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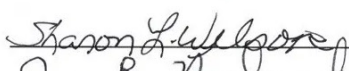
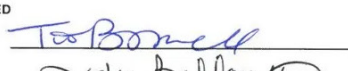
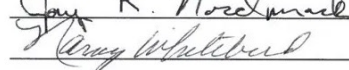
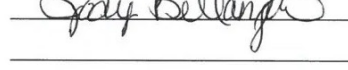
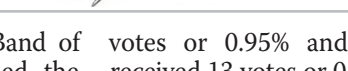
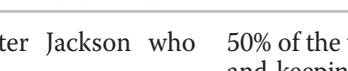
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INCUMBENTS JACKSON, FAIRBANKS WIN IN LEECH LAKE PRIMARY ELECTION

By Kayla Duoos

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JANICE GALE-DAHMEN		0	1	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	16	0.95%
PETER JACKSON		1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	13	0.77%
STEPHEN "STEVEN" HOWARD		6	2	1	6	3	3	17	10	30	0	5	1	3	0	19	7	113	6.72%
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DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON																			
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LEROY STAPLES-FAIRBANKS		1	0	0	1	0	0	247	102	88	18	25	97	54	4	201	59	897	77.60%
CERTIFICATION																			
We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Leech Lake Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Primary Election held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the Leech Lake Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.																			
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CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Election Board has certified the results of the Primary Election held on June 9, 2020.

In the contest for Chair, Faron Jackson (Incumbent) received 911 votes or 54.19% defeating Leonard "Lenny" Fineday who received 628 votes or 37.36%, Stephen "Steven" Howard who received 113 votes or 6.72%, Janice Gale-Dahmen who received 16

votes or 0.95% and Peter Jackson who received 13 votes or 0.77%.

In the contest for District III Representative, Leroy Staples-Fairbanks (Incumbent) received 897 votes or 77.60% defeating Rodney "Rod" Northbird who received 220 votes or 19.03%, and Ronald "Ron" Hare who received 39 votes or 3.37%.

Both prevailing candidates received over

50% of the vote during this primary election, and keeping in line with the MCT election ordinance, no general election for either position will be held. Elected candidates will serve a four year term beginning in July 2020 and ending in 2024.

Elections for Local Indian Councils, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board and Leech Lake Housing Authority Board will be held on the General Election date, August 18, 2020.

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Tribal Council, Volunteers Donate Supplies to Twin Cities Community

Leech Lake Band Members and officials stepped up June 2 to help the communities affected by riots following the death of resident George Floyd.

By Kayla Duoos

ST. PAUL – The tribal council and volunteers took the four hour drive down to St. Paul where they met up with local community members, AIM leaders who protected the Leech Lake office, and MN officials. Following these meetings, the volunteers spent the rest of the afternoon dolling out supplies which included; water, food, masks, hand sanitizer and other items. Chairman Faron Jackson while giving his weekly update, said the decision to stand with the St. Paul community was a simple one.

“As we have been watching along with the rest of the world, resources in their community have been destroyed and caused many difficulties for the people there,” said Jackson. “Stores where many would go get groceries and other supplies are no longer an option. Metro Transit services were suspended, making it extremely difficult for people to reach other areas and get those needed items.”

Jackson also took the time to let

the public know that the council stands behind MN attorney Keith Ellison's decision to formally charge all four officers involved in Floyd's death, and had sent a letter prior to the announcement of charges asking the state to file.

“What happened to Mr. George Floyd was an absolute tragedy, and the council has been relieved to hear that charges have been filed,” said Jackson.

The council also took the opportunity to meet with and hear from Lisa Bellanger, LLBO Tribal Member and new national co-chair of the American Indian Movement during their Minneapolis visit. Bellanger was able to brief the group on the events of the past week from a frontline perspective. The council thanked Lisa and all of the other community members who have stepped up to patrol and protect native spaces in Minneapolis, including the Twin Cities Office, during the riots.



LLBO BEGINS PHASE 1 REOPENING FOR TRIBAL BUSINESSES

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is set to reopen its businesses in three phases beginning June 22, with new employee guidelines for virus protection. This includes all three casinos operated by the tribe.

For Government operations, reopening will begin at a yet to be determined date in July. Once announced, essential employees can begin returning to their offices under their division directors guidance with non-essential and elderly/immunocompromised workers returning later in the summer or fall.

Once on site, employees will be required to do a daily temperature check before entering their office, wear face masks in communal areas outside of their offices and use social distancing and PPE/sanitation equipment accordingly. LLBO is taking a strong stance on keeping employees safe by implementing a three strike policy for those who aren't following safety guidelines, as well as taking the initiative to invest in masks, hand sanitizer, PPE for staff and upping cleaning schedules for all buildings.

Employees will also be asked to undergo a reopening training specifically catered to learning about the spread of COVID-19. Leech Lake asks employees to keep an eye on its communications channel as the council, with guidance from Tribal Health, can recommend to return to critical employees only with essential services continuing. This recommendation will be evidence based on change

of the status of our tribal community health including but not limited to; an increase in confirmed cases, ability to increase testing for employees, and implementation of community wide testing that may identify asymptomatic carriers.

Further updates on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe regarding the reopening schedule and plan, can be found at llojibwe.org, LLBO Facebook page, and through employee newsletters/emails.

PHASE 1

Beginning no earlier than 6-22-2020, essential services and critical employees will remain on site. Offices will remain closed to the public. Employees who are not at high risk of becoming severely ill will have the option to work from home or work on site. Employees who are at increased risk of becoming severely ill who want to come back to work will be considered on a case by case basis.

PHASE 2

Beginning no earlier than 7-22-2020, non-essential are required to return with the exception of employees who are at increased risk of becoming severely ill. Division Directors will consider safest occupancy levels based on social/physical distancing and workplace safety guidelines. Division Directors will also consider varying work schedules but within the limits set by LLBO.

