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Spreading Knowledge on Addiction and Addressing Community Struggles

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Hosts Second Annual Opioid Response Summit

WALKER – Leech Lake's Second Annual Opioid Response Summit began Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center in Walker, MN.

In attendance at the 3 day event were members of the LLBO community, substance use disorder experts, health providers, affected individuals and families. The Opioid planning committee who is addressing the ongoing crisis said the event is one of the ways the community can spread knowledge on addiction and address the community's struggles head on.

The summit opened with strong words from Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson. Jackson addressed the crowd, and shared his belief in why community call to actions like this are so important.

"The reason we're here for these three days, our 2nd Annual Opiate Summit. Last year's summit was very powerful. You know there were good feelings here, there were real feelings here with our elders panel and our youth panel. Our relatives dealt with alcoholism, we have more issues that we're dealing with today. More than anything we look to help those struggling on the road of sobriety, to find a drug free lifestyle," said Jackson.

The summit featured several keynote speakers each day as well as afternoon breakout sessions, over 15 booths with information on the tribes recovery resources. The summit also saw the return of the successful elder panel and a youth panel.

While Native Americans comprise only 2 percent of the total U.S. population, according to the Centers for Disease Control, members of Indian country experience the highest rate of opioid-related fatalities, including both prescription and illegal drugs — dying at almost double the rate of African Americans and Latinos combined.

The opioid planning committee hopes spreading awareness of the tribes resources can combat these figures. Sitting on the planning committee is Earl Robinson Human Service Director, Cassandra Kingbird-Opioid Coalition Coordinator, Darla Johnson RN Manager for the Bimaajii Abinoojiiyeg Program and Emma Brown-Employee Relations Associate. The planning committee issued a written statement regarding the three day event, elaborating on one of the ways the event helps the community address the crisis.

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JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Protect your Family - Test your home for radon - You can Prevent Lung cancer!

Radon is naturally produced from the decay of elements found in the soil beneath our homes. Homes on Leech Lake Reservation range from low to high. Radon is responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year. Even though we cannot see radon or smell it - Radon is real! It is an invisible, odorless radioactive gas that's bad for our lungs. In the US radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. Radon can build up to high levels in our homes and become a problem for the people who live there. Your home might have high levels of radon and you wouldn't even know it. No matter what type of home you live in: brand new and airtight or old and drafty radon isn't picky. To date we have assisted over 390 Leech Lakers in making their homes safer by reducing their radon. Join us in reducing radon across the Reservation. Harm to our lungs can be prevented, we just have to test!

Contact the Leech Lake Radon Program for one (1) free radon test kit per household.

Contact Johnny Brown, Radon Technician at 218-335-3716
radonjohnny15@outlook.com and get more information at <http://www.llojibwe.org/drm/environmental/radon> or go to sosradon.org.

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LLTC SURPASSES DONATION GOAL FOR 2019 GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

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CASS LAKE – This year, Give to the Max Day saw the Leech Lake Tribal College breaking yet another donation goal.

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 million dollars total in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day. LLTC themselves raised \$26,000.

This year the college earned \$36,285 in the 24 hour fundraising period, including a \$15,000 LLBO gaming match donation, making this year’s donation total nearly a \$10,000 increase from the prior year. The college raised funds through online donations and several events on campus to garner in-person donations. The campus events included an LLTC Laker’s basketball team taco sale, KOJB broadcasts, and a silent auction. An indigenous Wild Game Feast and a live performance by Corey Medina and Brothers were held off-campus at the Rail River Folk School.

Leech Lake Tribal College President Raymond Burns said the college is incredibly thankful for the Leech Lake gaming donation and could not have done the yearly event without the hard work of Leech Lake Tribal College’s staff and faculty. Burns later provided insight on where college donations go and what donations mean to students.



Leech Lake Tribal College receives the matched donation check from Leech Lake Gaming at Cedar Lakes Casino in Cass Lake.

“This donated money will go towards providing additional funding to student events and activities throughout the year. Most notably, the Men’s Basketball Team (who held a silent auction and Taco Sale) and the LLTC Student Senate (who held a raffle and assisted in an Indigenous Wild Game Feast and Concert) for their activities. While the College does provide funding for student events, these generous donations through Give to the Max allow us to supplement these events and allow greater participation for the students,” said Burns.



We would like to thank the following area businesses that supported LLTC’s Give To The Max fundraiser. Leech Lake Gaming, Raphael’s Bakery & Café, Dunn Brothers Coffee, Lueken’s Village Foods North, Bemidji Tires Plus, Shooting Star Casino, Robbie Howe LLBO District I Office, Steve White LLBO District II Office, LeRoy Staples LLBO District III Office, Music Corey Medina & Bros, Music No Rest for the Pickers, Music Obstruction of Justice, Rail River Folk School, The Rez Reporter Robert Fairbanks, Chef Vince Johnson, Sous-Chef Veronica

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You can still donate to LLTC, even though Give to the Max Day is over. You can find ways to donate to the college online at www.lltc.edu/give or by mailing in 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.

ARTICLE BY KAYLA DUOS // PHOTO : RYAN WHITE

LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2020

Cass Lake - Bena High School Varsity Basketball

Boys	Opponent	Location
01.24.20	Kelliher/Northome	AWAY
01.30.20	Win-E-Mac	AWAY
01.31.20	Blackduck	HOME
02.04.20	Mahnomen/Waubun	AWAY
02.11.20	Red Lake	AWAY
02.14.20	Kelliher/Northome	HOME
02.18.20	Walker-Jackensack-Akeley	AWAY
02.20.20	Nevis	HOME

LLTC Lakers Basketball

Boys	Opponent	Location
01.24.20	Kelliher/Northome	AWAY
01.31.20	Blackduck	HOME
02.01.20	Warroad	AWAY
02.03.20	Clearbrook-Gonvick	AWAY
02.04.20	Mahnomen/Waubun	AWAY
02.06.20	Win-E-Mac	AWAY
02.11.20	Red Lake	AWAY
02.14.20	Kelliher/Northome	HOME
02.18.20	Lake of the Woods	AWAY

Mens	Opponent	Location
01.24.20	Sisseton-Wahpeton	HOME
01.25.20	Sisseton-Wahpeton	HOME
01.28.20	Oak Hills	HOME
02.01.20	Gogebic	HOME
02.04.20	Oak Hills	AWAY
02.07.20	Providence	HOME
02.08.20	Providence	HOME
02.21.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.22.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.23.20	NIAC Conference	TBA
02.29.20	Ogala Lakota College	HOME

BSU Alumna Chrissy Koch Named Executive Director of American Indian Resource Center

By Bemidji State Media Relations

BEMIDJI – Chrissy Koch has been named executive director of the American Indian Resource Center at Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College.



Chrissy Koch, Executive Director of the BSU American Indian Resource Center.

Koch, a BSU alumna and long-time advocate for a native student hub on campus, has been the center's outreach specialist since July 2019.

“It is surreal that I am now here as the director of this center and I am excited to bring new ideas. There's been a lot of really great things that have happened with the AIRC since it's opened at Bemidji State and a lot of amazing things have been implemented, but there is still a lot of room for growth,” Koch said. “That is something that we will be able to bring forth as a team.”

