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## Leech Lake Tribal Council and Cass County Officials Hold Annual Meeting

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal Council held their yearly meeting with Cass County, Monday, November 29 at Cedar Lakes Casino.

The Tribal and County government used the time to review departmental standings and goals for 2022 in the following departments: judiciary, law enforcement, roads and trails, human services, environment, and legislative.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, who led the meeting, thanked everyone for attending and stressed the importance of communication between the two governments.

"I'm thankful for these meetings, it's good to have a strong working relationship and to have this ongoing dialogue. It's important to come together to understand our community needs," said Jackson.

The following reports have been provided by the featured LLBO and Cass County departments.

### REPORTS

#### Department: Judiciary and Legal

##### 2021 Status:

- Justice Center has not been used for juvenile cases in since 2021 due to the pandemic
- CD Assessment barriers continue with solutions being explored
- Participating in JDAI Program together
- Statutory Expungement Process – Minn. Stat. § 609A



The Annual meeting between Cass County Officials and the Leech Lake Tribal Council was held at Cedar Lakes Casino Event Center in November. Officials met to discuss community needs in regards to law enforcement, roads and trails, human services and other critical areas.

##### 2022 Goals:

- Continue Cass County Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Wellness Court
- Continue to cooperate on new opportunities for use of the Judicial Center
- Juvenile Justice Initiatives – Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and Diversion

#### Department: Law Enforcement

##### 2021 Status:

- COVID and Social unrest resulting in law enforcement position openings
- E911 House Number progress being made
- Existing Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement working well with Cass County

##### 2022 Goals:

- Continue E911 House Number replacement/addition progress
- Restore meetings between Cass and LLBO Law Enforcement pending staff availability
- Update Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement to increase public safety
- Continue to Cooperate on narcotics investigations

#### Department: Roads and Trails

##### 2021 Status:



LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson

- Additional walking trail projects adjacent to high volume roads being considered for American Rescue Plan Act funded projects
- LLBO representative on Region 5 Transportation Advisory Committee– TAC
- Bena Street Reconstruction Project- Completed in 2021
- Completed Joint Project on CR 136

##### 2022 Goals:

- Pedestrian Bridge over Hwy 2 in Cass Lake
- Trail project on Trunk Hwy

- 2 for Bena and Cass Lake
- Work on partnership to develop noxious weed control and invasive species policy for pilot project along CSAH 13 (Onigum Road)
- Collaborate on 2025 construction, currently exploring Cass Lake area projects on CSAH 21, 22, 206, 207 & CR 146, 147, 149 & 151
- Consider TERO Ordinance Update

#### Human Services and Public Health

##### 2021 Status:

- LLBO participation in County Child protection screening team – ongoing
- Collaboration with drive through flu vaccines at Cedar Lakes event center
- Update Screening to New Family First Prevention Services Act requirements

##### 2022 Goals:

- Support Preventative Services
- Support homelessness initiatives
- Collaboration with COVID-19 vaccines
- Spend Bush Grant Funds on juvenile homeless shelter furniture

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# Updates from the Division of Resource Management

Submitted by Ben Benoit, DRM

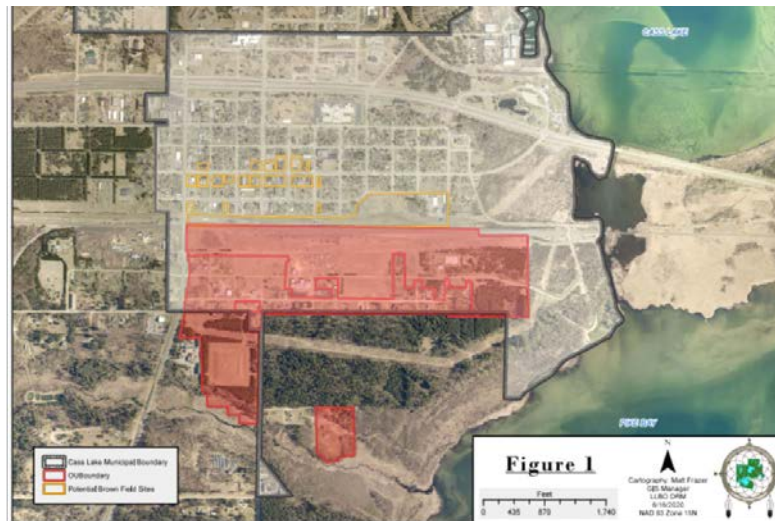
## City of Cass Lake Redevelopment Planning

Over the past year the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been working with the City of Cass Lake to advertise and select a contractor to assist with a redevelopment plan for the City of Cass Lake brownfield sites and the St. Regis Superfund site area. A contractor was recently selected and as a team we are excited to start this project that we anticipate will inject some long term goals for the superfund site redevelopment, as well as some immediate projects to redevelop abandoned commercial or industrial buildings and brownfield sites. This can reinvigorate the economy, bring jobs to the area, make abandoned property functional, and possibly preserve sites that might have historical significance to the community.

### Background

Brownfields sites are abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or suspected environmental contamination. By investigating and cleaning up brownfields sites, many of which are abandoned properties that pose an immediate threat to the local community, development can take place without fear of environmental legal liabilities.

In 1985 the roughly 125 acre, St Regis Superfund Site was added to the National Priorities List (NPL) due to the long term contamination during the operations of a wood treatment facility that used creosote, diesel fuel and pentachlorophenol to pressure treat wood. The chemicals and wastewater from operations were placed in the “rainbow ponds” (three man-made, unlined ponds) sprayed across the site for dust suppression and disposed into the city wastewater and environment. The pond sludge from the wood treatment process was stored on the site and burned at the Cass Lake City Dump. Contamination is persistent and cleanup efforts are focused on



the soils of the site as well as the groundwater.

Since the initial assessment and cleanup it can seem like the site has been stagnant and no progress has been made. Part of this has been the site piecemeal approach dividing the superfund site into several areas defined as “operable units” (OUs). OUs were designated to break up the site for remediation and focus on the individual parts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the lead cleanup agency.

The Leech Lake Environmental Department expects that through this joint redevelopment effort we will be able to set goals holistically for the entire site that EPA will be able to implement for the entire site, rather than focusing on each operable unit individually.

### What next?

Redevelopment planning is set to begin early 2022 and some work has already begun with the environmental engineers examining the long history of the St Regis Superfund site and examining properties throughout the City of Cass Lake that are potential brownfield sites. The planning itself will be a series of public engagement and listening sessions where we expect to:

- Identify key stakeholders
- Host listening session(s) – To hear from community and Tribal members how they feel about the site and lack of progress for re mediation that can inform the team
- Community meeting(s) to share the guiding principles and potential outcomes of this process that have been shared through the listening

session(s)

- Strategy developed to address the site(s) based on the community’s vision
- Final presentation to community and local leaders.

It is our desire that through this community engagement and planning we can build momentum with the parties responsible for the St Regis Site contamination and the agencies with cleanup oversight to rejuvenate a City, and our Reservation that can move past and heal from this black cloud that has hung over Cass Lake for decades. We hope to see our people and communities participate!