PHASE 3

Which begins no earlier than 8-22-2020, all employees must return to work at their normal office location.



(L to R) Executive Director Robert Budreau Jr., Helen Johnson and Deputy Director Gordon Fineday.

June 14 Marks Anniversary of Bryan v. Itasca Decision

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – June 14 marks the anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of Bryan v. Itasca County.

The historic, unanimous decision was delivered by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. on June 14, 1976. The Supreme Court ruled that Public Law 280 did NOT grant states civil regulatory jurisdiction over Native Americans living on reservations. This was a huge step forward in advancing tribal sovereignty throughout Indian Country. Leech Lake Band member Helen Johnson and her husband Russell Bryan, lived near S.

Lake in the northern part of the Leech Lake Reservation.

To this day, Helen still resides on the property over which the initial dispute arose. In 1972 they received a series of tax bills from Itasca County for their mobile home. The County was seeking a total of \$147.95 from the couple, who could not afford to pay at the time. They turned to the newly established Leech Lake Reservation Legal Services Project, now known as Anishinaabe Legal Services, for help. Over the next four years, their case made its way through the legal system, beginning in the District Court of Itasca County, all the way to the highest court of the land, where it was decided once and for all.

At the time of the decision, the most significant impact was the taxation of Native Americans. As history has shown, the impact was much greater. Just 11 years later another tribal case appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court for a decision. This case is known as California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and overturned the existing laws restricting the gaming industry on Native American Reservations in the U.S. Their main argument was that the laws restricting gambling in California were civil regulatory laws.

Using the decision rendered in Bryan v. Itasca, they successfully argued their position and the Supreme Court ruled in their favor. The Cabazon decision, which drew its substance from the Bryan decision, led to a rapid growth in the Indian Gaming industry. The following year (1988) Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The rest is history.

“If Congress in enacting Pub. L. 280 had intended to confer upon the States general civil regulatory powers, including taxation, over reservation indians, it would have expressly said so.”

-Justice William J. Brennan Jr. United States Supreme Court

HERBST vs MCT

By: Kayla Duoos / Editing and Writing Contributions by: Ben Benoit

CASS LAKE – Before the Tribes conservation code was established, hunting, and fishing was done in the dark. Canoes and gear were stowed away, kept from the eyes of state officials who guarded the reservations of natural resources from the tribe.

That time period is now nearly 50 years in the past, this year June 18th marks the 47th anniversary of the Richard Herbst vs Leech Lake Band federal district court Case. The historic case recognized the bands hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the state of MN and reaffirmed Leech Lake’s jurisdictional borders. The case which had been thrown around the 8th circuit since 1971, began as a result of both the Nelson Act and an increase in conservation officers harassing tribal members over rights that were not yet recognized. This case went beyond hunting and fishing, with the State challenging the ability of the Leech Lake Band to function as a government and regulate our Citizens activities. The passage of the Nelson Act in 1897 allowed the State of Minnesota to illegally claim that Congress abolished the Leech Lake Reservation through land sales, specifically the jurisdictional authority of the Leech Lake Band to regulate hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake Reservation.

It took almost 80 years to correct this action. In 1971, the Leech Lake Band challenged the Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources, Robert L. Herbst in federal court on the

issue of Minnesota forcing Indians to comply with Minnesota game and fish laws. The courts ruled on June 18, 1973 that “Plaintiff Indians have the right to hunt and fish and gather wild rice on public lands and public waters of the Leech Lake Reservation free of Minnesota game and fish laws. Defendants are enjoined from enforcing such laws.”

In addition to getting a positive ruling, these rights were identified as property rights and required Minnesota to pay Leech Lake Band for non-Indian’s privilege of hunting, fishing or trapping within the boundaries of the Reservation. The gathering of wild rice and bait fish on Leech Lake Reservation is wholly regulated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Herbst Case was the right to have our Treaty Rights recognized and set the stage for us to determine our own future. Leech Lake Band’s jurisdictional border is important for all the civic functions and roles our government has. The jurisdiction of the Band is important for policing, environmental regulation, wildlife management, education, construction, housing and a variety of interests. Thanks to this ruling Leech Lake Band members can obtain hunting and fishing licenses from the Tribe’s own Department of Resource Management following our own season dates and limits. For more information on the Herbst vs Leech Lake Band court case or licenses, please call the Department of Resource Management at (218) 335-7400.

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Protestors Topple Columbus Statue Outside Capital

By Kayla Duoos

ST. PAUL — A statue of Christopher Columbus that resided outside the state capital has been taken down by protesters in St. Paul following a nationwide call for racial equality.

On Wednesday June 10, the American Indian Movement Twin Cities members met outside the state capital with a rope, and worked as a team to bring the statue down to the ground. Members repeatedly cited their actions came about after repeated efforts to petition for removal through official avenues failed. Members who were involved with the take down were charged with criminal damage to property.

State Troopers surrounded the toppled statue following its takedown until a transport arrived to remove the statue from the scene. Governor Tim Walz commented on the act Thursday in a press conference, calling the incident “an act of civil disobedience.” He said there will be consequences, which the people who did it “clearly understood and were prepared to take.”

“Don’t confuse the random burning of a liquor store with an act of civil disobedience,” Walz said Thursday. “And it doesn’t mean that we’re condoning the behavior, but I think we understand the motivating factors there.”

Lieutenant Peggy Flanagan, the highest-ranking Native American woman elected executive in the country, said “the current process is not well-defined” for changing what is displayed at the Minnesota State Capitol. As the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB), she pointed out that even people familiar

with government don’t even know about the board.

“I wish the removal had been different, but I am not sad that it’s gone,” she said. “Columbus’ legacy was setting in motion generations of violence, rape and genocide against indigenous people who were already here when he arrived.”

Flanagan said that placing a statue at the capitol confers an honor to their legacy.

