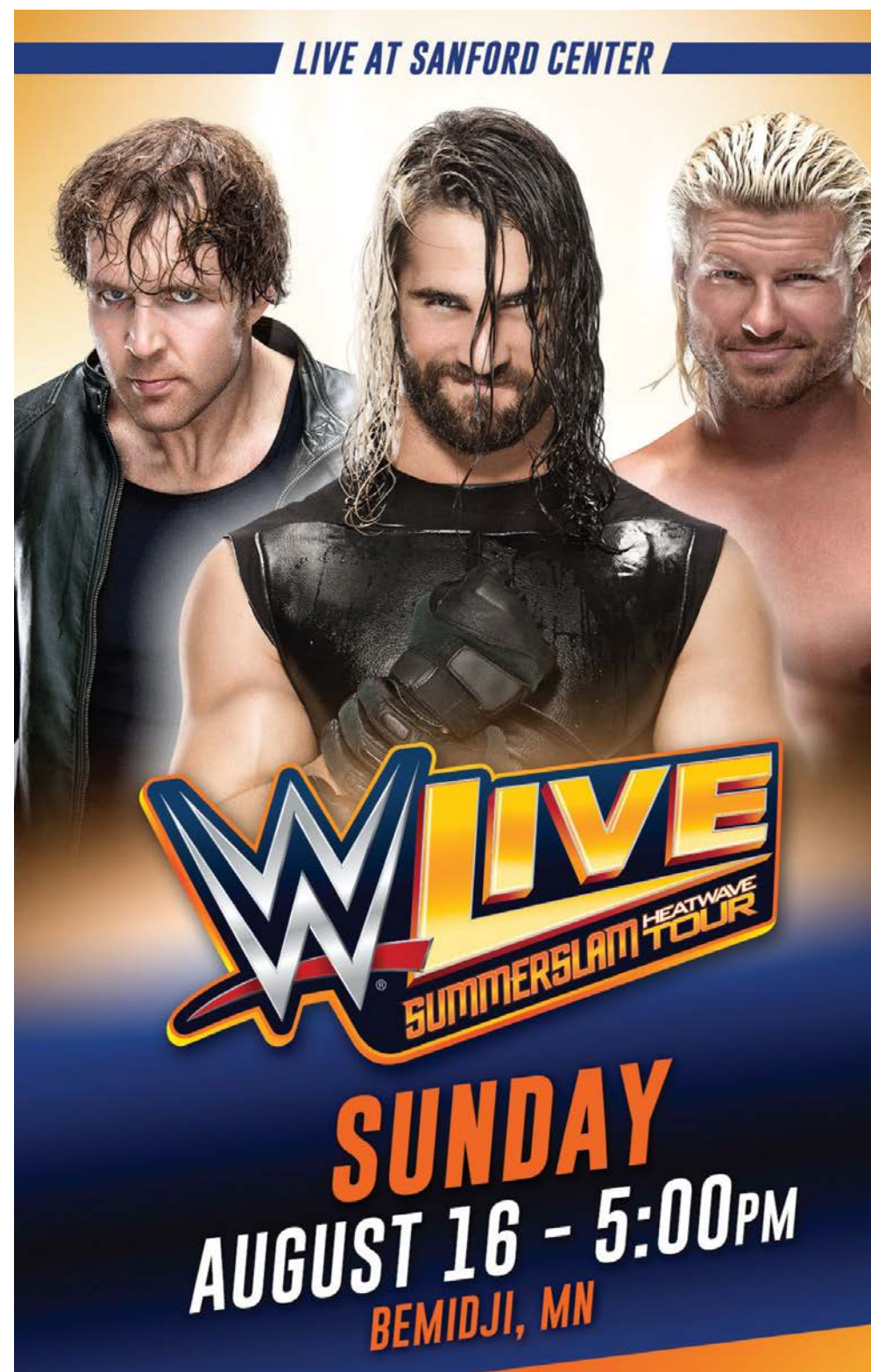
The Ojibwe Way of Life- Darryl Northbird
Darrtl offers lessons on how the Ojibwe live in the past and today's society.

