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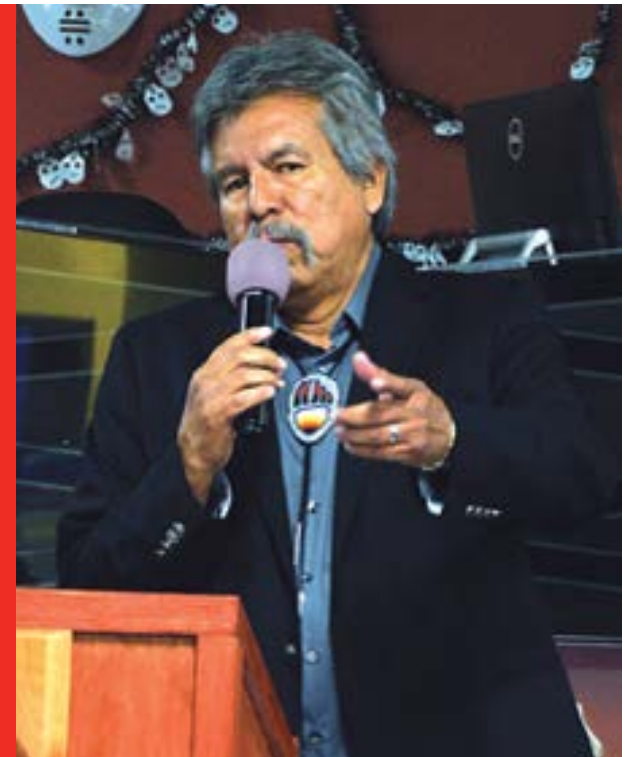
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## Energy Saving Design Pays Out Early for Tribal Justice Center



LLBO Judge Paul Day, DRM GreenCorps Member Matt Rogotzke, Construction Manager Frank Schaaf, Otter Tail Power Company Energy Management Representative Roger Garton, Tribal Police Chief Ken Washington, Otter Tail Power Company Energy Management Representative Ken Johnson, and DRM Environmental Deputy Director Brandy Toft

CASS LAKE, MN- Ottertail Power Company recently presented a check in the amount of \$27,207.00 to LLBO representatives for energy saving designs incorporated into the building plans for the Tribal Justice Center. Ottertail Power's Commercial Design Assistance (CDA) program is an integrated process that puts energy efficiency at the forefront for new construction.

Collaboration with the CDA program resulted in a building that exceeds the state code for minimum energy rating by about 25 percent. The additional upfront costs for the energy saving design are expected to be recouped within eight years through savings in the buildings utility bills. The CDA program provides an additional incentive for organizations to include energy saving features in their new constructions.

The CDA program works by creating three different energy models for groups to consider in planning new structures. They then use these "Net Energy Optimizations" to dial in the optimal choice for each plan by balancing out upfront costs versus cumulative savings for the life of the building. The end result is a win-win for both the organization and the power company. Once construction is complete, Ottertail Power issues an award through this program based on how much potential electric demand has been saved versus a baseline structure of similar size built to minimum state code guidelines.

In the end, the Tribal Justice Center energy savings exceeded even the initial projections. Construction Manager Frank Schaaf was very supportive of the CDA program and said: "We'd like to use this on all future projects as well".

The Tribal Justice Center, which is going through its final preparations, is expected to open next month. The new building will house the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, Tribal Court and the Leech Lake Legal Department.

In addition to this initiative, Brandy Toft of LLDRM also spoke about the upcoming Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESp) which uses a very similar energy modeling software. She said "We are renovating in 22 buildings across the reservation within the upcoming year. We want to bring the older buildings up a level too". Potential savings from that project could reach up to \$860,000 per year across the reservation.

## Leech Lake Youthbuild receives \$200,000 Grant from MN DEED

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Supports New Training Projects

ST. PAUL, MN- The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has awarded workforce development grants totaling \$2.1 million under the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) to train 1,881 workers.

MJSP awarded grants in two program areas: the Partnership Program, which provides funding for customized training at educational institutions for employees at MN businesses, and the Low-Income Worker Training Program, which helps low-income workers gain job skills in growing fields and greater economic self-sufficiency.

"Education and good jobs drive economic opportunity in Minnesota. The Job Skills Partnership invests in both," said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. "This year, the program will help Minnesotans train for jobs in the building trades, advanced manufacturing and health care. Investments like these are critical to building an economy that works for all Minnesotans, everywhere in

Minnesota."

"Over 286,000 Minnesotans have received training funded by the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership program, which has seen tremendous success in preparing Minnesotans for jobs of the future," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "The Low-Income Worker Training grants are essential to introducing people to occupations with income stability and solid growth prospects."

**Leech Lake Education Division, Leech Lake YouthBuild - \$200,000**

MJSP funding will support training for 64 YouthBuild participants from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Students will work on obtaining their high school diploma, adult diploma or GED. They also will receive construction training and earn credentials in that field to qualify for jobs as construction laborers. *Local Contact: Patricia Broker, Leech Lake Education Division, 218-335-8230*

## Chairman Jackson Issues New Statement on Standing Rock

CASS LAKE, MN- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. issued the following statement regarding the disruption of ongoing peaceful actions at the site of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline:

"Our Band members stand peacefully in solidarity with those who rightfully believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will jeopardize water quality and destroy sacred burial sites. The desecration of family graves is something that most people could never imagine. Our water and land are irreplaceable once lost. We are concerned by the reports of increasing violence being conducted by law enforcement agencies against our people gathered in peaceful prayerful protection. As Chairman, I intend to work closely with Governor Dayton

and our congressional leaders to encourage them to work with state and federal law enforcement agencies.

I urge our State and County officials to order the return of Minnesota law enforcement personnel from the Standing Rock Water Protectors' site. It's important for law enforcement officials to protect our tribal nation members from military-style tactics recently employed against our members who have gathered in peaceful action to protect the water and environment. Such unnecessary escalation promotes violence against our indigenous people who gather in peaceful assembly. Such tactics, which should not be supported by Minnesota taxpayer resources, violate the right to peacefully assemble in the United States and in our own territory."

## Aki Development Awarded Training Grant

### *First US Solar Manufacturer on Tribal Lands*

CASS LAKE, MN- Aki Development LLC of Cass Lake, a LED lighting assembly and testing startup, has been awarded a \$29,000 job-training grant from DEED.

Aki, meaning earth in Ojibwe, is a tribally-chartered corporation on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation in northern Minnesota. The company is opening an LED assembly and testing facility in Cass Lake that will employ up to nine workers to assemble and test LED streetlights. Aki recently purchased a 60 percent stake in Saga Solar – a St. Paul-based solar photovoltaic panel manufacturer – and moved the operation to Cass Lake.

Aki will work with the Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake to develop classes that will teach the new workers how to manufacture and install photovoltaic panels.

Minnesota's clean energy industry supports more than 54,000 jobs and is expected to add 2,300 new jobs this year.

The grant was awarded under DEED's Job Training Incentive Program, which provides funding to help new or expanding businesses in Greater Minnesota train workers. The Job Training Incentive Program, which was created by the Minnesota Legislature last year, provides training grants of up to \$100,000 to new or expanding businesses. Businesses must match the training grants on a 1-to-1 basis and create at least three new jobs.

Aki Development and the training partnership were acknowledged in an announcement by the White House observing National Manufacturing Day.

"This collaboration with the local tribal community college will train the next generation of solar manufacturers, encourage indigenous engineering and research, and lead to economic and environmental sustainability in the community," the White House said.

Northwest Minnesota faces distinct workforce challenges, and these are covered in the April issue of Minnesota Employment Review. Faced with a double-digit unemployment rate, Joe Hobot, president and CEO of the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center, writes in Minnesota Economic Trends that time is of the essence for American Indians.

### **2016 LL TAX REBATE INFO**

***Checks will be available for pickup:***

***WED NOV 30***

***THURS DEC 1***

**Band Members must have I.D. and be present to pickup their rebate check. All remaining checks will be mailed out Friday.**

Contact your District Office to find local distribution sites.

This year's Tax Rebate Amount is \$250. This is an increase of \$50 over the base amount in previous years. As a reminder, previous rebate checks included one time funding sources such as Nelson Act, Salazar, and others which resulted in increased rebate amounts.

**See Page 15 for info on updating your mailing address**

## Presidential Proclamation -- National Native American Heritage Month, 2016

As the First Americans, Native Americans have helped shape the future of the United States through every turn of our history. Today, young American Indians and Alaska Natives embrace open-ended possibility and are determining their own destinies. During National Native American Heritage Month, we pledge to maintain the meaningful partnerships we have with tribal nations, and we renew our commitment to our nation-to-nation relationships as we seek to give all our children the future they deserve.

Over our long shared history, there have been too many unfortunate chapters of pain and tragedy, discrimination and injustice. We must acknowledge that history while recognizing that the future is still ours to write. That is why my Administration remains dedicated to strengthening our government-to-government relationships with tribal nations and working to improve the lives of all our people. Three years ago, I issued an Executive Order establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs to help ensure the Federal Government engages in true and lasting relationships with tribes and promotes the development of prosperous and resilient tribal communities. Last month, I hosted the eighth Tribal Nations Conference and brought tribal leaders together to identify key issues we still face. We have worked to better protect sacred lands and restored many acres of tribal homelands, as well as supported greater representation of indigenous peoples before the United Nations and called for further implementation of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. And we have taken steps to strengthen tribal sovereignty in criminal justice matters, including through the Tribal Law and Order Act.

Through the Affordable Care Act and permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, we empowered more Native Americans to access the quality health care they need to live full, healthy lives. Throughout their lives, 84 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls will experience some form of violence, and in 2013, I signed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which allows tribes to prosecute non-Native individuals who commit acts of domestic violence in Indian Country. And through the North American Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls, we are strengthening regional coordination on the rights of women and girls from indigenous communities across the continent.