“There is no honor in the legacy of Christopher Columbus,” she said. “To remove a statue or choose not to place one there in the first place is not an erasure of history but a reckoning with it.”

Flanagan said Minnesota needs a process that is “accessible, proactive, community driven and transparent” to decide what will be displayed at the capitol.

“All Minnesotans should feel welcome at the Minnesota State Capitol and our state is long overdue for a hard look at the symbols, statues, and icons that were created without the input of many of our communities...As the highest-ranking Native woman elected to executive office in the country, I have often reflected on the fact that I could see a statue honoring that legacy from my office window...Tonight I’m thinking of all the Native children who might now feel more welcome on the grounds and in the halls of their state government,” said Flanagan.

Christopher Columbus statues have been recently vandalized or destroyed in other states as well, including in Richmond, Virginia and Boston, Massachusetts.

State Lifts Stay at Home Order Imposes "Stay Safe" Measures Amid Pandemic

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS — As of May 18, Minnesota’s official stay at home order has been lifted and a new stay safe order has been put in its place.

The change in quarantine guidelines comes as the state nears its peak infection rate. Currently there are over 30,000 cases in the state as well as 11 cases within reservation boundary lines according to the latest information from the MN Department of Health and Indian Health Services. Among the 1300 Minnesota residents who’ve died in the pandemic, 80 percent were residents of long-term care or assisted living facilities, and nearly all had underlying health problems.

The new “stay safe” order hopes to combat those growing figures while allowing many businesses in the area to reopen in a limited capacity, with certain social

distancing guidelines in effect.

While discussing the stay safe order in a televised speech, Walz said the state now has enough supplies of personal protective equipment, ventilators and intensive care hospital beds to handle the state’s predicted peak of COVID-19 cases this summer, but only if residents keep up much of their physical distancing efforts and not get too comfortable.

“We are still in the heart of this pandemic, and this can go in a bad direction very quickly,” Walz said. “We must keep this virus at a simmer and not a boil.”

New figures and updates regarding state K-12 schools school year plans, and impacts on residents who participated in recent mass protests in the southern half of the state will be available in early July.

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DE-BAH-JI-MON, the new monthly newspaper of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee. DE-BAH-JI-MON, which in Ojibwe means telling the news, will keep readers up to date with Reservation projects, programs, employment needs, social activities, and will also keep covered interesting features and activities of individual Leech Lakers.

"There are increasing numbers of activities, programs for our people," said Hartley White, Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee Chairman, "and said it was thought that a paper of this kind was the very best way of getting out the

information."

Stories of interest on hobbies, for example, or art work...poetry...recipes...letters...household hints...old stories...history of the area...would be contributions, for this is YOUR newspaper, White stressed.

"We would particularly enjoy your reactions to our first issue," he added. "Drop us a line, or tell us here at the RBC office."

FUTURE HIRING NEEDS ASSESSED

"We are not going to subject our people to another house to house survey," said Roger Aitken in discussing a new Employment Survey being made on the Leech Lake Reservation. This time the program directors are being canvassed, which will affect future employment on-reservation.

Some 25 to 35 program directors are being interviewed presently, in an attempt to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of existing programs in connection with future planning.

With the RBC as the principal hiring agent on the reservation, the survey ideally will show what vocational areas will require what people in terms of the future.

These may lie in chemical dependency, in family planning, in the area of community health, tourism, conservation, and certain business ventures, Aitken pointed out, whatever the survey shows.

Continuing through August 30, factors being considered include present and future employment trends, training demands in light of employment trends, and the employment impact on the reservation economic base.

When the survey is completed an evaluation will be made, the data compiled and an informational report published. A series of follow-up activities will also take place at periods of one year, three years, and five years from the survey months. These will determine if employability is being positive affected, Aitken said.

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CHARLES RAISCH, DISTRICT 3 COMMITTEEMAN, LIVES IN CASS LAKE.

More than 35 Programs serve Leech Lakers...

There are, at present, over 35 programs operating under the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee. These provide services in such areas as education, social services, and housing, to people from the pre-primary years to the Senior Citizens.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - this program was established under Director Sam Goose, to administer conservation enforcement within the Reservation boundaries. Richard Tanner, Conservation Court Judge, deals with jurisdiction in the enforcement of the Conservation Code. The Conservation Commission telephone number is 335-6861, and Tanner's number is 335-2252.

HEAD START - According to Director Judy Taisness, the organization serves as a child development program serving low-income children, three to five years of age, and their families. The telephone number is 335-2435, or 335-2239.

LEECH LAKE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION - This program offers savings at 6 per cent interest rate, and 12 per cent interest on loans. Nancy Fisherman is the Director. The telephone number is 335-6563.

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES (CHR) - This program was established for the purpose of improving health care and health services for the Reservation resident. Dora Washington is the Director of this program. The telephone number is 335-6313.

ALCOHOLISM (Halfway House) - This program finances the operation of a Halfway House Treatment Center, a Center for recovering alcoholics. The telephone number is 335-6117.

INDIAN ALCOHOL AND DRUG TRAINING - Under the direction of Dennis Harper, this program will train staff in areas of prevention, community awareness, early intervention, and the education regarding alcoholism and drug abuse. The telephone number is 335-2286, or 335-2237.

LEECH LAKE LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT - Directed by Michael Hagedorn, the Project provides civil legal assistance and misdemeanor defense to indigent persons who live on the Reservation, or who are enrolled members of the Leech Lake Reservation. It also provides assistance to a limited number of low-income elderly persons residing in Cass County.

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN-

(WIC) - As a supplemental food program directed by Delores Larson, the main objective is to supplement the nutritional needs of eligible recipients through a state-sponsored grocery system. The telephone number is 335-2207.

