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## MN Chippewa Tribe Begins Lengthy Process to Change Blood Quantum

By Kayla Duoos

On June 22, 2021, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee (MCT TEC) held a special meeting on the Bois Forte Reservation to discuss enrollment issues, specifically, blood quantum requirements for enrollment as defined in the current constitution.

A motion was passed officially beginning the process of amending the MCT Constitution to allow each MCT band to adopt their own enrollment eligibility criteria.

At the special TEC meeting, called for by MCT President Cathy Chavers (Bois Forte), tribal representatives heard perspectives from the constitutional delegates present and hosted discussion centered around changing enrollment criteria within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution.

Currently, the MCT Constitution requires that a person's combined blood quantum from their parents must be at least 25% in order to be eligible for enrollment in an MCT Tribe. During the TEC meeting, a motion was made to begin a process that would allow MCT members to weigh in



on whether the Constitution should be changed to allow each of the six Bands to adopt their own enrollment eligibility criteria, instead of being required to follow the 25% blood quantum. The motion was made and passed.

Essentially, the proposed referendum will determine whether MCT members are interested in changing the enrollment criteria for membership. Should the referendum pass, MCT members would then vote again in a future Secretarial Election on the actual language of the amendment to the MCT Constitution.

Under the proposal supported by Leech Lake, the enrollment criteria defined in Article II of the current MCT Constitution would be changed to allow the six sovereign Bands to individually determine tribal membership of their respective Band.

Following the meeting, the MCT released a memo on their website stating:

“It is important to be clear with our voters that participating in a referendum vote does not change the constitution. However, a referendum is the first step that will guide the TEC’s decision about whether to request a Secretarial Election about changing the constitution (by an amendment). A Secretarial Election is the only way to make this change under our current constitution. The results of a Secretarial Election can change the constitution if enough MCT members vote to pass an Amendment. Referendums and Secretarial Elections are distinct and defined in Article XIV: Referendum and Article XII: Amendment, of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution. This will likely be a lengthy process and members should expect to receive more information about this topic in the future from their TEC members and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as we progress toward addressing membership and enrollment criteria together.”

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### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PAYMENT

The Online Application for a new Economic Assistance Payment is now open.

This \$1,375.00 payment is being distributed beginning in August 2021 and a similar payment in August of 2022.

Online application link / mailable form application provided along with more information on  
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Secretary-Treasurer Archie LaRose, District III Rep. LeRoy Fairbanks and Chairman Faron Jackson take time for photos following the ceremony.

## Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery Awarded Blue Star Memorial Marker

*The Award Ceremony was apart of the Annual Leech Lake Days Celebration and was open to the public.*

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery became the first Native American Veterans cemetery to receive a “Blue Star” memorial marker, Friday June 25.

The Blue Star marker program honors all men and women that have served in the United States Armed Services. This program began in 1944 and was originally adopted in World War II after community members began to place the star on flags and banners for relatives away at war.

Blue Star Memorial Markers are only permitted on the grounds of National Cemeteries, and must be

approved by the NGC Blue/Gold Star Chair. The only other Blue Star memorial marker in the state resides in the Duluth veterans cemetery.

Leech Lakes honoring ceremony took place on site and was opened with an invocation by Mike Smith Sr. and Mike Smith Jr. Followed by speeches from the Chair of the MN Blue Star Marker



Teddie Redwing, member of the Leech Lake Honor Guard and Master of Ceremonies for the event.

*The Cemetery is now one of only two National Cemeteries in MN to have received the marker.*

Federation Garden Clubs Carol Oeltjenbruns, Cemetery Admin. Erik B. Sogge, LLBO Dept. of Public Works Director Alden Fairbanks, and District III representative Leroy Staples-Fairbanks, LLBO Secretary Treasurer Archie LaRose and LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson. Jackson used his speech to pay tribute to Veterans

and emphasize how big of a deal it is for the Tribe to receive such an honor.

“The star we’re getting today is historic, we’re very proud. It’s happening during the time of our celebration of Leech Lake Days and we can feel the spiritual power here today. It’s uplifting and it’s good that it stems from recognizing our veterans who’ve served our country,” said Jackson.

Community members can visit the Veterans Cemetery to see the Blue Star memorial marker at 16477 69<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, near the Powwow grounds.



(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 Michael Chosa

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

*“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**

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.



## Minnesota COVID-19 update: July

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – As the state enters July, the rise in COVID-19 cases seems to be on a decline.

New and active cases and hospital admissions remain at or near their mid-April 2020 lows with no signs of a breakout. Officials had been watching to see if the end of capacity restrictions on bars and restaurants in late May would generate more viral spread and so far no data has shown this. The State has also hit its' goal of having 70% of all Minnesotans 18 and over vaccinated by July 1st, hitting its target the proposed day.

With caseloads and hospitalizations continuing to fall toward zero, Governor Walz peacetime emergency powers have come to an end. Walz and his administration are now looking to provide support for MN citizens who were financially impacted during the shutdown by signing into law the recently approved “Recovery Budget”.

“Minnesotans got through this pandemic the way we get through all hardships in life—with grit and resilience. We banded together and looked out for one another. Together, we made it through this pandemic, we got the vaccine, and now, with Minnesota's COVID-19 Recovery Budget, we are on our way back, stronger than ever,” said Walz. “Thank you, Minnesota.”

### Highlights of the recovery budget includes:

- \$70 million in COVID-19 relief for small businesses across the state that have borne the brunt of this pandemic to protect their com-

munities and save lives;

- \$250 million in direct financial support to Minnesota's essential workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- one-time Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) payment of up to \$435 to support about 32,000 families, including 64,000 children.

**A look at the numbers as of July 1:** The Minnesota Department of Health says the state's total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 605,448. Of them, nearly 597,069 no longer require isolation.

The state's death toll is now at 7,599 with 4,481 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

Health officials say approximately 10,323,090 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 6,919 on the reservation.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS COVID hotline at 335-3426 or 335-3427 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are experiencing shortness of breath, please contact the Emergency Department at 335-3327 or dial 911.

IHS eligible community members 18 years and older are now 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.

# Quarterly Meeting Held at Cedar Lakes Casino on July 9, 2021

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting Friday, July 9.

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

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

Last on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held online through video calls. For those who were unable to watch, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo page.

Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in October 2021.

## Quarterly Report Summaries

### Tribal Court

- There were 89 new cases filed between April 1st, 2021 and June 1, 2021.
- The court conducted 238 hearings the past quarter and one in camera interview.
- JDAI (juvenile detention alternative initiative) continues to be on hold during the pandemic.

### Tribal Development

- The Tribal Housing Development Initiative is currently being drafted to address the band's needs for the next 20 years. Work with the Minnesota Housing Partnership continues, they



**Chaiman Faron Jackson, begins the meeting with employees, community members and Directors all in attendance.**

will provide technical assistance to help address housing needs and secure funding for projects. Further business partnerships related to the Housing development project are being sought.

- A US Department of Commerce Economic Development Assistance (EDA) grant was awarded to Housing for \$199,400 to conduct a feasibility study for creating vertically integrated construction job programs in partnership with the LL Tribal College.
- Food sovereignty work continues, Potatoes and eggs were delivered to Ball Club, Inger, Onigum and Mission. Helped relocate food from old palace storage into new units. Further food items are looking to be added to rotation.
- S.Lake park design has been sent out for final approval on design/budget.
- Preliminary designs were drawn up for for a wild rice processing plant.

### Resource Management

- The DRM director and the Supervisor of the Chippewa National forest signed the final plan of the survey that was sent to the Washington office, that lays out the final process for returning the secretarial land transfer.
- The DRM director has been working with the MNDNR commissioners office on government to government consultation. Topics of discussion included: The Leech Lake hunting/fishing agreement, the previously active boundary water agreement the band once had regarding wild rice, a separate fishing/hunting management zone for the reservation, invasive species/climate change impacts on the reservation.
- The DRM Director alongside RTC staff have been working on acquiring the Cut Foot Sioux Ranger station from the Chippewa National Forest.
- EPA issued administrative order of their selected plan to be implemented on the St. Regis Superfund site residential zone areas (OU7)



**District I Representative Robbie Howe.**

- Project CAR is underway to provide \$75,000 to the Leech Lake garage to fix emission exhaust issues to improve air quality on the reservation.
- DRM staff have been involved with the deer farm located west of Leech Lake where a number of deer were infected with chronic wasting disease. Plans are in place for a survey this upcoming deer season that will include testing of deer on the reservation.
- DRM staff has been actively involved with the State regarding their Grey Wolf Management plan which includes a hunting season. The band is against this season taking place within reservation boundaries and are seeking a management team to be placed within the reservation to oversee the season.
- Summer readiness programs have been successful throughout months of June/July
- School MOU's are currently being worked on for Cass Lake-Bena and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig. Currently active are school MOU's for: Walker Hackensack-Akley, Bemidji. Finalization process has begun for MOU's with Northland Remer and King Elementary.
- Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) kits were purchased and delivered to all 11 tribes within the state.
- Healthy Family project is expected to serve 200 pre-school participants, 140 elementary participants, 90 young adults/parents and 25 elderly participants.
- Gardening and Community food sovereignty project is expected to serve 130 pre-school participants, 120 elementary participants, 90 young adults/parents and 25 elderly participants.