In recognition of the immeasurable contributions that Native Americans have made to our Nation, we continue to advocate for expanding opportunity across Indian Country. We have supported tribal colleges and universities and worked to return control of education to tribal nations -- not only to prepare Native youth for the demands of future employment, but also to promote their own tribal languages and cultures. We are investing in job training and clean-energy projects, infrastructure, and high-speed internet that connects Native American communities to the broader economy. We are connecting more young people and fostering a national dialogue to empower the next generation of Native leaders through the Generation Indigenous initiative. Through www.NativeOneStop.gov, we have also worked to improve coordination and access to Federal services throughout Indian Country. Indian Country still faces many challenges, but we have made significant progress together since I took office, and we must never give up on our pursuit of the ever brighter future that lies ahead.

This month, let us celebrate the traditions, languages, and stories of Native Americans and ensure their rich histories and contributions can thrive with each passing generation. Let us continue to build on the advancements we have made, because enduring progress will depend on our dedication to honoring our trust and treaty responsibilities. With sustained effort and unwavering optimism, we can ensure a vibrant and resilient Indian Country filled with possibility and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 25, 2016, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.



BARACK OBAMA

# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.

Boozhoo community members and friends;

We are just over three months into the fiscal year and we have seen changes made both positive and negative. This is consistent with the hard, professional decisions we as a reservation need to make while setting our personal feelings aside.

As we move forward with our plan to change not only the business side of the reservation, but also the culture and thought processes that have been entrenched within the bands organization, I encourage you to contact my office with your concerns. We are committed to providing you with correct and accurate information in order to counter uninformed and gossip driven discussions which may occur. The goal behind the changes you are seeing is to make way for a better reservation for all band members.

Those that attended the Quarterly business meeting heard some of the positive directions we are taking to make our reservation more productive, accessible for growth and development, along with new employment opportunities and services for all. We must not forget the contributions the leaders before me gave to us and lest we forget the Veterans whom we shall honor this month throughout our reservation.

As part of this continuing movement towards positive change, we have been looking at our Local Indian Councils, and in the near future our various Commissions and Boards, with the intent to ensure they are fairly and equitably serving the entire reservation and not certain individuals or groups. These councils were created to enhance and advise the reservation, and to serve our rural and urban band members. I suggest we look at them as a beginning and then along with our LLBO programs, we as a whole organiza-



tion make adjustments for the betterment of us Leech Lakers. I want to include everyone in this process, no one will be excluded.

As a council we have brought forth many activities in the last quarter for the benefit of our reservation. One I am particularly proud of is the distribution of the Elder's & Disabled funds directly to the band member rather than requiring them to fill out tedious paperwork proving why they need help and where it is going. We also broke ground at the Bug school for their new building and again, I want to thank those before us that had the foresight to bring about such a positive change for our youth in pursuit of their education and to bring the qualities that will make our future leaders. I would also like to thank our national leaders, Senator Franken, Congresspeople, McCollum and Nolan along with our local dignitaries and the School Board Chairperson, Robert Whipple a descendant of Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig for their comments.

A few weeks later we broke ground on the Shingobee project. We are planning for a grand opening in time for next year's tourist season, after many years of sitting dormant. This project alone

will be an increase in revenue for program development and most importantly employment opportunities for our members. I also attended G2E, the world's largest gaming conference, this was an opportunity for me to see and test various products that will enhance our gaming sites and now with our newest gaming enterprise we will have an insight into our future development plans for inclusion not only for Shingobee, but future growth in our gaming enterprises, including the new Palace Casino and Community Centers- all under with the assistance of our Gaming Director Mike Auger and his staff.

We as a Council along with various programs and administration are in discussions for a 20% reduction in our budget to offset our deficit with the thought of reaching out to programs to have input with their staff as well. When programs need an adjustment within their budget, they will make certain and meaningful consideration without disruption until we can again fund or develop further funding sources. In this effort, we are looking at travel in all areas from unnecessary meetings or trainings that could be provided locally to the use of fleet vehicles to cut down on mileage costs in taking personal vehicles. We are also looking at the personal vehicle policy of some employees using their starting point from their home. Which can, and does, appear that they are being paid to travel to their worksite. I want all of us to be honest with Leech Lake. Let's not try to take advantage of our Reservation.

One of my campaign promises was to make sure our members are first in Land Leases and have suggested to all council members that we not renew non band member leases. Our shoreline is here for us and my intent along with the council is to put forth this initiative. This is not a personal attack on anybody, we want to make sure we give the first opportunity to Leech Lakers. I would hope that most have seen

our new Justice Center where we had the pleasure of welcoming tribal judges from around Indian Country, locally. Part of our want to include us in local law enforcement systems here on our reservation is to better serve our members when the judicial process is needed. This ensures that we as a reservation can include fairness and most importantly deal with legal matters here on our homeland. Of course this includes traditional and fair ICWA decisions that will keep our families together.

A few other activities of note were the Back Pack give away, meeting with the Twin Cities programs for sustainable relationships and of course attending their annual picnic. I also represented us at the inauguration of our neighboring reservations at White Earth and Bois Forte and will continue to unite us at the MCT meetings as well. Our Boys and Girls Club invited, Billy Mills, where I had an opportunity to visit with and attend the function there at the Club. It was great to see the interaction of our youth and community members in such a positive and meaningful event from one of our own Olympians.

I had the pleasure of attending some LIC meetings, with the goal of personally meeting with all in the coming months. The issues here are consistent with us as a reservation and we need to start looking at us as a whole while keeping our districts within that

thought for a system of services relative to the size and service area. With this we need the input of all members within the districts and welcome comments and suggestions to assist with how we reach a fair and balanced representation for positive change.

Our annual reservation picnic was a great time for all involved and the Human Resources staff did a great job along with our events people to make sure employees had a great afternoon with the Palace food catering. These functions allow us to interact on a personal level, which does bring forth our relationship to better understand the dynamics of commitment to our work, reflective of our reservation.

One of the first political activities I engaged in this quarter was communicating with our lobbyists. They keep our reservation informed of Bills or Acts that affect us, along with informing us to how to best prepare on issues or activities. I also had the opportunity to attend the Native Governance Center conference which allowed me the opportunity to meet with other reservation leaders to discuss similar situations across Indian country. These meetings fall into our Tribal Executive sessions for the MCT and Indian Affairs gathering in discussing our state and national issues while developing systems to combat an assault on our sovereignty.

Some of our future plans are to



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## Chairman Continued

continue to work with the Blandin Foundation and others to better serve all. We are developing community centers with the assistance of various grants and programs along with the deconstruction of Eagle View and Leroy's Minnows old buildings. Here we sought input from all to best handle our members that have taken up residence behind LeRoy's and are looking at helping all that seek assistance – every member is important.

Some of you have taken upon yourself to support Standing Rock along with us as a reservation. We have sent many items, truck loads of wood, water, clothes and of course our rice. Some of our elders also had the opportunity to participate and could possibly look at another transport for those that were left out due to a communication oversight and thereby giving all the same opportunity as the rest of us here on the reservation. I too took part in solidarity at Standing Rock and let the Tribal Leaders there know that Leech Lake fully supports their position.

I as a representative of Leech Lake attended the Tribal Nations Conference in DC., along with the 500 plus tribes throughout the United States. While there I had the opportunity to again meet with national leaders and tribal chairs to discuss various issues and concerns relative to our relationship with the federal government. President Obama did present along with other members of his cabinet meaningful dialogue that included an opportunity for us as Tribal leaders to speak – although brief – as there were many of us that could have put forth thought within our boundaries. In all it gave me pride that I represented us Leech Lakers with dignity and honesty, consistent with the faith you all put in me.

I am looking forward to this upcoming year, working with our Housing Director and the Board of Director to address Washington

with our lack of funding to build more homes on Leech Lake. I was able to attend the first Tribal/State Opioid Summit held on the Lower Sioux Community in October. We discussed the drug issue with all Tribal Leaders in Minnesota. The Governor was present, as well. Very strong ideas were shared to address the epidemic in Indian country. Future meetings are planned and I will keep everyone informed. We have hired an Elder Director, Avis Poupart, ICWA Director, Pam Michaud, Health Director, Brian Brunelle and Human Services Director Julie Blackelk. Very qualified hard-working committed employees. I am very excited about these new employees. I came into my term facing a huge deficit, which we are trying to work through. We have to tighten up our programs, so that we can work under a balanced budget. I respectfully ask all of you to please be patient. Positive change can happen if we stay together through these tough times. Let us continue to talk together, not talk about each other. I know we all want what is best for Leech Lake, our children and our grandchildren. Let us continue to take the high road, be positive and set an example that we are proud Leech Lakers.

As I learn from my position as Chairman, I will make some mistakes. We all have made some mistakes in our lives. Please let me know what I am doing both positive and negative. I also ask you to bring some ideas and solutions so we can all benefit and to do a better job.

Like I stated in my campaign, I feel we are the greatest resource here on Leech Lake- our people. In closing, I want to thank all of you who gave me this opportunity and I will do my best to serve you and your families during my term as Chairman.

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**Faron Jackson, Sr.**

## Secretary/Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose

### LLBO Accounting Financial Summary

The Band's 2016 annual Audit is currently in process with the compliance portions substantially complete and the financial procedures to be completed by December 31, 2016. The report should be published soon after that. This audit is required by the Bands bylaws and federal statute, OMB Circular A-133.

Pre-audit financial reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, indicates a reduction in fund balance by approximately \$3.8 million. The remaining fund balance reserves for the Band's General Fund, is approximately \$5.8 million. According to the Band's Budget Ordinance, these reserve funds must be utilized to set up an emergency reserve before they become available for use in annual operating budgets.

