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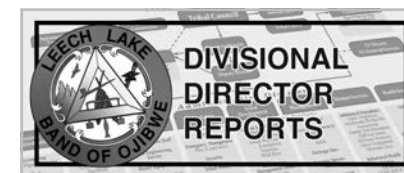
LLBO Holds Grand Opening Ceremony and Quarterly Meeting at New Twin Cities Office



Pictured Left to Right: Laurel Jackson, Chairman Faron Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer Archie LaRose, TCO Director Frances Butler, District III Representative Leroy Staples Fairbanks, Executive Director Robert Budreau and District II Representative Steve White.



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By **Kayla Duos**

Minneapolis – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their regular Quarterly Meeting on Friday, October 11, 2019, at the new location of the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office.

The Band purchased the new office space for \$2.9 million earlier this year. Renovations were completed this month leading up to the grand opening of the new location on Friday. Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, who was present in Minneapolis for the official opening, said owning a building in Minneapolis is a huge step for the tribe.

“This is a historic day for our Urban Band Members, Twin Cities Office staff and our Tribe as a whole,” said Jackson. “Chi-Miigwech to all the staff who worked tirelessly to make

this happen. The move from long-term renter to property owner will greatly benefit us all.”

The address for the new LL Twin Cities Office is 2438 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406. Offices are located on the second floor.

Following a dedication of the building, Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks for the quarterly meeting followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. The report features financial data from both government and gaming operations.

A number of resolutions concerning enrollment were passed at the meeting.

These resolutions included new enrollments, ineligible enrollments, and transfers to and from the band. New employees hired in the past quarter were also introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

Last on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months, as well as time dedicated for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band.

The Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in January. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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MPR HOSTS NATIVE ENTREPRENEURS PANEL IN BEMIDJI

By Kayla Duoos

Bemidji – Indigenous people have always been entrepreneurs.

Reminding the greater community of this were four Indigenous business owners, Thursday September 26 at the Northwest Indian Community Development Center.

The four featured entrepreneurs shared their knowledge on the Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) hosted panel "Conversations on the Creative Economy, Entrepreneurship and Identity: Building a Native Owned Business." The running theme of the night was growth within small communities, and focusing on opportunity, not disparities or deficits.

The entrepreneurs who spoke were: Madonna Peltier Yawakie, President and co-founder of Turtle Island Communications, Inc. (TICOM), Michael Laverdure,

Principal, Architect, Director of First American Design Studio, DSGW Architects, Sarah Agaton Howes, Anishinaabe artist, teacher, designer, and community organizer, and Leech Lake Band member Veronica Veaux, Co-owner of DomiNative Development and Assistant Professor in the Business Administration at Bemidji State University.

The event was hosted by MPR's Chris Farrell who is the senior economics contributor at Marketplace, American Public Media's nationally syndicated public radio business and economic programs. Farrell led the four entrepreneurs on a 50 minute discussion surrounding their journey into becoming business owners and community leaders.

Veronica Veaux took time before the panel to discuss both her business and cultural identity in a

western world. Veaux runs a non-profit alongside a graduate classmate called "DomiNative Development." Veaux's business hosts multi-sport competitions throughout the country for adults and children who are three sport athletes. Veaux said being asked to speak at the event was an honor, and helping inspire new entrepreneurs is a passion.

"In the 1970's and 1980's, most of the business schools you went to they talked about the only social responsibility of business is to earn a profit. That methodology coined by Milton Friedman as we can see, that has caused a huge devastating impact on our economy and environment. Sustainability, was not at the forefront of decisions," said Veaux.

"Whereas today, when you look at the Indigenous mindset in business, we're looking at long-term

stability. How can we not only support our community, but also our environment How can we make decisions that will be good decisions for seventh generations into the future, seven generations in the past, and our present generation."

According to the Small Business Administration, Veaux's business is one of many new native businesses that have sprung up within the past few years. According to a report done by the Small Business Administration, Native owned businesses grew by 15 percent from 2007 to 2012. Indigenous businesses in Minnesota are some of the most diverse, ranging from telecommunications to architecture to athletics.

The full program can be found archived online on the MPR website
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/10/02/native-american-entrepreneurship>

Walz, Flanagan Launch Task Force to End Violence Against Indigenous Women

St. Paul – Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan launched the first meeting of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force with a ceremonial bill signing that brought together advocates, tribal representatives, law enforcement, and elected officials in their commitment to end violence against Indigenous women. The establishment of the MMIW Task Force was included in the 2019 Omnibus Public Safety and Judiciary budget bill (S.F. 8).

The MMIW Task Force, established with bipartisan support, draws attention to the disproportionate rates of murder and violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls, as well as the lack of attention these cases garner from media and law enforcement. Of the nearly 6,000 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls reported in 2016, only 116 were logged in the Department of Justice's database.

"Native women and girls are subject

to violent crime at alarmingly high rates, and we're taking action to end this disproportionate epidemic," said Governor Walz. "That's why we established a task force to examine the root causes of this violence, collect better data, and provide support to Native families who are caught up in this nightmare."

"This task force will rely on the experiences of survivors and families as it works towards identifying effective strategies grounded in community," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "We are witnessing increased awareness around this issue across Minnesota and the country, due to the courage and resilience of Native women who are telling their stories and those of the women we have lost but not forgotten. This task force is long overdue."

"We measure what we care about and it's time we start collecting accurate and consistent data on Indigenous women who have been abused and gone missing," Department of Public Safety

Commissioner John Harrington said. "This task force will help us ask the right questions and provide recommendations to reduce and hopefully end violence against Indigenous women and girls."

The MMIW Task Force consists of 27 members. The primary duties of the Task Force are: to advise the Commissioner of Public Safety; to serve as a liaison between the Commissioner of Public Safety, agencies, and organizations that provide legal, social, or other community services; and to report recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce and end violence against Indigenous women and girls in Minnesota. The law requires them to provide this report by December 15, 2020.

Task Force Member representing Leech Lake:

- Brian Pottratz
- Human Trafficking Investigator
 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Leech Lake Homeless Shelter Nearing Completion

Submitted by LLBO Human Services

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Homeless Shelter is set to open this November.

The shelter was first approved by the Leech Lake Tribal Council in Spring 2019 and Hawk Construction broke ground in April of that year. Planning for the project was led by a team comprised of employees from Leech Lake Human Services, Tribal Development, Purchasing, Accounting, and the Construction Manager and Assistant, as well as staff from Hawk Construction.

The shelter has a capacity of 56; a 10 bed men's dormitory, a 10 bed women's dormitory, and 6 family units capable of housing up to 6 family members each. In addition,

there are three separate living areas for men, women, and families.

There will be a computer room for adults to apply for jobs, search for housing, as well as a large dining area with a commercial kitchen and two laundry rooms. There is also a reception/intake office, a nurse's room, and five individual offices.

The Shelter will be staffed 24/7 by Shelter Technicians. There will also be a House Manager, two Case Managers, a nurse, and two kitchen staff. For information regarding employment at the shelter please visit the Leech Lake website (www.llojibwe.org).

The shelter will be more than a bed and a roof. The vision is to provide various services to individuals and families to help them secure stable housing, such as; case management, service referrals, integration with Health and Human Services, assistance with job searches, etc. These services will be key in helping families overcome their barriers to stable housing.

For more information, please contact the Leech Lake Human Services Office (218) 335-8273.

Leech Lake and White Earth Councils Meet With MN DHS Over Alleged Overpayments

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – "When people hear this story, all they believe is that we stole from the state, when in reality all we did was follow the state's guidance."