In her role as the center's outreach specialist, Koch said she hoped to draw on her own experiences as a student, her heritage and her strong community connections to recruit students to BSU. She worked to bring American Indian student groups to campus and guide them through the application process. She also spent time building relationships with BSU's tribal college partners at Red Lake Nation College, White Earth Tribal and Community College, Leech Lake Tribal College and Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College.

Before joining the center's staff, Koch spent 10 years working in a variety of American Indian student-support roles in northern Minnesota K-12 schools.

“Since returning to Bemidji State to serve as the outreach specialist for the American Indian Resource Center, Chrissy has quickly proven herself to be a trusted colleague and a strong advocate and champion for American Indian students,” Travis Greene, associate vice president of student life and success, said. “Her collaborative leadership style, along with her authentic way of being, will help energize the Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College communities to think strategically on how best to support our students as well as to increase engagement with American Indian communities to become a destination university.”

Koch, who identifies as Ojibwe and Lakota, was an active member of BSU's Council for Indian Students, where she served as the secretary treasurer, helped plan the annual powwow and held fundraisers.

She has a bachelor's degree in Indian studies from BSU, a master's degree in educational leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in education with an emphasis in leadership and management at Capella University.

Koch's duties as executive director of the American Indian Resource Center begin Jan. 8.

LLTC Lakers Face Trinity Bible Lions

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – In the first home conference game of the season, The Leech Lake Tribal College Lakers men's basketball team took home a weekend of wins against the Trinity Bible Lions December 6 and 7.



Friday nights game was a brutal back and forth for both teams. First period saw the Lakers take an early lead, thanks to a series of quick breakaways and back to back three pointers from Lakers #5 Nathan Armstrong. The 11 point lead was enough to carry the Lakers through first period, and highlight the teams quick pace, and quick rebounds. Lakers ended the first quarter 57-46.

As the teams moved into the second half of the game, the Lions began catching on to the Lakers strategy and upped the score to have a neck and neck game all the way until the buzzer beater. Three-point shots seemed to be the favor

of both teams that night as that was a majority of the shots taken in this period. Both teams also saw a high number of fouls ending the second period with 8 each.

The Lakers nearly lost the game due to a last second foul but came out on top, as #5 Lions Parker Stemen missed his three free throws, ending the game on 95-93 lead. Leech Lake Tribal College basketball coach, Brady Fairbanks said the weekends games highlighted the teams strengths.

“I am very proud of how my guys played this weekend. We were missing a starter, but everyone stepped up when they needed to. I

am more proud of how we prepared for these games in by scouting and practicing hard! When we play basketball at a high level, it is a beautiful thing to watch,” said Fairbanks.

The Lakers built off their Friday night momentum and ended Saturday

nights game with a 79-60 win.

The Lakers will return home to play Red River College, January 11, 2020. You can keep up with the team by following Leech Lake Tribal Colleges official Facebook page.

BOX SCORE			
Final	1	2	T
LLTC	57	38	95
Trinity Bible (N.D.)	46	46	92

Point Leaders	
1st game scoring leaders- Nate Armstrong 38, Arnold Kingbird 21, and Jared Brown 15.	
2nd game - Jason Abeyta 19, Arnold Kingbird 16, and Jared Brown 15.	



District III Office Continues Tradition of Giving Back

District III representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks presents donations of \$2,000 to Cass Lake Area Food Shelf and \$2,000 to the Leech Lake Education Endowment Fund. Pictured receiving the donations are Paul Anderson, Cass Lake Food Shelf (Right) and Laurie Harper, Head of the Leech Lake Education Division (Left).

District III Elder Birthdays

February

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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

Joanne Bellanger
Herbert Medina
Clifford Benjamin
Pamela Michaud
Mary Burnette
Kerry Morgan
Leon Butcher
Richard Robinson
Theresa Cash

Henry Rushman
Maxine Charwood
Bernie Smith
Stanley Chief
Stacy Smith
Marlene Clausen
Keith St.Cyr
Steven Day
Kenneth Staples

Roberta Decker
Karen Staples
Diane Eason
Ramona Staples
Carol Fairbanks
James Starr
Georgianna Feigum
Jacqueline Tibbetts
Sally Fineday

Lois Tibbetts
Sharon Finn
Delcie Tonce
Stanley Hare
Lucille Wakanabo
Wallis Humphrey
Flora White
Bruce Johnson
Patricia Wilson

Cheryl Johnson
Ronald Johnson
James Jones
Darwin Kingbird
Elizabeth Kingbird
Brenda Kornezos
Pauline LaRose
Fred Lovelace

Quarterly Meeting Held in Ball Club on January 10, 2020

BALL CLUB – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting Friday, January 10 at the Ball Club Community Center.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations. Read on Page 5.

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. Time was also dedicated for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band.

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 April, 2020. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Tribal Court

- There were 78 new cases filed between October 1, 2019 and December 16, 2019.
- The court conducted 238 hearings this quarter.
- The court hosted officials from JDAI (juvenile detention alternative initiative, a core group of team members was later selected to meet once a month to address the juvenile detention issue and initiative.

Tribal Development

- The Tribal Housing Development Initiative

- continues to be worked on to address bands needs for the next 20 years.
- A study done by Oweesta in October of 2019 shows the tribe is in a housing crisis. Currently 600 homes are needed to meet current low-income needs, and 1400 units are need to be added over the next 20 years to continue to meet community needs.
- The Homeless shelter was opened November 2019 to address homelessness crisis on the reservation.
- Tribal development is assisting tribal court on JDAI (juvenile detention alternative initiative).
- The capital improvement plan draft regarding construction, facilities and infrastructure needs has been completed.

- Construction is currently underway for new facility for a new child care services building.
- An Initial planning phase to determine the feasibility of converting old palace into treatment facility is taking place, this initiative is being led by Human Services A&D.
- The Opioid Summit was held December 12-14, 2019 at the Northern Lights Casino.
- Tribal Development remains in the planning stage of construction of a new health division building, as the prior building was condemned.
- The Winnie Dam Community Center construction costs has been outlined, Tribal Development will seek additional funding in the near future.

Reservation Services

- Emergency home repair calls
 - D1: 37
 - D2: 44
 - D3: 146
 - Program calls: 32
 - Rough boxes: 17

Resource Management

- The DRM Director and staff met with the Chippewa National Forest Supervisor, Darla Lenz and her staff on December 17, 2019 to discuss issues with the “Little Winnie” and “Winnie Sands” projects, that the band is concerned with. This meeting was held as part of the



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council. Photo : Kayla Duos

- groups signed memorandum of understanding with the department. The two departments will meet again January 29, 2020 to continue discussions on the proposed winnie sands project.
- The DRM director met with the new North West MNDNR Regional Director, Theresea Ebbenga on November 18, 2019 to discuss the Leech Lake hunting and fishing agreement, wild rice, invasive species and the future probabilities of making the reservation a separate management zone for future state seasons and bag limits within the reservation. A meeting has been set for January 30, 2020 to continue these discussions.
- The band will be helping the state with the development of a new grey wolf management plan which is set to be created over the next year.

Human Services

- KSTP came three times for interviews to report on positive impact on Leech Lake community that LLOTP has made. Segment will be aired sometime in February 2020.

Public Safety

- Public Safety participated in the “don't shatter the dream mobilization” in December 2019.
- Public Safety filled all 3 crime victim advocate positions, and employees are in place providing services to community members.