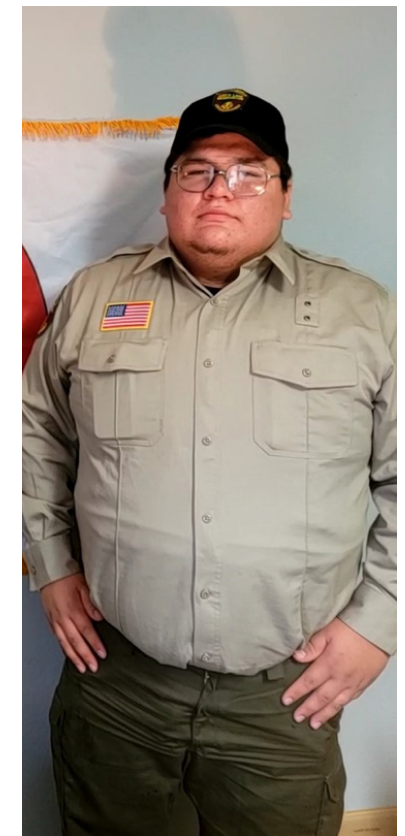
## EPA Treatment as State Authorization

On November 3, 2021 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Treatment ‘in a manner similar’ to a State application to develop Tribal water quality standards for surface waters on the Leech Lake Reservation. This now approved application has been in review with the EPA for several years which included an overview of the Tribe’s capacity to manage a Water program, surface waters within the Reservation and provide public comments. Leech Lake has managed our Environmental Water Quality Program for many years, tasked with the protection of our surface waters. This approval is a significant step in furthering our Tribal Sovereignty, developing our environmental programs, establishing and exerting Tribal laws and provides for the Tribe to the authorize water quality certifications for the Leech Lake Reservation. Leech Lake Environmental Dept. is in the process of finalizing our Tribal water quality standards. This process is a separate action that includes public notice, a public comment period and EPA approval that it aligns with or exceeds federal standards.

“The TAS recognition from the EPA to the Leech Lake Nation is an important affirmation of our inherent tribal sovereignty,” said Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. “We

are very pleased to see this key determination finally realized. Water is one of the most valuable resources we have here on Leech Lake. This will allow us to set standards for water quality that are more in line with our values as Anishinaabe people and help to preserve and protect our water for generations to come.”

Miigwech to all our current and previous staff that made this exertion of Tribal sovereignty possible!



## Meet the New Conservation Officer

Leech Lake Division of Resource Management is pleased to welcome new Conservation Officer #K822, Jared Rabbit.

Officer Rabbit joined Leech Lake’s Conservation Department as a cadet in July and is set to complete a four month law enforcement skills training in 2022. Meanwhile, Officer Rabbit is training with veteran Conservation Officers and on patrol in District I to enforce Leech Lake Conservation laws and assist where needed in the communities. Officer Rabbit has long endeavored to serve the community as a law enforcement officer and is excited to join Leech Lake Band in this role. Welcome Officer Rabbit.





## Cass Lake IHS Clinic Awarded MNDH Rural Health Team Award

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Cass Lake Indian Health Service (IHS) and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division have been awarded the 2021 Minnesota Department of Health Rural Health team award.

The band received the honor due

to their on-going COVID vaccination efforts. In 15 events put on by the Tribe and IHS, approximately 12,096 vaccines were provided to community members. 70% of the community's elders were vaccinated before it was a national goal and 70% of Cass Lake Indian Health Service's user population were vaccinated before the President's July 4 goal.

The band and IHS spent January through April designing and implementing their successful mass immunization model. Their mass vaccination model is now considered a best practice by the state and has garnered the attention of federal, state and private sector partners across the nation.

"They have demonstrated that a small health care organization and its community partners can rapidly plan and deploy health care measures within a 48- to 72-hour window for the entire community," said the MN state department in an official release.

IHS eligible community members are eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. If you are interested please call the COVID-19 Vaccine hotline and reserve your spot now at 218-368-4763.

## City of Cass Lake Launches Energy and Environment Planning Survey

CASS LAKE – The City of Cass Lake is currently participating in Energy & Environment (EE) planning and project implementation with Region Five Development Commission. Public input is requested for an EE planning survey. Answers to the survey will help create community-developed goals and aspirations to guide future energy and environment initiatives for the city.

If you live, work, or play in Cass Lake, we ask that you please complete the survey: [regionfive.org/casslake](https://regionfive.org/casslake). If you fill out the survey by 12/31, you can return the survey to City Hall and receive a free LED lightbulb.

To learn more, visit [regionfive.org/casslake](https://regionfive.org/casslake) or contact Erica Bjelland at [ebjelland@regionfive.org](mailto:ebjelland@regionfive.org) or by phone at (218) 894-6011.

### About Region Five Development Commission

The Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is a high-performing, regionally focused partner committed to enhancing the vitality and quality of life in Region 5 through resilient, collaborative, and inclusive approaches to regional community development, economic development, and transportation initiatives. R5DC is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Visit [regionfive.org](https://regionfive.org) to learn more.

THE OFFICIAL  
RADIO STATION  
OF THE LEECH LAKE  
BAND OF OJIBWE



Judge Sarah Wheelock

## Minnesota Court of Appeals Seats First Indigenous Judge

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – The first Native American to serve on the Minnesota court of Appeals was appointed Friday, November 12.

Sarah Wheelock, an attorney for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will replace the retiring Judge Carol Hooten in a seat designated for the Second Congressional District.

"In her time serving as legal counsel for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and tribes across the nation, Ms. Wheelock has repeatedly shown that she is a dedicated public servant committed to advancing the common good," Walz said in a statement Friday. "She is well prepared to join the Court of Appeals."

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan called Wheelock a "brilliant legal mind with a deep understanding of the laws of the land" and cited her "life experience, long standing service to her community, and her extensive legal background" as providing a "unique perspective that will be invaluable in her new position."

Before becoming legal counsel for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Prior Lake, Wheelock also worked as an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline College of Law and as an appellate judge for the White Earth Band of Chippewa Court of Appeals.

Wheelock is a member of the Meskwaki Nation, which is federally recognized as the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa. She earned her bachelor of arts and juris doctor degrees from the University of Iowa and is a member and past president of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association. She also is a member of the National Native American and Federal Bar associations.

Casey Matthiesen, president of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, celebrated Wheelock's "historic appointment" in a statement Friday.

"With this appointment, American Indians now serve at every level of the state judiciary," Matthiesen said. "Sarah Wheelock is an exceptional lawyer, and we are confident that she will serve in the judiciary with distinction."





Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced the new task force in a press conference November 19. **Photo:** Dept. of Interior

## Haaland Establishes New Task Force Set to Review and Change Derogatory Geographic Names

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland formally established a process to review and replace derogatory names of the nation's geographic features.

In a press conference, November 19 regarding the new process, Haaland declared “squ\*w” to be a derogatory term and ordered the Board on Geographic Names to remove the term from federal usage.

“Racist terms have no place in our vernacular or on our federal lands. Our nation's lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage – not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression,” said Secretary Haaland. “Today's actions will accelerate an important process to reconcile deroga-

tory place names and mark a significant step in honoring the ancestors who have stewarded our lands since time immemorial.”

