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Above Photo: The ribbon of "Poured in Place" surface being installed at the Ball Club Park meanders like a river through the center of the playground, and brings accessibility into the heart of play. Construction of the playground is scheduled to wrap up in late September, completing a three-year community-driven project.

Ball Club Local Indian Council Secures Grant to Make Ball Club's New Playground Accessible

BALL CLUB – As construction of the new Ball Club Park nears completion, the Ball Club Local Indian Council has been awarded a grant to make the park accessible for every member of the community.

A "Poured in Place" rubber playground surface will give park visitors with mobility concerns, such as elders and those in wheelchairs, a way to safely and easily access the playground. It's funded by a \$22,000 Blandin Foundation grant.

"We are thankful to be able to network with the Blandin Foundation and know they support our Community and the work we do to bring accessibility to our Elders and Younger generations!" said Natalie Bebeau, chairperson of District 1 Local Indian Council (LIC), which serves Ball Club and the surrounding area. "It's such an exciting moment to be able to see a dream transpire right in front of our eyes. 2020 needed a positive happening and with everyone working together, we were able to accomplish a great project for our

community that will last forever."

A playground for all

When Ball Club youth first started talking three years ago about a new, safe place to play, they talked about a basketball court. Their vision quickly changed to a new park that one of the kids – who's in a wheelchair – could easily use, too.

"The old park isn't very kid-friendly," said Taylor O'Shea, one Ball Club youth who had the idea for the park. "The playground area is sand, so people with disabilities, like me, can't get on the playground, even if they tried."

That vision inspired adults in Ball Club and across the area: students, LIC leaders, a dedicated group of women connected with an area group called the Circle of Healing, as well as Mobility Mania, the Itasca area group focused on growing the number of community spaces accessible to differently abled people. Flagship Recreation, a design-build playground company, signed on to guide the work.

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–Natalie Bebeau, Dr LIC Chair

Together they planned and designed the park, fundraised more than \$200,000, and in early June, started the build phase of the project in a good way with a community ceremony that included prayers, drums and song.

Culture and inclusion will be very visible. The playground design honors mikinaak [MIK in ack], the turtle, keeper of wisdom and the foundation of the earth in Ojibwe culture. The special "Poured in Place" surface is a blue rubber "river" that winds through the center of the playground. By late September, when construction is complete, visitors will be able to use the fully accessible "We Go Round" merry-go-round, made possible in part by a grant from

Keurig, Dr Pepper and KABOOM!, relax at wheelchair-accessible picnic tables and benches. People can gather at a new pavilion, chill space – and a basketball court.

"The empathy displayed by the kids in planning an all-inclusive park has been inspiring to all of us involved in the process," Bebeau said.

Vision nearly accomplished

Several community build days are planned for late August through mid-September. Fundraising, too, is nearly complete. Visit the group's fundraising site (<https://www.givemn.org/story/aparkforballclub>) to see photos and updates, or to donate.

Leech Lake RBC Recommends Distance Learning for Start of 2020-2021 School Year

On Thursday, August 13, 2020, the Leech Lake Tribal Council issued the following recommendation to area schools as they consider how to begin the 2020-2021 school year this fall.

Full Statement

COVID-19 has impacted almost all facets of life for our people. As the governing body of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee has taken the threat of this novel coronavirus very seriously from day one, early on declaring a public health emergency, closing our tribal government and business operations for a lengthy period of time, and taking every precaution within our ability to slow the spread of this virus.

From the outset, experts from the Centers for Disease Control made clear that individuals who have underlying health conditions that cause them to be immunodeficient are much more likely to develop severe illness if they contract the virus. We know those underlying conditions are rampant in our community, including diabetes, heart disease, respiratory illness, and others. In addition, we also understand COVID-19 has a higher likelihood of causing severe illness in our elderly population. As Anishinabe people, protecting our elders and vulnerable population is at the core of who we are and why we take the actions we take.

Like protecting our elders and vulnerable, ensuring the best for our future generations is also a core tenet of the Anishinabe identity. In the midst of this pandemic, these ideals must be balanced to ensure

the greatest good for all our people. As we enter the fall season, and school districts begin to consider their educational options for the fall semester, we encourage schools to re-open cautiously and slowly. We understand that distance learning is not ideal in all situations, and hybrid models have been suggested that allow for some face-to-face interaction between students and teachers while offering some measure of protection for students, teachers and staff. Importantly, our own Leech Lake Tribal College and Bugonaygeshig School are utilizing a distance learning model as they both reopen.

We understand the Governor of Minnesota has provided guidance to school districts in considering their plans as a new academic year starts. We offer this public statement of as our own guidance to school districts that are responsible for educating our Band members. Please consider the impacts of reopening on families who have multi-generational households, and families who have underlying health conditions within the household. We ask school districts, at a minimum, to utilize hybrid models that limit close interaction and allow students to learn from a distance as much as possible.

At this time, we strongly urge the school districts to open the school year in a distance learning model.

We understand the complexities of learning in distance models and providing access to equitable education settings at any point in time. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will work across programs and departments to ensure we partner with our students and families to ensure regular and timely attendance during the distance learning period. We will continue to partner with our Local Indian Education Committees to ensure continuity of services to our students during this time. The Leech Lake Education Department remains committed to partnering with the school districts to ensure our students receive the supports they need in order to be successful in a distance learning model.

Given the uptick in cases we have seen in northern Minnesota in recent weeks, we see no need to rush to reopen. As a tribal government, we have delayed reopening our own government and businesses from Phase 1 to Phase 2 several times, and will continue to push back a Phase 2 reopening date as many times as we feel necessary. It is far easier to remain closed than to reopen and be forced to closed again. We ask the school district to use this same logic. Reopening slowly will very likely save lives within our community and continue to curb the spread of this virus in our communities.



State: K-12 Schools Will Determine Own COVID-19 Learning Model for 2020-2021 School Year

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – Minnesota K-12 schools have been given clearance by the state to determine on their own whether students will come back to campuses or continue from home on a hybrid model.

Governor Tim Walz announced the decision July 31 in a press conference, giving schools extended time to begin making decisions, as long as they have plans available for 3 separate scenarios regarding circumstances in their communities.

The scenarios for reopening include In-person learning for all students, a hybrid model and distance learning only. Scenario plans one and two which involve students returning to campuses will enforce the smaller building capacity order, as well as the public mask mandates.

“While reopening school buildings for in-person instruction is our ultimate goal, and we recognize that many children and families have experienced additional

economic hardships, social isolation, and other stressors through distance learning, the main priority must continue to be the health, safety, and wellness of our students, staff, and community,” said Walz.