A temporary spending resolution was approved by the RBC to approve partial spending for the beginning of the fiscal year until the 2017 budget is approved. The program budget requests exceed the amount of available funding by \$3.4 million. The two options to remedy this situation, identify additional revenue and/or cutting spending, are being evaluated and recommendations will be given to the RBC for their approval or disapproval, depending upon priorities identified.

We received the annual loan payment from the Bieloh Loan aka the Moondance loan on 9/17/2016 as scheduled. The loan balance outstanding after this payment is \$ 1,217,891. The amount of the interest to be recorded for this payment is \$133,180 with a total interest earned on this investment amounting to \$812,278.25. The last payment is scheduled for 9/17/2021.

Revenue received from the State of Minnesota from the Tax and License agreements for fiscal year

2016 was \$9.7 million. Fiscal year 2015 we received \$8.5 million. The largest difference was an increase of cigarette tax of \$1.4 million.

The General Fund programs billing activity such as land leasing, is summarized in Figure 1 below.

Other revenue that will assist with budget matters is the billing revenue consisting of mostly Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements. This is revenue that is billed by programs operated under the Health and Human services Divisions. This is an important area in that the revenue received mostly goes to provide additional services for the program, however, any revenue left over after programs operations are paid, can be reprogrammed for similar or related programs. We received over \$17 million last fiscal year in this category. That can be increased significantly with making sure everyone eligible for medicare and Medicaid is enrolled and that we bill for all eligible services. Listed to the right is a chart showing the major areas of revenue received for billing services.



Opiate Program	6,661,165
IHS Mental Health	2,726,041
Mens Halfway House	1,700,257
ICWA Title IVE	1,333,184
IHS Clinics	908,021
IHS Ambulance	664,163
<u>Other grant programs</u>	<u>3,176,966</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,169,797</b>

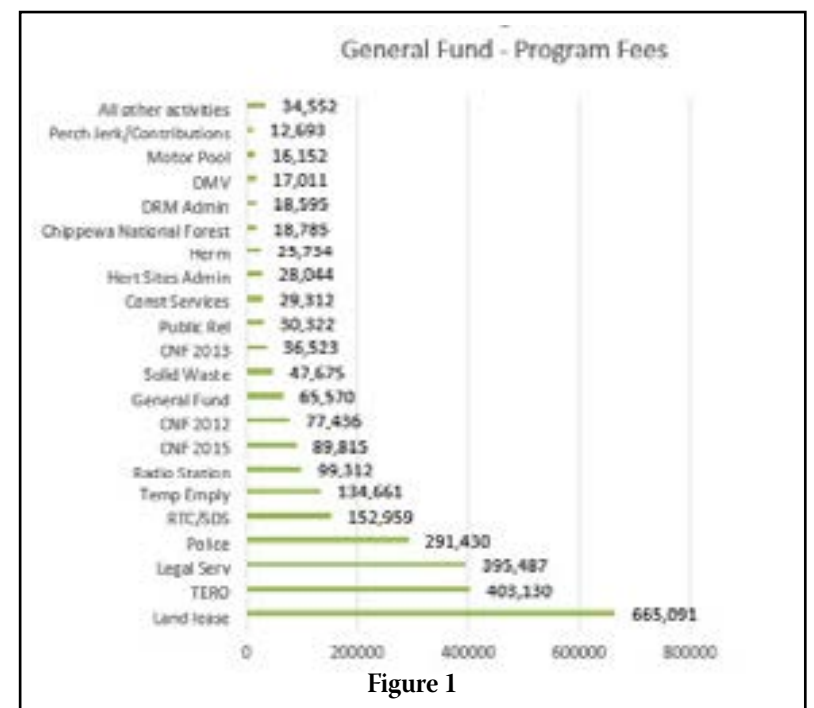


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# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## Sec/Treas *Continued* District I Representative Penny DeVault

### Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations

Quarter Ending September 2016

#### Revenue

Leech Lake Gaming finished Fiscal Year 2016 with a \$6 million increase in revenue from \$78 million to \$84 million compared to the prior fiscal year. This includes a \$2.1 million increase in Slot Revenue and a \$3.6 million increase in Gift Shop revenues due to tobacco sales.

The first two months of Fiscal Year 2017 show a growth in revenue compared to Fiscal Year 2016. August 2015 showed revenues of \$16.5 million, while August 2016 shows revenue of \$17.3 which is approximately an \$800 thousand increase. We expect a continued trend in moderate growth for Gaming Revenue throughout Fiscal Year 2017.

#### Expenses

Operating expenses for Leech Lake Gaming were up over \$600 thousand for August 2016 compared to the prior year, Cost of Sales were up approximately \$500 thousand as well. While Payroll expenses were down about \$225 thousand.

#### Net Income

Net Income has decreased slightly compared to the prior year from \$4.76 million to \$4.69 million, which is approximately a \$74 thousand decrease. Although Revenue was up, Operating Expenses and Cost of Goods Sold increased as well which resulted in Net Income being down.

#### Forecast

Revenues continue to increase over prior years. To improve Net Income, Leech Lake Gaming would need to look at control operating and payroll expenses. An exciting upcoming venture that will bring more revenue to Leech Lake is with the Shingobee Project.



I would like to begin by wishing everyone warm greetings from the District I staff. We have been working on continuing our progress made up to this point. Our July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations held in Inger and Ball Club were huge successes, attendance was record breaking this year, with over 500 people coming out to celebrate. Community members are truly grateful for events like these that the Band supports every year. It keeps our families safe and close to home on such a busy night as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is always great to see all of our community members come together and enjoy a great evening with family and friends.

The following day, our community of Ball Club was hit by a severe storm, devastating much of the surrounding areas, including Deer River. The immediate aftermath of the storm was heartbreaking to witness. However, we had a great group of employees, volunteers and community members step up and offer their help. There are many, many people that offered their help and assistance throughout this ordeal. Special thank you to Duane Oothoudt for your guidance, the Red Cross, the Ball Club LIC, LL Temporary Employment works, LL Housing Authority, LL Wildland firefighters, LL Tribal Roads, LL Tribal Police, LL Gaming and all of the

community members for all of the hard work to get this village back to normalcy. Unfortunately we did lose a lot of our trees, however we had no casualties and everyone came out okay, with more community pride than ever before. Again thank you all.

On July 8, 2016 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe District I Office sponsored their yearly exhibition powwow at the Deer River Wild Rice Festival. This is an excellent opportunity to share our culture with the visitors and community members. We had over 200 dancers participate this year, with a large number of our local youth Royalty in attendance as well.

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days traditional powwow was held in mid-July. Our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Cha Cha Bah Ning traditional powwow was held on August 26-28, 2016. District I Office was once again able to do the Youth Regalia Specials. Youth who do not have regalia are gifted by our elders with regalia made by local community members. The reservation as a whole is looking into doing this at all of our Leech Lake powwows.

The District I Quarterly LIC Assembly was held on July 29, 2016, attendance was great from our dedicated LIC members. Each of the District I LIC's have done

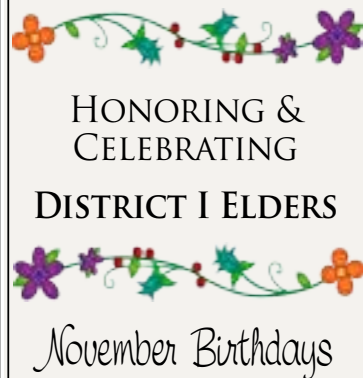
strategic planning, continual work on the individual community projects and priorities. Current projects at the forefront for District I are a Winnie Dam Community Center, Inger Community Center expansion, Inger cemetery repairs, S. Lake Community Center, Ball Club ENP remodel and repairs. I enjoy meeting regularly with the District I LIC's, we have a great working relationship, we support one another, and I will continue to turn to them as they are the voices of their communities. I applaud the District I LIC's for their strong leadership, great community pride and involvement in all aspects of Leech Lake.

Our annual backpack distribution was held at the Winnie Dam Recreation Center on August 24, 2016. This was also the day of the Bug School groundbreaking ceremony. After many, many long years and many, many advocates fighting for the new school it is now a reality and great to see endeavors coming our way. All of our District I LIC's were able to attend Valleyfair this year. The children were very well behaved. They were excellent, problem free trips all around. Kudos to our youth for representing Leech Lake very well.

The District I Office had the opportunity to attend the MIGA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on September 15, 2016 in St. Paul. It was a beautiful, inspirational evening dedicated to the men and women who have made huge strides in Indian Gaming. Indian Gaming has come a long way in the 25 years and is only getting better.

As always, we will continue to work towards successful ventures for all community members. Wishing everyone nothing but good health for you and yours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny A. DeVault



### HONORING & CELEBRATING

### DISTRICT I ELDERS

### November Birthdays

Ralph Schaaf  
Lucille White  
Pete Hunt  
Mabel Roy  
Donna Cloud  
Selma Jackson  
Simon Jackson  
Donald Wilson  
Kathleen Miller  
Gary Charwood  
Edward Gotchie  
Candace Gotchie  
Warren Gogleye  
Charles Grauman  
Gerald Bowstring  
Elizabeth Wakanabo

FROM DISTRICT I OFFICE



Picture taken at the S. Lake Pow wow during the Youth Regalia Special

# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## District II Rep. Steve White

Boozhoo Friends & Family,

Summer really flew by here at the District II Office but we are enjoying this beautiful fall weather that we have been having. Winter is right around the corner though and we hope everyone is taking advantage of this opportunity by enjoying the outdoor activities available this time of year.

We, along with our Local Indian Council's, hosted Halloween parties at the community centers again this year. Food, prizes, games and of course candy were enjoyed by all who attended. There was a great turnout at these events once again and our families in the area really reveled in these gatherings. I'd like to personally thank everyone involved in making these types of events happen year after year.