The newly created Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force, which is a part of Haaland's order, will include representatives from federal land management agencies, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion experts from the Department. The Order also requires that the task force engage in Tribal consultation and consider public feedback on proposed name changes.

Additionally, Secretarial Order 3405 creates a Federal Advisory Committee to broadly solicit, review, and recommend changes to other derogatory geographic and federal land unit names. The Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names

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will include representation from Indian Tribes, Tribal and Native Hawaiian organizations, civil rights, anthropology, and history experts, and members of the general public. It will establish a process to solicit and assist with proposals to the Secretary to change derogatory names, and will include engagement with Tribes, state and local governments, and the public.

Together, the Secretarial Orders will accelerate the process by which derogatory names are identified and replaced. Currently, the Board on Geographic Names is structured, by design, to act on a case-by-case basis through a process that puts the onus on the proponents to identify the offensive name and to suggest a replacement. The process to secure review and approvals can be lengthy, often taking years to complete a name change. Currently, there are hundreds of name changes pending before the Board. The newly established Federal Advisory Committee will facilitate a proactive and systematic development and review of these proposals, in consultation with local community representatives.

Several states have passed legislation prohibiting the use of the word “squ\*w” in place names, including Montana, Oregon, Maine, and Minnesota. There is also legislation pending in both chambers of Congress to address derogatory names on geographic features on public land units.



Newly appointed National Park Service Director, Charles Sams III.

## National Park Service Confirms New Director, First Indigenous Person to Hold Role

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – The first Native American director for the National Park Service was confirmed November 18 in a unanimous vote.

Charles “Chuck” Sams III is Cayuse and Walla Walla, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon. He has worked in state and tribal governments and the nonprofit natural resource and conservation management fields for over 25 years.

During his confirmation hearing Sams said he would work to ensure the Indigenous history of National Park Service lands is broadly reflected, in addition to incorporating Indigenous views and knowledge in decision-making. He said it is important to work with Native people on traditional eco-

logical knowledge “based on 10,000-plus years of management of those spaces to ensure that they'll be here for future generations to enjoy.”

The National Park Service oversees more than 131,000 square miles of parks, monuments, battlefields and other landmarks. It employs about 20,000 people in permanent, temporary and seasonal jobs, according to its website.

Sams is the agency's first Senate-confirmed parks director in nearly five years. It was led by acting heads for years under the Trump administration, and for the first 10 months of Biden's presidency. Jonathan Jarvis, who was confirmed as park service director in 2009, left the agency in January 2017.



# White House Tribal Nations Summit Returns, Virtual in 2021

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – The Tribal Nations summit took place November 15 and 16.

The summit, which was held virtually this year, was attended by 574 representatives from federally recognized Tribes alongside Federal officials including President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris.

This is the first Tribal Nations summit that has been held since 2016 as it was not held during the Trump administration. It also marks the first time the White House itself has played host as past conferences were held at the Interior Department.

## The summit held panels on the following topics:

- Combating COVID-19
- Native American Education and Native Languages
- Public Safety and Justice
- Climate Change Impacts and Solutions
- Tribal Treaty Rights and Sacred Lands
- Economic and Workforce Development
- Infrastructure, Housing and Energy
- Listening Session with Federal Officials

Biden used his speaking time at the summit to announce steps to improve public safety and justice for Native Americans and to protect private lands, treaty rights and sacred places. The following initiatives have been labeled as commitments by the White House as a promise of Biden's commitment to Tribal Nations.

## Executive Order on Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People.

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed an executive order directing the Departments of Justice, Interior,



Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland speaks on the first day of the 2 day summit on November 15.

Image: The White House.

Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services to create a strategy to improve public safety and justice for Native Americans and to address the epidemic of missing or murdered Indigenous peoples. President Biden tasked the DOJ, DOI, and DHS with addressing specific law enforcement issues, as well as providing support for Tribal Nations to implement Tribally-centered responses. He also directed HHS to develop a plan for prevention and survivor support initiatives.

## Greater Chaco Landscape Mineral Withdrawal.

Located in Northwestern New Mexico, the Greater Chaco Landscape is a region of great cultural, spiritual, and historical significance to many Pueblos and Indian Tribes and contains thousands of artifacts that date back more than one thousand years. Chaco cultural sites were listed as a UNESCO World

Heritage Site in 1987 and are one of only 24 such sites in the United States. For the past decade, Pueblos and Tribes in Arizona and New Mexico have raised concerns about encroaching oil and gas development threatening sacred and cultural sites, and Congress has passed a series of actions to temporarily defer new leasing. In the coming weeks, the Department of the Interior will initiate consideration of a 20-year withdrawal of federal lands within a 10-mile radius around Chaco Culture National Historical Park, protecting the area from new federal oil and gas leasing and development. The proposed withdrawal will not apply to Individual Indian Allotments or to minerals within the area owned by private, state, and Tribal entities. The action will also not impose restrictions on other developments, such as roads, water lines, transmission

lines, or buildings. To support conservation of the area, the State of New Mexico Land Office has implemented a moratorium on new state mineral leases within a 10-mile radius of Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

## Tribal Treaty Rights Memorandum of Understanding.

The Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Commerce, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, State, and the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Personnel Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Council Environmental Quality signed a Tribal Treaty Rights MOU. The MOU provides that the agencies will determine how they can best protect Tribal treaty rights in their policy making and regula-

tory processes. The MOU sets a timeline of 180 days for signatories to report back to the WHCNAA on their progress for strengthening the protection of Tribal treaty rights.

**Tribal Treaty Rights Database.** Tribal treaties are not readily accessible to federal employees. Yet, provisions of various treaties are often referenced and needed for specific work on Tribal issues. To remedy this problem and ensure ready access for implementation of the Tribal Treaty MOU, the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior have contracted with Oklahoma State University (OSU) to develop a publicly available, searchable, and indexed database of all the Tribal treaties. This new database will allow federal employees and the general public to search through American Indian treaties. The first phase of the project will digitize a set »



« of treaties compiled by Charles Kappler, the former clerk of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, which is widely considered the most comprehensive collection of treaties with Indian Tribes. Both the digitized treaties and the indexing in the database can be expanded in future phases. OSU has hired Indian law experts to advise on this indexing process. The beta version of the database will launch at the White House Tribal Nations Summit.

**Indigenous Knowledge Statement and Establishment of Interagency Working Group on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge.**

The Biden-Harris Administration issued a memorandum recognizing Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge as one of the important bodies of knowledge that contributes to the scientific, technical, social, and economic advancements of our nation. With Tribal consultation and input from knowledge holders and practitioners, the Administration will develop a guidance document for federal agencies on how the collection and application of such knowledge can be mutually beneficial to Tribes, Native communities, and federal agencies and can strengthen evidence-based analysis and informed decision-making across the federal government. An Interagency Working Group on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge will gather input from Tribes and Native communities and prepare the

guidance document for planned release in 2022.

**Tribal Homelands Joint Secretarial Order.**

In recognition of the importance of Tribal homelands under federal stewardship, the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior have launched the “Tribal Homelands Initiative” through a joint Secretarial Order. The Order commits the two Departments to increase opportunities for Tribal participation in federal lands management as well as co-stewardship agreements and other Tribal stewardship opportunities.