Leech Lake Government Relations Attorney, Lenny Fineday had strong words for Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS), Wednesday September 23 in a joint meeting between Leech Lake Tribal Council, White Earth Tribal Council and DHS officials.

The two Tribes presented a united front as discussion continued how to resolve the 29 million dollars in overpayments alleged by DHS in early August. The alleged over-

payments to the tribes are the result of billing practices for "take-home" substance abuse treatments, over the course of nearly five years.

Both tribes have denied fault in the matter, producing documentation showing they followed guidance from DHS and even questioned billing amounts and totals in emails, before being reassured by MN DHS. The Leech Lake Band also underwent an audit by the department in 2016, and no overpayment issues were discovered during that time.

The alleged overpayments are only a portion of the struggles MN DHS has faced moving into 2019. DHS's series of troubles began with a number of unexpected resignations

by its former commissioner, Tony Lourey, and other top level staff. This was followed by the overpayment allegations against both Tribes and a series of other healthcare providers in the state. The alleged overpayments to the tribe and mis-payment to health providers adding up to a total of \$77 million dollars that the department will be held accountable for, if financial estimates continue to hold.

DHS is currently holding the Tribes responsible to pay back approximately \$29 million in overpayments, despite the aforementioned documentation from both tribes. DHS however, has openly stated they will not seek repayment of the additional \$48 million from

the other chemical dependency providers because "the billing error was made by the department" through the use of federal dollars as opposed to state.

DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead, Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson and White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks issued the following joint statement:

"DHS and Tribal leaders are well aware of the magnitude of potential overpayments to tribal MAT programs. The figures that were released today are disappointing but we are all aware that new figures would be revealed. We are committed to working collaboratively to reconcile state and tribal

records, determine a final amount, and develop a plan for resolution. In addition, we look forward to the OLA's review so we fully understand what happened and can take preventive measures to address any overall systemic issues."

Both Leech Lake Band and White Earth are looking for solutions to the issue, and hope that MN DHS will follow suit.

You can read the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's official statement regarding the overpayments here:

<https://www.leechlakenews.com/2019/08/01/media-release-llbo-dhs-overpayment/>

On This Day in History: The Battle of Sugar Point

By Kayla Duoos

On the early Wednesday morning of October 5th, 1898 a handful of young Pillager men held off approximately 100 U.S. soldiers on the shores of Sugar Point. The firefight resulted in seven dead and ten wounded with no casualties reported on the Ojibwe side. The soldiers were eventually forced to retreat back to Walker, MN. This event has come to be recognized as the last military conflict between the U.S. and American Indians.

As with many conflicts, the tensions that led to the Battle of Sugar Point were varied. Lumber companies routinely swindled the Ojibwe people out of large amounts of money through unscrupulous practices.

One of the most cited complaints among the Ojibwe at that time was a “dead and burnt wood” clause which allowed the lumber barons to purchase timber at a greatly reduced rate if it was in such condition. They would often start forest fires and then quickly harvest both semi-burnt and green wood and claim it all as “dead”, reaping massive profits at the expense of the Ojibwe.

In addition to practices such as these, timber was routinely appraised at a severely lower rate on the Reservations in Minnesota than it would have been elsewhere. Money received for the timber, which was intended to sustain the Ojibwe people was mishandled, misappropriated and frequently spent frivolously by Indian Agents on behalf of the Ojibwe. When the payments would come, they were notoriously late, much to the ire of the Pillagers and other bands at that time.

Mistreatment and injustices at the hands of U.S. Marshals and other agents also played a large role. Kickback schemes abounded between these federal agents and local hotel and railroad men, who were paid by the U.S. Government each time a witness or defendant was brought before the court in Duluth. Ojibwe were routinely rounded up and brought to Duluth on false charges to line the pockets of those involved in the scam.

Delayed payments and consistent arrests in weak, unsubstantiated bootlegging cases eventually led the leaders of the Pillager tribe to send a letter to the U.S. Government asking them to look into the on-going injustices the tribe was facing.

The letter went unacknowledged by the U.S. Government, further perpetuating the poor relationship between the tribe and U.S. officials.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (Hole-In-The-Day) was an elder Pillager man and one of the many Ojibwe who had first-hand experience of the downfalls within the U.S. justice system. In April 1898, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was arrested by a U.S. Marshal on bootlegging charges and brought to Duluth for court.

Once arraigned and let go due to insufficient evidence, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was left to make the 135 mile journey home on his own accord. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig hitched rides on multiple trains, only making it so far in the journey before being repeatedly thrown off for not having a ticket. Leading him to eventually walk the last 40 miles home in his moccasins, wearing them down to his bare feet. It was at that moment he swore he would never allow himself to be arrested ever again, lest he may perish on his next forced journey home. He kept true to this word and never again sat before the U.S. Judicial system.

When Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was called on to stand in Duluth as a witness for another bootlegging

We, the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Pillager band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, respectfully represent that our people are carrying a heavy burden, and in order that they may not be crushed by it, we humbly petition you to send a commission, to investigate the existing troubles here.

The Chippewa Indians of Minnesota have always been loyal to the United States and friendly to the whites, and they desire this friendship to be perpetual.

We now have only the pine lands of our reservations for our future subsistence and support, but the manner in which we are being defrauded out of these has alarmed us.

We trust that you will protect us when the truth reaches you.”



“Old Bug” Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

case a few months later, he ignored the U.S. Marshals warrant for his appearance. He was then detained along with Sha-Boon-Day-Shkong, another Pillager man when they went to collect their annuity payments in Onigum. Recognizing the stakes at hand at the possibility of another trip to Duluth, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig called out for help.

The other Ojibwe in Onigum, hearing the pleas of one of their elders, surrounded, and gently, yet forcefully secured his release.

The army officials who were in charge of the arrest of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig that day, went forward to tell a tale of how they were surrounded by over 200 warriors and

attacked, when in reality it was a small group of Pillager band members. Reportedly, less than 20 people, mostly women, aided in Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shigs escape.

Once the U.S. Army received word of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shigs escape, they put out wanted notices for those reported to have been involved in his escape. To be certain those men were caught, they sent down an additional 77 soldiers from Fort Snelling.

The 80 soldiers began their quest that fateful morning and arrived on the shores of Sugar Point that afternoon. After failing to find Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, the army set up base camp.

How the battle began has often been disputed throughout the years. The Pillager have held that the soldiers began firing on a canoe containing two women and a child as it rounded the corner of Sugar Point. The military claims that a rifle was accidentally discharged towards the Ojibwe side. Regardless, an intense firefight between the two sides erupted. The Pillager people went into that day not wanting battle but were prepared if it came.

The battle continued into the night and no harm came to any of the Ojibwe people outside of Indian Officer Gay-Gway-Day-Be-Tung (George Russell), who was allegedly shot by mistake, by a soldier who assumed he was fighting alongside the Pillagers. The 3rd U.S. Infantry saw six casualties and ten wounded that night.

On the morning of October 7, 1898, the soldiers retreated from Sugar Point, battered, hungry and cold. Once back to safety in Walker, the commanding officer, General Bacon, would be quoted in newspapers as saying that he “scattered” and “whipped the indians good”, a poor attempt at saving face.

Once word of the battle spread, hysteria ran rampant in the surrounding areas that an “Indian Uprising” was coming. Additional troops were sent to the area, and outcries to the US Government for assistance and protection were

pouring in from the non-native people in Minnesota. Memories of Custer’s defeat at Little Big Horn, just 22 years prior in 1876, led the newspapers of the day to run wild with unsubstantiated headlines.