Local areas schools: Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Cass Lake-Bena have agreed upon distance learning for the beginning of the school year, while Walker school is expected to resume in person and Deer River will be allowing families to choose between an in person return or distance learning. All school reopening plans are subject to change as the situation regarding the pandemic advances. Reopening plans for each district are available online for viewing, as well as school contacts for assistance in the transition.

The move to begin with distance learning is one the Tribe has recommended to local districts, as they remain in level 3 emergency state.

WELLNESS CENTER REFERENDUM POSTPONED TO 2021

On Thursday, August 6, 2020 the Leech Lake Tribal Council voted to postpone the upcoming referendum on construction of the new “Leech Lake Wellness Center” until 2021.

A rise in COVID-19 cases on the reservation and allowance

for more time for community outreach and community input on the project were cited as major reasons for the decision. A new timeline for community engagement and referendum date is expected to be released late-2020 or early-2021.

Congratulations to LLBO Band Member and Debahjimon Journalist Kayla Duoos on her selection to NAJA's 2020 Fellowship Class!

NAJA selects Miranda Stiles, Kayla Duoos and Makayla Sloan for the 2020 Native American Journalism Fellowship class. Three fellows to take part in an innovated virtual curriculum broadcasting with FNX | First Nations Experience.

About NAJA

NAJA serves and empowers Indigenous journalists through programs and actions designed to enrich media and promote Native American cultures.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Leech Lake Area Boys & Girls Club Transitions to New Role in Community Amid Ongoing Pandemic

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Boys and Girls of the Leech Lake area has changed its playbook since becoming an essential service during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Club which opened over 20 years ago thanks to a grassroots effort by local youth and community members is currently providing warm meals, school clothes, haircuts, glasses and the supervision of children to essential workers.

The Club, which has four separate locations on the reservation, serves more than 1200 members, ages 6-18 through after school and runs summer programming that covers development in 5 core areas.

One staff member who has played an instrumental hand in locating funding to transition from after school activities to providing meals and year round programming, is Samara Lohnes. Lohnes, realizing the need for the club to adapt with the times, began her summer searching for outside sources for food access for children and found the Sprout grant. The Sprout grant will provide 60 take home meals, 3 per week for families of four in the area that will be prepared by a chef. The grant also gave way for the Club to partner with the LLBO DRM to make sure the meals are not only healthy, but also contain traditional foods

like wild rice, venison, and fresh vegetables.

“This grant, It’s about providing food access for kids and families. To provide that for kids, give parent’s time to help with homework and for families to be together,” said Lohnes.

The transition from being an after school program to one that provides childcare and meals is one all staff have taken pride in. Executive Director Rebecca Graves said the work of Lohnes, and support from community partners, is what allowed the organization to grow and transform.

“Our community had a need and we were presented with the opportunity to help serve them and we never looked back. All of our staff have gone above and beyond to contribute to the mission of us providing a safe haven for area youth. Since we couldn’t continue to serve in our traditional role, we found a new way to provide services for our youth and community,” said Graves.

The Leech Lake Area clubs are open every M-F, providing services to essential workers. If you’re interested in donating to the Club, they are currently accepting donations through payroll deductions, you can contact LLBO Accounting for more information.

New Saliva Testing Lab For COVID-19 in MN

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – While COVID cases remain on a slow incline, Governor Walz and his administration are making no moves to slow down combating the virus.

The state death rate has stayed mostly within the single digits since June, a figure Walz cited thanks in part to resident cooperation.

“Thanks to Minnesotans’ compliance with previous executive orders, we have reopened most sectors of our economy. In consultation with public health and occupational safety experts, we have implemented science-driven protections to keep our citizens safe and our businesses open,” said Walz.

Despite the slow down Walz reminded residents to not get too comfortable as other states have made examples of what happens upon doing so, a message he has continuously repeated since reopening earlier this summer.

“Nonetheless, the science and experience of other states show that increased social interaction leads to an increased presence of the virus in our communities and increased demands on our health care system. Indeed, other states that relaxed pandemic-related restrictions too quickly saw dramatic outbreaks of the virus and needed to reinstate restrictions. To avoid the fate of those other states, we continue to need statewide

coordination and resources to fight the Pandemic.”

One of the ways Walz hopes to continue to keep Minnesotans safe is through the opening of a COVID-19 saliva testing lab in Minnesota in the coming months, to coincide with his goal of raising testing numbers in the state. The state’s goal with the lab is to expand testing capacity and slow the spread of the virus and also to create jobs in the state which has seen a steady incline in unemployment.

Further information regarding the new testing lab is expected to be released within the following weeks.

Virtual Inauguration Ceremony

October 9, 2020 | 12 PM

Inauguration of the following officials to be streamed live on the LLBO Facebook page.

Chairman, District III Representative, Leech Lake Housing Board and Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board.

Virtual Quarterly RTC Meeting

October 16, 2020 | 10 AM

Events will be live streamed on the LLBO Facebook Page.
Check website for more details.

www.facebook.com/LeechLakeBandofOjibwe

New Building for Anishinaabe Legal Services

CASS LAKE – The Anishinaabe Legal Services team is getting a new building.

The non-profit has been in its current facility at 411 1st street NW in Cass Lake for nearly 45 years.

The building erected in the 1890's used to house a hotel near main street before becoming home to the organization. Legal services staff have been in the process of fundraising for a new residence for over 5 years, and following recommendations that it would be more cost effective to rebuild the staff began overseeing construction on a new residence that would better suit their needs.

To send off the historical building, the legal services staff gathered together August 3rd to watch their previous home come down, and have a farewell cook off and say goodbye. Chari-Char Laduke, the Legal Services Administrative director said the building is a huge part of Cass Lake history and while they were excited to reside in the space, they were all looking forward to a new space.

“We’re both excited and sad, since some of us have been working here for 30 years but once we realized how old the buildings foundation is—we just realized it’s time,” said Laduke.

The new legal services building is expected to be ready for use this fall, in the same location.



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Senator Meets with Tribal Leaders in Visit to Leech Lake

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – Senator Tina Smith visited the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Friday August 14.

Senator Smith's meeting included a tour of Cedar Lakes, a rundown of the casinos' safety measures and a meeting with the RTC and Division Directors to discuss how the pandemic has impacted the Tribe and upcoming legislation.

Division Director Mike Auger and Judge Paul Day provided the senator insight to how the pandemic closures have affected not only

employment but legal services across the reservation.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson who was in attendance, spoke to the Senator about how many are looking to Washington to come to a bi-partisan agreement despite it being an election year to help Tribes.

“Even before Covid came, I remember when I was elected, out of the 87 counties in Minnesota, Cass County was the 3rd highest in poverty. That was alarming at that time and it’s only been magnified with what’s happening today. The

council is concerned about this, and at the end of the day this is a humanity issue. There are community needs that need to be addressed,” said Jackson.