A major event for us last quarter was the groundbreaking for the new Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school. Finally, we are nearing the end of our efforts on this topic. We hope that this will revitalize the school and make it a force in the education of our youngest band members.

The annual backpack giveaway was another success in our district. Every student that needed a back pack received one, along with a selection of school supplies specific to their age group. We also sent our students to Valleyfair for one last mini vacation before school resumed once again.

More recently we held a health fair in Bena. Lots of our programs had booths and gave out valuable information to our membership. The main goal was to attract new participants to Wisdom Steps, our Health & Wellness program.



Once again I want to give a big thank you to our Local Indian Councils for all their hard work in both this past quarter and in all of our events coming up for the holiday season. As always we will be doing the Turkey giveaway and Tax Rebate check distribution in the coming weeks. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Reminder to all of our residents to update their addresses with the District II Office. Its important that we have your physical address with the blue house number to be sure that we can distribute information to you effectively and in a timely manner.

Also, if you are a District II Elder and you haven't received your birthday coupons within your birthday month please call and let my assistants know, we will be happy to add you to that list!

Drive safe, watch out for deer and have a great holiday season!

## District III Rep. LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III

Boozhoo Waagosh indizhinikaaz mukwa indoodem. Greetings fellow band members!

Another quarter has passed in our fiscal calendar here at the band and it is my pleasure to update you on the activities, priorities and upcoming goals in the District III office.

First, a quick rundown of events that I would like to highlight from the past three months.

We broke ground for the new Bug O Nay Ge Shig School in August. It was a major relief to reach the final stages of this much needed and highly sought endeavor. It was also a great opportunity for me and the rest of the tribal council to network with our federal lawmakers face to face, and begin the process of steering them towards the other major issues and challenges that we are facing as a tribal nation.

The annual District III Backpack Giveaway was a huge success. With the help of Public Relations and volunteer staff we were able to pack and distribute over 700 backpacks and school supplies just before the beginning of the school year. Miigwech to everyone who was involved in providing this service to our students.

I also had the opportunity to attend and participate in the Fed Up! Rally in Cass Lake, held on International Overdose Awareness Day. It was a very sobering reminder of the drug epidemic we are facing here on Leech Lake. It strengthened my resolve to continue the fight against this plague on our communities.

As most of you know, promoting the education of our youth is one of my top priorities as a council member. I am very pleased to announce that we have taken the final steps needed to establish the Leech Lake Endowment Fund. This will create a new stream of funding for our band members

who are completing their post-secondary education. The plan is for this fund to help close some of the gaps in our students funding needs. Specifically, those who do not qualify for certain federal awards and those whose awards do not fully meet the costs of attending school. This should become available for students by the next school year. We are also planning on holding several fundraising events to help bolster this funding source. Stay tuned as more information will be released soon.

Most recently we held the initial public planning meeting regarding the new community center in Onigum. This was the first of a series of meetings to gather community input regarding the new construction. We are approaching this planning process from a new angle, we hope to dig deeper into creating something that the community will really benefit from. In order to do this we need your participation, I encourage all the band members around that area to attend the upcoming meetings as they are announced. It is my hope that community driven planning such as this, will result in an end product that will truly meet the community's needs.

I have been closely following the events surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline along with many of our people. I remain fully in support of the actions of the water protectors there. It has been great to see so many of our band members supporting this cause whether they are traveling out to the front lines or organizing the collection of goods and supplies to be delivered. In relation to the events in North Dakota, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of the Army (Army), and the Department of the Interior (DOI) began holding listening sessions on their tribal consultation process. I will be attending one of these sessions on November 15 in Minneapolis, MN and I plan on making a statement there on behalf of the band. I will




provide the text of this statement in the next issue of the Debahjimon.

The tribal council will also be attending a MN Chippewa Tribe (MCT) working session next month. I am very much looking forward to this. As we all know, tribal government reform begins at the MCT level. I look forward to discussing MCT Ordinance review, the MCT Constitution & Bylaws, and the rest of the agenda items.

Later this month the Band will be participating in Native American Heritage Night with the Minnesota Timberwolves on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Leech Lakers will face off against Red Lake at 12:45 in the Target Center in Minneapolis. This has always been a great event for our young athletes and fans and I look forward to seeing it play out again.


Also coming up the "Honoring District III Elders" event is going to take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. We are working on finalizing the details and we will release that information as it becomes available. I look forward to visiting with those who are able to attend on that day.

Looking back over the past few months since my reelection, I



*Happy Birthday!*

**NOVEMBER DIST 2 ELDERS**



Bruce Bobolink  
Kenneth Whitebird Sr.

Clarice Rockboy-White  
Franklin Bowstring

Winona Richardson

FROM DISTRICT II OFFICE -STEVE, MICHELLE, & AMOS

## Dist III Continued

would like to reinforce some of the thoughts I communicated in my campaign. We would like to encourage more participation and feedback from our District III members. Please attend our public meetings and let your opinions be heard, as always, you can also reach out to my office directly to give your input. I aspire to raise the level of trust that our members have in their elected officials. Your voice is a crucial piece of that puzzle. I want your feedback and your perspective on what we are doing and where we are headed as a tribal nation. For too long there has been more of a "reactive" culture surrounding our operations and methodologies. While we do have a lot of problems that need to be fixed we also need to be "proactive" and start fixing some of these problems at their root instead of only dealing with the end results. This means focusing on the systems and processes we have in place, making them more efficient and reutilizing the resources we have available to us. It will not be an overnight change but in the long run, I feel we can easily attain these goals.

Miigwech for taking the time to hear my thoughts.

*"I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays for the upcoming season."*

Giga-waabamin  
LeRoy Staples Faribanks III

## November is American Diabetes Month

Did you know that 1 in 11 Americans today has diabetes? Despite its prevalence, diabetes is an invisible disease. It affects men and women, people young and old, and people of all races, shapes and sizes. Often there are no outward signs from the 29 million Americans who fight this chronic illness every day. That's why there is a critical need to foster awareness and education while breaking down stereotypes, myths and misunderstandings about this growing public health crisis that affects so many of us.

This is exactly why the American Diabetes Association marks each November as American Diabetes Month: to bring extra attention to the disease and the tens of millions of people affected by it.

This November, the organization will showcase real-life stories of friends, families and neighbors managing the day-to-day triumphs and challenges of diabetes. The 2016 campaign, sponsored by Colgate Total® (National Oral Care Strategic Partner) and Medtronic Diabetes®, invites us to use #ThisIsDiabetes to share our personal stories and to start a dialogue about what it really means to live with diabetes.

Diabetes is more than the medications and devices used to manage

it. For many, diabetes dictates how they organize their day, what they eat at every meal, how they choose to be physically active and how they spend their money. People with diabetes can have health care costs that are 2.3 times higher than someone without diabetes, as type 1 and type 2 require very specific forms of treatment.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and there is no known way to prevent it. Approximately 5 percent of people with diabetes have type 1, which means their body does not produce any insulin. Insulin is critical in order for the body to transport glucose (sugar) from the bloodstream into cells for energy. People with type 1 diabetes must take insulin every day to live.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes, accounting for 90 to 95 percent of cases in the United States, and is caused when the body does not produce or use insulin properly. Risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes include being overweight, having a family history of diabetes and having diabetes while pregnant (gestational diabetes). Some people with type 2 diabetes can control their blood glucose (sugar) with healthy eat-

ing and being active; other may require oral medications or insulin, especially as the disease progresses. Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, as well as older adults.

Some women develop gestational diabetes, high blood glucose (sugar) levels during pregnancy, which requires treatment to protect the health of the mother and the baby. Gestational diabetes affects approximately 9.2 percent of pregnant women.

There's a way for everybody to participate during American Diabetes Month in November. Share your story, or encourage a friend or family member to share theirs using #ThisIsDiabetes. Be sure to also follow the American Diabetes Association on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

You can also update your Facebook profile picture to help raise awareness, sign up to become an advocate and donate to help the American Diabetes Association continue their critical work. To learn more and view #ThisIsDiabetes stories from around the country, check out [diabetes.org/adm](#).

## Improving Use of Antibiotic

Submitted by Cass Lake Indian Health Service

With the coming of winter, cold and flu season is upon us. Some of us may get sick enough to need treatment. But it's important to know that sometimes the best treatment is not an antibiotic. In fact, using antibiotics when they are not needed may cause them to not work as well when they are needed.

Across the country, there are programs underway to improve the selection of antibiotics used to treat infections. The Cass Lake Indian Health Service Hospital is doing its part and would like our patients to know what you can do to help.

To prevent antibiotic resistance (meaning a bug no longer responds to an antibiotic like it did previously), IHS hospitals are trying to be smarter about the way we use antibiotics. It is crucial that we use antibiotics only when they can truly help patients. For example, most coughs, colds, stuffy noses, sore throats and other minor illnesses are actually caused by viruses, not bacteria. Antibiotics do not kill viruses. Instead, your own body's immune system usually wipes out most viruses in a short time.

Taking an antibiotic for a virus can often cause more harm than good. This is also true of taking the wrong antibiotic for an infection

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**1 in 11**  
Americans has  
diabetes today.



Every **23 seconds**,  
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## Starry Stonewort Discovered On the Leech Lake Reservation

By Lisa Becker, Botanist, Invasive Species Program Manager

Starry Stonewort was recently discovered in the waters within the Leech Lake Reservation. This non-native aquatic invasive species of algae has the potential to have a serious negative affect on native vegetation and other species of plants and fish that utilize them for cover. There were no known populations of Starry Stonewort within the state until it was first detected in Lake Koronis (includes Mud Lake and Rice Lakes) in Stearns County in 2015. Since then there has been discoveries in Big Turtle Lake, Moose Lake, Upper Red Lake (all within Beltrami County), Cass Lake, and Lake Winnibigoshish in the summer 2016. Many agencies through-

out Minnesota have been working together to survey waterbodies in an attempt to detect and contain populations.