The townspeople of Walker surrounded themselves with a 24-hour rotating shift of armed guards.. In Bemidji, all of the women were herded into a courthouse as 200 armed “militiamen” stood guard outside. It took a few weeks for the buzz to die down, though the relationships between the Ojibwe and their neighbors were never fully repaired.

With all of the nation’s attention turned towards Leech Lake, the U.S. Government was forced to hear the grievances put forth by the Ojibwe people. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, William A. Jones, was soon dispatched to the area. After an extensive number of meetings with the tribal elders, an agreement was reached. Several Pillagers turned themselves in for warrants related to Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig’s escape, although Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig himself upheld his pledge to never return to U.S. Court or jail. Most of those who turned themselves in served between two to six months, and everyone involved received a full pardon from President McKinley a short time after.

Further investigations revealed the damage that had been done to the Ojibwe at the hands of the logging companies, as well as during the first arrest of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig and those who aided in his escape. Reforms in the management of timber on the Leech Lake Reservation eventually led to the establishment of the Chippewa National Forest.

None of the Pillager Ogichidaa who engaged in battle at Sugar Point ever were tried or received punishment for their involvement. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig went on to live another 18 years in the area before passing peacefully. The U.S. Army never returned to the shores of Sugar Point on Leech Lake, the site of their final battle and defeat in the period now known as the “Indian Wars”. ■



Wisdom Steps Inaugural Health Fair

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – The inaugural Wisdom Steps Health Fair took place Thursday, October 3 at the Cedar Lakes event center.

The event which is described as a one-stop shop for health programs ran from 10am-2pm and featured over 20 booths. The event had multiple checkpoints for health screenings and treatments.

The event was the brainchild of the bands health department and the elders Wisdom Steps program. The two organizations saw the event as a perfect way to get the community together, and talk about taking care of yourself. A commonality among elders that is too often overlooked.

The Wisdom Steps program for Tribal Elders 55 and over aims to combat this. The program encourages members to take simple steps toward better health, as well as participate in community activities. Activities such as participating in health screenings, attending a health education class, or enjoying a healthy living activity.

The Wisdom Steps program which began in Minnesota in 1999, is a partner of all Minnesota tribes. The Leech

Lake Wisdom steps program is spearheaded by three community members from each of the three districts. Elaine Regguinti represents D1, Ruth White Represents D2, and Carol Jenkins represents D3.

Jenkins who was present at the event encourages elders to join the program and stay on top of their health care.

“It’s kind of hard for some people to take care of themselves in the way they need to but this program makes it easier, and is so important,” said Jenkins.

A meal was provided at the event, and attendees were eligible to win door prizes, including a flat screen tv donated by the Leech Lake Tribal Council.

Elders can get involved with Wisdom Steps by contacting their program district representative.

Wisdoms Steps Health Representatives
 Elaine Regguinti D1: 612-357-1199
 Ruth White D2: 218-654-3545
 Carol Jenkins D3: 218-308-3256

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Bug O Nay Ge Shig 11th graders were invited to Fort Ripley to help with planting native grasses such as sweet grass and sage. While there they also met with an Army Recruiter, picked sage, and participated in a drum demonstration.



On Friday afternoon September 27, Bug O Nay Ge Shig School hosted their Fall Feast and Pow Wow for the school community. Over 100 guests enjoyed a feast of manoomin (wild rice) and oгаа (walleye). After the feast, guests, students and staff took part in the Fall Pow Wow.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig Homecoming Week included a Pep fest with Dodgeball, Musical Chairs, Pie Face and more. Hunter Jackson, a senior, was the MC. The Lady Eagles Volleyball Team faced Red Lake after school in a closely matched game with Red Lake winning in 4 matches. ▶



Photo: Bug O Nay Ge Shig defeated Fond du Lac Ojibwe School last week by taking 3 games out of 5. JV also scored a win with 2 games out of three.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Lady Silver Eagles are learning so much this year, these players continue to amaze us! They play from the heart and have worked very hard to get where they are today. We will continue to try our best and hope you all come out to see us play!

Linda Belgarde, Head Coach Bug O Nay Ge Shig Volleyball
Hailey White, Assistant Coach Bug O Nay Ge Shig Volleyball



Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School's Seasonal Activities class has been busy processing wild rice through the age old process of parching, jigging and winnowing. They also have made rice knockers and gone out to pick swamp tea.



A group of Bug O Nay Ge Shig students completed their study of the Battle of Sugar Point with a field trip to the battle site on Monday commemorating the battle which took place in October 1898. The battle is known in American history as the last battle between the U.S. Army and an Indian band.

Al Franken Pays Visit to Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Library



Photo and article by Kayla Duoos.

Former U.S. Senator Al Franken and Librarian Laurie Villwock looking through a number of the books donated to the school's library thanks to Franken and his numerous followers.

Bena – “Things have definitely changed” said Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Library Media Specialist Laurie Villwock, Saturday October 12.

Villwock was standing in the newly furnished library at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school. The library which was built in the summer of 2018, had been mostly empty up until former Senator Al Franken stepped in earlier of this year.

Franken made an online plea to his 900,000+ social media followers to lend a hand by donating to the libraries GoFundMe page created by Villwock, and purchasing books from the schools Amazon wishlist.

The library received \$83,000 dollars and over 5000 books. With donated funds the school was able to fully furnish the library, provide new reading material for classrooms, and

buy shelving units. Villwock said donations still continue to come to school on a weekly basis in various forms—from artwork collections, school supplies, all the way to furniture.

Franken himself, stopped by the library to see the donations his public support had garnered.

“It’s been a really nice experience for me today, to see this,” said Franken, following an issued public thank you to donors.

Franken received thank you cards from students and a few gifts on behalf of the school during his visit.

If you’d like to make a donation to the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school, you can send a check written to the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school library or contact Librarian Laurie Villwock.

HALLOWEEN FOOD SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



Submitted by Birdie Lyons

Even though it’s not an official holiday, Halloween is much beloved by children and adults alike. What could be more fun than trick-or-treating, apple bobbing, or costume parties?

To make sure treats are safe for children, follow these simple steps:

- **Snacking:** Children shouldn’t snack on treats from their goody bags while they’re out trick-or-treating. Give them a light meal or snack before they head out – don’t send them out on an empty stomach. Urge them to wait until they get home and let you inspect their loot before they eat any of it.
- **Safe treats:** Tell children not to accept – and especially not to eat – anything that isn’t commercially wrapped. Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.
- **Food Allergies:** If your child has a food allergy, check the label to ensure the allergen isn’t present. Do not allow the child to eat any home-baked goods he or she may have received.
- **Choking hazards:** If you have very young

- children, be sure to remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys.
- Bobbing for apples is an all-time favorite Halloween game. Here are a couple of ways to say “boo” to bacteria that can cause foodborne illness.
- Reduce the number of bacteria that might be present on apples and other raw fruits and vegetables by thoroughly rinsing them under cool running water. As an added precaution, use a produce brush to remove surface dirt.
- Try this new spin on apple bobbing from FightBAC.org: Cut out lots of apples from red construction paper. On each apple, write activities for kids, such as “do 5 jumping jacks.” Place a paper clip on each apple and put them in a large basket. Tie a magnet to a string. Let the children take turns “bobbing” with their magnet and doing the activity written on their apple. Give children a fresh apple for participating.
- If your idea of Halloween fun is a party at home, don’t forget these tips:
- Beware of spooky cider! Unpasteurized juice or cider can contain harmful bacteria such as Salmonella. To stay safe, always serve pasteurized products at your parties.
- No matter how tempting, don’t taste raw cookie dough or cake batter that contain uncooked eggs.
- “Scare” bacteria away by keeping all perishable foods chilled until serving time. These include finger sandwiches, cheese platters, fruit or tossed salads, cold pasta dishes with meat, poultry, or seafood, and cream pies or cakes with whipped-cream and cream-cheese frostings.
- Bacteria will creep up on you if you let foods sit out too long. Don’t leave perishable goodies out of the fridge for more than two hours (1 hour in temperatures above 90°F).