Environmental Voices- Marie Rock
Environmental topics are discussed with staff from the LLDRM.

History of Leech Lake- Elaine Fleming
Elaine discusses the history of the Leech Lake Reservation and offers personal stories as well.



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DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT JULY 2015

The District I Office is proud to present our Youth Spotlight for the month of July, Devanee Tibbetts. Devanee is an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and resides in Ball Club, Minnesota. She will be a sophomore this year at Deer River High School. Devanee is ranked second in her class academically and has consistently been on the "A" Honor Roll in school. She is a member of the LINK Crew, The Movement and the Spanish Club. Her passion in life is volleyball, where she has been a Varsity starter since the beginning of her freshman year for the Deer River Warriors. She has dreams to play at the collegiate level while pursuing a career in Radiology. She hopes to become a Radiologist at the Mayo Clinic. She also plays Junior Olympic Volleyball in the off season and attends various volleyball camps throughout the year along with playing summer volleyball league. During the summer months she works in the Ball Club Fitness Center and cleans cabins every Saturday. She is one busy young lady with lots of passion and love for life, family and her friends. Devanee is a great role model for the younger generation, especially her younger cousins. Family is very important to her. Devanee is truly an inspiration for all of us on the way to live a good life and enjoy every moment of life's adventures. She is in no hurry to grow up; she appreciates every day and lives life in the moment...with her dreams in front of her. The District I Office would like to wish Devanee nothing but success in her future and we are very proud of all of her accomplishments. Devanee, you are truly an inspiring young lady with a very bright outlook on life.



Congratulations on your accomplishments and may your future be bright and fulfilled with enjoyment!

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Contact the L.L. Foster Care Department for more information:

Dorothea Cloud, Licensing Coordinator @ 218.335.3622
Natalie Wickner, Foster Care Specialist @ 218.335.7216
Diane Wright, Child Placement Advocate @ 218.335.3611



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WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS

- 1st Thursday, 6th - Onigum Community Center Appointments 10a.m.- 1p.m.
2nd Thursday, 13th - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.
3rd Thursday, 20th - Ball Club Comm. Ctr. Appointments 10a.m. - 3p.m.
4th Thursday, 27th - Bena Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Heather Goggeye and Ferris Jessepe, Parents.
Court File No. CP-14-38

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 19, 2015, a **Voluntary Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Danielle Birt, Parent.
Court File No. CP-13-33

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 6, 2015, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
 Shamelia Wright, (Deceased), Mother; Donald Headbird,
 Father of R.H., D.H., A.H, & D.H.; and
 any man who claims to be the father of D.H.
Court File No. CP-13-26

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 8, 2015, a **Petition for Alternative Relief** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of:
T.J.K, Minor Child, DOB: 04/09/2014;
Lisa Gullickson, Petitioner,
And
Tamara E. White, Respondent.

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 4th, 2015, a **Petition for Custody and Parenting Time** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 6th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m, the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Facility Center, Upper Level, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

DATED: July 13, 2015.

/s/ Kenneth Thompson, Sr. Court Clerk

Solidarity Shawl Project for the Leech Lake Area

Ladies, are you a survivor of domestic violence/sexual assault? Do you have a family member who is a survivor? Come join us Monday evenings at IHS in the S1 building for a talking circle as we complete the red solidarity shawls. When they are completed, these shawls will be worn by survivors or family members of survivors at different locations, as part of the healing process. The shawls are very sacred and symbolic to the Native people, and the fringe represents the tears of our women from the different types of violence they've endured.



Studies have shown when our hands are busy, we talk more. What happens when we talk more? We start healing!

You are welcome to come anytime between **3:00-7:00pm each Monday with a light supper** to be served. No special sewing talent required! No Childcare available. Please RSVP by calling the number below for more information.

Contact: Faye or Pat at 335-3560

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/3586 Traffic Division

The following defendants were scheduled to appear in Leech Lake Tribal court on the listed dates to address Traffic Citations. If your name is listed below please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Courts or Leech Lake Legal Department as soon as possible.