**Sacred Sites Memorandum of Understanding.**

The Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Tennessee Valley Authority entered into an MOU that creates a framework through which the agencies can protect Tribal sacred sites. The MOU identifies opportunities for considering Tribal sacred sites early in the federal decision-making processes that may result in regulatory and policy outcomes; adds a commitment to incorporate Indigenous knowledge when assessing impacts of federal actions on sacred sites; and provides clear direction on developing best practices for collaborative stewardship and co-manage-

ment when working with Tribal Nations. The MOU also requires each agency to hold consultations with Tribal Nations when an action it may take could affect a Tribal sacred site. The MOU requires the signatories to submit an annual report to the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

**Native Language Memorandum of Agreement.**

In November 2021, the Departments of Education, Health and Human Service, and the Interior entered into a MOA that promotes the protection of Native languages through the establishment of a Native Language Working Group. Other participating agencies include the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, the Library of Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The MOA promotes collaboration on programming, resource development, and policy related to Native languages.

**Department of Agriculture Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative.**

In November 2021, USDA announced the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Initiative, acknowledging the history of how federal Indian policy has affected Native food and agriculture, and recommended USDA to strengthening Indigenous food systems. This

initiative includes the publishing of a public-facing USDA Food Sovereignty Resource Guide, the purchase of shelf-stable Tribal foods for the USDA’s new Hall of Tribal Nations, and several Food Sovereignty Cooperative Agreements. Established the Department of Agriculture Hall of Tribal Nations. The USDA Office of Tribal Relations opened the USDA Hall of Tribal Nations in November 2021 to better reflect the diplomatic nature of the Nation-to-Nation relationship with Tribal Nations.

**Creation of the First-Ever Secretary of the Interior’s Tribal Advisory Committee.**

The Department of the Interior has created the first-ever Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC), a foundational step toward modernizing DOI’s Tribal consultation plan and making permanent, long-lasting change to prioritize the Nation-to-Nation relationship. The STAC will facilitate intergovernmental discussions, serving as a forum for open dialogue between high-level DOI leadership and bureau officials with elected Tribal representatives.

**Creation of the First-Ever Department of Homeland Security Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council.**

DHS will establish the first-ever DHS Tribal advisory body. It will be made up of Tribal Nation leaders and subject matter experts (including Tribal organizing subject matter experts), to inform the Department on a

broad range of intergovernmental relations and homeland security interests of Tribal Nations.

**Creation of First-Ever Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.**

HUD will establish its first-ever Tribal advisory committee, the HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC). TIAC will allow Tribes to provide direct input on HUD priorities and policies.

**Creation of the First-Ever Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee.**

In October 2021, the VA created a Tribal Advisory Committee to ensure that the federal government is collaborating on veterans’ issues with Tribal Nations.

**New Veterans Health Administration Native Affairs Office.**

In order to ensure effective delivery of Veterans’ services, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has established a new office to coordinate issues related to Native veterans’ health. This includes allocating budget resources for staff, with the goal to commence hiring to have the office staffed by March 2022.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Tribal Nations summit, full videos of the summit can be found on the White Houses Youtube page and a summary report of the summit and the announced initiatives is available at [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov)

District III Elder Birthdays

*January*

- Leroy Aitkin
- Dorothy Beaushene
- Kenneth Bedeau
- Robert Bedeau
- Darlene Bellanger
- Lareatha Bradford
- Elizabeth Brown
- Larry Bryan
- Marcella Buck
- Lillian Burnette
- Lisa Cariveau

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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- Sylvia Gale

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- Tina Headbird
- Cheryl Holk
- Ramona Jackson
- Joseph James
- Gary Johnson
- Derek Kingbird
- Geneva Lawrence
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- Lance Lewis

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- Tonya Losh
- Daryl Lyons
- Frances Lyons
- Louise Masten
- Gloria Mellado
- Julian Molash
- Roger Monroe
- Edward Morgan
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- Paula Morris
- Robert Morris
- Hazel Nordmarken
- Patrick Northbird
- Margaret Papasodora
- Avis Poupart

- Theodora Redwing
- Angela Reyes
- Byron Rock
- Carol Blue
- Byron Sayers
- Joan Scorza
- Thelma Smith
- Wilfred Smith
- Doreen Staples
- Anna Starr
- James TeJohn
- Alice Town
- LaVerne Wakanabo
- Louisa White
- Nancy White
- Donald Wind
- Marion Wind

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



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



Bug O Nay Ge Shig 8<sup>th</sup> graders are pictured with their teacher Jodi Perrington in front of a Veteran's Tribute that they created at the school. The students placed the names of their loved ones who are veterans along with a written tribute. Bug O Nay Ge Shig Veterans also enjoyed a walleye feast at the school on their special day. Miigwech for your service veterans!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School recently hosted Leech Lake illusionist, Jordan Robinson. He was able to entertain each grade for a short time with magic while also encouraging them to pursue their dreams. He is pictured here with students from Niigaane who thoroughly enjoyed his presentation.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School students have been making bandolier bags in their culture classes under the direction of Bruce White and elders Donna Cloud and Jullita Grayhawk. They also explained the significance of the bags to the students.

They are culturally important to Ojibwe, (Anishinaabe). Gashkibidaagan served as a valuable form of exchange and represented leadership and status within the community



Bug O Nay Ge Shig students in the Seasonal Activities class have begun working on their snowsnake projects. So far, they have collected the popple poles, peeled them, and sanded them. Next they will paint and varnish them. Think snow!





LLBO Health Division

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"it tastes good"

By Chyrle LaDuke (*Food Distribution*) and  
Josh Red Day (*Diabetes Wellness Education Coordinator*)

*This recipe was created by, Louis Ellen Frank, Phd.*

This recipe was created by the first lady of the Navajo Nation, Mrs. Phefelia Nez. It has since then been edited and changed with permission, by Chef Louis Ellen Frank of Sante Fe, New Mexico and the Red cuisine. When preparing this dish, remember that olive oil is a source of fat. We would encourage using this minimally because of the caloric density that fat contains if weight loss is the goal. This specific dish contains a variety of vegetables, grains, and beans! The variety of food groups also contains a large variety of minerals, vitamins and fiber! Fiber can have one of the most dramatic effects on our health. What does our body do with Fiber? (1) It creates a Short Chain Fatty Acid (SCFA), with the fiber, this can enter our blood stream, circulate throughout our body and even end up in our brains. (2) From here, fiber sourced SCFA's can have a wide variety of effects on our immune functions, inflammation, mental health and even plays a key

role in regulating our appetite! So, we would encourage incorporating a dish like this, this holiday season!

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For more recipes and resources on this delicious soup contact Chyrle or Josh Red Day at the Leech Lake Diabetes Clinic: **218-335-4511** or stop by.