Women's Services and Public Safety department received staff grants that includes a new DV investigator and transcriptionist for a 3 year period. A hazmat mitigation emergency preparedness grant was awarded to the

band to provide a hazmat response gap assessment, which will create a maintenance plan and a possible hazmat rescue team and further training.

Roads and Construction

- Snow fences were installed in Oak Point and Onigum.
- Plowing services continue to be maintained.
- The Bena streets project has entered planning/design phase.

Housing

- Repaired 5 radon mitigation systems.
- Inspected 10 radon systems.
- Tested 50 homes for radon.
- Inspectors conducted 187 unit inspections for substandard living conditions.
- The modernization department renovated 26 home this reporting period.



Tribal members listen on during the Quarterly Meeting. Photo : Kayla Duos

Health Services

- 165 naran kits were purchased for the police department and EMS, this quarter.
- The Leech Lake Sober Squad has been established and has been strategizing how to provide weekly cultural events and peer recovery support in all 3 districts.
- The Opioid strategic plan was completed 12/12/19.
- Getting a naran map developed is an ongoing project.
- The Dialysis program has reached maximum capacity for taking additional clients. New patients will only be able to be accepted if they fit into an existing schedule.
- The car seat program assisted, 46 families and distributed 55 seats this quarter.
- A number of breastfeeding tents have been ordered for future community events
- A “Wecovery” walk was held, there were more than 450+ community members in attendance.
- This quarter the Leech Lake Food Distribution program served 570 low-income households for a total of 774 people.
- The Mac/Naps program gave out 123 food packages to elderly in December.

Education

- Temporary employment program has on average 40 workers daily and 7-12 participants signing up each month.
- The Education Department held the inaugural “Tribal Nations Early Childhood Language Summit” November 19-21, 2019.

Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose



resources to improve local streets and discussions on community wastewater facilities. We swapped land with the Cass Lake/Bena School district in order to better utilize the local land area for projects that will benefit all. We have ongoing discussions with other local transportation systems to provide better public transportation for our members and workforce.

An area that we want to emphasize in our next budget cycle is financial stability and sustainability. This can be an achievable goal if we adopt viable spending polices and implement a long term spending plan. As an example, last year the federal government shutdown that lasted 35 days could have affected all of the band's programs and operations. However, we were able to continue operations with little to no effect due to following our annual spending plans and having enough cash reserves on hand to cover what the federal government withheld. Those cash reserves are the result of adopting annual budgets and not spending all available funds but leaving some in reserves.

Although this was a sufficient internal control to carry us through that particular incident, we do not want to get into a situation where we cannot deliver services to our members if a greater and longer duration emergency arises. Please attend our public meetings to be part of this critical planning process where we will discuss not only the annual budget, but planning for our future financial stability.

Last quarter we reported on where the FY 2020 Casino profits and the State of Minnesota Tax and License revenues were budgeted by program. This quarter we will focus on revenue sources by division. This information will be helpful in development of spending priorities and where do we want to make changes as we move into the FY 2021 budget process.

Governmental Activities Secretary/Treasurer's Summary Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Friday January 10, 2020

Boozhoo! This past quarter has been very busy with the Sales Tax Rebate being distributed, the Cass Lake Homeless Shelter grand opening, the Wellness Center planning committee continues to move forward, the Nature's Lake Community Center Expansion in S. Lake is also in the planning stages, and still more infrastructure projects in construction or development stages. Community and special use buildings are an essential ingredient in the development of the local economy and for the prosperity and social welfare of our band members.

We also have been working with the other local governmental units such as Cass Lake/Bena Schools, City of Cass Lake, Cass County, and Itasca County on such subjects as shared resources and collaborating on similar activities. Our work with the City of Cass Lake includes such items as sharing

I want to invite all to our annual budget hearings that we conduct in each district. These will be held in the latter part of January and into February. Your input is needed and all discussion will be utilized to further develop our spending plan. *Miigwech!*

BUDGET SUMMARY BY DIVISION ▶

Planning	724,249
Roads	5,611,847
DPW	5,056,491
Tribal Police	5,070,752
Resource Management	9,519,934
Admin	12,570,528
Health	13,610,116
Education	16,624,182
Social Services	27,400,673

Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending December 2019

Revenue (Top Right Graph)

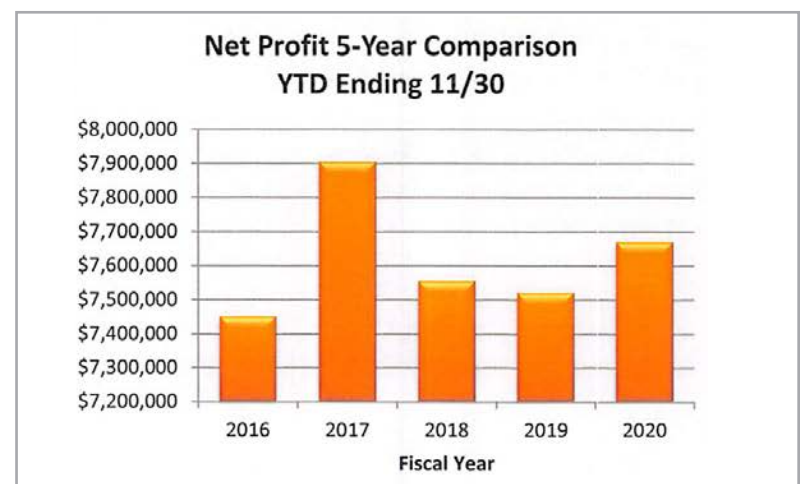
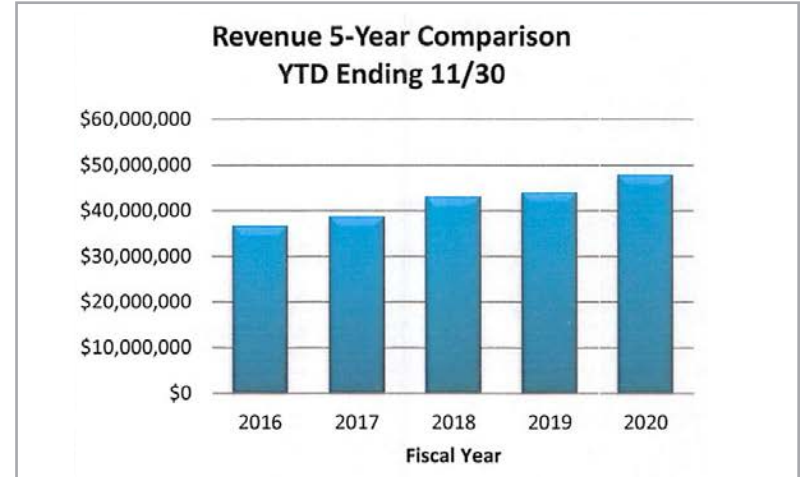
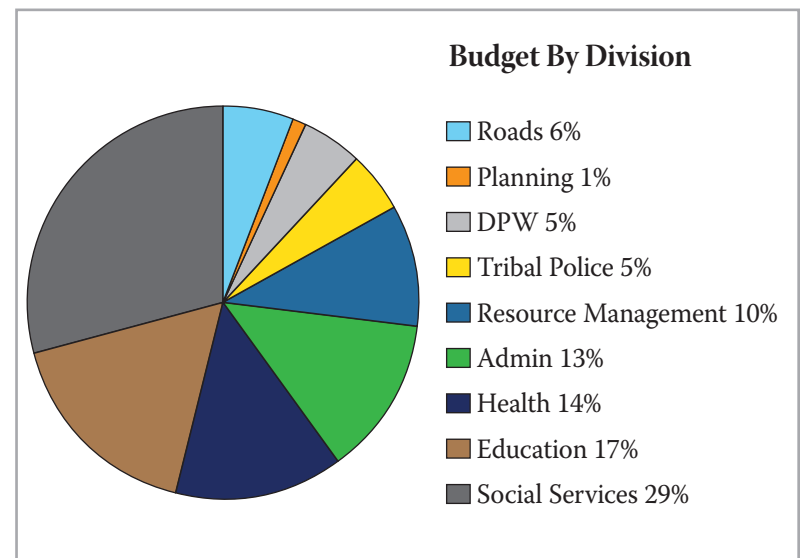
Through November 2019, Leech Lake Gaming has saw \$47.7 million in total revenue. In comparison, this timeframe last year totaled \$44 million. This is a \$3.7 million increase. Leech Lake Gaming has seen a steady increase in revenue when looking at a 5-year trend. The hope is to continue this trend for future years with the move from Palace to Cedar Lakes, and for the other sites as well.