"If your name is listed, but you did appear before the Traffic Division please disregard this summons."

Defendants that did receive a summons and still failed to appear may be held in contempt.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Chapter, Section 304:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.
2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:
 - a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
 - b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
 - c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
 - d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
 - e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
 - f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Paul Day, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: July 7, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>	
Roy, Alvin E	TR-14-98	No SeatBelt	5/10/14
Littlewolf, Theodore	TR-14-77	No Seatbelt	3/22/14
Dunn, Beatrice A.	TR-15-224	DAR	4/17/15
Roper Jr., James L.	TR-15-124	Expired DL	4/24/15
Davis, Sage M.	TR-15-128	Speeding	4/17/15
Smith, Alisha R.	TR-15-181	Speeding, Insurance	4/22/15
Merrill, Lucas C.	TR-15-195	Speeding	4/22/15
Oothoudt, Lavae M.	TR-15-132	No Seatbelt	5/19/15
Dalton, Heather L.	TR-15-127	DAR, Child Restraint	3/14/15
Clarke, Arissa M.	TR-15-139	Seatbelt	5/21/15

Chase, Joseph R. 4/21/15	TR-15-188	Speeding
Bebeau, Brandon P. 3/24/14	TR-14-80	Insurance, Seatbelt, DAS
Davis, Celeste J. 4/25/15	TR-15-143	DAR, No Seatbelt
Whelan, Kathleen M. 5/9/14	TR-14-91	Speedig
Tejohn, Linda J. 5/21/15	TR-15-205	No Seatbelt, Open Bottle
Raisch, Heather L. 6/23/14	TR-15-185	DAR
Durant, Jennifer R. 5/24/14	TR-15	No Seatbelt, DAS
Kolkin, Michelle A. 5/20/15	TR-15-148	DAR
Ladeaux, Mariah L. 5/21/15	TR-15-160	Child Restraint
Moose, Luvette L. 4/29/15	TR-15-137	DAS, Tribal Citation, Failure to Appear x2
Moses, Rochelle A. 4/25/15	TR-15-138	No Seatbelt, Insurance
Brown, Nita M. 1/14/14	TR-14-137	Illegal use L.P., DAR, Expired 21 day Permit, Insurance
Williams, Dana L. 3/18/14	TR-14-75	Child Restraint
Morris, Courtney C. 5/29/14	TR-15-186	Child Restraint
Fisher, Louis A. 5/26/14	TR-14-96	No Seatbelt
Isham, Eric W. 4/17/15	TR-15-165	DAR, Speeding
Madigan, Connie L. 5/22/15	TR-15-172	Failure to Yeild, DAS
Rice, Sarah A. 5/23/15	TR-15-173	No Seatbelt
Kingbird Jr., Arnold 5/20/15	TR-15-151	DAC
Hardy, Sharlene Y. 6/8/14	TR-14-118	No Seatbelt
Brown Jr., Bernard D. 3/24/14	TR-14-81	No Seatbelt

APPEARANCE DATE: July 21, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Whitebird, Cheryl A. 6/18/15	TR-15-256	DAR, Insurance
Roy, Shane R. 5/8/15	TR-15-248	Speeding
White, Louisa R. 6/18/15	TR-15-249	Speeding
Wind, Alaina S. 5/8/15	TR-15-241	Speeding, Seatbelt

Minnesota's "Second Chance Law": New Expungement Laws Makes It Easier for People to Petition for Expungement of Their Criminal Record

Minnesota's new expungement laws, which came into effect January 1, 2015, make it easier for many people to fully seal their criminal record, both the records held by the Judicial Branch and those held by the Executive Branch (like the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or "BCA"). (See Minnesota Statute 609A.01). An expungement is a court-ordered sealing (but not destruction) of a person's criminal record. An expungement can be mandated by statute or some situations granted by a court under the Court's inherent authority to manage judicial affairs. However, courts granting expungements that aren't covered by a statute, are only limited to sealing court criminal records. They cannot seal arrest records kept by the executive branches of the government like the BCA, and thus, these types of records could still show up on background checks in many cases.