### Human Services

- The "Traditional Healing Grant" proposal for building use was approved by Tribal Council and secures a building dedicated to Indigenous wisdom and healing.
- During Mental Health Awareness month LLBH held its first inaugural Cass Lake Mental Health awareness walk.

### Education

- Staff is getting ready for fall opening of Head Start

### Housing

- Inspectors conducted 57 Unit Inspections during this reporting period
- Project VIII has 13 houses set on foundations and 3 foundations ready for houses. To date this project will have 18 completed homes
- Modernization Department renovated 10 homes during this reporting period.

# Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

## Secretary / Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose



### Governmental Activities Secretary/Treasurer's Summary Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Friday July 9, 2021

June 30 marks the end of our fiscal year. Our year-end financial projection is that we will end with a 15 to \$20 million surplus in the General Fund. After our books are closed for year-end and audit adjustments, we will have a definite number to report. The General Fund revenues were down due to the Casino's partial re-opening and recovery from the initial shut-down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The General Fund revenues were affected due to very little profits transferred from the Casinos. In order to cover this shortage, CARES Act revenues were used to fund essential operations for a majority of the fiscal year.

CARES Act revenues were utilized for the stimulus payments that were distributed in August and December of last year. We will be back on track this year to provide the tax rebate that is normally distributed in December. We are also looking forward to providing additional economic stimulus payments with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) revenues. We will continue to provide full reports on both CARES Act and ARPA revenues as we continue to receive and spend down these funds.

The Minor's Trust activity continues to make the "18" payments.

This past year we paid out close to \$400 thousand in payments to enrolled band members reaching the age of 18. We allocated \$500 to each minor's account last year and our plan is do the same for the next two years. These allocations come out of the Band's General Fund as this is not an allowable expenditure for CARES Act or ARPA funds.

The Fy22 budget is currently being developed and the Council needed to pass a continuing spending resolution in order to comply with the Band's Budget Ordinance. The

Council also passed emergency spending allocations for ARPA revenues to fund the stimulus payments that will be distributed by August 2nd, 2021, and August 2nd, 2022. We are planning on holding public hearings for the FY 22 budget in the near future. These meetings will be held via zoom in order to allow for more participation and will be announced well in advance to ensure we have as much public input and comments as possible.

Please see the list below on the projects, services and activities that have been funded so far by the CARES Act revenue.

#### CARES Act Spending

Gaming	7,595,892
Economic Stimulus Pmts. (All LLBO Enrollees)	9,004,500
Housing Assistance (LLHA rent April - July)	620,584
Network/Computers	1,744,138
Personal Leave Payout (Any employees over 240 hours)	634,616
General Fund - Essential Services programs	13,590,453
Masks, hand sanitizer, PPE, etc.	1,578,001
Food for Communities	188,546
Garbage Truck	174,801
IMT Wages (reimbursing Grant programs)	266,286
Veteran's Housing	262,647
Tribal Police – Equipment	740,061
Refrigerated Trucks/Egg & Produce Contracts	99,963
Post-Secondary Scholarships	44,189
Boys & Girls Club	96,000
Quarantine Housing	724,855
Transportation Vans	135,000
ENP Vans	129,725
Cass Lake Area Food Shelf	145,500
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>37,775,756</b>

#### Other CARES Act Expenditures

Emergency Rental Assistance	710,924
CARES Act – Child care	261,885
CARES Act – Health Resources Adm.	511,575
CARES Act – Food donations	416,846
Other misc. CARES Act programs	1,353,834
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>3,255,064</b>

#### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

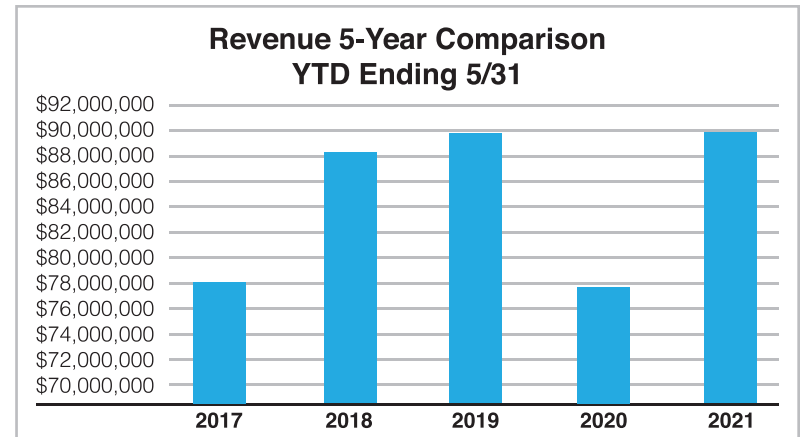
ARPA – US Treasury	47,000,213
Other ARPA programs	8,468,395

(ARPA – U.S. Treasury and other ARPA Revenues are unspent as of this date. The Band's administration is currently working on a budget for these revenues.)

<b>Total ARPA – Revenues</b>	<b>55,468,608</b>
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The Band's annual Single Audit continues with the RSM auditors, however, due to the pandemic, the deadline for completion has been extended from March 31, 2021 to September 30 2021.

## Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations Quarter Ending June 2021

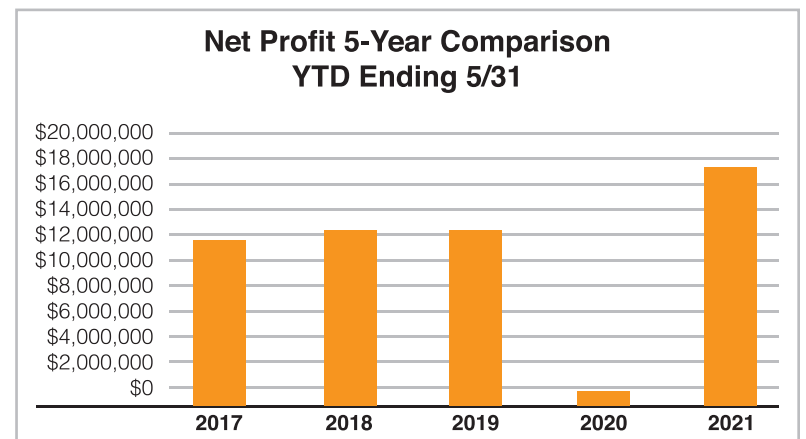


#### Revenue <sup>Ⓡ</sup>

Total revenue through May 2021 totaled \$89.9 million compared to prior year which totaled \$77.9 million. Revenue increased by approximately \$12 million compared to the previous fiscal year, which was due to the closure of the casinos last spring. Fiscal year 2021 we have seen revenue rebound to be slightly higher than fiscal years 2018 and 2019 revenue numbers.

#### Expenses

Total expenses through May 2021 were approximately \$72.5 million, which is approximately a decrease of \$3.7 million compared to 2020. Through May 2021, Cost of Sales equaled \$14.7 million, Payroll totaled \$31.4 million and Operating expenses were \$26.4 million. We see a significant decrease in expenses due to reduced staff, and limiting venues, such as buffet and bingo.



#### Net Profit <sup>Ⓢ</sup>

Net profit for period ending May 2021 equaled \$17.4 million compared to the prior year at \$1.4 million. That is an increase of approximately \$15.7 million. The large difference in net profit is due to the Covid-19 pandemic that caused the closure of our casinos.

#### Forecast

Fiscal year 2020 was a difficult year with the closure of the casinos, but fiscal year 2021 Leech Lake Gaming has seen a slight increase in revenues over previous years, and net profit has been at its' highest point looking at the last 5 years. Increase in revenue, and decreased expense due to reduced staffing and cost of goods, has caused a substantial increase to bottom line. This is a good strut to recovery after a dismal year in 2020.



Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan and the MN MMIW Task Force, hold a conference before the Task Forces final meeting. Credit: Twitter.com @LtGovFlanagan

## Permanent MMIW, MMIR Office to be created in MN

By Kayla Duos

MINNEAPOLIS – Minnesota will now have a permanent Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) office.

The official announcement came Thursday July 1 by Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, following the signing of Minnesota's Covid Recovery budget by Governor Walz which underwent a contentious partisan battle before being approved.

“We honor our Missing, Murdered Indigenous Relatives and the work of the (MMIW) task force by establishing a permanent Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Relative office within the department of public safety. This work continues and we know it is long overdue for Minnesota to tell the truth about how our Indigenous women have been treated,” said Flanagan.

The official MMIR office will be derived from the state's MMIW task force and will focus on reviewing cold cases, collecting data, and working to prevent future violence against Indigenous peoples.

The MMIW task force was first established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2019, and has for over a year collected data and stories from across the state to study the impact of violence against Indigenous people. The task force's work culminated in a report released early this year, which confirmed that national trends of violence against Indigenous people plague Minnesota, as well, for both Native people living on Minnesota's 11 tribal reservations and in urban areas.

Members of the MMIW task force held their final meeting June 28 and worked together addressing officials to include the office in the Judiciary and Public Safety budget bill citing that there was more work to be done to fight these statistics.

Following the vote which approved the office, Senator Mary Kunesch (DFL-New Brighton) and MMIW task force member released the following statement:

“Based on the findings and recommendations of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force, we pressed

the Legislature to form a MMIR office here in Minnesota – to continue the commitment of addressing the historical violence and systemic negligence of Native women and communities across this state, urban and rural. Today that is a reality – Minnesota has taken the next critical step to support the national MMU's (Missing and Murdered Unit) work and being a force multiplier to prevent and bring an end to this pandemic of violence.”

“The work we did on the MMIW Task Force was a critical first step in understanding the issue of violence against women in Minnesota. The creation of the new Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force will investigate the causes of violence against African American women and girls, then provide recommendations to ensure safe, healthy communities throughout our state. Our Black communities, now more than ever, need the support in working towards justice.”

Community members who want to read more about the MMIR office and MMIW task force can visit the MN Department of Public Safety website.

## Encouraged but not required: LLBO Tribal Council lifts mandatory portion of mask mandate

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE – At their regular meeting on June 3, 2021 the Leech Lake Tribal Council voted to end the mandatory portion of the tribal mask mandate. Effective immediately, the required use of masks at Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe businesses, offices and other properties will become optional with the exception of healthcare, congregate living and educational facilities including early childhood and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Government offices will continue to operate at a limited capacity for the next four weeks with a full reopening date set for July 1, 2021.

Band members, employees and community members are strongly encouraged to continue taking safety precautions and practicing social distancing when possible, especially if unvaccinated or displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

“We are thankful to our community for masking up and following the COVID safety guidelines over the past 16 months” said Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. “This has put us in a position where we can begin taking steps towards returning to pre pandemic norms. While we move towards this goal, I urge everyone to remain vigilant and strongly encourage everyone to get the vaccine as soon as possible.”

### District III Elder Birthdays

August

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

Harlan Anderson	James Harris	Donna Morgan
Yvonne Armstrong	Nancy Hawkins	Harry Morris
Alice Averill	Donald Headbird	Timothy O'Brien
Lenore Barsness	Joseph Howard	Diane Osceola
Guy Beaulieu	Michael Howard	Valentino Pacheco
Heidi Bilyeu	Stephen Howard	Nancy Patterson
Delphine Bixby	Deborah Isham	Dallas Pemberton
Janice Bongo	Ramona Jackson	Simone Pemberton
Patricia Broker	Beverly Jacobs	Cynthia Reed
Bernard Brown	George Jacobs	Kelly Robinson
Franklin Brown	Cherlene Jenkins	Robert Robinson
Harold Budreau	George Jenkins	Valerie Robinson
Kim Burnette	Barbara Johnston	David Roy
Edward Burns	Duwayne Jones	Loretta Sayers
Linda Butcher	Julie Jones	Kenneth Schwartz
Myron Cloud	Crystal Jones-Desjarlais	Scott Seelye
Shannon Cronquist	Carol Kloehn	Mark Stangel
Barbara Dubois	Bonnie Knutson	Cheryl Staples Susan Swanson
Donna Fineday	Elizabeth LeDoux	Brenda Thomas
Mary Finn	Cheryl Littlewolf	Nancy Washington
Leila Goggeley	Leonard Losh	Gary White
Linda Goggeley	Ronald Lowry	Randolph White
Benjamin Gotchie	Peter Maas	Daniel Wilson
Laura Gould-Smith	Estelle Marotta	Eva Wilson
Gene Hanks	William McCarter	
	Pamela Mitchell	

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



Images above show a dirty engine on the left, the newly aquired parts washer and a cleaned engine on the right.

## Degreasing Project: LLBO DRM and MnTAP Collaborative Endeavor

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Environmental Department of the Division of Resource Management (DRM) and Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) worked together to reduce pollution and improve Leech Lake’s air quality with the “Degreasing Project.”

This project assessed grease cleaning products used at auto shops in the area and encouraged shops to switch to safer alternatives that would improve the overall air quality health of Leech Lake by lowering the level of pollutants in the air.

Many degreasing products that are used in auto shops, such as brake cleaners and parts washers, contain harmful chemicals known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs). Spraying these chemicals to clean car parts contributes to smog, which makes the air harder to breathe, triggers asthma, bronchitis attacks and increases the likelihood of heart attacks, cancer, and other serious illnesses.

MnTAP partner Michelle Gage stated that many consumers and auto shops who use products

such as these are often left in the dark on their harmful nature. “The chemistry in brake cleaners varies greatly from can to can. It’s fairly impossible for the average person to make a good decision about what’s a safer product,” said Gage.

One local auto repair shop that benefited from this project was Leech Lake’s Community Service Garage in Cass Lake, who received safer, alternative brake cleaners and a new parts washer.

“The parts washer works wonders. I barely use the [brake cleaner] spray cans and I like the parts washer better,” said Rupert Olsen, a mechanic at the Community Service Garage. “[Spray can] fumes are nasty. I take parts off, clean them up in the parts washer, and a little water cleans them right up.”

Results from the project show that the safer brake cleaner and the new parts washer used by Leech Lake Community Garage showed notable annual reductions in air pollution. For comparison, the removal of a single pound of VOCs is like getting rid of a can of spray paint full of air pollutant gas. The Community Service Garage reduced their annual VOCs and HAPs emis-

sions by 56 pounds and 22 pounds respectively.

The Leech Lake Air program engaged with and provided recommendations to 21 different auto repair shops on or neighboring the Leech Lake Reservation. 13 of the 21 sites implemented the recommendations, which resulted in 1,200 pounds of VOCs, 522 pounds of HAPs, 51 pounds of solid waste eliminated per year. Anthony Mazzini, a Minnesota Green Corps member who was involved with the outreach efforts, stated, “I was happy to see how many auto repair shops were open to trying alternative, safer products that were equally as effective as the more polluting options. Many of the garage owners and mechanics I followed up with said that they felt a lot better not having to inhale such toxic chemicals.”

Both MNTAP and the Leech Lake Environmental Department believe there is more work to be done; however, this project was a step in the right direction.

For more information on Leech Lake’s air quality projects, contact Brandy Toft at [brandy.toft@llojibwe.net](mailto:brandy.toft@llojibwe.net) or Anthony Mazzini at [anthony.mazzini@llojibwe.net](mailto:anthony.mazzini@llojibwe.net)

## 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 18 marks the 47<sup>th</sup> 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. he case which had been thrown around the 8<sup>th</sup> 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. he 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. he 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 Hersbt vs Leech Lake Band court case or licenses, please call the Department of Resource Management at (218) 335-7400.

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## First Portion Of American Rescue Plan Act Funding Received, New Economic Assistance Program Established

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE – At a special meeting on June 29, 2021 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council established a new economic assistance program for enrolled, adult tribal members. The new program will deliver much needed assistance to households in two planned distributions of \$1375.00 each. The payments will be distributed in August 2021 and August 2022.

The application process for this program will be identical to the process used for the previous payments in 2020. Full information on the application process will be released on July 12, 2021 with paper and online applications opening on July 14, 2021. The first round of checks will be distributed beginning August 2, 2021. Enrolled minor tribal members will receive \$500 in their trust fund accounts with each payment. Also, the December Tax Rebate payment will be processed as normal this year.