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Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

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Our new Cedar Lakes Casino is open and bustling with renewed activity. The Cass Lake area businesses surrounding the new Casino all appear to be just as busy with the renewed traffic to the area. We have also expanded the Leech Lake Transit Program which allows for use of federal and state grants for transporting all employees to their worksites as well as providing better public transportation. Our Tribal Development Division and Leech Lake Financial Services has been holding home ownership informational meetings to assist residents with financing opportunities amongst many other economic development ideas and plans.

We passed the FY 2020 budget with a slight surplus which allows this administration some breathing room as we continue to prioritize the many programs and activities that we operate while keeping aligned with the Band's mission statements to provide responsible operation of government. We will be starting our FY 2021 budget process in November and we will need your input. During the months of January and February we will hold public hearings in each district on the content of the budget. Your voice is needed on development of priorities and how to commit resources to those priorities.

Our Gaming and State tax and license revenue projections for FY 2020 can be viewed online at:

<https://www.leechlakenews.com/secretary-treasurer-financial-report/>

The above represents only the Gaming and State Tax/License revenues portion of the total budget and the portion subsidized to the programs. Many programs also receive other funding through grants from Federal, State and other grants and program fees revenues for an additional \$75 million for a total annual budget of \$100 million. Also, we used some

General Fund reserves from prior years for the large capital items such as the Education Endowment Fund equal to \$500,000 and Property Acquisitions equal to \$1,250,000.

The Band contributes to other entities operating budgets such as:

- Leech Lake Tribal College = \$500,000
- Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club = \$150,000 (Cass Lake)
- Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club = \$109,238 (Onigum)
- Cass Lake Fire Dept. = \$ 51,508
- S. Lake Fire Dept. = \$ 1,600
- Walker Fire Dept. = \$ 8,000
- Deer River Fire Dept. = \$ 7,200

A long term goal of this administration is to remain as stable financially through development of sound business practices and the adoption of adequate internal controls. Annual budgeting is the first step in this long term goal. We invite everyone to ask questions and make comments regarding this report and the following financial statement presentations and to attend our annual budget hearings.

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Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending June 2019

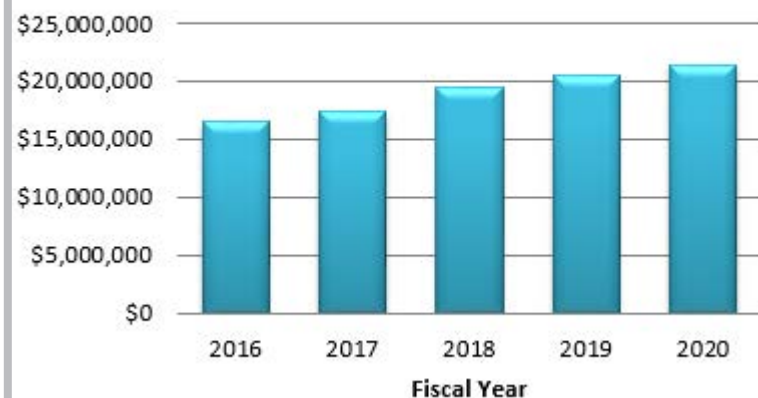
Revenue (See Graph marked Revenue)

Once again, revenue has continued an upward trend for Leech Lake Gaming. The first two months of fiscal year 2020 saw revenue totaling \$21.4 million. Compared to the previous fiscal year 2019, that is a \$943 thousand increase. The 5-year trend shows a revenue increase of \$4.8 million. In these two months, you see the closure of the Palace on July 22nd and opening of Cedar Lakes on August 1, approximately a week and half of no revenue from one site.

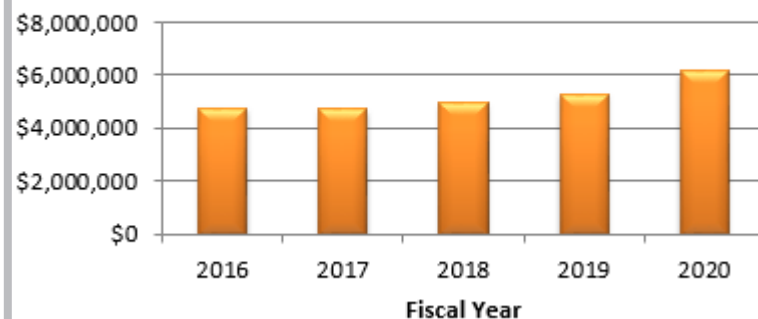
Expenses

Comparatively to last fiscal year, operating expenses have had a slight increase of \$94 thousand.

Revenue 5-Year Comparison YTD Ending 8/31



Net Profit 5-Year Comparison YTD Ending 8/31



This quarter was very busy with the new Twin Cities Office building acquisition, meetings, and the Constitutional Convention Committee. The Wild Rice season ended with a good harvest that will supply us with delicious Manoomin for the coming year. The pow-wow season was one of our best yet, along with the many other events and happenings that represent the values and commitment of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

As we end our first quarter of the fiscal year, our financial health remains strong. We have had some obstacles such as an issue with billing the State of Minnesota for services in our Opioid Treatment Program. We are working with the State in an effort to resolve the issue as expeditiously as possible. The issue has not affected current operations and we continues to serve our people at the Opioid Treatment Program.

Payroll expenses and Cost of Goods Sold saw increase, while Operating Expenses saw a decrease. Total expenses through August 2019 was \$15.2 million. Cost of Sales were \$4.2 million, Payroll expenses were \$6.7 million and Operating Expenses were \$4.3 million.

Net Profit (See Graph marked Net Profit)

Net profit also saw an increase these two months of the fiscal year. Total net profit equaled \$6.1 million, compared to last year of \$5.2 million that is an \$849 thousand increase. Similarly, if you are looking

at the 5-year trend, that is an increase of approximately \$1.4 million.

Forecast

From revenue to expense to net profit, all areas saw increases. Even with the closure of the Palace, where we didn't see revenue from one casino for about 10 days, we have seen increases in revenue and profit. Cedar Lakes has been doing well in bringing in additional revenue and profit for Leech Lake Gaming, with hopes that will continue to trend upward for profit.

Divisional Director Reports Summaries



Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. addressing LLBO employees and Band members to begin the TCO Grand Opening and Quarterly meeting.

Tribal Court

- 122 new cases were filed between July 1 and September 26.
- Tribal Court conducted 228 hearings during the reporting period.
- Judge Paul Day attended a University Minnesota Duluth ICWA collaborative meeting. Judge days attendance is part of a 5 year initiative to improve ICWA implementations.
- Tribal Court has an open house set for adolescence outpatient building, dates were not provided.
- 33 community youth attended the UNITY conference in Florida, July 2-July 11.
- The 7th Generation Youth (Substance Abuse) Summit was held Aug 21-23 at Northern Lights Casino. 75 youth participated in the 3 day event.