CETA III - According to Director Richard Robinson, Sr., the goal of this program is to provide employment to economically disadvantaged Indians while training in the fields of outside industry. The telephone number is 335-2908.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - Headed by Director Ron Schaff, this program provides constructive alternatives to anti-social, delinquent, and self-destructive behavior. The telephone number is 246-2338.

HOUSING AUTHORITY - According to Minnie Porter, Director and Contract Officer, the Housing Department is in the process of building 100 new homes, with another contract for 82 additional homes. The telephone number is 335-6417.

CEP TITLE I - CETA TITLE VI - Under Director Robert Whipple, these programs provide for public service employment, which is funded by the Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration. The telephone number is 335-6318.

FAMILY PLANNING - Under the direction of Della Whitebird, the main objective of this program is to aid in the prevention of unwanted pregnancies, and the detection and treatment of venereal diseases, as well as educating young people in these concerns. The telephone number is 335-6313.

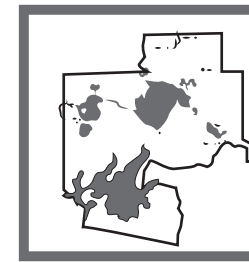
YOUTH CENTER AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PROGRAM - According to Director Henry Harper, the goal of this organization is to promote the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse among the Reservation youth. The telephone number is 335-8833.

LEECH LAKE YOUTH LODGE - This program was established for the purpose of substituting a home environment for boys who are on parole, or potentially delinquent. Teresa Johnston is the director, and the telephone number is 335-6141.

OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS (ONAP) - This program, under the supervision of Fred Brune, provides low-cost housing for those people who are able to obtain their own home loans. This program

...BIG ...PICNIC

There will be an Appreciation picnic for the residents of Leech Lake Reservation on July 23 in Cass Lake. The picnic, sponsored by the RBC will feature on the menu venison, a bear, and walleye. There will also be games, prizes, a pow-wow, and a dance. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact Jim Allen at the Teen Center, 335-9944.



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"There are increasing numbers of activities, programs for our people," said Hartley White, Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee Chairman, "and said it was thought that a paper of this kind was the very best way of

ABOUT LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

Our Mission
The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is committed to the responsible operation of government, preservation of our heritage, promotion of our sovereignty, and the protection of natural resources for our elders and future generations, while enhancing the health, economic well-being, education, and our inherent right to live as Ojibwe People.

Population
As of September 2015 Leech Lake Reservation Enrollment: 9,509

Land
The Leech Lake Tribe holds the smallest percentage of its reservation of any of the state's tribes. County, state, and federal governments owned well over half of the original land. Of the 864,158 original acres, nearly 300,000 acres are surface area of the three big lakes. The National Chippewa Forest has the largest portion of the land. Seventy-five percent of the National Forest is within the reservation. This leaves less than 5% of land owned by the Band.

Leech Lake Reservation Flag
The flag of the reservation is white and bears the tribal seal in the center.



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FARON JACKSON SR, CHAIRMAN, LIVES AT ONIGUM IN DISTRICT 3.



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The symbols of education, represent the diploma and graduation mortar indicate the knowledge of our past and present that maintains our past and present maintains our continued existence ever-evolving world we must live by scales of justice symbolize our sovereign govern our own people.

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The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT)
The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, composed of the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and Red Lake reservations, is a federally recognized tribal government that, through unified leadership, promotes and protects the interests of its members. The Tribal Council consists of a chairman, secretary/treasurer, and district representatives.

The Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee (RBC)
The Leech Lake RBC a.k.a. Tribal Council is the governing body with their offices in Cass Lake. The Tribal Council consists of a chairman, secretary/treasurer, and district representatives: Chairman, Faron Jackson, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. District 1 Representative, Robbie Hov

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION DEBAHJIMON "...telling news"

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The submission of pictures, articles, announcements and letters is encouraged. All submissions are subject to editing for spelling, grammar, length and libelous content. Submission does not guarantee publication. The Editor reserves the right to reject any material submitted for publication.

JUNE, 2020

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Stories of interest on hobbies, for example, or art work...poetry...recipes...letters
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June, 2020 Marks the 43rd year and 37th Volume the Debahjimon has been
published for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Our elected Officials...



ARCHIE LAROSE, SECRETARY-TREASURER, LIVES IN CASS LAKE IN DISTRICT 3.

ROBBIE HOWE IS THE COMMITTEEPERSON FROM DISTRICT 1. HER HOME IS IN BALL CLUB.

STEVE WHITE OF BENA REPRESENTS DISTRICT 2 ON THE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

LEROY FAIRBANKS, DISTRICT 3 COMMITTEEPERSON, LIVES IN CASS LAKE.

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The people have organized their own community councils to give a political voice to their concerns. These community councils are called, Local Indian Council or LIC's. The smaller communities have facilities for community events and services such as medical clinics and programs for elders.

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- Cass Lake - Tribal Headquarters
- Ball Club
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State counties within the Reservation boundaries

The reservation is split among four counties:

- Beltrami
- Cass
- Hubbard
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Tribal Owned Businesses

- Che We Express, Cass Lake
- Northern Lights Express, Walker
- Che We Office Supply, Cass Lake
- Shingobee by the Bay, Walker
- Northern Lights Casino, Walker
- Cedar Lakes Casino, Cass Lake
- White Oak Casino, Deer River

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History

The 1787 Northwest Ordinance: When European settlers first began to occupy this land, the American Indian tribes were recognized as sovereign nations and the government related to the tribes under the guidelines of international law. In 1787 the United States Government formerly recognized Indians with the passage of the Northwest Ordinance.

Article One, Section Eight of the United States Constitution:

In 1789, congress passed Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. The article gave congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, between the States and with the Indian Tribes. This article laid the foundation of the law from which more than two hundred (200) years of federal legislation and programs dealing with Indian tribes would derive.