The first occurrence of Starry Stonewort in the U.S. was in 1978 along the St. Lawrence River in New York. Since then there have been discoveries in Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin. It is theorized that it was introduced to the Great Lakes through Ballast water. Starry Stonewort is dioecious, which means that there are separate female and male plants. Currently, only male plants have been detected in the U.S which means that there are not viable seed-like reproductive structures. It is spread through fragmentation and movement of tiny star-like structures known as bulbils. Both of these materials easily grow into new plants.

Starry Stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtuse*) is a macroalgae that is grass-like in appearance that is native to Europe and Asia. It looks similar to some native muskgrass (*Chara spp.*) and common stonewort (*Nitella spp.*) but is more vigorous in comparison to both species. Unlike the native species which don't grow much larger than a foot tall, the main stem-like starry stonewort can grow up to 2 meters tall (7 feet) at depths in waterbodies of up to 9 meters deep (29 feet) with 4-6 whorled branchlets (internodes) at a node with uneven forks that are variable in



stonewort bulbils are typically only detected towards the late fall. *Chara spp.* are known to have a musky odor when crushed while *Nitella spp.* and Starry stonewort don't. Branching for *Nitella spp.* is more narrow in comparison starry stonewort and the branchlets fork near their ends.

The main concerns related to Starry Stonewort are that the mats can reduce the diversity of plant species, impede the movement of fish and other animals and makes it difficult for people to enjoy the water bodies. The mats are referred to as pillows and can become so dense that they appear like hummocks of moss. One of our major concerns is what affects will this non-native species have on our wild rice beds as it appears to like to grow in similar habitat. It may also pose a threat to the many fish species that utilize the shallow bays and backwaters for spawning and where young fish spent their early years.

The current methods of control are manual removal and chemical treatment which are unrealistic on a larger scale. Prevention is the best method to protect the many lakes and rivers throughout the reservation. Being that this new plant will grow from even a tiny fragment of the parent plant it is especially easy for it to be accidentally transported to other waters. For this reason, is it extremely important that all water be drained and all vegetation and other materials removed from watercrafts, trailers, nets, or other recreational equipment before leaving an access. Let's protect our resources from future invasions.

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management staff are working with a multitude of agencies, counties and the state to develop a plan to address this problem on waters within the Leech Lake Reservation.

## Antibiotic Continued

or an antibiotic that is not meant for you. Misuse like this can cause unwanted side effects. Worse yet, it could lead to resistant bacteria, putting you and those around you at risk for hard-to-treat infections.

The best thing you can do is try to avoid getting sick in the first place. Simple things like hand washing, covering your cough, eating a healthy diet, drinking water, being physically active and getting plenty of sleep can help keep you well and stop the spread of viruses and bacteria.

For minor illnesses, consider meeting with a pharmacist at Cass Lake IHS Pharmacy to see if an over-the-counter medicine might be enough to treat your symptoms. If it seems to be a more serious illness, plan to see your regular doctor or a doctor in the IHS Urgent Care Clinic.

Of course, some infections are caused by bacteria and might need an antibiotic. Working with you, your doctor can decide if an antibiotic will help you get back to health. If not, they will do what they can to treat your symptoms without unnecessary antibiotics.

The future of antibiotic effectiveness depends on all of us to do our part to use them properly. If we can do that, we can help make sure that they will continue to cure infections and save lives for many years to come.

## BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Mary Trapp, Superintendent

Our school sponsors Pow Wow Events throughout the year. Our first Pow Wow was held on September 23, 2016, beginning of our school year. Our Culture Department hosted lunch and all Bug O Nay Ge Shig Staff brought a dish to share. The afternoon festivities start around 1:00, with students providing the drum music and dancing. We invite the community to attend future Pow Wows scheduled for November 18, February 24, 2017; March 17, and April 28. We ask that you call ahead to assure that these are firm dates, as during the winter, the Pow Wow event may result in cancelation (218 665-3000).



We have implemented a Teacher Roundtable that invites teachers to gather once a week to celebrate the Ojibwe Culture and learn the Ojibwe Language. Ben Bonga teaches this class on Wednesday afternoons. A focus of this initiative is to teach teachers how to implement Ojibwe effectively in their class settings.

Our Transportation Department has initiated a program to support the on-going implementation of PBIS for grades kindergarten through high school. The drivers are recognizing students for positive behaviors on the bus as a commitment to promoting safe and responsible students on the bus. The drivers are excited to note positive improvements on the bus and they are looking forward to continuing this ongoing recognition.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is conducting a comprehensive review of safety and security procedures. A team is meeting to revise procedures specific to emergency situations with a focus on making the information concise and clear for easy use by all staff. The school's Emergency Team continues to meet twice a month to assure full implementation of all required safety standards. The use of a ROBO call system is in the process of update and will be used to assure appropriate contact with community agencies.

The planning for the new high school on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig campus is continuing, with the completion date set for July, 2017. The new school will be a 45,000 sq.ft. complex, located just to the east and south of the existing main building. Meetings have been held to discuss a general plan, but no design has been completed as of yet. The removal of trees and preparation to replant trees has been discussed and future dates set to assure that the grounds are ready for the actual building of the structure. There are discussions about water, removal of some existing old buildings, and change over plans of technology and electrical services between the old high school and the existing new school complex. The technology director, Operations and Management coordinators, and security and safety director are working closely to assure that all code and building requirements are met. The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School family continues to look forward to update reports as the designing and building stages are scheduled.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Food Services department has successfully implemented a salad bar for all students and staff. Younger students are learning about nutritional fruits and vegetables and making positive choices for a healthy life. Our food service director is working with staff to help them understand what food is appropriate to sell at fundraisers that meets Smart Snack Standards.

Visitors are welcome at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School! Our lunch cafeteria opens at 11:10 a.m. and closes at 12:15 p.m. daily. The School Board meets the second Thursday of each month, meeting at 4:30 for a light supper and then conducting school business by 5:00 p.m.

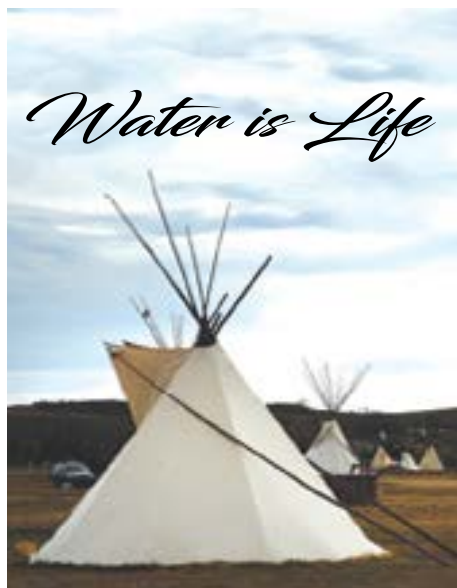
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# HALLOWEEN PARTIES!!

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## LEECH LAKE ELDERS AT THE SACRED STONE CAMP



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe donated a Semi load of wood to the Camp in Standing Rock along with 120 backpacks filled with school supplies for the School at the Camp

# LLTC Student & Faculty Spotlight

## Jon Schneider, Student of the Month



Leech Lake Tribal College is proud to announce that Jon Schneider was nominated and chosen as Student of the Month for November, 2016, based on significant academic achievement, community involvement, leadership, and other qualities. Instructor Kelly Nipp, who nominated Jon, had the following to say about him:

"Jon has an excellent attitude and is determined not to let anything get in his way of getting his degree. Although he struggles with a chronic condition, he shows up every day, works with a math tutor, and completes work outside of class in order to complete his assignments. Jon is an ambassador for getting money to help fight epilepsy. He has traveled to Washington, DC, spoken to legislators in Minnesota, and many other places, about the effects it has had on him. Jon is a flag bearer for Native veterans at funerals, and performs this duty whenever called upon."

LLTC students are nominated by faculty and staff for Student of the Month chosen by the Progressive Academic Student Success (PASS) committee for selection.

Congratulations Jon!

### *A Message from Jon*

My fellow students, it is an honor to be awarded Student-of-the-Month. Life is full of ups, downs, drawbacks, disabilities and very few guarantees. But we must choose to rise above it all. I am very proud of each and every one at the Leech Lake Tribal College for being on the path to further an education. It is guaranteed to lead to a successful and a positive future. As Anishinaabeg, it is our responsibility to continuously raise the bar of standards and leave behind successful and positive footprints for future generations to follow.

*Lead, follow or stand aside and watch the true Anishinaabeg succeed!*

Corporal Jon Schneider, U.S.M.C.  
Proud Native American Veteran Student-of-the-Month

## Anyea Hake & Eric Kuha, LLTC Faculty



### *A Message from Anyea*

I started teaching writing as a graduate student at Bemidji State University. I taught there for two years while I was working on my M.A. in English. I graduated in 2010 and received a job offer to teach writing and speech communications in the Arts and Humanities department at Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC) in Belcourt, North Dakota. My husband was also able to secure a position there, so we packed up and moved west. I taught writing basics, composition, speech communication, and humanities at TMCC. I worked there for two years, and I loved the school, my new friends, and my students. There is a bit of a housing crisis in North Dakota, and we lost our rental home at the end of our second year there. It was difficult to secure a new one, and we missed our family back in Minnesota. The price of gas was almost four dollars a gallon, so we couldn't afford to travel back to Minnesota for visits. We made the hard decision to leave North Dakota in 2012.