Now with Minnesota's expanded statutory expungement law, or the "second chance law", the Legislature has given the Courts greater statutory authority to expunge the entire criminal record for many people who had been charged and/or convicted of crimes. The types of criminal records that may be expunged by statute are records relating to the criminal charges, sentencing and disposition, arrest data, transcripts of 911 calls, criminal investigative data, and booking photographs. (See Minnesota Statutes 13.82, 299C.10 and 299C.105). A person seeking to expunge their criminal record must generally prove by clear and convincing evidence that the benefit of the expungement to the Petitioner would outweigh the harm to the public and public safety. (See Minnesota Statute 609A.03, subd. 5 and 7).

Under Minnesota Statute 609A.02, subd. 1-3, there are now seven grounds upon which a statutory expungement can be granted:

First time drug possession offenses when the Petitioner has successfully completed all the terms under a stay of adjudication

Offenses committed by juveniles who were prosecuted as adults who are either discharged by the commissioner or are successfully discharged from probation under a stay of imposition or execution of a sentence

Criminal cases resolved in favor of the person seeking expungement (dismissed, acquittals or completion of diversion programs without finding/admission of guilt)

Successfully completed diversionary programs or Stays of Adjudication (with admission of guilt): If the petitioner has successfully completed the diversion program or the conditions of a stay of adjudication **and** has not been charged with a new crime for at least one year after completion of the program or stay

Misdemeanors and Petty Misdemeanors: The petitioner was convicted of or received a stayed sentenced for a petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor and has not been convicted of a new crime for at least two (2) years since discharge of the sentence

Gross Misdemeanors: The petitioner was convicted of or received a stayed sentence for a gross misdemeanor and has not been convicted of a new crime for at least four years (4) since the discharge of the sentence.

Listed Felonies: The petitioner was convicted of or received a stayed sentence for a listed felony and has not been convicted of a new crime for at least five years. The list of eligible felonies can be found in Minnesota Statute 609A.02, subd.3(5).

Those interested in applying for an expungement should contact an attorney for guidance. A partner program, Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota (LSNM), has received a grant to provide assistance to individuals living in their 22-county service area for expungement related issues. Many of ALS' clients live within this same service area. If you have **criminal convictions** from a district court found in one of LSNM's 22-county service area (you don't necessarily have to reside in the county

to receive help, but your convictions must be within one of these counties), you may be eligible for assistance regarding those expungements. The eligible counties are: **Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin.** Those with criminal convictions in one or more of these counties who are interested in speaking with an attorney regarding their eligibility for services should call DJ Yokum at LSNM at 1-800-450-2552. Otherwise, forms and information can be found under the "criminal expungement" section of "Self Help" tab on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website found at www.mncourts.gov.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Recognized for Environmental Sustainability Efforts

Wednesday, July 8, 2015, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, MN – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe had the honor of being recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep participant and received Step 1 and 2 block awards at the recent League of Minnesota Cities Conference on June 26th for joining the GreenStep Cities program and advancing to Step 2 in the Minnesota GreenStep program.

"This recognition shows community members and others across Minnesota that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is taking great steps in the direction of energy and resource conservation and innovation," shared Brandy Toft, the GreenStep Coordinator for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a challenge, assistance, and recognition program. As one of 83 participants, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is helping to lead the way in sustainably across the state of Minnesota. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has worked hard to implement best practices in order to fulfill their sustainability goals. Actions that are taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, and the encouragement of civic innovation. You can learn more about Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's efforts at http://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/cityInfo.cfm?ctu_code=2437920.

"We are honored with this award as the first Tribal Nation to join the GreenStep challenge," said Brandy Toft. "Our hope by being part of the GreenStep program we can encourage other Tribal Nations to follow our lead to show that Tribal Nations are leaders and stewards."