Treaties

During the years of 1805 – 1889, the United States government signed a number of treaties with the native tribes. Treaties are legal binding agreements between two separate sovereign nations. All treaties made by the United States government with another nation must be ratified by the U.S. Senate. The U.S. Constitution in Article VI, Section 2 reads:

"All treaties made, or shall be made, under the authority of the United States shall be the supreme law of the land and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution of laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding."

These Treaties have the same legal dignity as any other international agreement.

Out of these treaties, vast amounts of land were ceded or given to the United States, reserving certain areas of land for the exclusive occupancy and use of the tribes.

2020 U.S. CENSUS OUTREACH

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's a once in every 10 years opportunity to shape the future of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

If you're American Indian, you can help your Tribal community and programs across the state to receive their fair share of federal funding by following these three steps.

BOOSHKE GIIN - It's up to you!

STEP 1: FILL OUT THE FORM

- Minnesota receives close to \$15.5 billion dollars in Federal Funding annually based on U.S. Census data.
- If you're American Indian, but you don't fill out the form, your community could lose federal funding for tribal programs such as Head Start, SNAP, TANF, and WIC.
- If an American Indian family of four isn't counted, your community could lose significantly more funding for these tribal programs.

STEP 2: LIST YOURSELF AS 'PERSON 1'

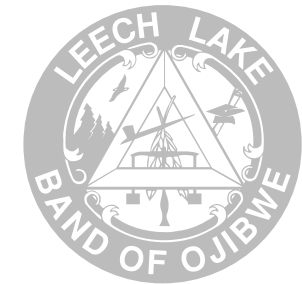
- If you're American Indian, and you live in a mixed, Native and non-Native (White) household - whether you're a spouse or significant other - please list the American Indian Person as 'Person 1' for question 5.
- If 'Person 1' says he or she is 'American Indian,' then the entire household is counted as one with a American Indian head of household.
- 'Person 1' doesn't have to be male or pay more than half of the household expenses.

STEP 3: WRITE IN YOUR TRIBE

- If you're American Indian, please list the name of your federally recognized tribe - Leech Lake Band for example - for question 9.
- All of the federally recognized tribes in Minnesota are listed at <https://mn.gov/portal/government/tribal/mn-indian-tribes/>

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow, Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

LEECH LAKE BAND



10 YEARS OF IMPACT
10 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME

CENSUS 2020 ADDRESSING SAFETY

Type of Census Delivery

Census will be conducting an "Update Leave" which is a special operation to drop the packets at households because in many cases these rural areas rely on Post Office Boxes to receive mail and do not receive mail at their physical location. The Census takers are instructed to drop the packet off at doorsteps so there is limited interaction with community members as possible.

Safety

We know many people are concerned with the Coronavirus and the Census Bureau is addressing this concern. All workers will be following safety measures prior to starting their field operation:

- Secured Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitizer for the field and office staff;
- Conduct deep cleaning of office workspaces;
- Census has developed mandatory COVID-19 training (outlining steps for staying safe while performing field duties);
- Practicing social distancing, including shift work, in offices;
- Maximizing telework, when possible.

Your Vote Counts!



Obituaries



Nigel Butcher



Nigel Andrew Butcher, age 39, passed away at the Cass Lake IHS Hospital, on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Nigel was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 29, 1980, to William Butcher Jr. and Alfreda May (Greenleaf) McKenzie. When he was a baby, his cousin Darren came to visit and said, "Nigel is small and cute like a banjo. I think I'll name him Banjo." The name stuck. He attended school there until the family moved to Onigum and attended Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school where he played football. After graduation, he attended Bemidji State University for a year with an interest in psychology. During his teenage years, Nigel was involved in Episcopal youth groups on a national level and also with a Leech Lake Youth Task Force focusing on leadership and alcohol and drug prevention. At a conference in Mille Lacs, he received his Indian name which means "White Thunderbird in the White Clouds" from Richard Morrison, a spiritual leader.

Nigel is remembered as someone who had an extensive vocabulary and liked to read, especially science fiction. He was someone who was exceedingly generous and was known to be a giver of his possessions to others. He enjoyed his cats Beastley and IshKwaDence, and his beautiful smile and laughter will be forever missed.

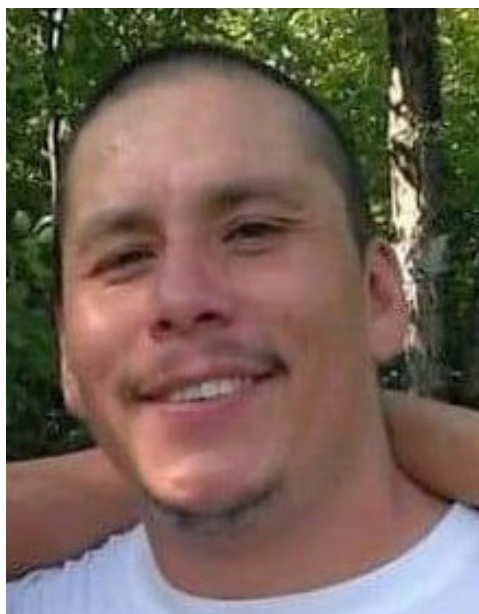
Nigel was preceded in death by his mother Alfreda, his foster mother LaVonne Weitzel, and his grandparents William Butcher Sr. and Gladys (Chief) Butcher. Those left behind to cherish his memory are his father William

Butcher Jr.; brothers Nathan, John and William Butcher III, and Charlie, Lance and Leonard Cree; sisters Alfreda Cree, Rita McKenzie, and Nicole Butcher; aunts Linda Butcher and Freida Rose Youngquist; uncle Leon Butcher; and numerous cousins.

An Ojibwe Hymn Service will begin at the Onigum Community Center on Friday, June 12, at 7:00pm and will continue until his funeral service at 11:00am on Saturday, June 13. Helping to lay Nigel to rest will be Shaun Butcher, Darren Sayers, Corey Butcher, Kyle Butcher, Tony Butcher, and Nathan Butcher and alternate pallbearer Luiz DeLaRosa. Burial will follow at the Old Agency Episcopal Cemetery.