We moved back to Bemidji, Minnesota in hopes that something would open up at one of the three tribal colleges in the region. I continued to teach as an adjunct at Bemidji State while I waited for my dream job to come along again. I taught composition, speech communications, and interpersonal communications at BSU from 2012-2016. I was hired as an instructor at Leech Lake Tribal College in August of 2015 in the Arts and Humanities department. LLTC is a family. We all look out for each other, and I enjoy more one-on-one time with the students to help build on their abilities. At LLTC, we are helping the community

Submitted by Priscilla Fairbanks

Leech Lake Tribal College has an impressive faculty. In an effort to introduce our faculty to the larger Anishinaabe community, we will be sharing articles each month highlighting teaching assignments, special projects, and why faculty enjoy working at Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC).

If you are interested in registering for classes for the spring semester, **now is the time to complete an application.** Elders (55+) are eligible to enroll in one (1) free course per semester (tuition and fees), but are responsible for purchasing any required texts. Elders must complete a registration application, also.

*For more information about registration, you may call LLTC Registrar Stacey Lundberg, 218-335-4222.*

build a strong educational background, and supporting these students as stewards of this land and strong representatives of Leech Lake Nation. My husband and I welcomed a daughter in my first year at LLTC. She was born almost three months premature, and I received so much support from my LLTC family. My students especially were very supportive, and they continue to amaze me every semester. Being a teacher is being a lifelong learner, and I learn so much from my students as they embark on their journey in education and Nation building.

### *A Message from Eric*

My name is Eric Kuha and I have been teaching Information Technology at Leech Lake Tribal College for two years. Before that, I taught math and English at Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, ND. I'm thankful every day because I get to play with computers, which I love, and I get to teach which is the most profound of privileges. Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program is popular and growing. We have programs in forestry, and earth science. Most recently, I have begun offering a foundational IT technician certification course. The CompTIA A+ certification is great because it can get you a job in the field by itself. And who knows? Maybe someday we might have a full-fledged computer science program. I can't think of a single place that I'd rather be, and I hope I can stay for a good long while to come.

# Making Sweet Grass Baskets at Leech Lake Tribal College

By Katie Zlonis, Forest Ecology Instructor, Leech Lake Tribal College

This week Bonita Desjarlais visited students in the Woodland Plants class at Leech Lake Tribal College to teach them how to create traditional sweet grass (*wiingashk*) baskets. Throughout the semester, students have been learning how to identify plants native to our coniferous, hardwood, and peatland forests, including learning plants' Ojibwe names and traditional uses. Learning how to make sweet grass baskets gave the students a unique opportunity to think about many of the concepts learned in class as they relate to sweet grass, while practicing a traditional art. In addition to learning techniques passed on through generations of Bonita's family, students also learned about the historical, cultural, economic, and ecological importance of sweet grass and discussed potential environmental threats this species faces.

At the college, we continuously seek to provide opportunities such as these that weave traditional ecological knowledge, culture, and

science together. Students in the Woodland Plants class are part of the Forest Ecology program, also known as Gikenimindwaa Mitigoog, meaning "Getting to Know the Trees." This is an apt name for the program, which focuses first on getting to know native plants and plant communities. This is approached both from a scientific stand point, for example, learning scientific names and classification systems, and from a traditional perspective, by learning Ojibwe names, traditional uses,

and stories surrounding plants. Additional courses in the Forest Ecology program focus on learning about other aspects of our environment and how we interact with it including courses in wildlife biology, ecology, freshwater studies, and ethnobotany. In order to prepare students for careers in natural resources, classes are taught that develop important field and technological skills, such as tree measurement techniques, orienteering, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). As with all other programs at LLTC, students also take courses on Anishinaabe language, history, and culture and we strive to ground all teaching in traditional Anishinaabe values.

In the Forest Ecology program

in particular, our focus is on hands-on, experiential learning whenever possible. We are frequently found outside on campus hunched over a plant studying the details of its anatomy or looking up toward the top of a tree to measure its height. We go on numerous field trips to learn about the potential natural resources career options in our area and to better understand how lands are managed. Examples of field trips taken this fall include banding ducks at Roseau River WMA with the MN Department of Natural Resources, identifying plants on campus, at Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, and at Big Bog State Recreation Area, and participating in a snowshoe hare telemetry study with Leech Lake Division of

Resource Management.

At LLTC, we are also uniquely fortunate in the many opportunities we can provide students outside of class. We and our partnering agencies offer internships with Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Forest Service. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in research projects at LLTC or other academic institutions.

Making sweet grass baskets requires multiple strands of sweet grass woven together to create a beautiful, whole, functional piece of art. In the same way, many educational opportunities offered at LLTC support our students in their journeys toward educational, career, and personal fulfillment and growth. If you or someone you know loves the outdoors and wants to be part of managing and protecting the natural world around us, the Forest Ecology program may be a great opportunity to begin a journey toward a career in natural resources. For more information, please visit our website at [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu) (Contact information: Katie Zlonis, Forest Ecology Instructor; phone: 335-4272; email: [katie.zlonis@lltc.edu](mailto:katie.zlonis@lltc.edu))





## Extension Program

*All Supplies & Materials needed will be provided.  
Potluck (bring dish to share) - Let's practice "Gaween Plastic".  
Contact Esther Humphrey 335-4247 with questions & ideas*

<p><b>Beading Circle</b> Nov - 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays Time: 5-7 pm Room 113 Oak Hall</p>	<p><b>Making A Native Flute</b> EVERY THURSDAY (NOV-DEC) TIME: 5-7PM DRUM ROOM</p>	<p><b>Knitted Poncho</b> for beginners November 1 &amp; 3 Time: 5-7 pm Room 109 Oak Hall</p>
<p><b>Jam Session!!</b> November 16 &amp; 17 Time: 5-8pm Drum Room</p>	<p><b>Free &amp; Open to the Community</b></p>	<p><b>Variety of Workshops</b> 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY TIME: 12PM -5PM CEDAR HALL</p>
<p><b>Moccasin Tops</b> Elaine Tibbetts November 16 &amp; 17 Time: 5-8pm Oak Hall Room 113</p>	<p><b>Sewing &amp; Beading Group</b> LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH TIME: 10AM - 3PM OAK HALL ROOM 113 Bring a Project to work on</p>	<p><b>Fleece Mittens</b> November 19 &amp; 27 Time: 1-4pm Drum Room</p>
<p><b>Making Medicines w/plants</b> LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH TIME: 10AM - 1PM DRUM ROOM make balms &amp; ointments to keep</p>	<p><b>Laundry Soap</b> November 8 &amp; 27 Time: 5-7pm Drum Room</p>	



# Obituaries



## Louis Andrew Sailor, Jr.

Louis Sailor, Jr., age 46, began his journey to the spirit world on Monday, September 26, 2016 from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital. He was born to Louis and Linda (Buckanaga) Sailor, Sr. on May 17, 1970 in Minneapolis, Mn.

Family he joins again are his wife; Louise Ann Durant, father; Louis Sailor, Sr., grandparents; Andrew and Isabelle Buckanaga, George Sailor and Josephine Skip-in-the-Day, uncles; Terrence and Eugene Buckanaga, aunties; Ramona Buckanaga and other close relatives. He leaves behind his children; Loren, Louis III and Lia Sailor all of Cass Lake, mother; Linda Sailor of Cass Lake, step-children; Jennifer and Mike Durant both of Cass Lake, sisters; Elisa Sailor of Bagley and Leta Sailor of Cass Lake, brother; Leon Sailor of Cass Lake, nieces; Carol and Larissa Sailor, nephews; Lyndon, Landrew and Lawrence Sailor, great niece; Jaci Morrow, great nephews; Zane and Elijah Sailor and Logan Morrow, many more family members and a lot of friends.

A wake for Louis was Saturday, October 1st and continued until his traditional service on October 3rd all being held at the facility Center in Cass Lake. Allen "Manidou" Hardy was his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Louis are Landrew Sailor, Lyndon Sailor, Lawrence Sailor, Leon Sailor, Dennis Buckanaga and Louis Sailor III. The alternate pallbearer was Brandon Sargent. Louis' honorary pallbearers are his daughters, his stepson Mike Durant, and all of his nieces and nephews. Interment were in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency following his service on Saturday.

Louis' care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Donald "Booty" Raisch



Donald "Booty" Bruce Raisch, age 63, of Minneapolis, MN and of the Bear Clan began his spiritual journey on September 28, 2016 from the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Donald was born on June 7, 1953 in Minneapolis to Dolores (Fairbanks) and Joseph Raisch.

Donald was born and raised for most of his life in Minneapolis. He worked for the Minneapolis Temporary Employment Program for many years. He was a very simple man who kept to himself a lot and enjoyed being independent. Donald liked gambling, playing cards and shooting pool with his friends. He was an avid bingo player, sometimes playing several times a day. Donald was very content with his life.

Those welcoming Donald to the spirit world are his parents; Joseph and Dolores Raisch, brothers; Maynard and Sheldon Raisch, brother-in-law; Frank Ortley, nephew; Brian "Guy" Wilson and great niece; Vina Rose Brown.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his sisters; Linda Wilson and Joanne Ortley both of Cass Lake, Brother; Joseph "Sonny" Raisch of Cass Lake, special friend; Margaret Traxinger, numerous nieces, neph-

ews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Joe Burris, Jappy Headbird, Joey Raisch, Curtis Ortley, Vicente Cerda-Romo and Joel Ortley. The alternate pallbearer will be Gabriel Ortley. Donald's honorary pallbearers are Bryant Cooper, Jon Weyaus, Darian Weyaus, Donovan Villebrun, Devin Villebrun, Marshall Villebrun and Jimmy Wilson-Brown.

A wake for Donald was held on Friday, September 30th at the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis. Donald then travel to Cass Lake for an overnight wake that began Saturday, October 1st and continued until his traditional services on Sunday, October 2nd all being held at the Veteran Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Allen Hardy was Donald's spiritual advisor.