Senator Smith is extremely open to pushing for further relief funding for tribes and let the staff present know she's aware there's more work to be done.

“People need help right now and I feel so much urgency around that,” said Smith.

Talks in the Senate regarding COVID relief funding is expected



to continue after the end of their summer recess.

If you are experiencing COVID symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS COVID hotline at 335-3426 or 335-3427 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

HEALING PATHWAYS

PARTICIPANTS - WHERE ARE YOU?

Interviewers in your community are hard at work trying to find and connect with you by phone for your last annual survey!

If you are an original Healing Pathways participant but haven't completed a survey in a while, please contact us to get scheduled.

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OR, YOU CAN UPDATE your CONTACT INFORMATION by visiting:

<https://caih.jhu.edu/programs/healing-pathways>





Please note that due to Covid-19, all interviews are currently being completed by phone

MMIW Cold Case Office Opens in Bloomington, Trump Presence Met With Protest

By Kayla Duoos

ST. PAUL — The Missing and Murdered Native American cold case office is now open in Bloomington, MN.

The new investigative office in Minnesota is one of seven that will open across the country as part of a White House task force created in November 2019 called “Operation Lady Justice,” aimed at ending the epidemic of violence against Native people.

The ribbon cutting ceremony, held July 28 however was deterred by the First Daughter, Ivanka Trump’s appearance which the Minnesota DFL party publicly condemned ahead of her arrival, followed by protests from community members who were quick to criticize the administration’s commitment to putting in the work.

In the public statement released by the DFL party, the Trump administration’s failed response to COVID-19, particularly among Tribal Nations is referenced as one of the many reasons for the public disparaging. Alongside his administration’s late payouts of Tribal relief funding and his repeated use of slurs against Indigenous people.

Legislation Introduced In Hopes To Help Tribes Combat Public Health Crises

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Tina Smith (D-Minn.) & Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced a bipartisan legislation that will help Tribes combat public health crises.

The legislation revealed to the public September 10 through a press release, seeks to help Tribes access public health data that they’re routinely denied access to despite



Melissa Fletcher holds a sign in protest of Ivanka Trump’s visit for the opening of a cold case task force office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples and Alaska Natives in Bloomington. ■ **Photo Credit:** Evan Frost | MPR News

Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, the highest ranking Native woman elected to executive office, used this opportunity to draw the contrast between the Trump Administration and Vice President Joe Biden.

“Donald Trump made a career demonstrating and celebrating behavior that perpetuates violence against Native women and girls,” said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. “We need a President who will fight for the health and safety of women and Native people across the country. Joe Biden spent his career doing just that and will set a good example for our children as they learn to treat their neighbors with dignity and respect.”

State Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, a descendant of the Leech Lake Band of

having clearance. Both senators sponsoring the legislation believe supporting Tribal access to public health data will allow communities to better address public health issues, and systemic racial issues that currently exist.

“We need to respond to the deep institutional inequalities that are harming the health of Indigenous people, especially during COVID-19,” said Sen. Smith. “Tribes and Tribal Epidemiology Centers should be able to access public health data. And we need to fix and prevent future health data errors about American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals. My bipartisan bill is an opportunity for Congress to help Tribes improve public

Ojibwe also spoke out against the administration, likening the visit to a publicity stunt.

“Donald Trump tried to cut Tribal Nations out of COVID-19 relief funding, has repeatedly used anti-Native slurs and phrases, and deliberately erases Indigenous people out of his version of American history. Donald Trump’s decades of hostility towards Indigenous people can’t be undone with a cheap media stunt. Using the pain of Native women and families as a campaign prop isn’t going to win him any votes here in Minnesota.”

Trump’s operation Lady Justice is expected to deliver an interim report on the tasks forces findings is expected November 26, 2020, with a final report due to the President November 26, 2021.

health in communities across the country.”

This bill would break down barriers in Tribes’ and Tribal Epidemiology Centers’ access to federal public health data, which is important in controlling COVID-19 in hard-hit Tribal communities. It would also fund Tribal governments and Tribal organizations to work with state and local health agencies and require that they improve their data systems to accurately capture birth and death rates.

The Tribal Health Data Improvement Act is endorsed by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) and the Seattle Indian Health Board.

2020 ELECTION NATIVE AMERICAN CANDIDATES

This Fall’s primary election will feature six Native American candidates on the Minnesota ballot.

In 2018, a record number of Native Americans collectively ran for Congress, leadership posts, and legislative seats across the country. That year also saw the first two Native women elected to Congress, Deb Haaland, and Sharice Davids from New Mexico/Kansas respectively. As well as the election of Minnesota’s Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, who is the highest ranking Tribal member in the US Government.

The 2020 election offers more opportunities for Native Americans to make history. Native candidates on the ballot this year are seeking office or reelection at both the local and state level. These levels of representation are important indicators of Native Americans claiming a seat at the table.

Every four years, about half a million Native young people turn 18 and become eligible to vote. This provides an opportunity to engage almost one in ten Native people as new voters making Tribal voter registration incredibly important.

Minnesota Native candidates: House & Senate

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- Heather Keeler, Yankton Sioux, MN House, District 4A
- Jamie Becker-Finn, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe descent, MN House, District 42B
- Gaylene Spolarich, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, MN House, District 10B
- Alan Roy, White Earth Nation, MN Senate, District 2
- Mary Kunesh-Podein, Standing Rock Sioux descent, MN Senate, District 41

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- Donna Bergstrom, Red Lake Nation, MN Senate, District 7

Local Elections

- RUNOFF:** •Lyz Jaakola, Fond du Lac band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Cloquet City Council
- RUNOFF:** •Audrey Thayer, White Earth Nation, Bemidji City Council, Ward 1
- Laura Fairbanks, Red Lake Nation, Bemidji City Council, Ward 1
 - Ernest “Joey” Oppegard-Peltier, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Bemidji City Council, Ward 5

- Christian Taylor-Johnson, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe descent, Beltrami County Commissioner.

Leech Lake Tribal College Holds 2020 Graduation

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal College held its much anticipated 2020 graduation ceremony August 8, 2020.

The College had a total of 25 graduates. Students earned an array of degrees including: Liberal Education, Stem Emphasis, Business, Law Enforcement, Indigenous Leadership, Early Childhood Education, Integrated Residential Building, Residential Carpentry, and Forest Ecology.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the Tribal College Drum Group, and featured speeches, scholarships and awards recognition from various tribal college staff and supporters.

LLTC President Dr. Raymond Burns took the podium following guest speakers to congratulate the students on their success

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Corrina Kingbird, LLTC Valedictorian

and to acknowledge the unusual ceremony and circumstances that COVID-19 has had upon everyone's lives, and the class of 2020's resiliency.