For more information Contact: air@lldrm.org

Brandy Toft -Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe GreenStep Coordinator



GreenStep Cities/Nation participants at 2015 League of Minnesota Cities Awards Breakfast with meteorologist and keynote speaker Paul Douglas

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Job Openings

Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA) Elderly Programs Coordinator

Located in Cass Lake, MN the MIAAA Elderly Programs Coordinator is responsible for the overall administration of the MN Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA) Program. These responsibilities include planning and coordinating the entitlement programs under the Older Americans Act and developing an annual plan to address all elderly services and programming for the service area. Also, responsible for monitoring, reporting, budgeting, writing for funding opportunities and maintain policy and procedures for MIAAA programs. Travel required to meet with various agencies throughout the service area and coordinate other Elder Service programs. Bachelor's degree in Gerontology, Human Services or related field preferred. Experience in elder programming, supervision and/or financial management of such programs. Knowledge working with and delivery of services to American Indian elders and communities. Criminal Background Check required and valid MN driver's license. \$21.03 per hour, regular full-time with fringe benefits. Open until filled.

General Assistance Program (GAP) Coordinator Administration Division

Located in Cass Lake, MN, the GAP Coordinator position for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Administration Division will be responsible for implementing the joint MN Chippewa Tribe/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tribal Environmental Agreement (TEA) and managing the EPA GAP grant for the MN Chippewa Tribe. These duties will include overall grant experience and oversight, developing the GAP work plan, reporting of timely outcomes, commitments, priorities and amend the work plan as needed. This position will be responsible to work with Reservation Environmental Staff to accomplish outcomes. An understanding of environmental protection issues and priorities in Indian Country a plus. Travel will be required. Bachelor's degree or 2 year degree in natural or environmental sciences or related field preferred. A criminal background check is required. Must have a valid driver's license and current auto insurance. \$21.03 per hour, full-time with fringe benefits. Open until filled.

Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging (MIAAA) Adult Day Site Provider

Located in Cass Lake, MN the MIAAA Adult Day Site Provider is responsible to monitor overall daily operation of the Adult Day Center services. This includes providing for Adult Day Center clients limited in their activities of daily living. This position will also be responsible to provide daily personal care, needs assessment, health monitoring, record keeping, billing, menu planning and maintaining overall compliance of the Adult Day Center operation. Qualifications; preferred, licensure in the State of MN as a Licensed Practical Nurse or AA degree plus 2 years' experience in Health/Social Services field or comparable planning and delivery of related services. Criminal Background Check required. Current CPR and First Aid Certification and valid MN Driver's License, experience working with American Indian Elder population. \$18.15 per hour, regular full-time with fringe benefits. Open until filled.

Send resume/application and list of three professional references to: Brian Brunelle, Director of Administration, The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, P.O. Box 217, Cass Lake, MN 56633. EEO-American Indian Preference. To download application, please visit www.mnchippewatribe.org

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;**

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other
Native American Indian preference apply.

**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;

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THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JULY 31st, 2015

Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator ~

Leech Lake Tribal Police ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-100

**2 Child Protection Case Managers ~ Human Services ~
DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-099**

Court Administrator ~ Tribal Court ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-098

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081

2 Full-Time LPN ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097

4 Seasonal PT EMT Attendants ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-047B

Part-Time RN PHN ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-073

Community Economic Development Specialist ~

Tribal Development ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-059C

RN Homecare ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-241B

2 Tribal Planner/Developers ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 15-058

Tribal Assistance Manager ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-036

**3 Part-Time Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates ~ Human Services ~
DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-028**

**Domestic Abuse Re-Education (DAR) Program Coordinator ~ Human
Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-208**

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 15-001

Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 15-000



Obituaries



James Edward Wilson Sr

James Edward Wilson Sr., Binesi, (Thunderbird) was born on January 17, 1924 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He was 91 years old. His address



is: 31168 Co. Rd. 39, Deer River, Minnesota. He passed away on June 17, 2015 at Essentia Health-Deer River.