Nigel's care has been entrusted to Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service serving Northern Minnesota. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.whisperingpinesnorth.com.

Curtis "Curt" Bellanger



Curtis "Curt" Joel Bellanger, Sr., age 41, "Ozhaawashko giizhig" which means "Blue Sky" of Deer River, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, June 8th, 2020 from the Essentia Hospital in Deer River, MN.

He was born on August 15th, 1978 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Brenda Bellanger and

Hubert Wakanabo, Jr. He worked as a chef at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker for years before transferring to the White Oak Casino in Deer River. In his free time, Curtis enjoyed playing Bedrock Bowling and horseshoes, where he placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their annual tournaments. He liked listening to music, especially The Doors and on Sundays you could find him watching his Minnesota Vikings. Curtis used to sit with Porker and tell jokes secretly and giggle, which then turned into a hearty laugh. He loved being around and spending time with his family and friends as often as he could.

Family that Curtis is reunited with are his father, Hubert Wakanabo, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Ruby and Samuel Bellanger, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Josie and Hubert Wakanabo, Sr. and several other relatives.

He leaves behind his sons, Curtis Jr. and Miles; mother, Brenda Bellanger; sisters, Naomi and Alicia Bellanger and Michelle Urrutia; brothers, Clayton Bellanger, Brody Hawk, Vernon Kingbird, Jr. and Hubert "Big Boy" Urrutia, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

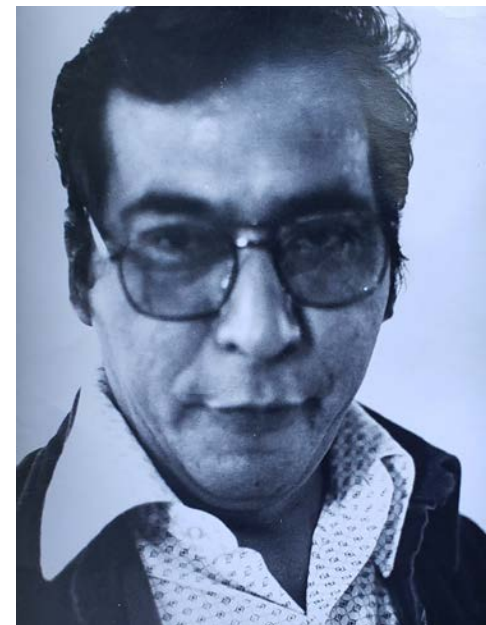
An overnight wake for Curtis will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12th and continue until his 12:00 p.m. traditional service on Saturday, June 13th all being held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Pallbearers will be Ron Beaulieu, Josh Deegan, Louis Deegan, Ryan Cash, Pete White and Joe Munnell. His honorary pallbearers are Thomas Bellanger, Sr., Clayton Bellanger, Brody Hawk, Vernon Kingbird, Jr., Lance Johnson, Isaac Red Day, Isaiah Red Day, Justin Bellanger, Ken Lyons III, Clayton Oothoudt, Josh Red Day, Jimmy O'Shea, Andrew Gotchie, Todd "Chico" Tibbetts and Dana Meza. Interment will be in the Townsite Cemetery at Ball Club, MN following his services.

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

Gary "Wayne" Wilson

Gary "Wayne" Wilson, age 79, of Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world, surrounded by his family, on Thursday, June 4th, 2020 from the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on October 11, 1940 to Benjamin and Delia (Williams) Wilson.

Family that Wayne is reunited with are his parents, Benjamin and Delia Wilson, son, Brian "Guy" Wilson; wife, Shirley Wilson;



brothers, Delmar Joe Staples, Thomas "Bobby" Wilson and Clifford "Kippy" Wilson; granddaughter, Vina Rose Brown and great grandson, Mason Jay Budreau.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his son, James (Ashley) Brown, Sr. of Cass Lake; daughters, Eva (Bryan) Wilson, Melissa (Tim) Wilson, Patti Wilson, Rhonda (Frank) Butcher all of Cass Lake and Sharon (Terry) Johnson of Crosslake; sisters, Veda Harrison and Lois "Girly" White both of Cass Lake; grandchildren, Nick, Chrissy, Tee-Jay, Kara, Donovan, Marshall, Devin, Marcy, Kylie, Linzie, Matthew, James Jr., Alex, Jakobe, Nathan and Jasiah; 16 great grandchildren; mother of his children, Linda Wilson; special nieces, Michelle Gutierrez and Abrianna Ortle, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Wayne will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 6th and continue until his 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Monday, June 8th all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pastor Lenny Fineday will officiate. Pallbearers for Wayne will be James Brown, Sr., Joe Wilson, Sr., Marshall Villebrun, Devin Villebrun, Nick Villebrun and Joel Ortle. Alternate pallbearers are Donovan Villebrun, Matthew Villebrun, James Brown, Jr., Bryan Lussier, Tim Lindgren, Terry Johnson, Bernie Brown, Sr., Curtis "Koola" Brown, Frank Brown and Mike Harrison. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN.

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

Debra Isham



Debra Ann Isham, Nindizhinakaaz Gizhibaabizoage, age 57, of Onigum, Minnesota passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020 in Bemidji, MN with her family at her side.

Deb was born on August 1, 1962 in Thief River Falls, MN to Lyman and Shirley (Ellis) White Sr.. When she was young she lived with her family in Minneapolis, MN. As a teen she and her family moved to Onigum, MN. Deb graduated from Walker High School in 1980. She went on to attend Central Lakes College in Brainerd, MN, graduating with her Associates Degree in 1990. While in school, Deb had the opportunity to travel to London. She married Curtis Isham Sr. and were blessed with four children: Angela, Eric, Darcie and Danielle. Deb worked in Human Resources for both Leech Lake Gaming and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She was well respected and proud of her strong work ethic.