In addition to the economic assistance program, the Council also approved a twofold increase in the emergency funding available to elders, disabled and veterans 54 and younger through the Tribal Assistance program for the next two fiscal years. This means an increase from \$300 to \$600 for most applicants to these programs. The application period will remain the same with eligible applicants able to apply beginning on July 1 of each fiscal year through the Tribal Assistance office.

### First Installment of ARPA Funding Received

Recently, the Band received notice that the first installment of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$47,000,212.79 had been processed by the U.S. Department of Treasury and sent to the tribe.

This first round of funding represents Leech Lake's share from the 65% of \$20 billion allocated to Indian Country in the ARPA, based on the total number of enrolled members. The remaining 35% will be allocated based on the total number of employees employed by the tribe and its component units as of 2019. The second installment is expected to be sent later this summer.

### Breakdown of the \$20 billion allocated to Indian Country

- \$1 billion evenly split amongst all Federally Recognized Tribes
- 65% of remaining \$19 billion allocated to tribes based on enrollment

- 35% of remaining \$19 billion allocated to tribes based on tribal employment level as of 2019

According to the Department of Treasury, this funding is meant to provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. These funds will:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of COVID-19 and bring the pandemic under control
- Replace lost revenue for Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs
- Support immediate stabilization for households and businesses in Indian Country
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on Tribal communities.
- Allow development of new and improvement of existing water, wastewater, and broadband infrastructure.

The interim Final Rule allows ARPA funds to be used for costs incurred from March 21, 2021 through December 31, 2024. This will allow the tribe to develop strategies to meet both short term and long term needs.

In addition to this funding, Tribal admin-

istrators will continue to work to secure program specific funding from federal and state agencies that are also receiving ARPA funds. There are a number of Tribal specific provisions in the Act that will provide nearly \$11 billion in additional funding to Indian Country, beyond the \$20 billion allocated directly to Tribal Governments. These program specific areas include Housing, Child Development, Health & Wellness, Education and more.

Initial planning and strategy regarding the use of these funds has been under way for several weeks and several priority areas have been identified, including: direct and immediate assistance to tribal members, infrastructure projects and addressing public health needs.

The Leech Lake Tribal Council and administration would like to thank all LLBO tribal citizens for their patience as we work to build a strategic plan to use these funds in accordance with federal requirements and guidelines. This historic investment in our community represents a once in a lifetime opportunity and deserves an appropriate amount of time and consideration to ensure we are meeting the needs of our populations as well as creating long lasting impacts for future generations.

For more information on the American Rescue Plan Act funding for tribes visit: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/tribal-governments>



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Theresa Jordan 218-536-0213  
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Onigum LIC Members

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday**  
Registration 5PM - 8PM  
Grand Entry 7PM  
Dance Specials

**Saturday**  
Flag Raising 10AM  
Registration 11AM - 2PM  
Grand Entry 1PM  
Royalty Contest  
Dance Specials  
Supper Break 5PM  
Registration 5PM - 8PM  
Grand Entry 7PM  
Announce New Royalty  
Dance Specials

**Sunday**  
Flag Raising 10AM  
Registration 11AM - 2PM  
Grand Entry 1PM  
Dance Special Finals  
Supper Break 5PM

**Dance Specials**  
Men's Traditional Special | Women's Jingle Special  
Golden Age 55+ Special | Team Dance Special

**STAFF & DRUM**

**Emcees**  
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**Arena Director**  
Ken Fox

**Spiritual Advisor**  
Darrell Kingbird

**Sound**  
Dave Cronin

**Host Drum**  
Leech Lake

**EVENTS**

**Saturday**  
Alonzo Smith Memorial Breakfast 8AM  
Best Frybread Contest 9AM

**Sunday**  
Health Walk 9AM  
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## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe American Rescue Plan Economic Relief Payment to Tribal Members Verification of Need Form

### Program Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be an enrolled LLBO Tribal member.
2. Must be 18 years of age and enrolled with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as of 7/12/21.
3. Must demonstrate a need for assistance by checking at least one box on the Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic below.\*
4. Individual must sign and return this Form to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

**Eligible Tribal members 18 and over may receive a one-time payment of \$1,375.00.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  Same as Physical Address (must be able to receive mail at address provided)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**File by July 25, 2021 to receive payment by August 2, 2021.**

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Payment Program Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible for the program?

All enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who are enrolled with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as of July 12, 2021. Qualified applicants must also have experienced an economic impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and check at least one box in the "Economic Impact" section of the application. **Enrolled members younger than 18 years of age will have funds deposited to Minor's Trust, no application is necessary for these individuals.**

### How do I apply?

Online Applications will be available at: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/211924240364146> Online applications will open on July 14, 2021. **Paper Applications can be downloaded from: <https://www.llojibwe.org/covid-19-arpa.html> Paper Applications will open on July 14, 2021.**

### How do I submit my application?

All band members are encouraged to use the on-line application whenever possible. Paper applications and the drop off box for these forms are located outside the Tribal Assistance Office at the Dairy Queen building. Applications can also be mailed to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633. Paper submissions will only be accepted via the drop box or the U.S. Postal Services.

### When will I receive my payment?

Payments will begin to be mailed on August 2, 2021 for all applications submitted with no errors and received by 11:59 pm Sunday, July 25, 2021. Please allow at least two weeks from the date of submission after August 2, 2021 before inquiring on the status of your application. Paper applications may take longer.

### How will I receive my payment?

All checks will be processed and mailed directly to band members using the information provided on the application, **it is important the applicant is able to receive mail at the mailing address provided, please ensure information is updated with the U.S. Postal Service. There will be no in person pickup allowed.**

### How much will I receive?

Each approved applicant will receive a one-time payment of \$1,375.00

### What if I do not know my enrollment number?

Your correct enrollment number is required in order to process your application. If an incorrect number is used, your application will be rejected and a staff member will call or email you at number/email address provided on the application. In order to obtain your enrollment number, your social security number and other information will be required. Please contact one of the following numbers:

>218-335-3626  
>218-335-3643  
>218-335-3601

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

If the online application is giving you an error or won't allow you to submit, please call 218-335-4429.

Information for the LLBO Economic Assistance Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has been posted at: <https://www.llojibwe.org/covid-19-arpa.html>



► *Blood Quantum Continued*

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. said this vote was a huge step forward for the TEC and looks forward to what it could mean for the Leech Lake Band.

“...If this vote passes we’re going to be able to distinguish our own membership on Leech Lake. The way our community wants it, the way our families, and relatives want it and we won’t be leaving any grandchildren behind any longer,” said Jackson.

The MCT TEC held their regular Quarterly Meeting on July 12th, 2021 at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino. Among the agenda items was a resolution drafted by MCT legal counsel pertaining to the ballot question for the referendum, which was presented as such to those in attendance:

“Therefore be it resolved, that MCT TEC does hereby authorize a referendum to be conducted on the following question:

Should Article II of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota

Chippewa Tribe be amended through a Secretarial Election to remove the current membership requirements, including the one quarter blood degree requirement, and replace such membership requirements with authorization to the individual Bands to establish Band specific membership requirements through Resolution or Ordinance.”

Following a brief discussion on the language of the resolution, the TEC decided to send the resolution to the MCT Constitution Reform Committee for further revisions before being reconsidered for passage by the Tribal Executive Committee.

All of this comes after previous efforts to reform enrollment eligibility in the MCT have failed to take shape. Most recently in July 2017, the TEC voted to rescind a resolution which would have set the date for a Secretarial Election on blood quantum reform. At that time, the TEC voted instead to initiate the current Constitutional Reform process which was expected to address the enroll-

Year	Total MCT	Bois Forte	Fond Du Lac	Grand Portage	Leech Lake	Mille Lacs	White Earth
2018	40,633	3,440	4,165	1,069	9,434	4,555	17,971
2023	39,700	3,475	4,067	1,008	9,508	4,683	16,959
2028	38,232	3,474	3,932	933	9,432	4,775	15,686
2033	36,192	3,423	3,741	845	9,206	4,798	14,179
2038	33,723	3,328	3,497	745	8,884	4,756	12,513
2043	30,964	3,196	3,221	640	8,473	4,657	10,777
2048	28,142	3,034	2,941	542	7,983	4,508	9,133
2053	25,539	2,856	2,683	460	7,439	4,322	7,779
2058	23,245	2,674	2,458	393	6,874	4,106	6,741
2063	21,134	2,484	2,253	338	6,304	3,865	5,890
2068	19,089	2,281	2,051	291	5,711	3,601	5,154
2073	17,115	2,071	1,853	250	5,113	3,319	4,509
2078	15,214	1,857	1,663	214	4,526	3,024	3,930
2083	13,463	1,652	1,485	185	3,987	2,726	3,427
2088	11,918	1,470	1,324	162	3,518	2,437	3,008
2093	10,546	1,302	1,174	143	3,109	2,162	2,656
2098	8,993	1,109	995	120	2,663	1,835	2,271

Population predictions for the MN Chippewa Tribe and its member bands under current enrollment requirements (1/4 blood quantum), show a drastic decline in population within the next century. The study was commissioned by the MCT and performed by Wilder Research in 2014. The full study is available on the MCT Website at [www.mnchippewatribe.org](http://www.mnchippewatribe.org) under "MCT Population Projections".

ment issues through the implementation of a new constitution.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) consists of the Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth

reservations. The MCT was created in 1934 and formally recognized by the Secretary of the Interior in 1936. It serves as a centralized governing body for the six tribes, representing an estimated total population of 41,000 Ojibwe citizens.

The Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) is composed of the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer from each of the six member bands. The TEC selects from within the group a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for two-year

terms. The remaining officials act as board members. The TEC holds four quarterly meetings each year.

For more information on the MCT and previous meetings, please visit [mnchippewatribe.org](http://mnchippewatribe.org).

## Dept. of Interior head, Deb Haaland, announces Initiative investigating Federal Indian Boarding Schools

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – In her latest move as head of the Department of Interior, Deb Haaland has launched an initiative to look at the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies.

The initiative announced June 22 in secretarial memo details her call for the department to complete a report reviewing available historical records, with an emphasis on cemeteries or potential burial sites, relat-

ing to the federal boarding school program in preparation for future site work. This work will occur under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

The recent discovery of 215 unmarked graves by Canada’s Tk’emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation at the Kamloops Indian Residential School prompted the Department to undertake this new initiative with

the goal of shedding light on these past traumas and to identify boarding school facilities and sites; the location of known and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities; and the identities and Tribal affiliations of children interred at such locations.

“The Interior Department will address the intergenerational impact of Indian boarding schools to shed light on the unspoken tra-



Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland. Photo: Dept. of Interior

mas of the past, no matter how hard it will be,” said Secretary Haaland. “I know that this process will be long and difficult. I know that this process will be painful.

It won’t undo the heart-break and loss we feel. But only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we’re all proud to embrace.”

The work will proceed in several phases and include the identification and collection of records and information related to the Department of Interior’s own oversight and implementation of the Indian boarding school program; formal consultations with Tribal Nations, Alaska Native corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to clarify the processes and procedures for protecting identified burial sites and associated information.

The submission of a final written report on the investigation to the Secretary by April 1, 2022.

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



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is hosting their end of the year Family Fun picnic this week at the school. Due to COVID, the student body is divided into four cohorts which attend on four different days. So the picnic and activities are happening on four afternoons this week. Among the many activities, the water balloon throw was the most popular. Physical Education teacher, George Jones, is serving as the target in the accompanying photo!



Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School awarded 11<sup>th</sup> grader Joshua with Student of the Week. Josh made an extra effort this month to get all of his classes finished with good grades. And he did it all well before the deadline.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Aariana and Aaron, were chosen as students of the week for excellent attendance, grades and class participation.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig students had the opportunity to participate in Culture Camp at the school last week. Events included archery, birch bark projects, drumming, knife safety, cultural arts, and seasonal activities. Some of the students are pictured here in Ojibwe Language class with their instructor.

**IF YOU THINK YOU OR A DECEASED LOVED ONE WAS HARMED BY OPIOIDS LIKE HYDROCODONE, OXYCODONE, CODEINE OR ROXICODONE, OR IF YOU CARE FOR A CHILD EXPOSED TO THESE OPIOIDS IN THE WOMB, YOU CAN VOTE ON THE MALLINCKRODT BANKRUPTCY PLAN.**



**VOTING IS IMPORTANT. IT HELPS DETERMINE HOW OPIOID CLAIMS ARE TREATED. VOTE BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2021. SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT VOTING ARE SET FORTH BELOW IN THIS NOTICE AND AT MNKVOTE.COM.**

**VISIT MNKVOTE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**▶ WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?**

Mallinckrodt is a manufacturer of opioid pain medication that filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2020. On June 17, 2021, Mallinckrodt plc and its affiliates (the “Debtors”) filed their Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and their related Disclosure Statement. You may have the right to vote on the Plan of Reorganization.

**▶ WHAT DOES THE PLAN PROVIDE?**

Mallinckrodt’s Plan channels claims based on harm or injury related to the Debtors’ manufacturing of opioids and related activities to one or more opioid trusts. These opioid trusts will be established for the purpose of distributing money to individuals and corporate entities holding Opioid Claims and for abatement of the opioid crisis. If the Plan is approved by the Bankruptcy Court and you have an Opioid Claim, you will be entitled to assert your claim directly against the applicable opioid trust at a later time. **There is nothing you need to do right now to assert your Opioid Claim. Information regarding how to assert your Opioid Claim against an opioid trust will be made available at a later date.** The Plan, if approved,

will forever prohibit any opioid claimants from asserting any Opioid Claim or seeking any money on account of any Opioid Claim against the Debtors, their officers and directors, or certain other parties specified in the Plan as the “Protected Parties.”

**▶ WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN?**

Copies of the Plan and related documents, including the Disclosure Statement and a letter from the Official Committee of Opioid Related Claimants (a representative of Opioid Claimants in the Debtors’ bankruptcy cases appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee) setting forth its position regarding the Plan can be obtained free of charge at **MNKVote.com**.

**▶ WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?**

**Vote on the Plan:**

If you are eligible to submit a vote, your vote must be submitted so it is received on or before **September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. Detailed instructions on how to vote are available at **MNKvote.com** or by calling **877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)** or **347.817.4093 (International)**. If you do not follow the detailed instructions, your vote may be disqualified.

**Object to the Plan:**

If you disagree with the Plan, you can object to it in writing so it is received on or before **September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the Bankruptcy Court. Detailed instructions on how to file an objection are available at **MNKvote.com** or by calling **877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)** or **347.817.4093 (International)**.

If the Plan is confirmed, everyone with a Claim against or Interest in Mallinckrodt plc and its affiliates will be bound by the terms of the Plan regardless of whether or not they vote on the Plan or file a claim against the opioid trust.

**▶ WHEN IS THE HEARING?**

The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan to be held on **September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time** (the “Confirmation Hearing”). The Confirmation Hearing will take place before the Honorable John T. Dorsey, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the Bankruptcy Court, located at 824 Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom 5, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

**THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE MALLINCKRODT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Call:** 877.467.1570 (Toll-Free) or 347.817.4093 (International)

**Visit:** MNKvote.com

**Write:** Mallinckrodt Ballot Processing, c/o Prime Clerk LLC, One Grand Central, Place, 60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 1440 New York, NY 10165

**Email:** mallinckrodtopioidclaimantinfo@akingump.com - or - mallinckrodtinfo@primeclerk.com

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PRIME CLERK, THE DEBTOR’S NOTICE AND CLAIMS AGENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PLAN AND OTHER SOLICITATION MATERIALS, BUT MAY NOT ADVISE YOU AS TO WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.**

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## Public Notice

The Leech Lake Tribal Court will return to in-person hearings beginning **July 19, 2021**.

The Court may allow a party to appear by Zoom in an emergency situation, but the practice is discouraged.

Exercising the utmost caution, the Court will continue taking precautions such as masking and social distancing while in the courtroom. We look forward to going back to in-person hearings and thank you for your cooperation.

Please call **219-335-3682** if you have any questions.

Respectfully, **Paul W. Day, Chief Judge**



# Obituaries



## Bonita "Bone" Earth



Bonita "Bonez" Christine Earth, whose Ojibwe name is Ozhigiigwe which means "To make a wrinkled face", 62, of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 pm Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Cass Lake Facility Center. A wake will begin on Tuesday afternoon at 2 pm and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji. Traditional music provided by the Spotted Eagle Drum Group.

Bonita was born January 20, 1959 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of George Earth, Sr. and Rita "Smit" (Smith) Buck. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake, completing her education at the Bug School. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, telling stories, joking, teasing around and gossiping about all her men. She loved listening to her brother's and nephew's sing Native American music. She loved fishing, netting, watching movies and Start TV and riding around with friends and family. She was a strong outgoing woman with a heart of gold. She will be missed by everyone who loved her.