He is survived by his family: Burton 'Luke' (Linda), James Jr. (Regina), Ronald (Sue), Daniel, Yvonne, Sharon Rodriguez (Bobby), Judith, Donald, and Roseanne. Surviving sibling: brother Darwin Wilson and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by wife, Mary Jane Donnell, parents -George and Maggie Wilson, sisters- Edith Gangyl, Margaret Nelson, brothers- George Wilson and Donald Fisherman, son-Byron Wilson and several nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

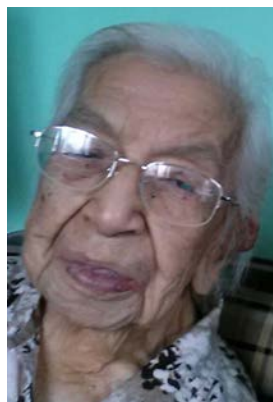
Wake service will begin on June 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Ball Club Lone Eagle Community Center. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 20, 2015.

James attended Deer River High School up to eighth grade. He married Mary Jane Donnell on August 24, 1946. They had six sons and four daughters. James entered the Airforce/Army on May 22, 1943 and was honorably discharged on May 12, 1950.

His military occupational specialty was Seaman 065. He received a good conduct medal and four overseas service bars. After his military service, he started taking flying lessons in 1951 and earned his single plane-double engine flying license. His work experience began in the logging business with his brother Darwin. He also worked on the pipeline until he started as a laborer with Local Union 1097. He retired when he was 70 years old. He loved the outdoors which fulfilled his interests in trapping, bough picking, and most of all, wild ricing. He was also in a canoe derby from Lake Itasca to Minneapolis with his cousin Billy Wakefield and placed sixth after several mishaps like patching their canoe and going off the wrong path with wrong directions. He served on the Leech Lake Reservation Rice Committee from 2000-2013. He was a hard worker and taught his children good work ethics and how to be independent.

Josephine Frances Sanders

Josephine Frances Sanders, age 91, of Walker, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji. She was born on May 2, 1924, the daughter of John and Margaret (Johnson) Bongo.



Josephine was a very special lady who took the most pride in being the best mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother ever. When she was younger, she helped to build her own home with her husband. Walter was a logger by trade and you could even find Josephine out in the woods helping out. She was a strong woman who wasn't afraid of lending a hand. She worked at the Ah-Gwah-Ching Health Care Facility before retiring to do her true passion of making cakes. Josephine was the best cake maker ever. People would say how beautiful and delicious her cakes were. Josephine was also a wonderful caterer. After she retired, she started a catering business and would cater parties, resorts and the casino in Walker. She was in high demand. She loved to travel and some of the places she went to included Montana, California, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Josephine was also award winning at crocheting. She took a state prize for one of her blankets that she made. She would make blankets, sweaters and pillows to name a few. Her hobbies included painting, putting together puzzles and framing them, ricing, setting nets, berry picking, taking the kids swimming, helping cook and delivering meals on wheels for the community and being an avid bingo player.

The family that Josephine joins again include her parents; John and Margaret, her husband; Walter, sons; Walter, Jr., Lonnie, and Lew Vern, brothers; George and Paul Lamont, sisters; Sophie, Doris Mae, Joyce, and Vina.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory include her daughters; June (James) Eaglin of Colorado, Judy Ryan of Minneapolis, Lynnette Sanders of Minneapolis, Barbara Sanders of Arizona, and Yvonne Armstrong of Walker, MN. 16 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 13 great great grandchildren.

Visitation for Josephine will be held at the Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker. Funeral services will be held at the Calvary Evangelical Free Church in Walker with Rev. John Dainsberg

officiating. Active pallbearers helping to lay Josephine to rest will be Matthew Armstrong, Wesley Armstrong, Johnny Ryan, Sharvari Hoosman, Sammy Dawkins, and Terry Ryan. Honorary pallbearers will be Nathaniel Armstrong, Roman Ryan, Roosevelt Stewart, Fernando Villegas, Vernon Scott, Walter Eaglin Vincent Sanders, Timothy Ryan, and Uhuru Hoosman. Interment will be held in the Evergreen Cemetery at Walker following the service. Refreshments for family and friends will be served at the Calvary Evangelical Free Church following the graveside service.

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

Kree Sky Kangas

Kree Sky Kangas, 21, of Bemidji, passed away June 29th, 2015 at the Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji. She was born to Roberta Kangas and Roger Johnson on October 7, 1993.