“I can't imagine anyone, even the most psychic of science fiction writers could have pictured the scenario of what you have gone through in the past few months. Not only have you gone through the amazing accomplishment of earning a degree, but doing so while dealing with all of the burdens thrust upon you during this pandemic. If anyone in the future questions your

ability to do any job, just look at them and say I earned my degree in 2020,” said Burns.

Corrina Kingbird was awarded the honor of being named LLTC's 2020 Valedictorian, and Salutatorian honors went to Tania Edman. Both Kingbird and Edman gave speeches reflecting on their time at the college, and their last semester in particular.

“We are standing in the middle of history and we will be remembered as the class who overcame more than anyone could have imagined,” said Kingbird.

On behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, we would like to congratulate all of the graduates and their families. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your educational journeys and move into your future careers.

STATE UPDATE ON COVID-19

MINNEAPOLIS – As kids return to school, officials are keeping a close eye on COVID numbers across the state, and introducing new guidelines to keep students safe.

As of recent, hospitalizations are down and daily death counts are moderate. But new cases have been growing significantly for weeks, raising concerns that new cases now will create more severe health problems later. This worry prompted Governor Tim Walz to once again extend the state's emergency peacetime order, which has been in effect since March.

“My top priority remains the health and safety of Minnesotans,” Walz said in a news release.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and the next stages of this virus continue to threaten our state, today we extend our peacetime emergency, giving Minnesota the tools to quickly respond to this rapidly-evolving virus as we approach the fall and winter.”

Minnesota health officials reported 432 new COVID-19 cases as of September 15 and five additional deaths. The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 85,351. Of them, nearly 79,000 no longer require isolation.

A total of 238 people are currently in Minnesota hospitals, a number which has decreased by three compared to the day before. Of those, 131 are in the ICU. The state's death toll is now 1,927 with 1,400 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities. Health officials say approximately 1,247,867 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 1115 on the reservation.

Students returning to school have remained a large conversation piece among officials when it comes to case numbers and infection rates, which is why the MN Health Department unveiled a new guidance, September 14 citing that school-age children will be asked to isolate at home for two weeks following exposure to someone

with COVID-19, whether or not they test negative.

It defines close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes), isolation of the sick versus quarantine of those exposed (the latter can leave the house), the symptoms of COVID-19 (loss of taste or smell, fever above 100.4 degrees, a new cough) and when children must stay home.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS COVID hotline at 335-3426 or 335-3427 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If you are experiencing shortness of breath, please contact the Emergency Department at 335-3327 or dial 911.

New Collaborative Initiative Addressing Disparities Among Families and Youth In Local Judicial System

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Itasca County have announced a new initiative for families and youth impacted by the judicial system.

The project funded by the Bush foundation is a collaborative effort between : Itasca County District Court, Leech Lake Tribal Court, Itasca County Health and Human Services, Leech Lake Human Services and various non-profit agencies serving justice involving youth and families.

The project seeks to design a new approach that is more responsive to the needs of the entire family, not simply the individual in court on a particular day. In particular the initiative will address the disparate impact on impoverished communities and on tribal communities. As well as improve outcomes in child welfare and juvenile delinquency cases, and reduce the high numbers of probation revocations for American Indians, the reasons for disparities in the justice system must be identified and addressed. Families impacted by the judicial system will have input on the initiative to help cultivate the project.

Judge Paul Day of the Leech Lake Tribal Court states the “Leech Lake Tribal Court is committed to the whole family intervention solution project and is looking forward to working on this ground-breaking effort.” He describes the potential he sees in the project in this way: “All families have strengths that can be a powerful source of healing and wellness – if only those strengths can be identified and encouraged. Sometimes the family strength is a grandparent who has lived a happy and healthy life. Other families have traditions that are a source of pride, such as harvesting wild rice or making regalia for their traditional dances. When we work with the family to identify strengths, workable solutions can be identified that are achievable for the family.”

The project team is being led by Judge Korey Wahwassuck. Judge Wahwassuck served as a tribal court judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe from 2006 until 2013 when she was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to serve as Minnesota District Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial District.

“We believe a more coordinated approach that includes the voices of families will identify underlying causes and develop new and innovative approaches that result in better outcomes,” said Wahwassuck.





Obituaries



Charles Staples III



Charles Robert Staples, III, "Migizi", which means Bald Eagle, 58 of Akeley Minnesota started his journey July 10, 2020. He was born in Cass Lake on June 24, 1962 to Evelyn Clark and Charles Robert Staples, Jr.

Charles went to school and got his GED and enrolled in the Army National Guard. After the Army he met Stacy Widstrom and had two children. Charles Widstrom and Timothy Widstrom. He worked at P.P.L. Inc. in Minneapolis, MN and later moved back to Cass Lake with Family and worked at Northern Lights as a Security Guard. He loved to draw, bullshit, make dream catchers, play dominoes, \$10,000 Aces and Keno. Charles loved to tell jokes and stories even if they were true or not. He enjoyed spending time with family and loved his grandchildren. He was immensely proud to get to raise his nieces and nephews and his special niece Sasha Hale.

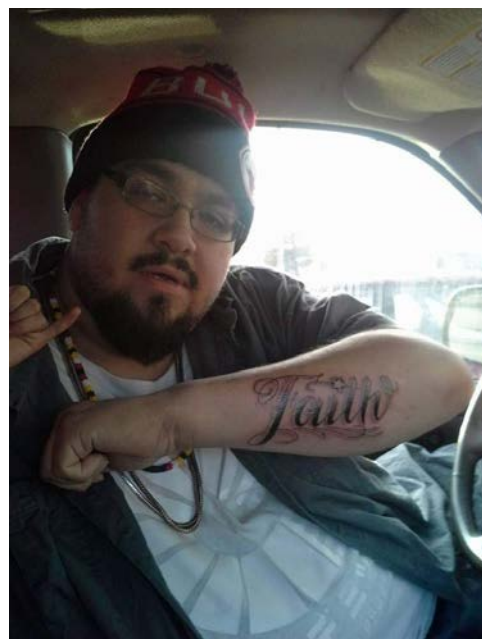
Those who welcome Charles to the spirit world are his son; Timothy Widstrom, parents; Evelyn Clark and Charles Staples, Jr., siblings; Ronald Staples, David Staples, Sr., grandparents; Louise Johnson and Clarence Clark (Fagen) of Ponsford, Margaret Charwood and Charles Staples, Sr. of Cass Lake, great nephew; De'Shawn Staples and many aunts and uncles.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his son: Charles (Krista) Widstrom, siblings; Duane Clark, Cheryl (Joey) Staples, Richard Staples, Sr., Scott (Kara) Staples, Michael (Josette) Staples, Bonnie (Joe) Beaulieu, Debbie (Bebop) Kingbird, grandchild; Tatum Caprice, Breanna Marie, Daniel Lee Widstrom and Dillion Widstrom and numerous other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Charles will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14th and continue until his 2:00 p.m. traditional service on Tuesday, July 14th all to be held at the Vets Building in Cass Lake. His spiritual leader will be Alan Hardy. Pallbearers for Charles will be Michael Staples, Duane Clark, Paul Staples, Scott Staples, Richard Staples, Sr., Dan White, II, Joey Wright and Rob Adams, Sr. His honorary pallbearers his grandchildren, nieces, nephews and family. Interment will be in the Goodman Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his Tuesday services.