Expenses

Expenses totaled \$40.1 million through November 2019. Last year, the total was \$36.5 million which is a \$3.6 million increase. A majority of the increase of expenses are payroll and operating expense. The increase of operating and cost of goods was expected with the opening of a new casino. As well with payroll, as we hired additional employees for the expanded need and new departments we had.

Net Profit (Bottom Right Graph)

Overall, with the increase of revenue and increase of expenses, net profit did result in a \$149 thousand increase from this year to last. Profit through November 2019 equaled to approximately \$7.7 million while November 2018 totaled \$7.5 million.



Forecast

Again, from revenue to expense to net profit, all areas saw increases. The move from Palace to Cedar Lakes resulted in a closure of one site for about a week and a half, but ultimately we are seeing a healthy increase in revenue and an increase

in net profit. Leech Lake Gaming will be monitoring expenses moving forward through the rest of the fiscal year. Monitoring, and making changes based on information and data we gather, will help the bottom line.

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Pictured Top Left: Students Josh, Gloria and Sam presenting manoomin to elders Julitta GrayHawk and Donna Cloud. **Pictured Top Middle:** Josh and Keira celebrate winning their first "soldier" in moccasin game practice at CLBHS. **Pictured Top Right:** Kimmela preparing soup over an open fire.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig students have had a busy harvest season. Besides their regular classes, they prepared a community feast with rice finished at the school and venison prepared by students. They also gave away wild rice that they had finished to elder's at the school.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig's Hobby Club has been busy after school. A few of the activities are pictured below.



A group of students playing a popular trading card game.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig 7th and 8th grade students ran a Christmas gift store for K-6 students before Winter Break. Being able to give a gift is a great source of joy for children, so Middle School students asked the staff of Bug O Nay Ge Shig to help out with donations of gently used or even new gift items to fill the store. For a quarter each, the elementary students bought a gift for two family members.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig's Family Fun Day included a flurry of activities for all ages: cookie decorating, 12 activity games, Santa, bingo, free family photos, sled dogs, movies, video games, board games, and lots of snacks!! After all of the activities, everyone enjoyed a delicious holiday ham meal.



Instructor Seth Wiegele, Niiko, and Kimmela making Puppy Chow.

► Opioid Summit continued.

“This event helps us identify needs, where to improve on, and service gaps in our programs. Since it’s a community and culturally based summit we can hear from the community, on what is needed and wanted. It is also provides a great networking tool for area providers/professionals and community members.”

One of the tribes successful and most prominent addiction recovery services comes in the form

of the community run group “Sober Squad.” The Sober Squad initiative began in Grand Rapids in 2016 by a Mille Lacs man named Collin Cash. There is now a Sober Squad group on the reservation, 20 in Minnesota and five in other states. Curtis Jackson, a Sober Squad leader defines the organization as a support group for those in recovery.

“We’re a support group, we advocate

for each other. We’re like a big family. When one person is down—it’s not just one person, that tries to pick them up, it’s everybody. When I was I was really in recovery, I didn’t feel like I had nobody and that’s one of the biggest things you can do for somebody is be there for them because they’ve always had people give up on them. I’ve said it a bunch of times but you know they always say ‘it takes a village to raise a child,’ we need that same vil-



LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson delivers the welcoming speech of the Opioid Summit.

lage to fight this opioid epidemic,” said Jackson.

Sober Squad has a public Facebook page and chat for those in recovery.

Wecovery walk in November on the reservation had a turnout of 500 people. Jackson hopes to continue to build on the momentum of their last event and continue to launch Sober Squads in more communities.

“We’ve always had a vision of putting a Sober Squad on every Reservation, and eventually every community. Having that kind of support in your community is really important, if we want to fight this drug epidemic. This problem is just not



Students speak at Saturday's Youth Panel.

limited to Cass Lake. It’s in Onigum, it’s in Walker, it’s in Ball Club, Bena, Inger, S. Lake, Federal Dam, Winnie Dam, it’s everywhere. That’s the big picture,” said Jackson.

While the Sober Squad is one of the most notable services on the reservation, it’s not the only. The

Leech Lake band currently offers 15 different programs that help treat members who are battling addiction and working on recovery.

If you or anyone you know is struggling with an opioid addiction, please call the opioid treatment center at (218) 335-4514 for assistance.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LEECH LAKE AREA

Is currently accepting applications until **January 21, 2020**

Resource Development Director

This position is a full time salaried position, required 40 hours a week, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30 pm, but hours may vary based on events. Minimum required education is a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college with three years’ experience in resource development for a nonprofit or Boys & Girls Club. Applicants must successfully pass a background check and drug test.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Graves at 218-335-8144 or via email at rgraves@bgclechlake.com

Applications can be picked up at the Club or downloaded from our website at www.bgclechlake.com

ON-SITE ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SENATE & FEDERAL ELECTIONS AT LLBO GOVERNMENT BUILDING

For the following dates, voters who live in the listed townships may vote early in the upcoming scheduled 2020 Elections.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Government Building is an absentee voting location for the following precincts :

- Bena
- Cass Lake
- Federal Dam
- Gould Township
- Ottertail Peninsula Township
- Pike Bay Township
- Sucker Lakes
- Wilkinson Township
- Winnie Portage Lakes

Presidential Nomination Primary |
March 3, 2020

**Absentee Voting : January 17 through
March 2, 2020**

State Primary | August 11, 2020
**Absentee Voting : June 26 through
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January 11th, 2019

LLBO Quarterly Meeting held at Inger Community Center.

February 16th-18th, 2019

Children's Winter Fest held across three sites within Leech Lake : Cass Lake, Bena and Deer River.

March 9th, 2019

Kid's Perch Jerk held at Big Winnie offshore.

March 19th, 2019

Miijim Gosha Mashkiki Nutrition Expo held at Cass Lake Facility Center Gymnasium.