She is survived by her stepfather Roger

"Denny Bug" Budreau, Sr., Children: Gregory Earth and David Curry, Sr., Siblings: Diane, Keith, David and Kathy Earth, Faye Neeland, Richard, Cheyenne and Roger, Jr., Budreau, Laura, Roger "Little Bug" and Rhonda Buck, numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers George Earth, Jr., Dennis and Donald "Bud" Earth, longtime friend Kenneth "Poonty" Howard, special friend Robert "Wheat" Budreau, Sr. special sister Endonnis Baird, and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Active casketbearers will be George Jacobs, Todd "Kinz" Smith, Sr., Derek "Deke" Harper, Nicholas Budreau, Sr. David Earth, Ephram Curry, David Curry, Jr., Curtis Morris, Elias Budreau, and Chad Budreau with alternates Leonard "Lenny" Ruschmeier and Mike "Julio" Staples.

Honorary casketbearers will be Andrea Humphrey, Beverly Jacobs, Pamela Jacobs, Lena Budreau, Lisa Monroe, family and close friends.

Condolences may be left at [ceasefuneral-home.com](http://ceasefuneral-home.com).

## Dominic "Dom" Cloud

Dominic "Dom" Alexander Cloud, 27 years young, passed away on May 20, 2021 in Hubbard County, Minnesota. He and his twin brother, Tristan, were born on December 8th, 1993 in Minneapolis, MN to Valerie Robinson and Roger Cloud.

Dom was a huge Vikings fan...and loved to play football and basketball with his twin brother Tristan. In fact, Dom loved and followed a wide variety of sports. He went to work for Leech Lake Gaming in construction and after discovering his passion attended the Leech Lake Tribal College for carpentry. Dom loved staying physically fit by lifting weights and walking everywhere. He enjoyed learning everything there was to know about ricing. When it came to his family and friends, he was always joking around and laughing. Dom's smile could light up any room. He was a loyal friend, a trusted confidant and was always willing to go beyond the necessary for the people he loved.



Dominic is welcomed to the spirit world by his twin brother; Tristan Roger Cloud and many of his relatives.

Those he leaves behind are his mother and stepfather, Valerie (Richard) Robinson of Cass Lake; father, Roger Cloud of Red Lake; brother, Daniel Pacheco; sisters, Miranda Pacheco and Marena Cloud; nieces, Dulce and Estrella Cadena; nephew, Christian Orozco; cousins, Mika, Juanita, Julia and Carmen Pacheco, David Northbird, Jr. and Anthony Quinn, other relatives and his lifelong friends.

Funeral services for Dominic will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Prescott Community Center, Cass Lake, MN. Pastor Teresa Nelson will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be Christian Orozco, Daniel Pacheco, David Northbird, Jr., Trent Barthorpe, Joshua Wind, Lorenzo Reyes, Jasmine Jones, Nicole O'Shea, Dylan Morris, Edwin Armstrong, Marcus Fowler, William Robinson and Jeffrey Thomas. At the family's request, Dominic's cremains will remain with them.

Dominic'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).

## Gloria Mellado

Gloria Jean (Whitebird) Mellado, age 77, of Cass Lake, Minnesota went home to be with her family on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from her home with her loving family by her side. She was born in Cass Lake, MN on Tuesday, January 25, 1944, the daughter of Margaret (Cloud) and Selam Whitebird.

She graduated from Cass Lake High School



and continued her education in Chicago at NAES College and the University of Chicago School of Social Administration.

Gloria moved to Chicago in the late 60's and met and married her husband, Rogelio Mellado. They had just celebrated 49 years of marriage in May.

For 25 years, Gloria moved between Cass Lake and Chicago. While in Chicago, she was active in the community and maintained those friendships and memories throughout her life. She moved back to Cass Lake in 1996 to work for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and was currently the A&D Program Manager. Her 47 years of sobriety was important to Gloria as was helping those find their way.

Gloria loved her grandsons and spent every moment she could with them. She loved her television judges and would spend time after work catching up on Judge Judy and The Peoples Court. Gloria loved to take car rides and seemed to have a story about every back road. Gloria had an amazing memory. She had the ability to remember people and their stories down to the smallest detail.

Family that welcomes Gloria home are her infant son; James, parents; Margaret and Selam, brothers; Elmer, James, Donald and Arnold, sister; Eunice, nephew; Charles, great nephew; Russell and other relatives.

She leaves behind her husband; Rogelio Mellado, children; Rogelio "Ross" and Karen Mellado, grandchildren; Riley and Georgie, nieces; Margaret, Karen and Gloria, auntie; Nancy Whitebird, many great nieces and nephews, many more family members and her very special friends and co-workers.

An overnight wake for Gloria will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th and continue until her 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, June 7 all taking place at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Helping to lay Gloria to rest are Robert Harrison, Ronald Harrison, Jr. Randall Stangler, Douglas Bryan, Jr., Scott Whitebird and Leroy Whitebird, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Christopher Bryan and De'Andre Bryan. Her honorary pallbearers are her co-workers at the A & D Program. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN immediately following her Monday service.

Gloria'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).

## Mary Gale



Mary Jane Gale, age 41, of Isle, Minnesota began her spiritual walk on Monday, May 10, 2021 from her home. She was born in Cass Lake, MN to Jane Rea Bruce and Clinton Gale on March 5, 1980.

Mary was a beautiful young woman who grew up in Cass Lake Minnesota with her mother and father on the Leech Lake reservation. She graduated from Cass Lake/Bena High School and went on to complete Model College of Hair Design in St. Cloud Minnesota. She dedicated her life to raising her children. Her door was always open to the company of her many friends and family. She loved cooking and would offer food and shelter to anyone visiting. She enjoyed being outdoors and was always building fires be it for warmth, company visiting or just for cooking out. Mary resided in Isle

Minnesota for over 4 years and was known across Mille Lacs reservation for cutting peoples hair.

She will be greeted into the Spirit World by her father; Clinton Gale, grandparents; Helena Gale and Gregorio "George" Rea, Sr., aunts; Ardith Morrow and Sylvia Gale, uncles; John Morrow, Richard Kaiser, Clifton Morrow, Timothy Foreman, Michael Gale, Sterling Gale, and Phillip Gale and cousins; Joseph Elliot Nadeau "Bezhighoogahbow", Tammy White, and Terrance White, Jr.

Mary leaves behind her children; Antavia, Arielle, Abriana, Avery, and Austin Pendegayosh, parents; Jane Rea Bruce (Darryl), siblings; Clinton Bryan and Renee Gale, aunts; Elaine Rea, Maria Rea (Gary Gehrke), Marlene Poukka, and Victoria Reich, uncle: George "Wally" Rea, numerous other relatives and too many friends to name.

A private graveside service will be held at Ryan's Village. Her Spiritual Advisor will be Naabek Liberty. Pallbearers for Mary are Clinton Bryan, Alexis Rea, Steve Richardson, Dominic May, Dave Bismarck, and Tim Goose. Her honorary pallbearers are her children Antavia Pendegayosh, Arielle Pendegayosh, Abriana Pendegayosh, Avery Pendegayosh, and Austin Pendegayosh and her children's father Chad Pendegayosh. Interment will be in the Ryan's Village Cemetery at Bena, MN.

Mary'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).

## Peter "Pete" Headbird, Sr.



Peter "Pete" Lee Headbird, Sr., "Mashkode-Bizhiki Inini" which means "Buffalo Man", 43, of the Bear Clan and from Cass Lake, MN started his journey to the spirit world at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN on May 11, 2021 at 12:22 a.m. He was born on August 31, 1977 in Minneapolis, MN to Gladys "Arlene" Keezer

and Leonard "Jess" Headbird, Jr.

Pete graduated early from the Bug-0-Nay-Ge-Shig School in the class of 1996. He told his daughter his dream was to be a "Big Chef" somewhere. Pete enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his seven kids and adored his grand girls Amelia and Amiyah; whom he loved to spoil. Pete was always willing to share some words of advise, be the one to encourage you and help you see the brighter side of things. He was there to help whenever he could. Pete will be truly missed by everyone he touched.

Family welcoming Pete to the spirit world are his two brothers: Jeffrey Keezer and Lance Robinson and many other loved ones that he cherished.

Pete leaves behind his mother; Arlene Fairbanks, father; Jess Headbird, mother of his children; Kristen Headbird, three daughters; Dominique, Nerissa and Nataley, four sons; Dylan, Kristopher, Peter Jr. and Benjamin Headbird, two granddaughters; Amelia Fisher and Amiyah Headbird, many brothers and sisters and numerous other family members and friends.