Housing

- Housing repaired 6 radon mitigation systems during the reporting period.
- Housing Inspected 30 radon systems during the reporting period.
- Department is involved with implementing new radon resistant construction into Leech Lake homes that are being developed in Prescott area.
- There were 211 units inspected during the reporting period.

Roads and Construction

- Construction on Mission Road NE has been completed.
- The Shingobee turn lane project is set to be complete at the end of September, 2019.
- Survey and staking is taking place on

Womack road, Flint road and Shingobee for needed construction.

- The Bena streets project has entered the planning/design phase.

Tribal Development

- The newly developed Homeless shelter in District 3 is set to open November, 2019.
- Tribal Development is coordinating with Census 2020 to assist with data collection for tribe.
- The capital improvement plan to address infrastructure needs, draft has been finished. The capital improvement plan will see to pre-determine development schedules and fast track infrastructure projects.
- The Tribal Veterans Memorial grounds opened June 6, 2019.
- Tribal Development is working with early childhood for expansion of childcare services.
- Initial planning is underway to determine the feasibility of converting old Palace Casino hotel into an in-patient treatment facility. This project is overseen by Human Services A&D unit.
- The 2nd opioid response summit is to be held December 2019.
- Tribal Development remains in the planning stages for a new 5 million health division building.
- The S. Lake elementary has been condemned and will be removed for land redevelopment.
- Tribal Development is assisting in the development of a reservation transportation plan alongside: Arrowhead Regional

Development Commission, Region 5 Commission, The Headwaters Regional Development Commission and as well as the state of MN through Regional Transportation Coordinating Council.

Public Safety

- Public Safety hired a crime victim advocate supervisor and an additional advocate for the Tribal Justice Center.
- The department also added an additional domestic violence investigator in collaboration with Women's Services.
- In the reporting period there were: 43 arrests made, 5 firearms seized, \$15,800 in narcotics seized, and \$3000 of cash seized.
- The Leech Lake Police Department was given a compliance award given by the state of MN for "peace officer standards and training board."

Resource Management

- The Department of Resource Management and Tribal Council met with the MN Department of Natural Resources assistant director to discuss the obtainment of land behind the Bena community center for band use.
- The DRM director has had a number of meetings with the Chippewa National Forest supervisor to discuss the band acquiring the Cut Foot Sioux ranger station, so the Inger community can build a c-store.
- The DRM director also met with the Corps of Engineer Colonel to set up future meetings regarding trust responsibilities surrounding bodies of water on tribal lands.
- The DRM department continues to work on the congressional bill to get back 11,700 acres of land from Chippewa National Forest which were acquired illegally.
- An MOU was signed with the Chippewa National Forest, Oct. 4 regarding future forest service management priorities. The tribe hopes to restore prior forest composition to back before destructive logging practices took place.
- 120,00 pounds of green wild rice were purchased from band members at \$3 a pound, which put \$300,000 dollars back into tribal member pockets.
- The DRM department has purchased wild rice furnishing equipment and a parcel of land. The department hopes to have a small wild rice processing plant running by next wild rice season.

Human Services

- 63 new employees have attended ori-

entation in the reporting period.

- 41 participants have attended training various training sessions in the reporting period.
- 21 total training sessions were held during the reporting period.
- The first draft of employee wellness policy has been created.
- The Leech lake Veterans program aided 234 veterans and 6 surviving spouses in obtaining the yearly veterans assistance of \$300.
- The Lyman Losh transitional home/Bena shelter had 8 success stories where residents found stable employment and/or housing.

Health Services

- The car seat program assisted 67 families, and distributed 82 car seats during the reporting period.
- Health advisories were submitted for blastomycosis and lung damage in young people due to vaping.
- The Second Annual Leech Lake Days Warrior Obstacle was held and had 42 participants.
- Four schools agreed to have Teen Outreach Programming (Deer River, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Bemidji Middle School, and Cass Lake ALC.) The program is only being held at Cass Lake ALC and Deer River due to lack of staffing.
- Patient benefit coordinators program have assisted with 74 community members with medical assistance and/or CAF applications during the reporting period.
- This past quarter, the food distribution program served 581 low income households. The program in total has 888 people being served.
- The old head start in Sugar Point is currently being renovated into a health clinic. The health clinic is set to open spring 2020.
- A healing walk will be held October 17 at the Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club.

Education

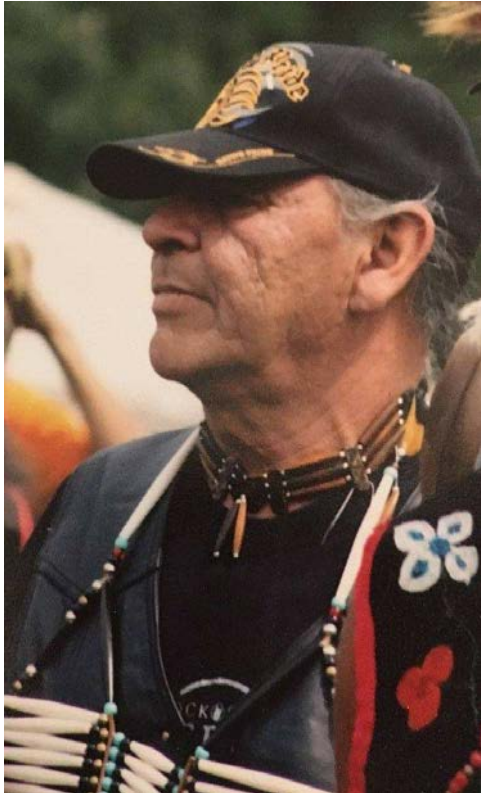
- The TERO program continues to grow. TERO participants have been involved in the tribal homeless shelter construction, the IHS expansion, and the ECD health clinic Bluewater building in Bemidji.
- Temporary employment currently has 40 daily workers.
- TERO offered 2 flagger training during the reporting period.
- Education developed the cohort calendar for 2019-2020 for Ojibwe language.



Obituaries



John Fineday



John Joseph Fineday, “Waagoshiings” which means “Little Fox”, age 69, of Sawyer, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth, MN. John was born on January 10, 1950 in Cass Lake, MN to Agnes Fineday and Robert Fox.

John lived most of his life in Pennington. He attended Northwest VoTech and received his small engine repair and auto mechanic certificate. John opened two auto repair shops, one in Cass Lake the other in Minneapolis after he moved there. He

enjoyed working on cars; he liked making them look sharp and fast, by putting the fastest motors in them. John always had his music playing and his love of dancing led him to become a traditional powwow dancer. He was a gambler, his favorite game was Keno, but most of all he loved to flirt and dance with all the ladies. John often bragged about his seven grandchildren to whoever would listen. He moved to Fond Du Lac, MN, where he married Nita Northrup and lived his last years.

Family that John joins again are his parents Agnes Fineday and Robert Fox; and sisters, Roberta Fox, Barbara Fineday, Peggy Fox and Patricia Jackson.

He is survived by his daughters, Jona Fineday, Lisa Shabaiash and Lori (Kevin) Northrup; sons, Edward LaFave and Codi Brown; sisters, Karyn (Donald) Wind; special niece, Marilyn (Colin Rushman) Wind; his former wife, Nita Fineday, seven grandchildren other relatives and many friends.