## Minestrone Soup



Olive oil spray      2 stalks celery, chopped      6 cups of water  
1 onion, diced      ½ teaspoon fresh oregano      2 small zucchinis, diced  
2 carrots, chopped      1 teaspoon fresh basil      ¾ cup of frozen spinach

1 cup frozen corn kernels • 4 cups bowtie pasta, cooked  
1, 15 ounce can diced tomatoes • 1, 15 ounce can of pinto beans  
6 cloves of garlic, minced • 1, 15 ounce can of dark red kidney beans  
1 ½ teaspoon kosher salt (to taste) • ¼ teaspoon black pepper (or to taste)

#### Directions:

1. In a pasta pot, boil water and cook pasta until done, following the directions on the package. Remove from heat, drain hot water, and then rinse with cold water to stop the pasta from cooking, set aside.
2. In a separate soup pot, spray olive oil on the bottom of the pan. Sauté onion, carrots, and celery, stirring to prevent burning for approximately 7 to 9 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another minute, stirring to prevent burning. Add the zucchini and cook for another 3 to 4 minutes, stirring to prevent burning. Add the diced tomatoes and stir to completely mix into the other vegetables. Add the corn kernels and cook for another 2 minutes. Add the frozen spinach, bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Add the canned kidney and pinto beans and cook for another 5 minutes stirring to prevent burning. Add the fresh herbs and stir. Let simmer for 3 minutes. Just before serving, add the pasta or pour the hot soup over the pasta and serve immediately.

#### ► Cass County Continued

- Establish ongoing quarterly meetings for leadership in Child Protection
- Build professional relationships while increasing coordination and collaboration between the established Cass County Mental Health Crisis Response Team and the developing LLBO Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team

#### Environment/Land Management

##### 2021 Status:

- Brownfields and St. Regis redevelopment planning beginning with City of Cass Lake to revitalize City
- Treatment as a State from EPA -Developing water quality standards
- Collaborated on Recycling Bins at LLBO-Cass Lake Transfer Station
- Leech Lake Restoration Act - Secretarial Land Transfer with Chippewa National Forest – Preparing

legislative maps and documentation

##### 2022 Goals:

- Continue to explore funding for land acquisition following resource management plans and goals
- Complete New Solid Waste Agreement
- Continue to work together on Aquatic Invasive Species prevention initiatives
- Consider LLBO approved pesticide use for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and
- Terrestrial Invasive Species

#### General and Legislative

##### 2021 Status:

- Absentee voting at LLBO government center – ongoing
- LLBO and County Board work together regarding legislative priorities – December 21, 2021 County Board meeting with delegates
- Tax Exempt Parcels for LLBO – Resolved with Department of Revenue

and Local

- Unit of Government input – Refund of State general tax being considered by Department of Revenue
- Consider joint American Rescue Plan Act
- projects

##### 2022 Goals:

- County share of State share of Tribal/State tax agreement – Continue efforts to keep locally generated funds in the community as Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Continue Food Security collaboration with mobile slaughter unit and Community Gardens with State Health Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Learn from each other on redistricting possibility with 2020 Census results
- Establish more elections and voting opportunities within the reservation boundary

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# Obituaries



## Jason "Barney" Robinson



Jason "Barney" Duane Robinson, age 50, of the LLBO Wolf Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, November 4th, 2021, from his home in Cass Lake, MN. Barney was born March 3, 1971, in Deer River, MN the son of Debra Robinson and Dennis Garbow, Sr.

Barney graduated from the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School in 1990. He was a loving father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor. He loved fishing, hunting, and generally being outside.

Those Barney is reunited with in the spirit world are his parents, Debbie Robinson and Dennis Garbow, Sr.; grandparents, George and Margaret Wilson; infant brother, Brandon Robinson; and infant sister, Kimberly Robinson.

Those left behind to cherish Barney's memories are his daughters, Kimberly Ann Robinson and Rose (Jon) Robinson; step-children, Billie Jean Whipper and Anthony Smith; significant other, Stacey Smith; brothers, Jeffrey (Peggy) Wilson, Sr., Eugene Howard, Dale Howard, Vernon Howard, Justin Howard, Aaron Howard, Lloyd Howard, Jr.; sister, Pamela (John) Thompson, Edith Wilson, Margaret

Robinson, grandchildren, Jon Schneider III, Elijah Lee Robinson, and Harmony Rose Robinson.

An overnight wake for Barney will begin Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN and continue until his traditional service on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. with spiritual advisor Allen Hardy. Helping to lay Barney to rest will be Todd Wilson, Curtis Jackson, Arnold "Barney" Kingbird, Jon Schneider, Jon Drouillard, Dan Brown, Jeff Wilson, Jr., and Jamie Mitchell. Honorary pallbearers will be Stacey Smith, Rose Robinson, Kimberly Robinson, Billie Jean Whipper, Anthony Smith, Harmony Rose Robinson, Elijah Lee Robinson, and Jon Schneider III. Fire keeper is Anthony Smith. Interment will follow Wednesday's service in the Olivet Cemetery in Deer River, MN.

Barney's family request that everyone be "Covid Conscious" and that masks be worn.

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

## Leonard "Jess" Headbird



Leonard "Jess" Headbird, Jr., "Mikinaak" which means "Turtle", 75, of the Bear Clan and from Cass Lake, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Sunday,

November 14, 2021, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. He was born to Katherine (Belcourt) and Leonard Headbird, Sr. in Cass Lake, MN on Monday, January 28, 1948.

Jess loved to spend time with his huge, beautiful family. He enjoyed hunting, jamming with his brother's band Red Cedar Lake, watching his nephews drive stock cars and following the Cass Lake-Bena Basketball team. He loved being on the powwow trail and his traditional ceremonies. He was always willing to help anyone in need. Jess was cracking jokes every chance he got and always had a smile on his face or was laughing. He enjoyed driving around with his wife and baby girl Melanie. They would travel anywhere to let her see animals and bring her on new adventures. Jess was a kind, strong and amazing man that we all loved and will cherish always. He will be missed by every person that has met him.

Family that welcomes Jess to the spirit world are his son; Pete Headbird, parents; Katherine and Leonard Headbird, Sr., grandparents; Charlie and Sarah Headbird, brothers; Gordon "Gabby" and Charles "Chuck" Headbird, sister; Gloria Wind, several aunts, uncles and friends.

Those left behind to carry on Jess' legacy are his wife, Andrea Headbird of Cass Lake, children; Vincent Parks of Salem, MO, Lenny (Maddie) Parks, Dennis Brown, Jeffrey Brown, Donald (Sarah) Headbird, Bob (Dawn) Jaspers, Tina Headbird, Jesse (Salone) Headbird, Jessica (Melvin) Headbird all of Cass Lake, Jacob (Alexis) Headbird of Bemidji, David (Calvin) Otremba of Cass Lake, James (Denise) Otremba of Wisconsin, Kelly and Andrianna Whipple both of Cass Lake, brothers; Donald "Donnie" (Nikki) Headbird of Cass Lake, Melvin (Shelly) Goodman of Pennington and Randy Finn of Cass Lake, special granddaughter; Melanie Rose, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, other relatives and his friends.

Wake services for Jess will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18th and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, November 20th all taking place at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy and Melvin Goodman will be his Spiritual Advisors. Laying Jess to rest will be Jacob Headbird, Lucas Headbird, Damien Kingbird, DJ Headbird, Kelly Whipple, Lenny Parks, Jr., Ken Thompson, and David Otremba. The alternate pallbearers are Bob Jaspers, Brandon Headbird, Gordon Fineday and

Donahue Wittner. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and close friends. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission, MN following his Saturday services.