In keeping with Donald's wishes, his ashes will be inurned next to his brother Maynard in Morgan Cemetery, Oak Point at a later date.

Donald's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Joann Lee Losh



Joann Lee (Wentworth) Losh, 69 years old, of Federal Dam, passed away on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota. Joann was born May 6, 1947 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the only child of Richard and Leona (Lofquist) Wentworth.

Joann grew up in St. Paul and attended North High School. After

high school she moved to Remer and attended Itasca Community College for her LPN. Joann then had three children, Jill and the twins, Jody and Jeffrey. She worked the next 32 years for the Indian Health Services in Cass Lake after receiving her RN from Bemidji State University. She loved taking care of people, even after her retirement.

Joann and Lyman "Dede" Losh have been happily married for 25 years and together for 28. They reside in Sugar Point on Leech Lake. Joann spent her day gardening, spending time with her family, having fires down by the lake, cooking, baking and time at the casino with her husband Dede. She was a loving and humorous wife, mother and grandmother. Joann had a very contagious laugh and a smile that could light up a room. She is going to be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

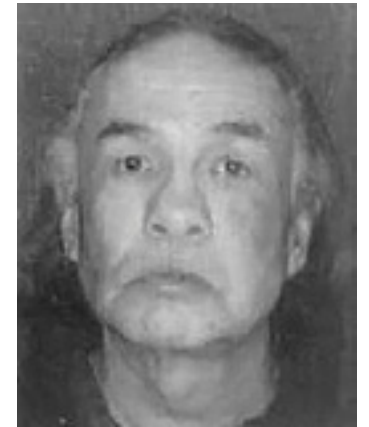
Joann is welcomed by her parents, Richard and Leona and her grandparents.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband; Lyman Losh of Federal Dam, daughters; Jill Bergstrom of Pequot Lakes, Jodi Jacobson of Bemidji, Becky (Steve) White of Bena and Carla (Mike) Losh of Boy River, sons; Jeffrey Jacobson of McIntosh and Chuck (Jeni) Losh of Longville, grandchildren; Joseph, Emily, Krissa, Sarah, Caleb, Donald, Michael, Jaydin, Jalyssa, Jared, Jerrica, Stephanie, Michelle, Lindsey, Ayla, Andrew and Hannah, great grandchildren; Antonio, Carleigh, Amare and Jaxyn, other relatives and many friends.

A memorial service for Joann was held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Battle Point Community Center at Federal Dam. Father George Ross officiated. Honorary pallbearers for Joann were Bonnie Conner, Marolyn Losh, Esther Bogda, Ann Loeffler, Marcie Gotchie, Peggy Olding, Eileen Gothman, Mary Robinson and all of Joann's grandchildren.

Joann's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Gerald James Haugen



Gerald James Haugen, age 57, of Cass Lake, went home on September 30, 2016 Sanford Health in Bemidji. He was born in Zumbrota, MN on December 25, 1958 the son of Cecil, Sr. and Fern (Morgan) Haugen.

Gerald was born in Zumbrota, MN where he lived with his siblings until moving to their Cass Lake home in 1976, and he lived there until his passing. He worked many areas of the United States. After high school Gerald worked with his father and brothers building and repairing pipelines. He also worked for Leech Lake Gaming for many years at the casinos. Gerald was the quiet type, a homebody of sorts. He enjoyed his daily trips to town to visit. Gerald liked the outdoor life in his younger years, especially fishing and hunting with his siblings and father. Gerald liked to stay at and take care of things around the farm in Wilkinson. Overall, Gerald was a kind, quiet and caring man who would help when called upon. He never turned down anyone in need.

The family that Gerald joins again are his parents Cecil, Sr. and mother Fern and brothers; Kelly Haugen and Robert Morgan

Those he leaves behind are his siblings; Pat, Cecil, Jr., Brian, Tom, Shannon Haugen and Therese Konecne, Susan Haugen, aunties; Susan Peterman, Yvonne Peper, Sophie Jenkins and Cookie Cloud, uncle; Luverne Peterman and many nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and a lot friends.

A wake for Gerald began at 4:00 p.m., October 3rd at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake MN and continued until his 10:00 a.m. visitation and 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on October 5th at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN. Father Steven Daigle officiated. Pallbearers for Gerald were Jesse Dunn, Devin Smith-Haugen, Pat Haugen, Thomas Haugen, John Dunn, Lenny Abrhams, William Morgan and Christopher Konecne. Alternate pallbearers were Jeff Kingbird, Jason Dunn and Myron Cloud. His honorary pallbearers are all his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his services.

Gerald's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Willie Jacobs



Willie Jacobs, age 60, of Brainerd, Minnesota passed away in his residence October 17, 2016. He was born June 29, 1956 in Cass Lake, Minnesota the son of George and Louella. Willie married Donna Heinonen in 1986. Willie and Donna loved each other through the good times and bad, Willie is in the arms of the Lord wearing wings of gold. As our hearts break with hurt and pain we are comforted that he is at peace. His family meant the world to him,

and they and his friends will miss his loving touch.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Jacobs, and his three children: Jessica Jacobs-Gordon, Corrina Jacobs, and Kyle (Angela) Jacobs. 14 grandchildren: Emily, Kyle, AbbyGayle, Isabella, Gabriella, Sophia, Allen, Ethan, Peyton, Madison, Lyman, Will, Laverne, and Morgan.

Willie will forever soar with friends in heaven until we see him again, he will forever be missed.

Funeral Services were scheduled for 2:00 PM Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Jones-Pearson Funeral Home in Park Rapids, MN. Visitation was held for two hours prior to the service, beginning at 12 noon. A light lunch followed the service. Interment was at the Linnell Cemetery near Ponsford, MN.

To leave online condolences or to view the video tribute please visit [www.jonespearson.com](http://www.jonespearson.com)

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE ENROLLED MEMBERS

KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS/NAME CHANGE  
UPDATED IN ACCOUNTING!

It is the enrollee's responsibility to keep his/her mailing address updated.  
**Accounting will not accept address updates over the telephone.**

To update your address and name changes, complete the following forms, which can be found at [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org). Click on Admin. Then click on Enrollment.

1. **Form W-9 (complete this form for name change)**
2. **Enrollee Address / Update Request**

Fill out the forms legibly. You can either email, fax or mail the forms to accounting.

**Email:** [llboap@llbo.org](mailto:llboap@llbo.org)  
**Mailing Address:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
Accounts Payable  
P O Box 60, Cass Lake, MN 56633  
**Fax Number:** 218-335-3781

Just a reminder, if you had a difficult time locating your Rebate Check the previous years please fill out the forms listed above and send them to Accounting. For instance, most of the hassle in locating the check was the last name of the individual or the mailing address. If one of these two things changed in the last year make sure you complete the forms listed above.

If you move, remember to file a forwarding address with your Post Office. The U.S. Post Office maintains forwarding address information on file for one year.

More Information on the Rebate Checks and Distribution sites will be posted in all LLBO buildings.

## Food Distribution Eligibility

### WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

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

### Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,110
2	\$1,445
3	\$1,780
4	\$2,126
5	\$2,489

**Each additional member add \$335**

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- A. Address- must verify residency.
- B. Income- most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- C. Social Security Number(s)
- D. Tribal identification (if applicable)
- E. Legal land description of residence (if not tribal member)

**Deductions: \*\*Must have proof that payment has been made.**

\*\*Dependent care deduction are allowed for actual costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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

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

\*\*Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense paid in excess of \$35.

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

A 20% deduction from gross monthly income is given for all households with earned income.

Home care meal related deduction for households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m – 4:30p.m.

**Distribution hours: Mon-Thurs  
9–11am & 12:30 – 2pm**

No distribution on Friday's & last 2  
days of the month (Inventory)

Phone: (218)-335-2676 Toll Free 1-866-330-2576

Fax: 218-335-2152

All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

16126 John Moose Drive NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
(218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

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

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

### FAMILY DIVISION

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

**Rozelle Wilson and Dean Jourdain**, Parents.

Court File No. CP-15-33

Date Filed: Aug. 24, 2016

**Nitamiwabigo N. Brown, Richard A. Schulman**, and  
**Darrell D. Jackson** (Deceased), Parents.

Court File No. CP-14-22

Date Filed: June 7, 2016

**Heather Gogleye and Ferris Jessepe**, Parents.

Court File No. CP-14-38

Date Filed: Oct. 7, 2016

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 6th, 2016, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** were filed with the 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.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

### CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: Estate of:

**Jami Jo-Ann Headbird**,

Decedent

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS**

Court File No. CV-16-111

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named decedent, Jami Jo-Ann Headbird, died 08/19/2016. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, Upper Level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 4th day of October, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Shari Headbird-Archambault; surviving mother of the decedent.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 4th, 2016, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Shari Headbird-Archambault, 6745 Blue Granite Lane NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jami Jo-Ann Headbird, 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 ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATED this 5th day of October 2016

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Guardianship of:

C.R.B. Jr., Minor Child, DOB: 04/20/2000

K.L., Minor Child, DOB: 04/19/2002

**Lawrence Day, Petitioner**, And  
**Christopher Braun Sr.**, Respondent,

CASE NO. FA-16-164

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 12th, 2016, a **Petition for Guardianship of a Minor** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. 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 25th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Dated: September 26, 2016

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Guardianship of:

**Brittany L White** (f.k.a. Littlewolf) and

**Jacob J White**, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-31 Date Filed: Sept. 27, 2016

**Gloria Headbird** and any man who claims  
to be **the father of G.L.J.**, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-23 Date Filed: July 11, 2016

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on (Date filed above) an **Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child 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 against you.