An overnight wake for John will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14 at the Sawyer Community Center in Sawyer, MN. John will then come home to Cass Lake, MN on Tuesday, where a two-night wake will begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday, October 17 all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building. Lawrence “Hank” Kingbird will be his Spiritual Advisor. Honorary family drum Giiwaydin. Pallbearers for John will be Codi Brown, Cole Rushman, Dion Fineday, Robert Fineday, Gordon Fineday, Ed LaFave, Dennis Staples, Jr., Rowan White, Alfred Desjarlait and Jordon Northrup. His honorary pallbearers are Donnie Headbird, Jess Headbird, Melvin Goodman, Brad Blacketter, Ernie Diver, Rick DeFoe and Butch Martineau and

all his other friends that we didn’t mention by name. Interment will be in the Fineday Family Cemetery following his Thursday service. Family requests no flowers, Miigwitch.

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

Rodney Allen



Rodney Dean Allen, “Aine Dah Gee Waub” of the Bear Clan, began his spiritual journey on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, with his family by his side. Rodney was born on November 28, 1953 in Cass Lake, MN the son of James and Vina (Bongo) Allen.

Rodney was a Veteran of the U.S. Army

National Guard. He was a devoted family man who enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren who were very special to him. He was their best friend and it showed when they would go to him for anything. Rodney had a great sense of humor, he enjoyed western movies, Native American history, an avid reader and was a fan of the MN Vikings and Twins. Rodney also loved his Ojibwe language. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and ricing. His career centered around his artistic talent in which his artwork was featured in Wisdom Steps, holiday greeting cards, post cards and paintings. Rodney will be missed by all his family and friends.

The family that Rodney joins are his father and mother, sons Rodney Allen, Jr. and Matthew Allen, brother Gary Allen and his significant other, Frances Sherer.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are: his children James Dean Allen, Sr. and Shanowa Allen; grandchildren James, Jr., Josh and Vina; brothers Jim Allen and Michael Allen; sisters Gloria (Tom) Dudley, Margaret (Rocky) Papasodora, Lila Robinson, Betsy (Ernest) Allen, Aileen (Brady) Allen and many nieces and nephews.

A wake for Rodney will begin at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2019, and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Monday, September 23, all held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate. Pallbearers for Rodney will be Romondo Papasodora, Andrew Robinson, Blaine Reichy, Jesse Papasodora, Gary Allen and Tyler Larsen. Alternate pallbearers will be Jarod Allen, Terry Robinson, Anthony Robinson and Michael Allen. Honorary pallbearers will be Rocky Papasodora, Tom Dudley, Marti Bobolink, all his siblings, nieces and nephews. Interment will be held in St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency following the lunch at the Vet’s Building.

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

DEBAHJIMON

Debahjimon can be found at the following locations:

District I

Ball Club Comm. Center
White Oak Casino
Cenex Station
Max Mart
Inger Comm. Center

Deer River School

District II

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School
Bena Community Center
Bena Store
Sugar Point Comm. Center
Kego Lake Comm. Center

District III

Cass Lake Rest Area

Che We Station
Leech Lake RTC
Tribal Justice Center
Facility Center
Dairy Queen
Cass Lake IHSe
Cass Lake Dental Clinic
Teals Grocery Store
Shell Station
Diabetes Clinic
Woman’s Halfway House

White Earth Office
Child Welfare Office
Financial Services
Woman’s Services
Opioid Clinic
Leech Lake DRM
MCT Headquarters
Cass Lake-Bena H.S.
Cedar Lakes Casino
Leech Lake Gaming
Junction Station


Leech Lake Tribal College
Men’s Halfway House
Leech Lake Health Division
RBC Building
Tribal Development
Leech Lake Housing

Bemidji

Sanford Center Box Office
Tesoro Station
Bemidji Public Library

Social Services Building
Federal Building
LLBO Health Clinic
Bemidji State Univ. AIRC
Northwest OIC
Oshki Manidoo Center
Simonson’s Station
Wal-Mart
Tesoro Station

LEECH LAKE VETERANS DAY POW WOW



EMCEE
MURPHY THOMAS

ARENA DIRECTOR
JEREMY WILSON


SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
ALLEN HARDY

HOST DRUM
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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9
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NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO
EVENT CENTER WALKER, MN

First 75 Veterans in attendance will receive a complimentary blanket in recognition of their service.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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Cass Lake, MN 56633
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

Honorable Paul W. Day **Chief Judge of Tribal Court**
Honorable Amber Ahola **Associate Judge of Tribal Court**

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Vanessa White, Parent.

Court File No. CP-18-02

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 9, 2019, a **Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586 or 3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and U.S. National Forest Service Enter into Memorandum of Understanding

Cass Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the USDA Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, Friday October 4.

The MOU outlines the relationship between the band and forestry service providing a framework for future consultation and collaboration.

The U.S. Forest Service's Chippewa National Forest shares a significant geographical area with the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. The MOU acknowledges the unique history of the Chippewa National Forest, which was originally set aside and preserved for the use and benefit of the Ojibwe people and the general public. The MOU addresses consultation, communication and establishes a shared decision-making model, in accordance with federal laws.

“We feel that this is a big step in the right direction,” said Chairman Faron Jackson. “This MOU provides a solid foundation for continuing a mutually beneficial relationship between the Forest Service and the Leech Lake Band.”

A continued stated goal of the Leech Lake Band is to obtain shared-decision making in forest management, which is currently not allowed by federal law. The Band also seeks to receive a portion of the Forest's timber receipts. “We will be working to address these broader issues with our representatives in Congress as the next step in developing

this in-depth relationship,” continued Chairman Jackson. “However, we are pleased with this document as it is, and look forward to continuing our positive relationship with the Forest Service.”

The foundation of the MOU is the government-to-government relationship between the Leech Lake Band, a federally-recognized Indian tribe, and the federal government. Utilizing this relationship as a foundation, the MOU addresses both the history and the development of the Reservation and the Forest, and moves both the Band and the Forest Service closer to the joint goal of becoming full partners in the conservation of the shared territory.

“We will work together to identify shared priorities and implement shared projects focused on forest and watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat improvement and preserve socially and culturally significant places,” Lueckel said. “The overlap of boundaries and jurisdiction provides us with an opportunity to implement shared stewardship practices and enhance our partnership with the Band.”

“The challenges we face today, such as wild-fire and invasive species, go beyond the shared forest and Reservation boundaries and effect people beyond the jurisdiction of any single agency or organization,” Lueckel continued. “This necessitates working closely together to find new ways of doing business at a greater pace and scale for the greatest benefits to resources and people.”

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL

JOHNSON O'MALLEY / LIEC-AIPAC
(Local Indian Education Committee/American Indian
Parent Advisory Committee)

PARENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2019 - 2010

Committee consist of:

1 Parent / Grandparent from each District
1 Elder: 55 or older (Parent - Grandparent - Community Member)
1 Teacher / Staff
1 Student (elected by students & must be middle or high school)

*November 1, 2019 will be the last day to turn in nominations, contact person will be; Lisa Gullickson # 218-513-8582 OR lisa.gullickson@llojbwe.org

*Election date : November 14, 2019

*Alternates for each position will be determined at elections

Nominees - Child or Grandchild must be a student of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

What is Indian Education Committee?

The Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) is established by the local Indian community and works with the contractor to develop educational programs designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of Indian children, and approves all programs and budgets funded by JOM.

Who can be elected by the IEC?

25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) INDIANS Part 273.15(1) provides the LIEC is elected from parents or legal guardians of eligible Indian students enrolled in the school(s) affected by the contract. To avoid conflict of interest or give the appearance of a conflict of interest, school officials, or their spouses, persons directly involved in oversight of the JOM program should not be eligible to serve as LIEC members.