Deb was an active part of the community in Onigum. She was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church. She was the youth group leader and was an expert at engaging and keeping the attention of the many teens in her care. She took them on fun trips to expand their horizons and organized three on three basketball games every week to keep them occupied. When she recognized a person in need she was quick to help with no expectations of a favor in return. Deb was also known for her great sense of humor and quick wit. She had the gift of organization and her family looked to her to make plans for camping trips and family gatherings. She had respect and appreciation for nature and had a special place in heart for the mountains. She was an excellent cook and everyone was always sure to show up to the house when she was making tator tot hotdish.

Above all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her eight grandchildren.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Curtis; her children: Angela, Eric, Darcie and Danielle; eight grandsons: Lyman, Will and Laverne Jacobs, Matthew Dow, Gary Isham, Miskwa and Ningozis Butcher and Curtis Isham; siblings: Gary White, Vicki White, Lyman White Jr., Carol White and Marilyn Harrison; mother-in-law, Marybelle Isham; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents; niece, Leann Dick; and nephews, Timothy and Burton White.

A wake for Deb will begin at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Onigum Community Center and continue until the time of service on Wednesday. The service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Onigum with Reverend Matthew Cobb and Reverend William Butcher officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum

Russell Bryan



Russell James Bryan III, 39 years old, "Biidaanakwad" which means, "Clouds in the Sky", of the Turtle Clan and Deer River, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 from his home. He was born on October 3rd, 1980 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Margaret and Russell Bryan, Jr.

Russ loved his family very much, especially his children. He loved playing Xbox with his sons, and he cherished his only daughter. Russ was especially close to his brother in laws Mark, Fred and Anthony. He loved all his friends. Russ was a big Minnesota Vikings fan. Russ liked to travel and enjoyed riding the back roads and going to different casinos around the state. He would always be the first to hug everyone or give a handshake.

He worked for Leech Lake Gaming for 23 years, starting out as a guest room attendant at the Palace Casino in Cass Lake before

moving into transportation at the White Oak Casino in Deer River. From there he became a security guard and eventually moved up to the security supervisor. Russ enjoyed working at the White Oak Casino, where he made many friends through the people he met there. He really enjoyed working with his co-workers and helping people.

Family welcoming Russ to the spirit world are his grandparents, Percy and Eunice Fineday; grandfather, Russell Bryan, Sr.; great grandparents, Walter and Josephine Charwood; uncles, Charles Fineday, Darwin Bryan and Douglas Bryan, Sr. and special cousin, Keith Rogers.

He leaves behind the love of his life, Stephanie Jackson of Deer River; children, Christopher, De'Andre, Ayden, Jackson, Kai and Rebekka Bryan; his parents, Margaret and Russell Bryan, Jr. of Squaw Lake; Sister, Janel (Anthony) Jenkins, Jr. of Bemidji; grandmother, Helen Bryan-Johnson; aunts, Karen Fineday, Gloria Fineday, Janice Bryan and Linda Bryan; uncles, Larry and Mason Bryan; great aunt and uncle, Gloria and Rogelio Mellado; niece, Katie Grover, numerous cousins and many friends.

An overnight wake for Russ will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28th and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, May 29th all to be held at the Inger Community Center in Inger, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed will be Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Russ will be Douglas Bryan, Jr., Jarred Rabbitt, Matt Carley, Ryan Cash, Dylan Kingbird and Dan Goodrich. Alternate pallbearers are Anthony Jenkins, Jr. and Mike Rogers. His honorary pallbearers are Corey Miettinen, Joseph Ogema, Fred Ogema, Jimmie O'Shea, Jordan Miettinen, Mark Jackson, Johnny Brown and all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Inger Cemetery immediately following his Friday service.

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

Sheryl (Fineday) Hill

Sheryl Ann (Fineday) Hill, age 54, "Anung Ikwe" which means "Star Woman", of Cass Lake, Minnesota and the Makwa and Migizi Clans began her journey to the spirit world from her home on Sunday, May 31st, 2020.

Sheryl was born in Cass Lake, MN on January 7, 1966, the daughter of Barbara Fineday and John Wind, Sr. She grew up in the Pennington and Mission Area, attending



the Blackduck Elementary School and graduated from the Bug-O-Nay-Geshig High School. Sheryl pursued a Secretarial Certificate at Staples AVTI before attending Bemidji Tech for Business. She worked for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for many years as the Program Assistant for the Sports and Recreation Office. In 2002, Sheryl married the love of her life Merrel Hill until he journeyed on in 2007. She enjoyed reading, watching TV, and visiting with her friends. Sheryl loved her children very much and was passionate about her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her husband, Merrel Hill; parents, Barbara Fineday and John Wind, Sr.; nephew, Bruce Armstrong, Jr. and many aunts and uncles.

Family that she leaves behind are her sons, Kenneth (Jenn) Staples, Jr. of Cass Lake and Alfred Desjarlait II of Bemidji; daughter, Jaymz-Dawn Desjarlait of Bemidji; brothers, John Wind, Jr., Charles Wind, Ivan (Vickie) Wind, Fabian Wind, Reginald Wind, Gordon Fineday and Robert Fineday; sisters, Ruth Wind, Marilyn Wind, Diane Fineday and Dawn Fineday; grandchildren, Antonio, Aaliyah, Ken III, Adrick, Arayah, Ariana, Jaxon, Alfred III, Ezra and Arleighauna; children that she raised, Donavin, Natasha, Aleigha, Dominick and Cordell, numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Wake services for Sheryl will begin at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2nd and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday, June 4th all to be held at the Mission Log House, 1830 Bald Eagle Drive, Cass Lake, MN. Michael Dahl will be her Spiritual Advisor. Her pallbearers will be all her family and friends. Interment will be in the Fineday Burial Grounds at Pennington, MN following her Thursday service.