March 29th, 2019

LLBO State of the Band and Quarterly Report at Northern Light · Event Center.

April 12th, 2019

LLBO Quarterly Meeting held at Sugar Point Community Center.

April 22nd, 2019

Earth Day 2019 event held by Leech Lake Department of Resource Management.

April 30th, 2019

Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Walk held at Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center.

May 18th, 2019

Leech Lake Tribal College Spring Graduation 2019 at CLBHS Gymnasium.

May 23rd, 2019

27th Annual Memorial Walk/Run at ALC Gymnasium in Cass Lake, hosted by Diabetes Fitness Center.

May 30th, 2019

Bug O Nay Ge Shig 2019 High School Graduation at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School.

May 31st, 2019

Cass Lake-Bena 2019 High School Graduation at the CLBHS.

June 6th, 2019

Leech Lake Veterans Cemetary Open House and Dedication Ceremony takes place at newly built Memorial.

June 7th, 2019

Leech Lake Financial Services held a dedication and Naming Ceremony for its Benay Fairbanks Training Center in Cass Lake.

June 7th-8th, 2019

Take a Kid Fishing takes place at two locations within Leech Lake : DIII at Knutson Dam DI&II at Winnie Dam.

June 25th, 2019

2nd Annual Welcome Babies Ceremony takes place in Cass Lake at Leech Lake Veterans Pow Wow Grounds.

June 27th-30th, 2019

2nd Annual Leech Lake Days takes place in Cass Lake, including Community Clean-Up Day and Traditonal Pow Wow.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

2019 Year in Review

A look back to the events and important dates in 2019 for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.



Jul

July 1st, 2019
A man stood for over 60 hours in one spot in an Iron Man challenge, beating out 10 others to win a car as part of the 2nd Annual Leech Lake Days, Aho!

July 12th, 2019
LLBO Quarterly Meeting held at Onigum Community Center.

July 26th, 2019
LLBO Employee Appreciation Picnic at Norway Beach Pavilion in Cass Lake.

July 30th, 2019
The 2019 Two Spirit Celebration was held at Leech Lake Housing Authority.

Aug

August 1st, 2019
Leech Lake Reservation Korean Culture Exchange takes place at Onigum Community Center.

August 10th, 2019
Cedar Lakes, LLBO's newest gaming property sets the Guinness World Record for the largest frybread taco in Cass Lake.

August 12th-14th, 2019
Districts I, II and III send Leech Lake youth on the yearly trip to Valleyfair.

August 21st-23rd, 2019
Inaugural 7th Generation Youth Substance Abuse Disorder Summit at Northern Lights Event Center.

August 28th-30th, 2019
District I, II and III hold their annual Back to School Backpack Giveaways.

Sep

September 2nd, 2019
LLBO Department of Resource Management holds its annual Take a Kid Ricing event at Mud Lake.

September 6th, 2019
Leech Lake Twin Cities Office holds their Annual Summer Picnic.

September 14th, 2019
The Boys & Girls Club of Cass Lake 20th Anniversary Celebration takes place in Cass Lake.

Oct

October 3rd, 2019
Inaugural Wisdom Steps and LLBO Health Division Health Fair at Cedar Lakes Casino.

October 11th, 2019
LLBO Quarterly Meeting and Grand Opening of new Twin Cities Office in Minneapolis.

October 16th, 2019
Leech Lake Human Services holds Open House and Dedication Ceremony for new A&D Youth Building.

October 17th, 2019
5th Annual Healing Walk at the Boys & Girls Club of Cass Lake, hosted by Leech Lake Health Division.

October 17th-20th, 2019
LLBO Department of Natural Resources hosts the Anishinaabe Culture Skills Camp at Lake Winnie.

Nov

November 3rd, 2019
Animiba'iwe Akoziwin 5K Run/Walk takes place at Leech Lake Veterans Grounds in Cass Lake.

November 14th, 2019
The Minnesota Indian Education Association held their 35th Annual Conference at Grand Casino Hinckley. Seven Leech Lake Band members received individual awards during the banquet in addition to Northland-Remer winning the Ojibwe Quiz Bowl.

November 19th-21st, 2019
Tribal Nations Early Learning Language Summit at Cedar Lakes Casino.

November 22nd, 2019
Leech Lake Human Services holds the Grand Opening for the new Cass Lake Homeless Shelter.

Dec

December 12th-14th, 2019
LLBO hosts Second Annual Opioid Response Summit at Northern Lights Event Center.

December 17th, 2019
The 2019 Leech Lake Elder Christmas Party takes place at Northern Lights Event Center.





Obituaries



Thelma Adams



Thelma Jean Adams, “Miskwaa Mashkiki Binesi ikwe” which means, “Red Medicine Thunderbird Woman,” of the Bear Clan, age 39, of Cass Lake, MN entered the Spirit world on her birthday, December 11, 2019. Thelma joined her parents Karen A. Adams and Wayne J. Wintermeyer, both from Cass Lake.

Thelma grew up in Cass Lake, Minnesota. She attended Northwest Technical College then went on to help take care of her mother and those that she loved. Thelma had a green thumb. She loved landscaping and could always be found working in her vegetable garden.

She met James Schneider, Jr. in high school and had three beautiful children, which is what she lived for.

Thelma will be joining her parents, grandparents Harold and Catherine Adams (Staples), Aunt Thelma and Uncle Darryl Adams (twins) Uncle James Adams, Cousin Jason Cross, Baby Golden Eagle, Damien Adams Harper and Jared Adams.

Thelma leaves behind her children; Cody Schneider (Karina), Kailey Schneider, Karleigh Schneider and Kaliyana Adams, grandchildren; Emmalyn Schneider and Kaysen Schneider, brothers; Darryl W. Adams of Cass Lake, Matt Vogel of Bemidji, Aaron Wind of Bena, sisters; Robyn Adams of Cass Lake, Terri Jo Adams of Bemidji,

father of her children James Schneider, Jr., special friend Greg Madigan and all her nieces and nephews.

A wake for Thelma will begin at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, 2019 and will continue until the 1:00 p.m. traditional service on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 all held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Dylan Adams will be her Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers are Tom Adams, Beaver Littlewolf, Bryan Adams, Dan White, Fred Fairbanks, Jon Schneider, Shawn Patrick, Jimmy Roper and Tim Adams. Honorary pallbearers are Darryl Adams, Sr., Cody Schneider, Alex Adams, Greg Madigan, Aaron Wind and James Schneider, Jr. Interment will be held in the Staples Fairbanks Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN following the service on Tuesday.

Thelma'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

Wilfred “Chi-Beeb” Smith



Wilfred Daniel Smith, “Chi-Beeb” age 83, of Bemidji, Minnesota passed away on December 12, 2019 from Regency Hospital in Golden Valley, MN. He was born in Onigum, MN on January 12, 1936. Will was the last living son of Harry Smith Sr. and Jennie (Ryan) Smith. He was raised in Onigum and attended school in Walker, MN. He was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Fish Clan, Pilger Band. Will was the

first Native American boy to play basketball for Walker Warriors (now known as Walker Wolves) and the Onigum Night Hawks. His basketball coach called him “Willy.” He moved to Minneapolis in his early 20's and married Elvina (Martin) Smith and had two sons: Mark and Patrick Smith. Will's life work consisted of being a tire warehouse worker for 13 years along with part time jobs. He eventually moved to Cass Lake, MN. He had one son with Shirley Kornezoes: Todd Smith. Will later married Maxine (Smith) Manypenny and had one daughter: BeeJay Smith. He went to technical college in Grand Forks for truck driving. He then was a cross-country truck driver for 16 years. Something special about Will was his will power to quit smoking 2 packs of cigarettes per day cold turkey in 1985. That was when cigarettes were \$.85 per pack. Will loved to hunt, go fishing, ricing, netting and enjoyed pow wows and love to play 20/20.