District III Elder Birthdays

November

From the
District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Bonnie Beaulieu / Mary Briseno / Walter Brown
Willis Burnette / Eleanor Craven / Richard Cutbank
George Donnell / Anita Fahlstrom / Donald Fairbanks Sr.
Jerome Finn / Glen "Tuffy" Fisher / Russell Gogleye
Kenneth Johnson / Marlene Johnson / Roselyn Loeken
Vincent Lowry / Darlene Monroe / Cynthia Morris
Peter Morris / Terrance Morris / Eugene Northbird
Suzanne Northbird / Clayton Oothoudt / Ethelyn Peacock
Walter Reese / James Samuelson / Lana Tucker
Lyman White Jr. / Carol White / Timothy White

**ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO \$10 SLOT
PLAY & \$10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED
WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.**

CLB PANTHERS BESTED BY PINE RIVER-BACKUS TIGERS



SCORES		PANTHER STATISTICS		
Cass Lake-Bena	10	11	18	Kills: Illeana 4, Taryn 3
Pine-River Backus	25	25	25	Digs: Avery 9, Selena 6, Serayah 5
				Aces: Selena 2, Mililani 1 Assists: Serayah 9, Kailee 1

Cass Lake – The Cass Lake Bena Panthers volleyball took a tough loss at home October 3 against the Pine River Backus Tigers.

The Tigers went home with a 3-0 set lead after beating the Panthers in all 3 sets. Pine River Backus student Olivia Adkins stood out as an all star during the game with seven kills, four blocks and six set assists.

The Panthers hustled, and gave it their all but it wasn't enough to get the team over the threshold to even up the score.

The Panthers play their final match of the season against Northome-Kelliher on October 15.

give TO THE **MAX**
NOV. 14, 2019



Leech Lake Tribal College is gearing up for Give to the Max Day.

By Kayla Duoos

Cass Lake – Give to the Max Day is one of Minnesota's and LLTC's biggest days of online giving. Last year 5,400 nonprofits and educational institutions raised 21.0 million dollars total in 24 hours during Give to the Max day. LLTC themselves raised \$26,000.

This year LLTC's goal is to raise \$30,000 through personal donations and matching gifts. One of the organizations providing a matching gift is the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Gaming, who offered \$15,000 if the college can raise an equal amount. The college plans to raise funds through hosting a number of events on campus to garner in person donations such as a LLTC Laker's basketball taco sale, KOJB broadcasts, a silent auction and a live performance off campus.

The money raised during the 24-hour period will be used for basic operational funds, and various LLTC clubs/teams' activities. Leech Lake Tribal College New President Raymond Burns said the day of giving is a fantastic way for

community members to invest in the students and the college's future.

"Give to the Max is an opportunity for the community to show its support for the most important part of the Leech Lake Tribal College, it's students. These donations go to help supplement the programs that help students' college experience go from great to super and it's amazing to be part of their success stories. Come join us for our Give to the Max event and be a part of that success," said Burns.

Community members interested in donating can find the Give to the Max Day schedule online at the college's Facebook page, and by visiting GiveMn.org/Leech-Lake-Tribal-College. Mailed donations are also accepted in the form of a tax-deductible check. If you have questions about supporting LLTC or you'd like to tour the college, you can visit them at 6945 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8am-4:30pm.



Photo credit @LtGovFlanagan via Twitter

The Governor and Lt. Governor join in on the Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations in Minneapolis.

Bemidji – The Bemidji State American Indian Resource Center spent Monday, October 14 taking a walk-through history for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Columbus day that same year. Governor Tim Walz renewed former Governor Dayton's proclamation the morning of the 14th during a press conference.

The holiday which replaces Columbus day in the state of Minnesota and various cities throughout the state, is meant to focus on how Indigenous communities have persevered despite history.

During the press conference, Walz acknowledged the State of Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been home to the Anishinaabe and Dakota people prior to the arrival of European settlers.

Indigenous Peoples Day in Minnesota

By Kayla Duoos

Bemidji State's Dr. John Gonzalez was one of the select speakers throughout the campus's daylong celebration. Gonzalez chose to spend his time focusing on the disparities Native Americans have faced not only in education, but in the white washing of history in what he described as the "legacy of oppression."

The city of Minneapolis held a number of events to celebrate including an: Indigenous Peoples Day Parade, Indigenous Peoples Day at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation Presentation, Canadian Consul General Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration and an Indigenous food tasting.

Also speaking at the university's celebration were American Indian Resource Staff members and a panel of students.

Both Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan were present at the events throughout the day and provided remarks.

Monday's celebration was the fourth for the university and for the city of Bemidji. The official change to replace Christopher Columbus day with one honoring indigenous people in Bemidji came about in 2016. The change was made through a grassroots effort by Bemidji State Professor Vivian Delgado and students in a previous Indigenous treaty and law course who brought their pitch to city council.

The history of Indigenous Peoples Day is a long one with an uphill battle still continuing.

The day which was first proposed in 1977 at the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas is currently only officially recognized by five other states outside of Minnesota.

The state of Minnesota signed their proclamation replacing Christopher



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The area known today as the State of Minnesota is located on ancestral and contemporary lands that have been called home by the Anishinaabe and Dakota people since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS: The Anishinaabe and Dakota, the Indigenous People who resided on this land prior to the arrival of European settlers, have experienced a history of broken promises, violence, deprivation, and disease. This is a history that we must reconcile as we seek to build a brighter future for all Minnesotans, while striving to maintain strong government-to-government relationships and strengthen tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to eleven Tribal Nations, and a resilient and robust urban Native American community. Indigenous Peoples have made essential contributions to the history, culture, and economy of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, experience, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, and arts; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strives to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination towards Indigenous Peoples; seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the State's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; recognizes Indigenous People as contemporary people; and is committed to meaningful and genuine government-to-government relationships with the Tribal Nations that share the State's geography; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 at the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
- WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples Day serves as an important time to reflect on the experiences of Indigenous Peoples to ensure greater access and opportunity; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins a growing number of government entities across the country that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, in order to promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all of its people and the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 14, 2019, as:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of October.

GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

October Birthdays



District I

Shari Bebeau
Viola Bellanger
Milton Campbell Francis
Garbow
Thomas Howard
Steven Jackson
Tami Jackson
Wilfred Korpela
Linda Nason
Lois Lelonek
Geraldine Nason-Dodge
Florence Parker
Bernard Robinson
Irving Seelye Sr.
Perry Sherman
Henrietta Skog
Gerald White

From the
District I Office
Robbie, Stephanie, &
Zagajiiw

District II

Richard Johnson
Clara Smith
Diana Stangel
Leona Shaugobay
Iolanthe Goose
Patricia Moose
Roger Fairbanks
Marilyn Losh
Bryan Finn
Brenda Greene

From the District II Office
Steve, Lindsey, & Michelle

District III*

Sherman Brown Jr.
Robert Brown
Thomas Cloud
Darlene Cobenais
Myron Drummond
Kenneth Fairbanks
Geraldine Goodwater
Wanda Jackson
Geraldine Littlewolf
Melvin Northbird
Gary Mitchell
Beverly Molash
David Morgan
Jane Munnell
Freda Oothoudt
Samual Papasodora
Louis Paquette
Joseph Raisch
Jennie Reyes
Alvin Roy
Richard Schulman
Henrietta Nason-Sherer
Frances VanNett
Geraldine Wainscott
Lois White
Gary Wilson
Doris Wittner

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

**all coupons must be used
within Birthday Month**



Treats FOR TOTS

SAFE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY
AGES 12 AND UNDER!