Sheryl'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



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 the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Carolee Geving and Andre Flowers, Parents

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 11, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Bobbi J. Hislaw and Remberto Howard, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-16

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 4, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of:

Brandi Wade, Petitioner, And Marshall Sautbine, Respondent,

Case No. CV-20-54

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Order for Protection has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter. If you fail to respond to this petition, judgement by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

District III Elder Birthdays

July

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Aileen Allen
Brenda Anderson
Laurine Beaulieu
Shelly Bebeau
James Bellanger
Deborah Brown
Milton Budreau
Earlene Buffalo
Pamela Burnett
Nancy Cameron
Hazel Chase-Zimpel
Darlene Cloud
Rebecca Daniels

Dawn Doherty
Oliver Drouillard
David Fairbanks
Tawana Fairbanks
William Fairbanks
Dolores Fields
Gloria Fineday
Elaine Fleming
Delores Goggeye
Corinne Goose
Bernadette Gotchie
Gladys Granroos
Manuel Granroos
Francis Guinn
Ronelva Gustafson
Veda Harrison
Fayleen Haugen
Karl Humphrey
Thomas Humphrey
Wilbur Humphrey
Florine Iverson
Faron Jackson

George Jackson
Roberta Jackson
Valerie Jensen
Thomas Johnson
William Johnson
Debra Jones
Nancy Kingbird
Kimberly Libby
Adrian Liberty
Michael Liberty
Birdena Lyons
Vernon Lyons
Maxine Manypenny
Loretta Meckel
Bernice Mitchell
Terrance Mitchell
Florenstine Morgan
Antonette Mountain
June Mykkanen
Jacquelyn Nelson
Gerald Northbird
Lois Northbird

Bernice Pemberton
Shirley Preston
John Raisch
Marlys Rausch
Paula Savage
Henry Sherer-Nason
Richard Smith
Stacey Smith
Deborah Staples
Margaret Steensland
Joseph Stish
Nona Wade
Vivian Washington
Delina White
Robert White
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BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is pleased to announce that they will be offering distance learning Summer School beginning June 9. Also, food deliveries will continue to homes of Bug O Nay Ge Shig families through the month of June. Miigwech.

Upcoming Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board Elections

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board will have 3 positions opening for the 2020 Election.

District I has 1 open position
District II has 1 open position
District III has 1 open position

The School Board elections will be held on August 18 at the precinct polling sites from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

The timeline to sign-up is from June 22 through July 17, 2020. Candidates may sign-up at the Election Board Office at the Tribal Offices.

Eligibility requirements taken from the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board By-Laws, Page 5:

Section 1: Eligibility

In order to run for election to the School Board:

1. A person must have reached their 18th birthday by the

- election date and must be a member of the Leech Lake Band;
2. Has resided in their respective district on the Reservation for at least twelve months prior to the election;
3. Must have a minimum of an Associate's Degree and experience working in a school is required;
4. Currently enrolled students and faculty and staff of the School system are not eligible to run for election;
5. Board members must pass a yearly background check and must continue to reside in their respective districts while serving on the Board;
6. A school employee who has been terminated by the School Board is not eligible to run or hold office on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board;
7. Any individual who has been removed from the School Board for nonfeasance, misfeasance, or malfeasance, as well as any individual who has any felony or 2 misdemeanor offenses under Federal or State Law as verified by a background check; crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children is not eligible to run or hold office;
8. Annual state background checks and random drug testing will be completed.

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I

Ball Club

Community Center

31627 County Rd #39

Deer River, MN

Inger Community Center

53736 County Rd #146

Deer River, MN

S. Lake Community Center

59979 County Rd #4

S.Lake, MN

DISTRICT II

Bena Community Center

15032 Old Housing Drive

Bena, MN

Smokey Point-Kego Lake Community Center

6159 Kego Lake Trail NE

Longville, MN

Sugar Point

Community Center

10051 Battle Pt Dr

Federal Dam, MN

DISTRICT III

Cass Lake

Dikinaagan Center

16120 60th Ave NW

Cass Lake, MN

Mission

Community Center

Cass Lake, MN

Onigum

Community Center

8825 Onigum Rd NW

Walker, MN

Cass River

Community Center

1731 Scenic Hwy SE

Pennington, MN

Oak Point

Community Center

5468 170th St NW

Cass Lake, MN

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.
PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("Purdue"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC | 850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232 | Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com | Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

PurduePharmaClaims.com, or call 1.844.217.0912.



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THE ANTICIPATION IS OVER!
REOPENING
MONDAY, JUNE 22ND – 8AM

Our dedication to provide a safe and fun atmosphere, for guests and employees, will continue to be the core goal of Leech Lake Gaming. Our staff will be dedicated to:

- Providing temperature checks at all access points.
- Enforcing 6’ social distancing.
- Offering hand sanitizer, complimentary masks and gloves throughout our facilities.
- Vigorously disinfecting of all areas of our casino.

The reopening will occur in four phases.

PHASE 1

- Slot Machines**
- Alcohol Service**
(on casino floor)
- Snack Bar**
("Grab & Go" Items)
- Gift Shop**
- Promotions**
(w/ Social Distancing)

- Maximum guest capacity will be established and enforced.
- All guests and employees will be required to wear a face mask.
- Smoking will not be permitted on our casino floor, but a designated outdoor area will be provided.
- Guests will be required to swipe their Players Club card at a promotional kiosk or sign in at Security podium upon entering casino.

PHASE 2

- Table Games**
- Dining**
(no buffet)
- Hotel**
- Event Center**
(small)

PHASE 3

- Bar**
- Event Center**
(medium)
- Business Center**

PHASE 4

- Entertainment**
- Buffet**
- Poker**
- Valet**
- Event Center**
(large)