Will loved to speak Ojibwe and if you didn't understand, he would tell you afterwards what he said in English. Most everything he said was so comical and made everyone laugh. He was most happy when people would come to visit him and especially enjoyed and loved his grandkids and great grandkids. He is remembered for his gentle, giving, caring nature, and is extremely great sense of humor. He loved to laugh, joke and tease all the time.

Will moved to Neilson Place in Bemidji, MN where he spent his last years battling diabetes. He liked to spend his days playing cribbage or solitaire on his computer, listening to old time country music, reading sports magazines, newspapers and western books, doing word finds, watching sports, news, movies and old shows, playing cribbage with friends, riding around the facility, to the hospital and Wal-Mart in his electric wheelchair.

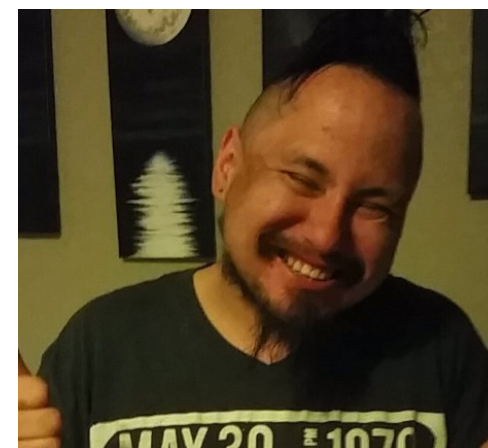
He is welcomed home by his grandparents, parents; Harry and Jenny, brothers; Randolph White, Sr., Lyman White, Sr., Harry Smith, Jr., Kenneth Smith, Roger Smith and Lavern Smith, sons; Patrick and Todd Smith, grandson; Zane Smith, aunts uncles, nephews and cousins.

Will is survived by Maxine Manypenny, son; Mark Smith, daughters; BeeJay Smith and Lanaya Williams, grandchildren; Dominic Smith, Maria Smith, Samantha Smith, Julia Smith, Camryn Smith, Ava Smith, Michelle Smith, Tokina Smith, Damon Brown, Onishtah Smith, Miikowahdiiz Smith, great grandchildren; Izabell Smith, Samara Smith, Jameson Lefford, Laila Rockwell, Vincent Rockwell, Jr., Rosilea Homer, Adalynn Homer and Oliver Stafford, special nieces; Vicky, Debbie, Marilyn, Carol and Ashley.

A wake for Wilfred will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. service on Wednesday, December 18 all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Reverend Cobb and Reverend Butcher will be officiating. Pallbearers for Will are Officer Bill Bowstring, Dominic Smith, Eric Isham, Mike Chosa, Ted White, Sr., and Gary White. His honorary pallbearers are Earnst Ryan, Gary White, Lyman White, Jr., Randolph (B Boy) White, Jr., and all his nieces and nephews. Alternate pallbearer for Will is Michael White. Interment will be in the Episcopal Cemetery, in Old Agency, MN.

Will'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

Nicholas Ostby



Nicholas Ostby, 33, of Bemidji, MN died Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at his home.

A Memorial wake will be held from noon – 4 pm on Friday, January 4, 2020 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji assisted the family.

He was born August 19, 1986 in Park Rapids, MN the son of Mick and Karla (Napper) Ostby.

He was raised and educated in Bemidji. He loved gaming and drawing.

He is survived by his dad, Mick Ostby; siblings, Mike, Clifford, Tina, Andrea, and Michelle; grandmother, Gladys Napper; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Karla; grandparents, Blake Napper, Ruth Thompson, and Mack Ostby.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Rachelle Quaderer



Rachelle Marie Quaderer, also known as Ricky Mackk, peacefully started her journey to the spirit world on Saturday, November 30, 2019 in Brooklyn Park, MN. Ricky was born on January 17, 1984 in Minneapolis, the daughter of Louis Quaderer and Theresa McFarlane.

Ricky was truly one of a kind. Since the age of two, Ricky was raised by her foster parents Julio and Joan Almanza. Later in her life her auntie Brenda and uncle Shotsie Greene would take care of her and Mickey. Ricky was a person who would crack jokes all of the time and would make fun of you every chance she got. Ricky loved to make people smile and would go out of her way to try and feed everyone. She loved her ice and her favorite time of year was Christmas. Ricky would always tell it like it was and never sugar coating anything. Ricky enjoyed spending time with her mother whether it was on the phone or in person. She would call every morning and every night just to hear her voice. Ricky would say in her own words "there's no better feeling than when your mom say I loooove you 2. Their conversations would last for hours. She enjoyed shopping and listening to music. Ricky loved cooking, especially baking. She loved dancing before she hurt her back. She also loved reading, spending time with her family, swimming, being with her animals and giving them crazy names. Ricky had a bunny that she named munchies because it was always eating and grew to be quite big. She would celebrate her brother Douglas' birthday and his memorial every year for the past eleven years. Ricky loved her nieces and nephews, her twin sister Michelle's kids: Kalista & Erasmo, her brother's kids: Alana, Tessa, Cece, Krissa, Mikey, Savanna and Precious and her baby brother's kids: Baby

Dave, Nina and Gage. She had a heart of gold and ALWAYS had a smile on her face. Ricky would help whenever and wherever she could even if it was her last dollar.

The family that Ricky joins again are her grandparents, Florenstine McFarlane and Amos and Betty Quaderer; father, Lois Quaderer; little brother, Douglas McFarlane; little sister, Cheryl Ann Smith and her uncle, Guy (Shotsie) Greene.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her mother, Theresa; twin sister, Michelle and sister, Leigha; brothers, Michael, David and Jason; aunts, Lisa "Trixié" and Brenda; uncle, Tam; her cat, Kitty, many nieces and nephews and her many friends.

A wake for Ricky will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Chippewa Tribal Office, 1308 East Franklin Street, Minneapolis and will move to the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake on Wednesday, December 11 to start at 5:00 p.m. It will continue until her 7:00 p.m. service on Thursday also at the Vet's Building. Pallbearers for Ricky will be Michael, Kevin, Megual, Dickie, Mikey, Erasmo and Kyle. Honorary pallbearers are Michelle, Leigha, Kalista, Alena, Krystal, Jasmine, Tessa, Cece, Nona, Sydney, Tiara, Emperial, Janah and Jead. Interment will be held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service on Friday, December 13, 2019.

Ricky'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

Donna "Elaine" Regguinti



Donna "Elaine" Regguinti, "Anang Ikwe" which means "Star Woman", age 68, of Deer River, Minnesota and the Bear Clan journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, December 27, 2019 from Essentia Hospital in Deer River,

MN. She was born on January 20, 1951 in Cass Lake, MN to Margaret (Fairbanks) Ferber.