Kree loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed doing her hair, makeup and nails. Kree was raised by her mother, Roberta, and her grandparents Francis and Eileen Kangas of Cass Lake. Family that has gone on before her include Mathew and Beulah Kangas, Isaac and Eliza Johnson, all grandparents, grandmother; Melvina Johnson, grandpa; Robert "Bob" Kangas, aunts; Patty Johnson and Melvina Kjella, uncle; Elmer Lyons, cousins; Donovan Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Morris Beaulieu, Jr, Jessica Briseno and Timothy McKee.

Kree leaves behind to cherish her memory her parents; Roberta

(Truman) Kangas and Roger (Shannon) Johnson of Cass Lake, grandparents Francis and Eileen Kangas of Cass Lake, grandmother; Calara Zullner of Malmo, sisters; Crystal (Bear) Kangas, Gracie Beaulieu, Julia Buffalo and Daisy Williams, brothers; Truman III, Kane and William Beaulieu, David Paquette, Jr., Cody Williams, Roger Jr. and Ricky Johnson and Trevor DeFoe, aunts; Rita (Larry) Bendix, Cheryl (Morris) Kangas, Jennifer (Ryan) Morrow, Suzanna (Rodney) Capataine Moske and Violet (Charles) Stone, uncles; Francis Kangas, Jr., Daniel Moske, William (Patty) Kangas, John (Chris) Moske, Sergio Capataine, Joaquin Capataine and Miguel Kangas, nieces; Hayley and Carla Kangas, nephews; Bear, Jr. and Jayden Smith and Dominic Kangas, special friend Amanda Fairbanks and numerous other family members.

A wake for Kree will be on Sunday, July 5, 2015 and continue until her traditional service at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 7th all being held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake. Pallbearers for Kree will be Bear Smith, Sr., David Paquette, Jr., Jayden Smith, William Kangas, Anthony Kangas and Devon Kangas. Alternate pallbearers will be Felix Briseno, Jr. and Francis Kangas, Jr. Cremation will take place following Kree's services with ashes to remain with her family.

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

Elmer Donald Morgan

Elmer "Bud" Donald Morgan, "Awaasisii - Bullhead", age 82, of Cass Lake, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2015 at the Sanford Medical Center in Fargo. He was born on June 16, 1933 in Cass Lake, the son of John Morgan, Sr. and Nora Rock.

Bud joined the U.S. Army in 1950 following high school. He served overseas in the Korean War until 1953 when he was honorably discharged. Bud had many occupations throughout his lifetime. He worked for Housing in Cass Lake for many years, but his true passion was wood working and making tables and benches. Bud loved being in the outdoors and enjoying nature. He would brush around his home to be outside and be active. He also liked to go to the casino and play keno. This is where he would find friends and spend time visiting with everyone. One of the most important things to Bud was laughter. He loved to laugh.

The family that Bud joins again are his parents; John, Sr. and Nora, brothers; John, Jr., Rubin, Larry and also a young brother. Also, one son Ron "Chester" Morgan.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his laughter are his wife; Donna Morgan of Cass Lake, sons; Jerry and Edward Morgan both of Cass Lake, two sisters; Sophie Jenkins of Minneapolis, and Leona "Cookie" (Jim) Cloud of Onigum. Other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Bud will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 2, 2015 and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Friday, July 3, all at the Prescott Community Center in Prescott. Spiritual leaders will be Alan Hardy and Murphy Thomas, Jr. Pallbearers will be Josh Morgan, Eric Morgan, Paul Day, Don Day, Bob Bedeau, Sr., and John "Joe" Raisch. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Johnson, Joe Kingbird, Tom Haugen, Mike Smith, Sam Johnson, Merle Cloud, and all his friends at Leech Lake Housing. Military honors will be accorded by the Leech Lake Honor Guard at the cemetery. Interment will be held in the Morgan Family burial grounds at Oak Point.

Bud'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

Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Talking Circle



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NEW DAY Wednesdays Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month

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