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

## Peter Raish Jr.



Peter Raish, Jr., "Biwaabik Muckwa" which means "Strong Bear", age 53, passed away on November 24, 2021, at his home in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He was born August 18th, 1968, to Lucille (Headbird) and Peter Raish, Sr. in Bemidji, MN.

Pete went to Cass Lake/Bena High School and was working as a CD Counselor at Woman's Services and a men's halfway house for the past 4-5 years. Before that, he worked for Leech Lake Gaming for 30+ years.

He was a true outdoorsman. Pete loved to go fishing, hunting, play golf and golfing in tournaments. He loved his motorcycle and giving his nieces and nephew rides in the warm months. In the winter months, he loved to ice fish and ride his snowmobile, also giving his nieces and nephew rides in it too. Pete loved the Minnesota Vikings and never missed a game. He also loved watching and collecting movies.

Family that Pete joined are his parents; Lucille and Peter, Sr., three sisters; Evelyn, Bonnie and Pamela Raish, grandparents; Charlie and Sarah Headbird and John and Agnes Raish, numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.



Those he leaves behind are his daughters; Cheyenne (Cory) Raish-Massey of Philadelphia, PA and Corvette Northbird, sister; Bev Raish, nieces; Lucille and Kinsley Raish, nephews; James (Kimberly) Raish, Sr. and James Raish, Jr., several other family members and his friends.

An overnight wake for Pete will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, November 30 all taking place at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Fathers George Ross and William Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers for Pete will be Ed St. John, Scot Whitebird, Curtis Jackson, Brandon Headbird, DJ Headbird and Robert "Jappy" Headbird. His honorary pallbearers are Donnie Headbird, Donahue Wittner and all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission, MN.

Pete'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](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Ryan Robinson



Ryan James Robinson, 10 years young, "Anakwad" which means "Cloud", of Walker, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on September 21st, 2021, from his home. He was born on August 24, 2011, in Bemidji, MN to Erin (Chase) Cash and Terrance Robinson, Jr.

Ryan represented Battle Point as Brave from 2019-2021 and planned on running

for Leech Lake Brave next year. He loved traveling the powwow trail with his mom, auntie Tay, grandma Donna and Branden where he danced, played the drum and helped his elders and anyone else who needed it. Ryan enjoyed playing on his Xbox, YouTube, public speaking, riding the 4-wheeler but his favorite things to do were teasing and harassing his brothers while trying to get them in trouble and keeping all the school personnel on their toes. He loved his furry friends Copper, Mila, Oscar, Buddy and Bolt. Ryan was very much a mama's boy, who would do anything, including trying to get sent home from school just so he could spend alone time with her. He left us too soon and he will be deeply missed.

Family that welcomes Ryan to the spirit world are his father; Terrance Robinson, Jr., grandfather; Terrance Robinson, Sr., auntie; Carrie Robinson, uncle; Preston White and his powwow buddy Murphy Thomas.

Those left behind to forever cherish his spirit are his mom and stepfather; Erin and Ryan Cash, brothers; Anthony, Terrance, Jacob and Hayden, sister; Daneja, grandparents; Laurie Chase, David Chase, Sr., Mary Robinson, Donna White, Lucy Halterman and Missy and Marvin Bowstring, aunts; Shawntay (Jarred) Chase, Angie (Jordan) Madigan, Sherry, Carmen and Beth (John) Robinson and Alexis Anderson, uncles; David Jr., Dustin (Claire) and Dylan (Brianna) Chase, special father; Branden Bowstring, many cousins, other relatives and a lot of friends.

An overnight wake for Ryan will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, September 25 all being held at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Ryan are Matt Bowstring, Dusty Chase, Dylan Chase, David Chase, Jr., David Chase, Sr. and Jarred Pemberton. His honorary pallbearers are Holly Evans, John Bowstring, Belinda Bowstring, Matt Bowstring, Amber Bowstring, Jake Fuller, Roman Hunt, Tyler Jones, Dave Northbird, Amare Hanson, Dean Blomgren, Avery Bowstring, Mike Allen, Carleigh Losh, Desi Cloud, Aliza Garbow, Neesha Garbow, his other Inger family and friends and his powwow friends and family. Interment will be in the Battle Point Burial Grounds at Federal Dam, MN following his Saturday service.

Ryan'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](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Paul Hagstrom



Paul Hagstrom – age 37 of Deer River, MN passed away unexpectedly November 22, 2021 in Onamia, MN.

Paul was born in Duluth, MN on November 30, 1983 to Laura Howe & John "Mark" Hagstrom of Bigfork, MN.

Paul attended Grand Rapids & Deer River Public Schools throughout his youth. He started working for Leech Lake Gaming at a very early age, starting at Northern Lights in Walker, at the time of his passing he was employed at White Oak Casino, Deer River in the Food and Beverage Department. He liked his job, and loved his co-workers. His WO family was extremely important to him, both staff and guests. He talked about them and their stories all the time. He'd brag about them, worry about them, joke about them, most importantly loved, respected and cared about them. If you were going through hard times, he'd try his best to get you through just with his words. He was our light in the room no matter what the situation. At times, he came home saying his face hurt from smiling and laughing at work. \*Thank You WO Family for being there for my Brother!\*

Paul loved the outdoors, fishing, road trips, cooking, family gatherings, music, he loved following sports, especially the MN Twins; he was always sporting their gear, UFC, podcasts and scary cheesy movies. The music this kid liked was a total variety; it all depended on what mood he was in. Road trips were filled with mostly music from our childhood; happy tears rolling down your cheeks kind of rides, listening to the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Eagles to 2Pac, Snoop, Dre and Eminem. His humor, friendliness, style and cologne, please never forget.

Welcomed with open arms in heaven by his Mother; Laura MayAnn Grauman. Step-

father Marc Lyle Grauman, Step-Siblings; Marc Jr. "Butch", John, Donna Grauman and Byron Goggeye. Maternal Grandparents; Charlie & Ruth Howe. Paternal Grandparents; Betty Hagstrom Vancamp & John Theodore Hagstrom. Aunt Arliss Dewey. & Dear Friend Melvin Rivera.

He is survived by his Children; Johnny, Bella, Jayda, & Jackson Hagstrom, Step-Child Hayden Hernandez. Father; John "Mark" Hagstrom, Aunt Julie Hagstrom and Cousin Dylan Moran. Sisters; Robbie (Skudder) Howe-Bebeau, Lynn (Jim) Morales and Nancy (Chuck) Raisch, Danielle Sherman. Uncle Bob Dewey and cousins John, Jeremy, Jennifer & Jodee. Special Nephew/Brother: Lil Charlie Howe aka CharlieBones. Many nieces/nephews who meant the world to Paul, and they all called him Uncle Paulie; Jimmy (Andrea), Josh (Tahnee), Nicole, Nashel (Brendan), Natalie, Antonio, Thomas, Michael, Arlissa, Fawn, Nolan, Alyis, Charles (Cindy), Cody, Cole, Dale, Marcus, Marissa, Travis, Trevor and Madison. Special Niece & Nephews, Mariah, Alex, Eric and Anthony. Special friends; Grant Brunetta, Jeremy Gotchie, Wayne Cronin, Brendan Humphrey, Donny Losh, Joe Munnell. His co-workers at WOC Snack Bar, (Thank you Becky, Betty, & Jody for stepping in as part-time Mother roles when he needed a shoulder to lean on.) ALL of White Oak Staff and guests who made his job & life more enjoyable.