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Guardianship of:

S.K.W-T, DOB: 01/09/2015

Kristen B. Wise-Talamasy & Putative Father,  
Parents

CASE NO. FA-16-178

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 13th, 2016, a **Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. An Initial Hearing will commence on January 10th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, upper level, to address the issue of guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

DATED: October 18, 2016.

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In Re the Custody of:

H.M.S. Minor Child, DOB: 10/22/2014

**Caitlin M Schulman**, Petitioner, and

**Dallas W. Smith**, Respondent,

CASE NO. FA-16-93

### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 6th, 2016, a **Petition for Custody and Parenting Time** was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court immediately. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. Failure to contact the Court may result in a default judgement being entered against you, the respondent, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Dated: October 20, 2016



## Foster Homes Needed

on the Leech Lake Reservation

Leech Lake Foster Care is in need of loving foster homes within our reservation's boundaries. Please consider opening your hearts and your homes to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Residence on/near Leech Lake Reservation,  
Member of Federally Recognized Tribe App.,  
Home Safety Assessment, Physical Exam,  
Background Check, & Clean UA's



### PLEASE APPLY AT:

L.L. Child Welfare Foster Care  
6035 161st St. NW,  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
Main Office: 218-335-8270

### TYPES OF FOSTER HOMES NEEDED:

\*\*Regular \*\*Relative \*Emergency  
\*\*Therapeutic \*\*Medically Fragile \*\*Respite



## Contact the DRM Air Quality Program

if you answer YES to the following:



- Do you burn wood to heat your home?
- Is your wood stove old?
- Does it burn a lot of wood?
- Would you be interested in upgrading stoves?

There is an upcoming cost share program to assist with potential wood stove change outs. We want to get the word out to Tribal Members and be apart of this upgrade opportunity.

Contact the DRM Air Quality Program at 218-335-7429 [air@lldrm.org](mailto:air@lldrm.org) to get more information. We are looking for both immediate and future projects.

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: Estate of:  
**Frieda N. Fairbanks,**  
Decedent

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS  
Court File No. CV-16-99**

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named decedent, Frieda N. Fairbanks, died 04/18/2016. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, Upper Level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 9th day of September, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate, Determination of heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sharon Kotla, surviving daughter of the decedent.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 9, 2016, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Sharon Kotla, 10991 Brown Eagle Trail NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Frieda N. Fairbanks, 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 ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2016,

/s/ Amanda Richardson - Court Clerk  
Leech Lake Tribal Court

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

### SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

[www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org) | drop off or mail documents to:

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

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 7th, 2016

- Driver Operator (2) ~ Tribal Roads ~ \$16.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-143
- Workforce Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-142
- Grounds Crew Driver ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-141
- Rover Driver ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-140
- Administrative Assistant ~ DPW/Facility Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-139
- Custodial ~ Human Services/OTP ~ \$12.50/hr ~ Job Code: 16-138 BCA REQUIRED

Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-137

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCTOBER 14TH, 2016

Registered Nurse ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-125B

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Internal Audit Director ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-133
- Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-131
- Carpenter (2) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-122B
- Child Welfare Attorney ~ Legal/Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-115
- Cook – Sugar Point ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-111
- Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. Job Code: 16-101
- Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-098
- Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-097
- Data Entry – Emergency Medical Responder ~ Health ~ \$11.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-096
- Training Officer – AEMT ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-095
- Part-Time EMT Attendant (7) ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-137B
- Cook - Cass Lake ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-087D
- Mental Health Therapist ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-171
- Engine Boss ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-043B
- AOB Infant/Toddler Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ 16-032B
- Ball Club Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$10.25 hr ~ Job Code: 16-026B
- Program Accountant (3) ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120C
- Child Protection Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-018B
- Full-Time LPN (2) ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097
- Cass Lake Special Needs Teacher Assistant (4) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-054
- Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081
- Part-Time Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates (3) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-028

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

- Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-000
- Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-001

## Whereabouts Unknown Account Information

(Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribe)

These Tribal Members/Descendants maintain ownership in trust land or have money on deposit at the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. We would like to locate these Tribal Members/Descendants and get them to update their Individual Indian Money (IIM) account with a current address and telephone number. If your name appears on the list: Please call the Office of Special Trustees (218) 751-4338 to update your account.

AITKEN JASON L	BURSEY JUDITH M	GALE MITCHELL S	JOHNSON RICHARD R
AITKEN JASON LEE	BUTCHER KYLE JOHN	GALE STUART B	JOHNSON RODNEY W
AITKIN MICHAEL D	BUTCHER NAOMI M	GARBOW LEON J	JOHNSON RONALD
ALEXANDER LORETTA	BZDOK RICHARD A	GARCIA KIMBERLY L	JOHNSON ROXANNE
ALLEN ERIC P	CAMPBELL DONALD	GELUK ANNA	JOHNSON WAYNE A
ANDERSON JOSEPH J	CAMPBELL GLENN M	GOGGLEYE BYRON E	JOHNSON WENDY
ANDERSON MARJORIE M	CAMPBELL HALEY M	GOGGLEYE CRYSTAL R	JOHNSON JAMES ROSE A
ANDERSON SUSAN	CAMPBELL MILTON H	GOGGLEYE LILY J	JOHNSON-JENKINS ANNA
ANOKA RHONDA MARIE	CAMPBELL, JR. CHARLIE	GOGGLEYE ROBERT L	JOHNSTON BARBARA
APPLEBEE DAMON H	CAPPS GERALDINE	GOMEZ-CALA SHIRLEY	JONES CHRISTOPHER M
ARNDT MICHAEL F	CASTILLO ANDRES A	GONZALEZ LEANNE	JONES DAVID D
ATKINSON APRIL J	CHARWOOD MATHEW J	GOODWIN LARRY ARLEN	JONES DAWN MARIE
AXDAHL MARY HELEN	CHASE DEBORAH	GOOSE DAWN L	JONES FRANCES J
BACKUS EUGENE	CHASE EDWARD	GREENE ROBERT D	JONES GEOFFREY A
BAKER II JAMES S	CHASE GLADYS A	GREENE TIMOTHY M	JONES JOSEPH S
BANKS JAMES	CHASE JOSEPH	GROM SHIRLEY A	JONES MICHAEL D
BARKLEY EARL T	CHASE WALTER	HAAGENSTAD AGNES J	JONES SUE MARIE
BARKLEY MELISSA M	CLARK EDWARD	HALL JEAN CLAIRE	JONES-TANNER DALLAS J
BARNES-SMITH SHARON L	CLARK TOMI	HALL JR STANLEY E	JORDAN RAYMOND
BEAUDREAU DEBORAH	CLARKE PHYLLIS	HANSON CARMEN	KIRT-NYHOLM PATRICIA
BEAULIEU KEVIN J	CLOUD DOUGLAS S	HARDING PATRICIA	KLASEN JUNE M
BEBEAU ANTHONY L	CLOUD KARI A	HARDY LEOTA ANN	KNEIP AMANDA L
BEBEAU LEON J	CLOUD KENNETH M	HARPER JEFFERY W	KOENIG-ROY DAVID C
BEBEAU STEVEN M	CLOUD PHILLIP	HARPER LAURIE D	KOLP RICHARD D.
BEEBE SANDRA L I	CLOUD RONALD	HART CHRISTOPHER	KUCZABOSKI DOROTHY
BEKE LINDA M	CLOUD TINA M.	HASBARGEN LINDA R	KURTZ FLORENCE LYONS
BELLANGER KENNETH	COLE AVA B I	HAWKINS DARLENE L	LADUKE AMOS IRVING
BENDORF DELAINE	CONNORS CELINA M	HAWKINS GEORGE T	LAGOU JR BRIAN K
BENJAMIN KARLA R	COTTER RICHARD J	HAYDEN JESSICA ANN	LAPRAIRIE ARLENE
BENOIT ERAINE	CUNNINGHAM RICHARD	HEADBIRD JORDON T	LAROSE FRANKLIN W
BERG ROBERTA J	CUTBANK SUZANNE	HEADBIRD LAURIE J	LATUALA JENNIFER L
BERGLOFF LISA	DAMANN BERNADINE	HEADBIRD LUCAS C	LAYMON SHIRLEY A
BERGLOFF LISA	DANDREA JOSEPHINE	HEADBIRD WILLIAM J	LEBLANC MARTIN C
BERTHELSEN JEROLYNN A	DARCY PATRICIA A I	HECHAVARRIA IRTENSE	LEWIS CONNIE K
BEVINS DENISE M	DAUPHINAIS EDWIN F	HEIS JOEL E	LEWIS GEORGI A
BIGELOW PATTY A	DAVIS GARY	HENSHAW BARBARA	LEWIS LANCE V
BIXBY TRACY M	DAVIS SAGE M	HERNANDEZ JEREMY D	LIGHTFEATHER-JOHNSON
BJERK SHERRI A	DEWITT DEWAYNE	HESS ALICE MARGARET	CRYSTAL S
BLOOD TERRI L	DICK JULIE C	HESS SHIRLEY ANNE	LINDLEY LARRY D
BONGA-JAMES TIMOTHY L	DONKIN JAMES H	HILL RAINEE	LITTLEWOLF DELLA
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Leech Lake Honor Guard performed ceremony  
From Bena, MN / Died in Chicago, IL  
Leech Lake Tribal Member  
Served one tour in the Vietnam War  
Age 47 at time of death

Mr. Ted Bogda applied for plaque in 1994 and received it in 2016.

We are hoping to get in contact with any family members or friends that attended the funeral or anyone that could tell us where he is buried in the cemetery so that he can receive his burial plaque.

Please contact the Debahjimon at 218-335-8225 or debahjimon@llojibwe.org if you can provide any information or possible leads.

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**I want to thank the voters of MN House District 5A for the support given to me over the past 8 years.**

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