3 CLIMATE CONTROLLED LOCATIONS

WALKER, MN	CASS LAKE, MN	DEER RIVER, MN
Northern Lights Casino Event Center 4pm - 7pm	Cedar Lakes Casino Event Center 4pm - 7pm	Morse Town Hall 4pm - 7pm

THURSDAY, OCT. 31ST

LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER '19

Cass Lake - Bena High School Cross Country

Girls and Boys
10.25.19 vs. Bagley AWAY

Cass Lake - Bena High School Wrestling

Boys
11.18.19 @ Blackduck High School AWAY

Leech Lake Tribal College Scrimmage

Men
11.01.19 @ Cass Lake-Bena H.S. HOME

LLTC Student of the Month

Emily Ward



Emily Ward has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal Colleges September Student of the Month. LLTC's Student of the Month honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance. Ward is a second year, Liberal-Education Business emphasis major who is expected to graduate in May 2020. Ward chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal college after the birth of her son. Ward said the school and faculty feel like family. Following Graduation, Ward plans to transfer to a 4 year college, preferably in Washington or the Institute of American Indian Arts.

ALL LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS 18 YEARS AND OLDER

If you have moved in the past year, please make sure to update your address with the accounting office. You must send in a signed W-9 Form. The W-9 Form can be found at www.irs.gov. Mail to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Attn: Accounting, PO Box 60, Cass Lake, MN 56633 or fax to the Accounting Office, 218-335-3781. You may also email your W-9 to LLBOAP@llbo.org.

For the 2019 Tax Rebate, updated address requests will be accepted through October 31, 2019.

If an address change request comes in after October 31, 2019, there is no guarantee your address will be updated in Accounting. To ensure your check is forwarded to your new address, you must file a forwarding address with your local post office.

2019 rebate checks will be distributed at designated locations as in the past years. Checks not distributed at the designated locations will be mailed.

Further information will follow regarding amount of the rebate check, distribution dates and locations, and mail dates.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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 25, 2019

Homeless Shelter Services Site Manager~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-137
Case Manager~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-138
Administrative Assistant~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-139
Homeless Shelter Technician~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-140
Lead Cook~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-141
Cook~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-142
Family Violence Program Manager~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-143
Clinic Receptionist – Bemidji ~ Health~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-144
Domestic Violence Investigator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-145

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Food Service Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-146
Lead Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-147
MnTRECC Program Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-148
Pre-School Teach - Inger ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-149
Receptionist ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:19-150
Assisted Living Security Guard (4) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-136
Transportation Dispatcher (PT)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-133
Operations Coordinator~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-134
Urban Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-135
Security Guard ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-124
Maintenance Technician ~ LLBO Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-126
Internal Investigator ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-127
Preventative Service Representative~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-128
Transportation Vehicle Operator (FT) (5)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-129
Transportation Vehicle Operator (PT) (3)~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-130
Community Health Worker ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-120
Community Rink Attendant (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-122
Environmental Specialist ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-118
Case Manager (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-104
Bena Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-111
Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-112
Ball Club Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-113
Compliance Director ~ RTC Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-101
Treatment Coordinator ~Human Services-OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-089
SACA Coordinator ~ PT~ DRM ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 19-093
Peer Recovery Coach (1 male) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-015C
Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ \$13.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-076B
Fitness Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-075B
Maintenance Technician ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-078B
Carpenter ~ DPW/FM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-064
Diabetes Educator ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-039B
Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-055
Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-033
Police Officer/Casino ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-022
Youth Program Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Winnie Dam/JV: 19-017B
Driver (2) ~ DPW/FM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 19-016
Cook ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-009B
Construction Manager Assistant ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-181
WHWH Technician (3) ~ Human Services/A&D ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-179
Compliance/Legal Officer ~ TERO/Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-173
Certified Nursing Assistant ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:
FT (6): 18-169 & PT (3): 18-168
MHWH Technician (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-160
Maternal Child Health Nurse (2) ~ Health ~ \$28.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-157
Advanced Practice Provider (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-145
Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-140
Cass Lake Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-139
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-138
Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-137
Cass Lake Family Service Advocate ~ Education~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132
CD Counselor (2) ~ Human Services MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-119
Program Accountant (1) ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-118
Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader (2) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-099
Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-095
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-079
Youth Activities Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: C.L South: 18-064C
Mission:18-063C Sugar Point: 18-062C
Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054



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WIN UP TO \$4,000

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A DAY GIVEAWAY

FRIDAYS 6PM-11PM THROUGH NOV. 29	2 DRAWINGS EACH HOUR
	6pm-7pm \$200
	7pm-8pm \$300
	8pm-9pm \$500
	9pm-10pm \$1,000
	10pm-11pm Balance

If selected guest is not present the prize money will be added to the next drawing.

See Players Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.

GAME OF THE YEAR GIVEAWAY

VIKINGS VS PACKERS

SATURDAYS, 6PM-11PM THROUGH NOV. 30

WIN UP TO \$500

Final 2 names drawn each night will win cash and a \$1,000 Vikings ticket package for the Dec. 23rd game.

Package includes: 2 lower level end zone tickets, admission to the annual pregame party (featuring complimentary food & drinks) in the Vikings Voyage and complimentary round trip transportation.

2 random drawings an hour.

MORE WAYS TO WIN

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

STARTING NOV. 4TH 10am-10pm

1-\$100 Free Play electronic drawing held each hour.

3-\$50 Free Play Hot Seat drawings held each hour.

Swipe your Players Club card for every 25 points and win up to \$50 in Free Play.

Earn one entry for every 10 Players Club points. Entries do not carry over to the following week.

Gobble Till You Wobble

1PM-10PM

WEDNESDAY NOV. 20
Earn 50 points and receive a 15 pound turkey.*

THURSDAY NOV. 21
Earn 15 points and receive a pumpkin or apple pie.*

*Maximum of one, while supplies last. Weights of turkey may vary.

VETERANS WE THANK YOU

★★★ **MONDAY, NOV. 11TH** ★★★

8am-11am
Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
(Veteran and 1 guest. Guest must be 18 or older.)

NORTHERN LIGHTS - EVENT CENTER
CEDAR LAKES - EVENT CENTER
WHITE OAK - OUTPOST BAR & GRILL

8am-Midnight
All Veterans Receive \$20 In Free Play & Hat*

*Veterans must present proof of military service in order to qualify for the Veterans Day offers. Must be 18 years of age or older to attend. While supplies last. Management reserves all rights.

THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFETS

10:30am-7pm

\$18.95

\$17.95

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NOV. 1

TICKETS: \$11/\$15/\$19

WILLIAMS AND REE
THE INDIAN AND THE WHITE GUY

NOV. 2

FREE SHOW

Rez Comedy Night

LARRY OMAHA
DONOVAN ARCHAMBAULT
ROB FAIRBANKS

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOV. 1 Williams & Ree Comedy
NOV. 2 Rez Comedy Night
NOV. 30 Holiday Pow Wow

Shingobee SPECIALS

5pm-9pm

Monday Burger Bash & Bottomless Fries: \$9
Tuesday All You Can Eat Mini Fry Bread Tacos: \$12
Wednesday Build Your Own Pasta: \$17
Thursday All You Can Eat Pork Ribs: \$15
Friday All You Can Eat Fish Fry: \$12
Saturday Smoked Prime Rib: King-\$25, Queen-\$17

SUNDAY WING DAY (10am-11pm): 75¢ Wings & \$2 Pounders

DEC. 28

TICKETS: \$19/\$24/\$29

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