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

Grant "Gusto" Gustafson



Grant James Gustafson, age 32, of Walker, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020 from the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

He was born on October 12, 1987 in Bemidji, MN, the only child of Ronelva (Cloud) and James Gustafson. He attended school at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley and the Cass Lake-Bena, for a short time. Grant worked for Leech Lake Gaming in the Event Center and was a Surveillance Technician. He met Faith Reese in June of 2002, they had three children from that union: Trishell, Talise and Grant II. Grant was a devoted husband and father, a loving son. He loved his rap music, was an avid shoe collector and an electronics genius. Grant could fix just about anything he laid his hands on. He loved spending time with his family at family gatherings and liked spending time with his bros. Grant was always for the underdog and often helped those down on their luck by opening his heart and home. He will be remembered and missed by his family and friends.

Grant is reunited with his three unborn babies; dad, James Gustafson; grandpa, James Cloud, Jr.; great grandma, Florence Cloud; great grandpa, James Cloud, Sr. and best friends, Jason Howard and Russell Tucker; and cousins, Colin and Travis Cloud and an unborn cousin.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are the love of his life, Faith Reese; his daughters, Trishell and Talise Gustafson; son, Grant Gustafson II; mother, Ronnie Gustafson; brother, Robbie Gustafson; sister, Julie Gustafson; grandmas, Leona Cloud and Elizabeth Reese; aunts, Dorothea and Traci Cloud and Coleen Gullickson; uncles, Merrill Cloud and Scott Whitebird; special cousins, Deanne, Trista, Kayla, Donovan and Kendra Cloud, Damion Gullickson, Jr., Victoria and Veronica Ogema; mother in law, Jeri Reese, many other cousins and relatives.

Wake services for Grant will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 1st and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, August 3rd all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate. Pallbearers for Grant will be Leroy Gale, Matt Frazer, Eric Alger, Christopher "Dozer" DeFoe, Dave Smith, Pernel Reese, Dennis Yellow and Mike Washington. Alternate pallbearers are Torrey Kingbird, Randy Roberts and Keith Tucker. His honorary pallbearers are Davis Whitebird, Scott Whitebird, Donnie Cloud, Chris Staples, George Wittner, Randolph "BBoy" White, Patrick Parkhurst, Carol Allen and all his family and bros. Interment will be in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

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

Lee White, Sr.



Lee Eugene White, Sr., age 47, of Bemidji, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, August 2nd, 2020 from Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He was born on December 11th, 1972 in St. Paul, MN, the son of Carol Jean (Hart) and Walter Peter White, Jr.

Fighting Spirit once it lays down to let its vessel rest, the spirit looks for the light to set on its journey. He fought to stay alive for a week before his spirit rose to set on his journey to look for the light. 3 days and 3 nights the fire burns to guide his spirit. If that fire does not burn for 3 days and 3 nights, the spirit gets lost. As we sit and mourn, as the spirit moves on, at least we can feel the blood and heat of his heart. In our minds are happy memories and sad memories, but his memories will be with us and our loved ones always, as we will never forget the love and support of one big native. We will always love our culture because we are the first people that roamed this planet. Aho! Miigwech for the love that you gave.

Family that welcomes Lee to the spirit world are his parents, Carol and Walter White, Jr.; his brothers, Kenny and Walter White III; sister, Valencia White and his stepdad Jimmy Dorr.

He leaves behind his children, Lee White, Jr., Ileesiah and Laurelei Ryan; his brother, Vincent White; sister, Dora White; nieces, Nikki Goose and Valynnica White; nephews, Kenneth Clark, Sr., Joseph White, Cody White, Dorian and Devry Bismarck and many other relatives and all his friends.

Wake services for Lee will begin at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 5 and continue until his

10:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, August 7th all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed will be Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Lee will be Jason Strong, Kenny Clark, Sr., Cody White, Joseph Deleon, Larry "Boy" Hart and Clayton Bellanger. His honorary pallbearers are Sophie Bissionette and all his family and friends. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his Friday services.

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

Marian Molash



Marian Mae Molash, 'Bakwezigan Ikwe' (Bread woman), Bear Clan, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, age 66, of Boy River, Minnesota passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota. Marian was born to Francis Peter Molash and Frances Linda Garbow on June 11, 1954, in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Marian loved art and studied it in college. She also loved to craft and had many hobbies including painting, sewing, crocheting, beading, doll making, doing puzzles and Sudoku. Everyone remembers her being artsy and crafty including her love of hats! Marian loved gardening and had a green thumb. She loved watching things grow, such as her daughters and grandchildren. She loved being a grandmother. She was an avid gambler and loved the Northern Lights Casino. She also enjoyed thrift shopping with her long-time friend, Barb Shipley. Marian was known for being very strong-willed and determined. She was a 3-time cancer survivor and Ogitchidaakwe (warrior). Before she was a homemaker, she worked for the Federal Reserve Bank and the Old Dutch Potato Chip Factory, her favorite

place of employment. She will be missed by many.

Marian is survived by her brothers; Larry Hardy, Julian Molash, sisters; June Mykkanen, Colleen Mitchell, Lorene Bojanczyk, son; Ryan Lewis, daughters; Senoah Molash, Shanna Negrette, Stephanie Molash; and 12 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters; Genevieve Pablano, Lida Bunge, Marilyn Hardy Allen, Harriette Mykkanen, brother; Delbert Molash, grandson; Hunter Wind and nephew; Alex Tinsley. A Celebration of Marian's life was held on August 3.

Simon Goose



Simon Joseph Goose, 23 years young, of Laporte, Minnesota was born to Timothy Goose and Rhonda Hurd on September 24th, 1996 at North Country Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota. Simon began his great journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 from the Sanford Hospital in Cass Lake, MN.