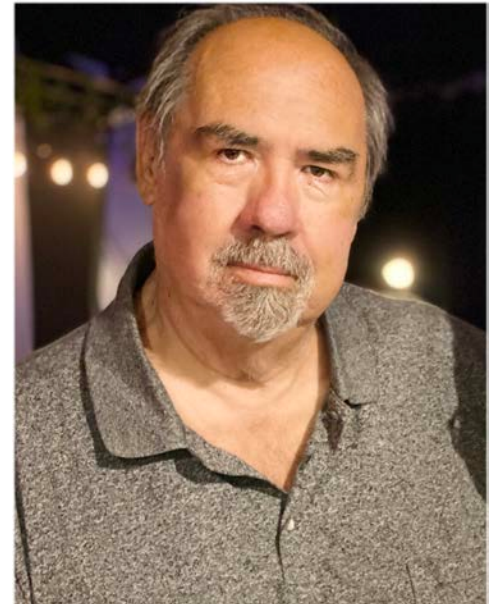
Wake services for Pete will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17th all being held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. His Spiritual Advisors will be Melvin Goodman and Allen Hardy. Pallbearers for Pete will be Gary Keezer, Donald Headbird, Robert Jasper, "JC" Fairbanks, Jesse Headbird, Jake Headbird, Dylan Headbird, Andrew Robinson and Kristopher Headbird. His honorary pallbearers are all Pete's children, grandchildren, family and friends. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN immediately following his Monday service.

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).

## Tim Schulman

Tim George Schulman, age 68, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, May 21, 2021. He was born in Pike Bay Township on May 8, 1953 to Evelyn Fairbanks.

Tim was adopted at the age of 10 by Ira and Mirel Schulman, who were Holocaust Survivors. He and his brother Richard were raised within the Jewish community and a bar Mitzvah was held on his 13th birthday commemorating the religious adulthood of



a boy. He graduated from St. Louis Park High School and Studied Electronics at the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, MN.

A heavenly reunion with loved ones preceded in death are his biological mother; Evelyn Fairbanks of Oak Point, adopted parents; Ira and Mirel Schulman, father in-law William Norcross Sr., brother in-law, William Jr. (Jacqueline) Norcross, Ella Mae Fairbanks, Mylon Leon Smith "Red" and several other family members.

Tim was a devoted husband of 43 years, and a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife Marlene (Norcross) Schulman. Sons: Ronald Schulman, Jeffery (Danielle) Schulman, Timothy Schulman. Daughter: Caitlin Schulman. Brother: Richard (Connie) Schulman of Cass Lake. Grandchildren: Marissa Schulman, Jeffrey Joel "Smoochie" and Elijah James "Baby Blue" Schulman, Leah DeMarr, Hayden "Hay Hay", and George, and Ugene Schulman. Special niece, "daughter" Paula Jean (Lisa) Brown of Brooklyn Center, Special Friend Rosanne "The Bat" Norcross of Osceola, WI, Friend, Terrance "Jack" Bugg of Bemidji, and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

As Tim aged in life, he finally began to sit and smell the flowers. With a Pepsi in one hand and a White Castle burger in another. Whether scratching a scratch off lottery ticket or winning in Scrabble... you may see him at the Blackjack table or sitting at a campfire, enjoying the dancers and the beat of the drums at the powwow, planning the next big road trip or island to set sail on a cruise to with the grandkids and wife and alas sitting in his favorite recliner watching CNN.



# 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 Child(ren) of: Tracy Jackson/Norman Goggleye

Court File No. CP-15-42

## NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 13, 2020, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. 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 Re: Estate of: John Joseph Raisch Jr., DOB: 07/08/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-20-110

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, John Joseph Raisch Jr., died August 21, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the

above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 25th, day of February, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by John J. Raisch III, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 25, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, John J. Raisch III, PO Box 1914 Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Joseph Raisch Jr., decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Margaret Madeline Smith, DOB: 09/23/1943, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-20-123

## NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Margaret Madeline Smith, died December 12, 2020. A hearing

was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 11th, day of March, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Beverly Beaulieu, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on March 11, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Beverly Beaulieu, 1318 Porcupine Rd., Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret M. Smith, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Cheryl Marie Bowstring, DOB: 08/17/1961, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-46

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Cheryl Marie

Bowstring, died March 6, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 6th, day of April, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Carol Bowstring-Jenkins, surviving sister of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on April 6, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Carol Bowstring-Jenkins, PO Box 271 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Cheryl Marie Bowstring, decedent.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of Marilyn Drumbeater (custodian) and Julia Mitchell

Court File No. CP-17-12

## NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that

on July 28, 2020, a PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENT LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. The next hearing date is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 11:00 am. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the Petition and hearing instructions. 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 Re the Custody of: A.J., DOB: 11/10/2012; S.J., DOB: 08/15/2014. Dwight Jones, Petitioner, And Ilesha Guinn, Respondent,

Case No. FA-21-06

## NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 11th, 2021, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before July 27th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in

the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Marriage of: Ashley Jean Beaulieu, Petitioner, vs, Jerod Marquee Beaulieu, Respondent.

Case No. FA-21-32

## NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, Jerod Beaulieu, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this case in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 190 Sailstar Drive NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, Tribal Justice Center, a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by



telephone at 218-335-3682.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of Marilyn Drumbearer (custodian) and Julia Mitchell

Court File No. CP-17-12

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 28, 2020, a PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENET LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. The next hearing date is scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 11:00 am. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the Petition and hearing instructions. 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 Clarissa Bobrowski and Damell Johnson, Parents

Court File No. CP-21-04

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 20, 2021, an EMERGENCY CHILD PROTECTION PETITION, MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE CUSTODY AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT were filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the documents and hear-

ing instructions. 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 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: Billie Holstein and Derek Howard

Court File No. CP-18-41

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody concerning the children of the above-named parents has been filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court. An admit/deny hearing on this Petition will take place 60 days or sooner from the date of this publication. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the Petition and information about the next hearing date. 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 granting someone else permanent custody of your children.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Selena LaDuke and Mathew Bryan

Court File No. CP-18-53

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 9, 2021 at 10:30AM, a hearing

is scheduled regarding a Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions. 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: Tami L. Clark, Petitioner, And Charles A. Daniels, Respondent,

Case No. CV-21-58

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.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In Re: Estate of: Richard Joseph Cutbank Sr., DOB: 11/03/1936, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-44

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Richard Joseph Cutbank Sr., died December 20, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 13th, day of May, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Angela Starr, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on May 13th, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Roselyn Loeken, 654 Homony Ln. SE Pennington, MN 56663 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Joseph Cutbank Sr., decedent.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of Vanessa White and Corey Hoffman, Parents

Court File No. CP-18-02

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 25, 2020, a PETITION TO TRANSFER PERMANENET LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the Petition and hearing instructions. 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 Elizabeth Bigbear and Timothy St. Clair, Jr., Parents

Court File No. CP-21-08

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 17, 2021, an EMERGENCY CHILD PROTECTION PETITION, MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE CUSTODY AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT were filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for a copy of the documents and hearing instructions. The next hearing is September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682. You are served with this no-

tice 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

Tami Clark, Petitioner, v. Susan Thompson, Respondent.

Case No. CV-21-59

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

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 HARASS THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.
- 3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING WITHIN 300 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME.