Elaine was born in northern Minnesota and spent most of her childhood growing up in Ball Club. She moved to Minneapolis in her teenage years. She was a proud member of the Leech Lake Band and moved back to the reservation in the mid 90's. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring after 20 years of service and would later retire from the Leech Lake Reservation. She went on the substitute teach for the Red Lake, Ponemah and the Bug-o-nay-ge-shig Schools and volunteered as a driver for medical appointments. Elaine loved to travel and follow the powwow trail as often as she could, where she loved to jingle dress dance. She loved her powwow family, just as much as she loved her own. Her family meant the world to her and she loved spending time with them; especially her kids and grandchildren. Elaine loved being with them and doing whatever she could for them. She had a passion for giving back to her Mother Earth and encouraged others to do so. Elaine was an amazing woman who gave of herself, helping even people she didn't know. She took pride in being grammatically correct and would correct you if you weren't. Elaine was a wonderful mother and grandmother and she will be forever missed.

Family that Elaine is reunited with are her mother, Margaret Ferber; brother, Gordon Regguinti; sister, Laura Warner; grandsons, Joe Richard Dodson and Richard Byrd Dodson III; father of her children, Thomas Edward Wilson, Jr. and many other relatives.

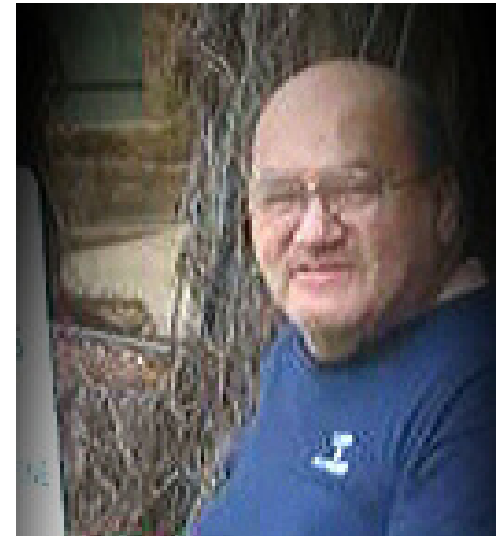
Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children, Cari (Joe) Frenzel of Puposky, Crystal (Chad) Wilson of Ball Club, Corey Wilson of Bemidji and Camille Wilson of Ball Club; brothers, Johnny (Pat) Regguinti and Randy (DeEtt) Ferber; sisters, Tammy Eyre and Debbie Wiita; 15 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, special friend, Richard Parker, several nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Elaine will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 3 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, January 4 all to be held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Pallbearers for Elaine will be Gabriel Hager, Jr., Jared Frenzel, Dante Wilson, Devin Johnson, Randy Ferber and Joseph Frenzel. Her honorary pallbearers are all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Elaine'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

Herald Hare



Herald Almon Hare, 63, of Cass Lake, MN died Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Cass County Courthouse in Walker, MN.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 13, 2019 at the Cass Lake Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN with Mark Peske officiating. A wake will begin at 5:00 pm on Wednesday at the Facility Center and will continue until the time of the services. Interment will be at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

Almon was born February 17, 1956 in Grand Rapids, MN, the son of Herald and Hazel (White) Hare. He was raised and educated in Remer, attending Northland High School until the 10 grade when his father passed away in a tragic logging accident in 1973. In 1976, the family moved to Cass Lake. It was there that his younger brothers were taught traditional songs and they started the Oak Point Drum Group which he later joined. In 1984, his only daughter was born which gave purpose to his life, although he was a single father, he raised her on his own. He successfully completed his GED in 1999. He continued to further his education by completing numerous training to further his career to provide for his daughter. He currently was one of the managers of the Leech lake Men's Halfway House. He loved her and would give her the world if he could. He enjoyed carpentry, traveling and especially being with his family. He lived a life of sobriety for 35 years, which he was proud of until the day he died.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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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 Re: Estate of: Kenneth Wayne Gale, DOB: 02/18/1950. Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-96

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Kenneth Wayne Gale, died November 1, 2016. A hearing was held before the Honorable Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 8th, day of October, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal**

Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Matthew Gale, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 8th, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Leah Monroe, 10491 Sugar Point Dr. NW Federal Dam, MN 56641 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Gale, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Robert Charles Whitefeather, DOB: 03/04/1968 Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-146

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Robert Charles Whitefeather, died July 28, 2018. A hearing was held before the Honorable Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 24th day of October, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal**

Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Deanna Fairbanks, surviving sibling of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 24th, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Deanna Fairbanks, 1422 Sage Dr. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Whitefeather, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Edna Marion Whitefeather, DOB: 10/26/1926. Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-112

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Edna Marion Whitefeather, died August 10, 2010. A hearing was held before the Honorable Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 24th day of October, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a **Petition for Formal**

Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Deanna Fairbanks, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 24th, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Deanna Fairbanks, 1422 Sage Dr. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edna Whitefeather, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

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LEECH LAKE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2019 Leech Lake Tribal Police Officers executed twenty-four (24) drug related search warrants specific to residences and vehicles. Officers seized thirty-one (31) firearms, consisting of both handguns and long guns (some including sawed-off shotguns and semi-automatic style rifles). Approximately \$15,069.69 of cash was seized, which investigators believe is tied directly to the sales and distribution of illegal drug sales.

Approximate total of seized drugs in 2019

Crystal Methamphetamine	971.37 grams
Processed Marijuana	1,453.79 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl	313.93 grams
Powder Cocaine	19.43 grams
Gabapentin Prescription Pills	577 pills

The approximate street value of the above listed drugs is roughly \$46,205.00. *Please note this is a rough estimate broken down to street values and that the prices on illegal drugs can fluctuate up or down on a daily basis

depending on supply and demand in the local area.

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department would like to thank all of their partners in the stance against the sales/possession of illegal drugs on the Leech Lake Reservation. The Police Department would also like to thank the numerous community members who have reported drug activity through anonymous tips that have helped lead Officers in working proactively towards the fight against drugs.

The Leech Lake Tribal Police

Department will continue its proactive approach to protecting the community and continues to seek the public's help with obtaining information to crimes in the area.

If anyone has information related to the sales or possession of illegal drugs within the Leech Lake Reservation, please contact:

the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department Narcotic Investigator(s) at (218) 335-8277 or via tips@llpolice.org

Methamphetamine

2014	25.83 grams
2015	1,690.52 grams
2016	1,082.07 grams
2017	989.26 grams
2018	401.71 grams
2019	971.37 grams

Heroin

2014	1.4 grams
2015	11.42 grams
2016	105.96 grams
2017	201.85 grams
2018	52.42 grams
2019	313.93 grams

Marijuana

2014	23.63 grams
2015	1,199.07 grams
2016	725.26 grams
2017	894.77 grams
2018	10,074.13 grams
2019	1,453.79 grams

Cocaine

2014	.1 grams
2015	0 grams
2016	12.51 grams
2017	115 grams
2018	258.73 grams
2019	19.43 grams

Gabapentin Prescription Pills

2014	78 pills
2015	952 pills
2016	437 pills
2017	359 pills
2018	377 pills
2019	577 pills



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Fredrick Nason
Alvina Omer
Donna Regguniti
Andrea Price

Marilyn Roybal
Hope Thompson
Lorna Urrutia
Sharon Wakonabo
Marilyn Wilson

From the District I Office Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiiw



District II

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Richard Losh
Walter "Butch" Chase III
Bonnie Fairbanks-Stangel



From the District II Office Steve, Lindsey, & Michelle

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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

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 JANUARY 17, 2020

Teen Outreach Program Administrator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-001

ENP Driver (PT) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-002

Cook ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-003

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 24, 2020

Care Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-008

Peer Recovery Coach ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-009

Intake Screening Worker ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-010

Program Manager/Bena Shelter ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-011

Driver/Operator ~ Transportation ~ Job Code: 20-012

Security/Emergency Shelter ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-013

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

FT Vehicle Operator ~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-014

PT Vehicle Operator ~ Fleet Management ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-015

Maintenance Technician ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-016

Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-017

Bena Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-018

Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-019

Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-020

Cook-Cass Lake ~ Education ~ Job Code: 20-021

Maternal Child-Health Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-004

SLUD Maternal Support Specialist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 20-005

Intake Worker ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 20-006

Technician (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 20-007

Nutrition Manager ~ Education/ECD ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-182

Cook-Bemidji ~ Education/ECD ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-183

Education Program Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-181

Compactor Driver/Operator ~ DPW ~ Job Code: 19-179

Tribal Planner ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19-173

Grant Writer ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-174

Planning Assistant ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 19-175

Crisis Response Mental Health Professional ~ Human Service ~ Job Code: 19-164

Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-138

Tribal Police Officer (2) ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-156

Foster Care Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-149

Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-042

Obituaries continued. ►

He is survived by his daughter Kymberly Hare, Grandchildren Adaleea, Mariah, Kaylee, Angelee, Baylee, Raymond and Gerald, Brothers-Ron, Stan, Tony and Dave (Paula) Hare, Sisters Patsy Gordon and Linda Keppers, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers-Ray, Kenneth, Thomas, and Rick Hare, nephew, Anthony Hare and niece Jessica Staples, Jessie Brown and friend Holly Finn.

Active Casketbearers will be Zack White, Brandon White, Moddy Rodriguez, Joshua Hare, David Hare, Jr., Curtis Morris, Gerald Cloud, and Corey Littlewolf.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Connie Littlewolf, Patty Budreau, Sandy White, Rose Lovelace, Beverly White, Bill Casey and in spirit Punk Wakanabo, Janice Holstein and Joleen Wilson.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Mary Monroe



Mary Suzanne Monroe, age 65, of Cass Lake, MN began her spiritual journey on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at her home in Cass Lake with her family by her side. Mary was born on January 8, 1954 in Cass Lake, the daughter of Raymond, Sr. and Sophie (Waukhazel) Monroe.

Mary grew up in the Minneapolis area and moved to Cass Lake in the late 80's. She was a very loving and kind person. She loved taking care of her family. Mary also loved playing bingo and just recently got into slot machines. She enjoyed camping and being in the outdoors. Mary knew how to sew and could make anything she put her mind to. She was an amazing cook and loved cooking big meals to feed her family. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The family that Mary joins again are her parents, Raymond, Sr. and Sophie; son, Michael "Harley" Troy Monroe; sisters, Dawn, Ruth and Connie; brothers, Valerian and Raymond, Jr.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her children, Yvonne Lowry, Dale John Pindogayosh, Jr. (Amber Kramer), David Brian Stellick, Jr. (Michaela Peterson), Kayla Omiimii Stellick and Raymond Leander Stellick; grandkids, Rex Basswood, Jr., Benjamin Lowry, Jr., Carter Basswood, David Brian Stellick III, Dale John Pindogayosh, III, Dwayne Michael Stellick, LaNiya Sue-Lynn LaRose, Kendrick Rylan Basswood, Dominic James LaRose, Jr., Tayshaun Kingbird and Benjamin Kingbird; siblings, Henry M., Dennis M., David M., Darold K. and Judy K., other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Mary will begin at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 4, 2020 and continue until the 1:00 p.m. service on Sunday all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Pastor Richard Cutbank will officiate. Pallbearers for Mary will be Raymond Stellick, David Stellick, Jr., Rex Basswood, Jr., Henry Monroe, Jr., Henry Monroe, Sr., and Faron Monroe. Honorary pallbearers will be Johnny Pindogayosh, Tayshaun Kingbird, Benny Kingbird, Benjamin Lowry, Jr. and Dean Roy. Interment will be in the LaRose family burial grounds in Cass Lake following the service.

Mary'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

Clara (Jones) Smith

Our beautiful grandma, Clara Evelyn (Jones) Smith, age 85, of Bena Minnesota started her journey into the spirit world December 19, 2019 from the Grand Village Nursing Home in Grand Rapids, MN. She was born in Onigum, MN on October 29, 1934 to Jacob and Elsie (Goodwin) Jones.

We're happy she has gone to be joined with her husband, Philip E. Smith; her children, Wanda, Peggy, Darwin "Jai" and Ruth Ann



Smith; step son, Philip Smith, Jr.; her parents, Jacob and Elsie Jones; her siblings, Loretta Budreau, Martin Jones, Caroline Jones, Robert "Champ" Jones, Francis Jones, Barbara Jones-LeBlanc, Alvina Jones-Young, Christina Jones and all her other loved ones. We will miss her dearly.

She leaves behind her children, Elizabeth Kingbird of Cass Lake, Bonita Desjarlais of Bena, Michael Smith of Cohasset, Thelma and Gary Smith both of Bemidji and Jackie Smith-Sam of Minneapolis; brother, Steven Jones of Minneapolis; four generations of grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for Clara will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 21 and continue until her 7:00 p.m. wake service on Sunday, December 22 with her funeral service to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 23 all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate. Helping to lay Clara to rest are Noah De La Paz, Mikael Archambault, Brian Archambault, Bijah Brown, Travis, Brown and Isaiah De La Paz. Her honorary pallbearers are Walter Brown, Ted DeFoe, Jason Kornezos (always looking after grandma) and Daniel Lyons. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery at Mission/Cass Lake, MN following her Monday services.

Clara'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

Watson Smith



Baby Watson Dominick Smith, "Inaasige", 4 months of age, of Cass Lake, Minnesota, unexpectedly began his journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 in Bemidji, MN. He was born the son of Cheyenne Novak and Angelo Smith on July 20, 2019 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

You came into our lives like a shooting star, adored by so many, near and far. You are a gift we will cherish for the rest of our days, filling our hearts in so many ways. You brought us happiness and smiles, sending love and warmth around for miles. A bright, happy little light leaving trails of love, now shining down from up above.

Baby Watson is welcomed to the spirit world by his uncle, Alonzo Smith and many other loved ones.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his parents, Cheyenne Novak and Angelo Smith of Cass Lake, sister, Madison Fairbanks; grandmas, Emmilee Smith and Diane O'Shea; grandpas, Tim Jackson and Tony Novak; great grandmas, Priscilla Smith, Patty Jackson and Lorraine O'Shea; great great grandma, Hope Thompson, numerous aunts, uncles and many cousins.

An overnight wake for Baby Watson will begin at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 3 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Wednesday, December 4 all to be held at the Onigum Community Center at Onigum, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Baby Watson will be Harold Fairbanks, Zach Jordan, Acelee Dunn and Hadrian Smith. His honorary pallbearers are all of his family. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

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



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