Simon grew up on the reservation all his life, he attended Cass Lake-Bena High School and graduated with the class of 2016. He was very good with his hands and loved almost everything. Simon was a fast learner and excelled when it came to auto mechanics, welding, and woodwork. Simon enjoyed playing videos with his friends on the internet. He loved the great outdoors, like walking in the woods with his father and brother Dillon and shooting guns with them. Simon will be remembered for playing the guitar, he taught himself how to play after watching his grandfather John Smith play Johnny Cash music. Simon deeply loved his two nieces Ariana and Zaria Rivera, who will miss him in the coming days. Simon was very protective over them and was very playful with them. Simon Goose was the type of person who would give you his last dollar and the shirt off his back if you asked. There are

many fond memories of Simon Goose and those memories shall not be forgotten. He will return to the heavens, after all angels; only exist in heaven. We will meet again.

The family that welcome him home are his mother, Rhonda Hurd, who is now reunited with in the spirit world; his grandpa on his father's side, John "Johnny" Smith; his grandparents on his mother's side, Beatrice and Robert Hurd; his great grandparents, Clarence and Mary White; his aunty, Jolene Goose, and his cousins, Marlene and Julie Weyaus.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his father, Timothy Goose; grandmother, Marlene Smith; his older sister, Kendra Leigh Goose; younger sister, Sandra Lynn Goose; his three stepbrothers, Eli, Quanah, and Travis Goose; his other brother from a new relationship, Dillon Dwyne Whitefeather; sister, Darlene Whitefeather; his stepmom, Jolene Whitefeather; aunts, Cindy Hurd, Debbie Hurd, Kathy, Corienne Goose, Andrea Goose; cousins, Vanessa Jones, Maggie Whitefeather and April Hurd; nieces, Arianna, Zaria, and numerous other friend and relatives.

The wake for Simon will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 26th and continue until his 10:00 a.m., funeral service on Sunday, June 28th all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Simon will be Timothy Goose, Eli Goose, Dillon Whitefeather, Jullian Weyuas, Michael Gonzales, Kyle Mitchell and Ryan Nabors. At Simon's request, his cremated remains will remain in his family's care.

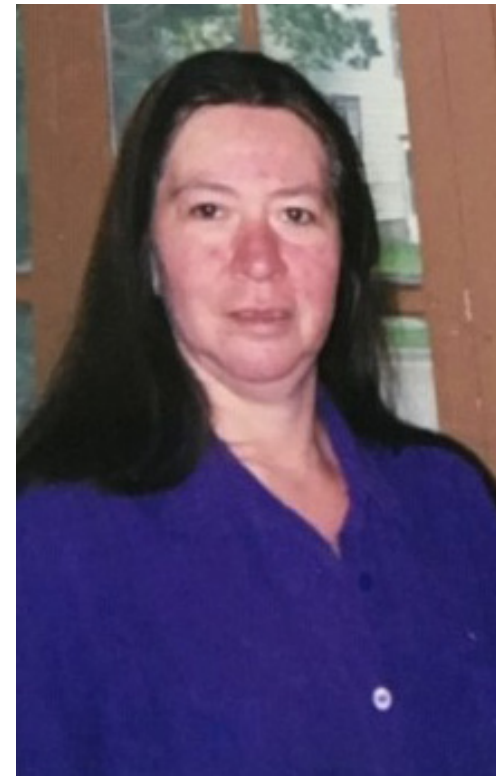
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Theresa McFarlane

Theresa Lee McFarlane, age 60, of St. Paul, Minnesota began her journey to the other side on Monday, July 13th, 2020 from her home. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota to Dwayne and Florenstine (LaPrairie) McFarlane.

Theresa enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She loved and cherished her grandchildren and missed them when she did not get to see them. Theresa enjoyed smoking her cigarettes and drinking coffee while visiting with old friends. She had a big heart and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Family that Theresa is reunited with are her daughter, Rachele; son, Douglas; baby,



Cheryl; mother, Florenstine; brothers, Douglas and Dwayne, Jr. and brother in law, Shotsie.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her children, Michael (Vanessa) McFarlane, Michelle (Nick) Quaderer, Jason Quaderer, David (Corrina) McFarlane and Leigha (James) Smith; father, Dwayne McFarlane, Sr.; sisters, Brenda, Lisa and Melissa; brother, Darrell; special niece who took care of her and helped her so much, Nicole; nieces, Janelle and Janah; nephew, Kevin and all her precious grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

An overnight wake for Theresa will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 17th and continue until her 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, July 18th all taking place at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate. Helping to lay Theresa to rest are Michael McFarlane, David McFarlane, Kevin Greene, Wilhelm Urbina, Shiloh White, Sr. and Shiloh White, Jr. Her honorary pallbearers are Jason Quaderer, Michelle Quaderer, Leigha Smith, Melissa McFarlane, Brenda Tibbetts, Jojo Staples and all her grandchildren. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her Saturday Mass.

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



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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Elise Howard and Kevin Doerr, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-30

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 24, 2020, a PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682. 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.

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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Ann Harrison and Jerald Vos, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-19

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Mariza Brown, Parent

Court File No. CP-18-52

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YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2020, a PETITION TO SUSPEND PARENTAL RIGHTS was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear, the Court may find

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: S.L.K. III, DOB: 08/04/2019 Kelli Fisherman, Petitioner, And Bonnie Zamora & Shane Kingbird Jr., Respondents,

Case No. FA-20-57

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 16th, 2020, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. 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.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon

in two consecutive issues (Leech Lake Judicial Code, title 2, Part II, Rule 5, Section C(5)) because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Rozanna Roy and Brandon J. White, Parents

Court File No. CP-18-30

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal

Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Tracy Jackson and Norman Goggeley, Parents
Court File No. CP-15-42

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Danielle Dahl, Gregory A. Lafrinere, and Andre Anthony Flowers, Parents

Case No. CP-18-11

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 15, 2020 a PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL

CUSTODY was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court for future hearing dates on this matter. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682. 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.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Danielle Dahl and Jordan Kingbird, Parents

Case No. CP-18-11

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► *Obituaries Continued***Wanda (Cloud) Jackson**

Wanda L. (Cloud) Jackson, AKA "Wandy" 67 Years old went to the spirit world on July 8, 2020 in the wee hours of the morning. She went home real peaceful. She fought a good fight, despite all the health issues. Wanda is not struggling or trying to fight anymore. She is having no more sadness nor pain. We love you Wanda. Wanda was born October 17, 1952 in Cass Lake, MN to Peter Cloud, Jr. and Susan (Jackson) Cloud.

Wanda was a very persistent person, never stepping down from any problems she had. She was a very tough and strong lady, the keeper of all her family. She always tried to help everyone, whether she had it or not, she always seemed to get what she wanted, that is just how she was! Wanda was also very outspoken, and a very strong and tough lady until the end. She could be at times a hard person to get along with, but if someone needed help she was there no matter who it was or what they needed. Wanda was like the keeper and leader of the family. We love and miss you sister. Fly high Wanda and know that other family will be there to welcome you home. You are resting now and in no more pain and suffering. You left us very peacefully and are comforted by all of your family.