He had so many friendships from everywhere and of all walks of life. He cared and loved so many people. He could always brighten up your world, making you forget your worries. He made sure to be a friend and gravitated towards people that needed cheering up. His gift of gab and the jokester in him was his special powers. Laughter was his best medicine but sometimes the happiest people can be the saddest. Everyone has a crazy story of Uncle Paulie. Forever keep those good times with him in your heart, knowing he loved you and cherished the time he had with every single one of you.

Paul left us with so many memories and stories, this loss for us is great. Our family hopes that everyone who is grieving will share events of Paul's life, as laughter and fond memories are such good things for all. Our family would also like to encourage all who knew and loved Paul to hold your loved ones close, and additionally, to love the human community, as Paul did.

Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, December 1st at 1:00pm at the Lone Eagle Center in Ball Club, MN. Our Family asks all in attendance to please follow COVID safety protocols by social distancing as much as possible.





## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

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

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

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

Court File No. CP-21-17

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for January 31, 2022 at 9:00AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Robyn Adams and Derrick Harper Jr.

Court File No. CP-20-26

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for January 19, 2022 at 11:30AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

## Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

### Words and sentences list December

#### OJIBWEMOWIN

#### ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

Zoogipon

It is snowing

Goon

Snow

Mikwam

ice

Ozhaashikwaa

There is slippery ice

Wiiwakwaan(an)

Hat(s)

Minjikaawan(aq)

Mitten(s)

Giizhoopizon(aq)

Scarf(scarves)

Babiinzikawaagan(an)

Jacket(s)

Aaqim(aq)

Snowshoe(s)

Aaqime

S/he snowshoes

#### Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

15353 Silver Eagle Drive, Bena MN 56626

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Developed by Camille Naslund, Ed.D.,  
Niigaane Program Coordinator/Teacher

### Gichi-manidoo-giizis 2022

Anama'e-giizhigad	Maadanokii-giizhigad	Niizho-giizhigad	Aabitoose	Niiyo-giizhigad	Naano-giizhigad	Giziibiigisaginige-giizhigad
						1 Aabita-biboon. It is New Year.
2 Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajiing noongom? What is the weather today?	3 Mino-giizhigad. It is a good day.	4 Gichi-gisinaa agwajiing noongom. It is very cold outside today.	5 Dakaanimad noongom. There is a cold wind today.	6 Gii-kisinaa bijiinaago. It was cold yesterday.	7 Aaniindi ezhaayan? Where are you going?	8 Niwii-pabaa-mawadishiwe. I am going to go visiting around.
9 Niwii-izhaa adaawewigamigong. I am going to the store.	10 Niwii-manise. I am going to cut wood.	11 Gisinaa. Gigiwiiwakwaan. It is cold. Wear a hat.	12 Gigiminjikaawanan gaye. Wear mittens too.	13 Gego mizhaakigweken. Don't catch a cold.	14 Gidoozosodam ina? Are you coughing?	15 Giwisagigonewe na? Do you have a sore throat?
16 Gashkadin zaaga'igan. The lake is frozen over.	17 Weweni. Mikwamiikaa. Be careful. There is a lot of ice.	18 Maajipon. It is starting to snow.	19 Ishkwaapon. It quit snowing.	20 Mamaangipon. There are big snowflakes	21 Goonikaa. There is a lot of snow.	22 Biboon geget. It is indeed winter.
23 Ningiikaj. Biindigedaa. I am cold. Let's go inside.	24 Aapiji go niwakewaj. I get cold very easily.	25 Ningiikajizidewaj. My feet are cold.	26 Gizhaagamide na naboob? Is the soup hot?	27 Gizhaagamide na makade-mashkikiwaaboo? Is the coffee hot?	28 Ningiizhoopiz. I am wrapped up warm.	29 Gigiizhoopiz na? Are you wrapped up warm.
30 Niminwendam ojibwemoyaan. I like to speak Ojibwe.	31 Ojibwemodaa. Let's speak Ojibwe.					



# Trunk Highway 2 Shade Reduction Project

Chippewa National Forest | Walker and Deer River Ranger Districts

This letter is designed to share information about the proposed Trunk Highway 2 Shade Reduction Project on the Chippewa National Forest. It provides a brief overview of why we developed this project and to welcome comments about the project.

The Chippewa National Forest proposes to selectively remove evergreen trees along the south side of Trunk Highway 2 (TH 2). The treatments are designed to reduce shading which results in low road surface temperatures and decreases the effectiveness of road salt, leading to ice accumulation and possibly increasing vehicular accidents.

**What:**

- The selective cutting aims to thin overstory red pine and remove young balsam fir, jack pine and spruce from the understory.
- The proposed treatments would include minimal harvest of eastern white pine and no harvest of northern white cedar, tamarack, or hardwoods to maintain the scenic integrity of the Trunk Highway 2 corridor.

**Where:**

- Proposed thinning treatments target specific areas on the south

side of Hwy 2 between Cass Lake and Deer River, totaling 63.7 acres. See included maps.

**Why:**

- Minnesota Department of Transportation sent a letter to the Chippewa National Forest indicating that these heavily shaded areas may be leading to an increase in vehicular accidents during winter months.
- Dense shading during winter months can reduce road surface temperatures to an extent that leads to ice accumulation even when road salt is used.
- Work towards the desired conditions described in the 2004 Land and Resource Management Plan, D-PH-1: "Public and employee health and safety is of primary consideration while managing the National Forest."

**PROJECT PROPOSED ACTION**

The Minnesota Department of transportation has notified the Chippewa National Forest that shading caused by evergreen vegetation along US Trunk Highway 2 has been resulting in low road surface temperatures. During winter months, the

low surface temperatures can lower the effectiveness of road salt, leading to ice accumulation on the roadway and increasing the potential for vehicular accidents.

The Chippewa National Forest has worked closely with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Department of Resource Management, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to develop a plan that would thin evergreen vegetation along the south side of Highway 2 to reduce shading while making several considerations for protecting the scenic integrity of the Highway 2 corridor and species of cultural significance.

This project intends to thin the primarily red pine overstory to immediately reduce shading while leaving some tall evergreens for scenic integrity. Additionally, the removal of jack pine, spruce, and balsam fir in the understory will prevent future shading. This project proposes to have minimal removal of eastern white pine and no removal of northern white cedar, tamarack, or any hardwood vegetation for the protection of both scenic integrity and species of cultural importance.

**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

The input you and others provide during this comment period will help me to understand issues to focus on during implementation, or to determine if it would be useful to develop an alternative way to meet the need for the project. Feedback from comments also helps me to know who is interested in being kept up to date on the project in the future. Comments that provide relevant and new information with sufficient detail and rationale are the most useful.