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

# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

## June Birthdays

### District I

Gilbert Applebee  
Ernest Bebeau  
Mary Bebeau  
Brenda Bellanger  
Alfred Fairbanks Jr.  
Myron Fairbanks  
Calvin Goggeye  
Phyllis Gotchie  
Leonard Howard  
Timothy McDonald  
Sharon Rodriguez  
John Smith  
Philip Thompson  
Joseph Whitebird  
Darwin Wilson Jr.  
Constance Wilson  
Shelly Wilson

From the  
District I Office  
Robbie, Stephanie, &  
Zogajiw

### District II

Bonita Strong-Desjarlais  
Terri Goggeye  
Guy Greene III  
Tony Stangel  
Joe Chase  
Donna White  
Dolly Boyd  
Helen Smith

From the District II Office  
Steve, Lindsey, &  
Michelle



### District III\*

Joseph Aitken	Tony Donnell	Matthew Kangas	Thomas Roy
Linda Aitken	Muriell Ellis	Verna King	Ernest Ryan
James Allen	Holly Evans	Carol Kingbird	Paul Smith
Betty Allen	Aaron Fairbanks	Gregory Kleeb	Rosetta Smith
Gloria Beaulieu	Ronald Finn	Timothy Littlewolf	Carol Staples
Shirley Beaulieu	Kathleen Frazer	Linda Losh	Charles Staples
Jathon Bebeau	Michael Garbow	Sharon Lovelace	Connie Taylor
Kenneth Bellanger	Keith Garton	Nina Martin	Kathy Thompson
Tracey Benjamin	Barbara Haugen	Rhonda Michaud	Victor Thompson
Timothy Boisvert	John Herrera	Edwin Monroe	Kenneth Tibbetts
Evelyn Brown	Kenneth Hough	Tony Morris	Annette Vaughan
Sue Brown	Ernest Howard	Janet Northbird	Kevin Wakefield
Glenda Bryan	Evelyn Howard	Richard O'Brien	Carol White
Anthony Budreau	Nanette Howard	Michael Olson	Claire White
Melvin Burnette	Gerald Humphrey	Garr Pemberton	Peter White
Annette Cloud	Matthew Hunt	Phyllis Pendleton	Phyllis White
Charles Dahle	Fred Jackson	Diane Pieri	Rodnet White
Carl Day	Michael Johnson	Dawn Purdy	Francis Wiggins
Ramona Day	Beverly Kamrowski	Sue Robinson	Colleen William
	Francis Kangas	Berton Rock	

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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# Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

## July Birthdays

### District I

Gregory Bebeau  
Louis Boyd  
Beverly DeVault  
Edwin Goggeye  
Donald Gotchie  
Terri Gullickson  
Geraldine Howard  
Betty Jenkins  
Kathryn Laplante  
Betty Motter  
Alvin Nason  
Terri perrington  
Spencer Shotley  
Doreen Whitebird  
Ronald Wilson

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### District II

Virginia Greene  
Guy Greene Jr.  
Stella Mitchell  
Connie Wheeler  
Mark Banks  
Marlene Mitchell  
Gordon Giffen  
Terrance "Terry" Mitchell  
Robert Mitchell  
Robert Johnson

From the District II Office  
Steve, Lindsey, &  
Michelle



### District III\*

Aileen Allen	Dolores Fields	Valerie Jensen	Gerald Northbird
Brenda Anderson	Elaine Fleming	Thomas Johnson	Lois Northbird
Laurine Beaulieu	Delores Goggeye	William Johnson	Bernice Pemberton
Shelly Bebeau	Corinne Goose	Debra Jones	Shirley Preston
James Bellanger	Bernadette Gotchie	Nancy Kingbird	John Raisch
Deborah Brown	Gladys Granroos	Kimberly Libby	Marlys Rausch
Milton Budreau	Manuel Granroos	Adrian Liberty	Paula Savage
Earlene Buffalo	Francis Guinn	Michael Liberty	Henry Sherer-Nason
Pamela Burnett	Ronelva Gustafson	Birdena Lyons	Richard Smith
Nancy Cameron	Veda Harrison	Vernon Lyons	Stacey Smith
Hazel Chase-Zimpel	Fayleen Haugen	Maxine Manypenny	Deborah Staples
Darlene Cloud	Karl Humphrey	Loretta Meckel	Margaret Steensland
Rebecca Daniels	Thomas Humphrey	Bernice Mitchell	Joseph Stish
Dawn Doherty	Wilbur Humphrey	Terrance Mitchell	Nona Wade
Oliver Drouillard	Florine Iverson	Florenstine Morgan	Vivian Washington
David Fairbanks	Faron Jackson	Antonette Mountain	Delina White
Tawana Fairbanks	George Jackson	June Mykkanen	Robert White
William Fairbanks	Roberta Jackson	Jacquelyn Nelson	Melissa Wilson

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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► **Obituaries Continued**

An overnight wake for Tim will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, May 27 all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Fathers Matthew Cobb and William Butcher will officiate. Helping to lay Tim to rest are Kenneth Casey, Kyle Slater, Nicklaus Norcross, Chaz Norcross, Jeff Brown, Ben Schulman, Jack Bugg and Michael Morgan. His honorary pallbearers are Richard Schulman, Ken Litzau and Vince Rock. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following services.

Tim'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).

**Elizabeth "Lizzie" White**



Elizabeth Ann White, "Lizzie", Bezhigooikwe (One Woman) Gabaadooikwe (The Last Woman), 22, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on June 10th, 2021. Lizzie was born in Bemidji, MN on April 1, 1999, the daughter of Beverly Beaulieu and Russell White.

Lizzie grew up on "the lane" in the mission area attending school at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig and Cass Lake. She played softball and volleyball. "Sister" (as she was called) loved music and would always dance around with her mommy. Lizzie loved dressing and dolling up. Sister was a sweetheart with a bubbly personality which made her loved by everyone she met. She was very photogenic and was always taking selfies. In 2015, she ran for Miss Cass Lake and was selected runner-up. Sister was a girlie-girl but could rough house like a boy with all her big brothers and put the fear in all of them. She doted on her nieces, giving them anything they wanted, even if their parents said "no" they still got it from their auntie. Lizzie started working at Teal's when she was 15 and worked there until her senior year when she went to

Montana to nanny for a cousin. She graduated from Bozeman High School where she laughed about being thousands of miles from home and still being a "Panther". Lizzie attended one year of college at Montana State University-Bozeman. She missed her mommy and decided to come. Lizzie again wanted to strike out on her own and moved to the cities where she worked for the Mystic Lake Casino as a cashier. It was there that she met her special dad Albert, and her greatest father/daughter relationship began. When COVID hit she came home to take care of her mommy. She immediately began working at Teal's again. Three months ago, she took a second job as a bartender at Jen's Cabaret. She loved working with all the people and resigned from Teal's to work there full time.

Lizzie will be welcomed by her grandmother; Margaret Smith, grandfathers; Howard T. "H.Tom" White, Sr. and James "Jim-Jim" White, great great grandmother; Elizabeth Aitkin Lajeunesse, great grandfather; John Jacob White, aunts; Brenda Beaulieu, Patty, Lori and Tracy Gale, uncle; Ralph H. White, numerous other relatives too many to name.

She is survived by her mother; Beverly Beaulieu of Cass Lake (Mission), her father; Russell White of Oak Point, brothers; Brandon Beaulieu and John J. White both of Minneapolis, Scott Sr., Zachary and Ralph White all of Cass Lake, nieces; Raven and Marissa Beaulieu and Olivia White, nephew; Scott White, Jr., aunts; Bonnie (Joe) Beaulieu, Barbara White and Mary (Phil) Flocken, uncles; Robert Beaulieu, Kenneth Sr. and Dallas Smith, Howard White, Jr. and Rodney White, grandmothers; Clarice White and Joyce White, special dad; Albert Shepherd, special grandparents; Karyn and Donald Wind, Rose and Smiley Shepherd and too many aunts, uncles and cousins to name them all.

A two-night wake will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16 and continue until her 12:00 p.m. traditional service on Friday. Waa-maajaa'iwed is Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Lizzie will be Brandon Beaulieu, John White, Scott White, Sr., Zachary White, Ralph White, Adam White, Richard Beaulieu, Kenneth Smith, Jr. and Clint White. Her honorary pallbearers are Albert Shepherd, Raven Beaulieu, Marissa Beaulieu, Olivia White, Scott White, Jr., Nate Yates and her family and friends. Interment will be in Porcupine Lane Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her services.

Lizzie'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)

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Chief Judge Paul Day speaking to Leech Lake Days attendees in regards to the Leech Lake Land Restoration Act.



District III Booth at Leech Lake Days.



NWIC Booth at Leech Lake Days.

"Today is a lot different than our past. Today we have a voice and we're not scared to use it. That if people come through and want to place a pipeline here-we can say no and people will listen to us. When we find out land has been stolen from us-we can go to our legislatures and get it back. That's the message I want everyone to take from this moment."

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson closed out the mainstage event by sharing his joy at the community finally reuniting after a year apart due to the COVID pandemic and to do so for something so special as land return.

"This event today was something that so many of us so desperately needed this social engagement. It's good to gather, to

hear the drums, to hear the children laughing, to see the Elders we didn't get to see enough. To have a day to be proud of who we are as Indigenous people.

"What a historical day this past June was when the President signed our land bill into law. We were so excited and though we realize it's just a small fraction of the land that was wrongfully taken from our people. Land has a special meaning to Indigenous people and it always will. Beautiful land sometimes needs to stay as the Creator gave it to us. It doesn't always need to be developed and built on and trees cut down. What good therapy it is to have our forest back," said Jackson.

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