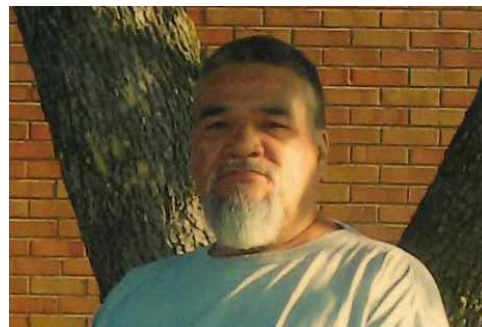
She will be welcomed by her daughter, Julie; mother, and father; grandparents; brothers, Doug Cloud and Darwin Cloud; sister, Bonita "Faye" Cloud and special brother-in-law; Butch Johnson.

Those she leaves behind are her sons, Calvin Jackson and his children and grandchildren; Silas Jackson and his children and grandchildren; daughter, Susan Jackson and her children and grandchildren; Grandchildren; Aalessa Raisch and her children, Aarissa Clark and her children, Aamista Goggeleye and her children, Alydia Rodriguez and her son and Larena Jackson and her children, sisters, Janice, Linda, Diane and Darlene

Cloud and special cousins; Faron and Laurel Jackson. She is also survived by lots of cousins, nieces, and nephews, too many to mention. Wanda was very loved by all her family. We will miss her tremendously.

A wake for Wanda will begin on Saturday July 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and continue until her Traditional services on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN. Helping to lay Wanda to rest will be Ron Cloud, Randy Cloud, Darwin Cloud, Mark Cloud, Aaron "BJ" Jones and Elliot Whipple. Honorary pallbearers will be Moe Rodriguez, Antonio Rodriguez, Brandon Cloud, Bradley Cloud, Calvin Jackson, Silas Jackson, Faron and Laurel Jackson, The Jackson Family, The Cloud Family of Cass Lake and all her family members. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Wanda's final resting place will be next to her daughter in Squaw Point (Oak Point).

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

Earl "Butch" Headbird

Earl "Butch" Robert Headbird, Sr., age 66, of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world from his home on Monday, August 10th, 2020.

Butch was born April 23rd, 1954 in Bagley, MN to Susan Marie (Auginash) and James Scott Headbird, Sr. He attended Bagley School and graduated in 1972. After graduation, Butch enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. Constellation for three years; earning the National Defense Medal. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed watching American Pickers, sharing stories with family and friends, and drinking his Bud Light. Butch's life was modeled after his favorite song, "Take it Easy" by the Eagles.

Butch is welcomed to the spirit world by his parents, Susan and Scott Headbird, Sr.; brothers, Alfred "Doffy" Headbird and James Scott Headbird, Jr.; and sisters, Norma "JoJo" Johnson and Linda Marie Headbird.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are

his sons, Loren (Esther) Howard, James "Jimmy" Headbird, Scott (Sarah) Headbird, David (Anja) Headbird and Earl Headbird, Jr.; daughter, Deanne (Eugene) Headbird; sisters, Donna Murray, Louise "Weedy" Masten, and Sheryl Wark; grandchildren, Caleb, David Jr., Nakoma, Mileena, Tyrell, Katina and a baby granddaughter on the way; mother of his children, Dolores Fields, numerous other relatives and many friends.

A Celebration of Butch's Life will be held at the Mission Community Center on Saturday, August 15th, 2020 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Headbird, David Headbird and Earl Headbird, Jr. Inurnment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN at a later date.

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

Jennifer Jenkins

Jennifer Jane Jenkins, 41, of Bemidji, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, August 2nd, 2020 from her home. She was born on September 4th, 1978 to Susan (Littlewolf) and Louis Jenkins, Sr. in Cass Lake, MN.

Jen was the youngest of eight children. She loved spending time with her children and family, especially her grandson Julius Huesers. Jen loved to joke around with her family and friends, and she loved to laugh.

Jen is joined with her father Louis Jenkins, Sr.; brothers, Richard "Dicky" Littlewolf, Sr., Louis Jenkins, Jr., Robert McKennett and Duane Jenkins; special nephews, Raymond "B-Ray" Jenkins, Jr. and Richard "Dicky-Doo" Littlewolf, Jr. and special niece, Robin Butcher.

She leaves behind her five daughters,



Shawntae (Tom) Brown of Bemidji, Ameera, Anishtah, Aiyanna and Aleeshanee Jenkins all of Cass Lake; one son, Edward Jenkins of Cass Lake; one grandson who she loved dearly, Julius Huesers; brother, Raymond (Cherlene) Jenkins; sisters, Louise "Muppett" (Tony) McKennett, and Shannon Jenkins; two very special nieces, Shauna Rae FourStar and Toni Marie Butcher; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Jen will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8th, 2020 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Anthony "Tony" Jenkins will officiate. Helping to lay Jen to rest will be Devin Butcher, Matt FourStar, Matt Brown, Tom Huesers, Joe Brown and Anthony "Tony" Butcher. Alternate pallbearers are Louis Jenkins III and Robert Butcher. Her honorary pallbearers are Toni Butcher, Cherlene Jenkins, Shauna FourStar, Jasmine Butcher, Louise "Muppett" McKennett, Shannon Jenkins and Brenda Pence. Interment will be in the George Johnson Cemetery at Winnie Dam, MN immediately following her services on Saturday.

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

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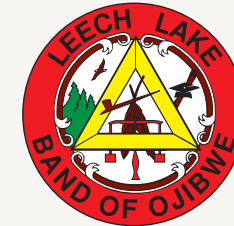
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BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Photo (left to right): Carol White and Vera Cronin

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School staff celebrated the retirement of two of their veteran educators on Sept. 1st. Carol White served for 37 years at the school as an elementary teacher and an Ojibwe language teacher. Vera Cronin served students for 30 years as an elementary para-professional. They each received a plaque and a Pendleton blanket.