Please note that all comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

**Submit Written Comments:**

Douglas Putt  
West Zone Environmental Coordinator  
201 Minnesota Ave. East  
Walker, MN 56484

**Email Comments:**  
*douglas.putt@usda.gov*, or *FS-comments-eastern-chippewa@usda.gov*

**Fax Comments:**  
Please include a cover page with "Hwy 2 shading project- Attn: Douglas Putt"  
(218)-547-3260

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PROCESS**

At this time, we anticipate

**How to Comment:**

There are several ways to submit comments:

1. Submit your comments electronically in a common file format (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) to: *douglas.putt@usda.gov* or *FS-comments-eastern-chippewa@usda.gov* with the subject line "Hwy 2 Shading Project." Please include your name, address, telephone number, and the title of the project with your comments.
2. Mail your comments to the Walker Ranger District Office:  
Attn: Douglas Putt  
West Zone Environmental Coordinator  
201 Minnesota Ave. E.,  
Walker, MN 56484
3. Submit your comments by fax to:  
(218)-547-3260

For additional information about the public comment process, please contact Douglas Putt at: 218-507-0960 or *douglas.putt@usda.gov*.

**We request that you submit comments by:**  
DECEMBER 31, 2021

that this project can be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment per 36 CFR §220.6 (e) (12) "Harvest of live trees not to exceed 70 acres, requiring no more than 1/2 mile of temporary road construction" and 36 CFR §220.6 » « (d) (4) "Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries". A decision memorandum will be completed and provided to all interested parties. The decision is not subject to Forest Service administrative review regulations (36

CFR 218).

**For More Information contact Douglas Putt at:**

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201 Minnesota Ave. East  
Walker, MN 56484  
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*douglas.putt@usda.gov*

**For more information and maps displaying proposed work sites please visit:**

<https://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110903>

**DEBAHJIMON**

Debahjimon can be found at the following locations:

**District I**

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

**District II**

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

**District III**

Cass Lake Rest Area  
Che We Station  
Leech Lake RTC

Tribal Justice Center  
Facility Center  
Dairy Queen  
Cass Lake IHSe  
Cass Lake Dental Clinic  
Teals Grocery Store  
Shell Station  
Diabetes Clinic  
Woman's Halfway House  
White Earth Office  
Child Welfare Office

Financial Services  
Woman's Services  
Opioid Clinic  
Leech Lake DRM  
MCT Headquarters  
Cass Lake-Bena H.S.  
Cedar Lakes Casino  
Leech Lake Gaming  
Junction Station  
Leech Lake Tribal College  
Men's Halfway House

Leech Lake Health Division  
RBC Building  
Tribal Development  
Leech Lake Housing

**Bemidji**

Sanford Center Box Office  
Tesoro Station  
Bemidji Public Library  
Social Services Building  
Federal Building

LLBO Health Clinic  
Bemidji State Univ. AIRC  
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## Leech Lake and Red Lake Service Members

Two of our very own representing Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Red Lake Nation. Loren "L.J." Howard from Leech Lake and Cedrik Barrett, Red Lake Band Member. Both deployed to the Middle East in an undisclosed location, set to return either February or March of 2022.

# WE ARE HIRING

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE NURSING PROGRAM

Visit the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Employment page for the following opportunities within the Health Division:



Mid-Level Health Provider  
Director of Assisted Living  
Kitchen Manager  
Home Health Care Manager  
Registered Nurse  
Licensed Practical Nurse

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT 218-335-4500**

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders December Birthdays

## District I

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Gary Roy  
Howard Sherman  
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Joseph White Jr.  
Donald White  
Darrell Wilson Sr.

From the  
District I Office  
Robbie, Stephanie, &  
Zagajiiw

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Myrna Whitebird  
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From the District II Office  
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Michelle



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



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

[www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org) | drop off or mail documents to:  
**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources**  
**115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633**

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON DECEMBER 24, 2021**

*Driver (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-167*

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

- Tribal Planner (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-005*
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009*
- Transportation Dispatcher (Part Time) ~ Fleet Management ~ Job Code: 21-011*
- Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018*
- Pre School Teacher (Sugar Point/Remer) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-020*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023*
- Cook (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-024*
- Recreation & Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-032*
- Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-033*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-036*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-037*
- WIC Competent Professional Authority ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-040*
- On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-062*
- On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-063*
- Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-076*
- Training Officer/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-080*
- Field Director ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-085*
- CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-095*
- ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-096*
- Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-097*
- Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-099*
- Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-105*
- Driver (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-107*
- Registered Nurse (Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-111*
- Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115*
- Nenda-Gikenjiged (Trainee) (1) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-117*
- Gekinwaa'amaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-118*
- Cook (Inger) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-119*
- Home Healthcare LPN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-122*
- Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-124*
- Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125*
- Security Guard (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-126*
- Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-129*
- Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-130*
- Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-131*
- Police Officer (4) ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 21-133*
- Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-135*
- Urban Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-136*
- Driver (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-137*
- Allotment Specialist ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-140*
- Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141*
- Legal Director ~ Legal ~ Job Code: 21-150*
- Controllor ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-151*
- Environmental Specialist ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-154*
- Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-155*
- Water Resources Technician I ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-156*
- Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-157*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Tribal College) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-158*
- Certified Food Protection Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-165*
- Accounting Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-168*
- Security Guard (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-169*

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**COME FIND YOUR PLACE!**

WWW.LLTC.EDU (218) 335-4220 StudentServices@lltc.edu

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FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST  
NEW YEAR'S EVE

OVER **\$24,000**  
IN CASH & FREE PLAY  
DRAWINGS 2PM-2AM

2pm-3pm \$500  
3pm-4pm \$2,022  
4pm-5pm \$500  
5pm-6pm \$500  
6pm-7pm \$2,022  
7pm-8pm \$500

8pm-9pm \$500  
9pm-10pm \$2,022  
10pm-11pm \$500  
11pm-12am \$500  
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BLACKJACK DRAWINGS  
(CEDAR LAKES ONLY)

**\$201** IN CASH GIVEN AWAY

TWO CASH DRAWINGS EVERY HALF HOUR

8pm-10pm \$100  
10:30pm-11:30pm \$200  
12am \$521

FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST  
NEW YEAR'S EVE

SATURDAY, JAN. 1ST  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

**\$22K** GIVEAWAY

TWO \$2,200 CASH DRAWINGS EACH HOUR 6PM-11PM

SWIPE & WIN  
UP TO **\$150** IN FREE PLAY FOR EVERY 25 POINTS EARNED 2AM-11:59PM

## NEW YEARS EVE ON THE BAY

DEC. 31, 2021

### SURF & TURF DINNER

\$60 per person • 5pm - 9pm

Filet Oscar - 7oz filet mignon, 2 king crab legs, asparagus and Bearnaise sauce. Served with Parmesan whipped potatoes, salad and caramel lava cake.

Reservations recommended.  
Call 844-554-2646

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**FEB. 2ND**

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5PM-6PM: 2 - \$2,500  
6PM-7PM: 2 - \$5,000  
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8PM-9PM: 2 - \$5,000  
9PM-10PM: 2 - \$2,500

FREE PLAY DRAWINGS  
2 - \$250 HOT SEAT EACH HOUR 5PM-10PM AT EACH CASINO

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Earn additional kiosk swipes for **EVERY 25 points earned**, from 2am to 11:59pm, and win up to **\$100 in Free Play**.

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Wednesdays

**3pm-9pm**  
3 random hot seat drawings every hour.

Spin the prize wheel to win up to **\$150 in Cash or Free Play**.

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