Other staff who received plaques for another 5 years of service to Bug O Nay Ge Shig:

Ellen Adams 40 years	Ron Feltus 10 years
Priscilla Smith 30 years	Geri Howard 10 years
Bruce White 30 years	George Jones 5 years
Richard Armstrong 20 years	Casey Croaker 5 years
Maggie Goodwin 20 years	Chad Brown 5 years
Ernie Johnson 20 years	Brian Barta 5 years
Wanda Howard 15 years	Cynthia Kuck 5 years
Julitta GrayHawk 15 years	<i>Miigwech</i>

LLBO ENDORSED CANDIDATES – 2020 GENERAL ELECTION –

Federal & State Offices

The 2020 General Election will take place on *Tuesday, November 3, 2020*. We strongly encourage all Band and community members to exercise your right to vote. Starting *Friday, September 18, 2020*, we will have *early voting available for individuals residing in most parts of northern Cass County* at the Leech Lake Administrative Office (RBC headquarters) in Cass Lake, MN. Or you can request a ballot by visiting <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/ABRegistration/ABRegistrationStep1.aspx> and filling out the information requested. For any further voter related questions, please contact the Secretary of State's hotline at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)

STATEWIDE ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. President & Vice President **Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris (DFL)**
U.S. Senator **Tina Smith (DFL)**

ON-RESERVATION ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Representative (8th District) **Quinn Nystrom (DLF)**
State Senator (District 5) **Rita Albrecht (DFL)**
State Representative (District 5A) **John Persell (DFL)**

OFF-RESERVATION ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Representative (5th District) **Betty McCollum (DFL)**
State Senator (District 2) **Leonard Alan Roy (DFL)**
State Senator (District 41) **Mary Kunesh-Podein (DFL)**
State Representative (District 42B) **Jamie Becker-Finn (DFL)**

LOCAL OFFICES

The RBC is encouraged to see the number of Band members and other American Indians running for office in county, municipal and school board elections. While we choose not to make any official endorsements for these local offices at this time, we encourage Band members to vote for indigenous candidates whenever possible!



Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Northland Community Schools 2016 graduate, Benjamin Swankier of Remer, MN! Ben has been accepted to the J.D. program at Michell Hamline School of Law for fall 2020 and has been awarded the Native Justice annual tuition scholarship as well! Once again, congratulations on your admission and scholarship! Wishing you the best in all of your future endeavors!

Keep up to date with the latest news within the Leech Lake Reservation and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe at home by visiting:

www.leechlakenews.com

Also be sure to visit and

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at: www.facebook.com/LeechLakeBandofOjibwe

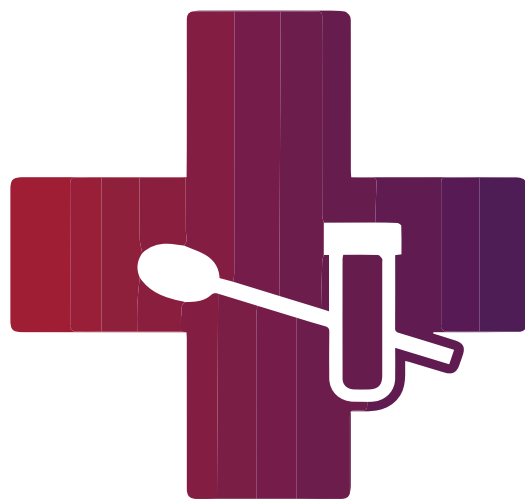
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If you
are sick,

Get
tested.

Talk to your health care provider.



mn.gov/covid19
Find COVID-19
testing locations.

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The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program is now accepting applications!

Leech Lake Housing Authority is a provider agency for Covid-19 Housing Assistance Program funding. Please read the eligibility requirements and apply online at 211unitedway.org or call the phone number below if you don't have internet access. After you complete the application, and select Leech Lake Housing as your provider agency, one of our staff members will contact you.

Call 211 (Toll Free: 1.800.543.7709; Local: 651.291.0211)

visit www.211unitedway.org

OR text "MNRENT" or "MNHOME" to 898-211 to learn more.

The COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program provides housing assistance payments to help prevent eviction, prevent homelessness, and maintain housing stability for eligible renters and homeowners. Local administrators will review applications from individuals and families requesting assistance, verify eligibility, and process payments for eligible expenses on behalf of households.

District III Elder Birthdays

From the District III
Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

October



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

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



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Emergency Relief Assistance to Tribal Members Verification of Need Form

Program Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be an enrolled LLBO Tribal member.
2. Must be 18 years or older on or before 07/22/2020.
3. Must demonstrate a need for assistance by checking at least one box on the Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic below.*
4. Individual must sign and return this Form on or before 10/01/2020 to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Eligible Tribal members 18 and over may receive a one-time payment of \$1,000.

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ DOB: _____

Tribal ID #: _____ Last 4 SSN: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: Same as Physical Address

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furloughed or Terminated from Employment
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed at start of pandemic
<input type="checkbox"/> Increased Health Care Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Increased Child Care Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Increased Grocery and/or Food Delivery Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenses related to Home-Schooling
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenses related to working remotely | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and Cleaning Supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Owned Business closed or run at diminished capacity
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarantine Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Explain, Use back of page if necessary. _____
_____ |
|--|--|

Disclaimer: In submitting this application, I declare and certify that the information and documentation is true and correct regarding the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. I further agree to assist the LLBO in seeking any further necessary verification of the submitted information upon reasonable request. Contact information submitted on this form will be updated in the Tribal Enrollment database.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSSES OCTOBER 1, 2020 4:30 PM CT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the program?

All enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who are at least 18 years of age as of July 22, 2020.

Qualified applicants must also have experienced an economic impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and check at least one box in the "Economic Impact" section of the application.

How do I apply?

Online Application will be available at:

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/201954426093153>

Online applications will open on July 22, 2020 and will close on October 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

Paper Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2020.

How do I submit my application?

All band members are encouraged to use the online application whenever possible. Paper applications can be mailed to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

When will I receive my payment?

Applications will be processed in the order they are received. Online applicants who submit their information with no errors can expect to receive their payment within two weeks. Please allow at least two weeks from the date of submission before inquiring on the status of your application. Paper applications may take longer.

How will I receive my payment?

All checks will be processed and mailed directly to band members using the information provided on the form. There will be no in person pickup.

How much will I receive?

Each approved applicant will receive a one-time payment of \$1000.00

What if I do not know my enrollment number?

In order to obtain your enrollment number, your social security number and other information will be required. Please contact one of the following numbers: 218-335-3601, 218-335-3602, 218-335-3677, 218-335-3604

The online application is not working for me, what do I do?

If the online application is giving you an error or won't allow you to submit, please call 218-335-4483. This is for errors with the online application only, no information on application status or other items will be available.



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on the bay
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John Demuth - Grand Rapids, MN

"I feel very safe on how the staff are always cleaning the slot machines."

"Duck" Drouillard - Cass Lake, MN

"I have been to casinos in Connecticut & Atlantic City. They wear masks and stuff, but they don't clean the slot machines like you do."

Ryan Forero - Paramus, NJ



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SPECIALS, 4pm-8pm

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MONDAY: BBQ Platter - \$12.95

TUESDAY: Meatloaf - \$11.25

WEDNESDAY: BBQ Ribs - \$14.95 Half, \$19.95 Full

THURSDAY: All You Can Eat Fried Shrimp - \$14.95

FRIDAY: New York Steak - \$17.95

SATURDAY: Prime Rib - \$18.95

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