

1855 TREATY REMEMBRANCE

February 22 marks the day 167 years ago the Treaty of 1855 was signed, creating the Leech Lake and Mille Lacs Reservations.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center Secures \$850,000 in Federal Funding for Renovations

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center (ARC) is set to undergo a transformative change, thanks to newly announced federal funding, bringing new hope and opportunities for recovery and healing.

The ARC has been awarded \$850,000 which will go towards future renovations. The funding was secured through the joint work of Senators Tina Smith and Senator Amy Klobuchar through a process called "Congressionally Directed Spending" (CDS). Throughout the CDS process, Smith and Klobuchar considered project proposals and advocated for funding in close coordination with leaders from across the state.

"For too long, Native communities have experienced negative impacts of federal underinvestment and underfunding of critical services. I'm proud to have worked with Tribal leaders to help secure funding for projects that will address some of these disparities," said Senator Smith.

The Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz program, which means "change your way of life" in Anishinaabemowin, is a recovery center located in Cass Lake, MN on the Leech Lake Reservation. The facility is a residential treatment program for individuals who have been diagnosed with a Substance Use Disorder and want to live a life free of substance use.

The program's objectives are to educate, support, and encourage residents on their journey to sobriety. The program provides group and individualized counseling, spiritual guidance, and weekly sweat lodges.

The new funding will help the program grow and meet their long-term goals, says LLBO Human Services director Earl Robinson. He says they are currently working on changing the format of the program from being a halfway house to being a medium-intensive treatment program and opening the door to female participants as well.

Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz is currently housed within the old Palace hotel and the site previously underwent \$1.4 million in renovations to make the space usable for its program. The former hotel now has a RN office, group lunch area, commercial kitchen, participant living spaces, group counseling rooms on both floors, and staff offices. The new funding will be used to install a new roof, windows, flooring, plumbing, and controlled entries. ARC Program manager Jill Knisley says the program is always seeking to improve. "We want to get better at what



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The Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz lobby area, housed within the old Palace Casino. The site has undergone \$1.4 million in renovations to date with plans to make further improvements with the added federal funding.



ARC Program Manager Jill Knisley and Human Services Director Earl Robinson.



The dining area at Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center.

we do. We want to prepare the residents the best we can before they leave here and are back in the community," said Knisley.

The program is currently at capacity with residents, many of whom will stay within the program for 90 days or longer. The program's staff focuses directly on making sure its participants are set up with support services before their departures.

"This center provides our loved ones an opportunity to heal at home and gives them a chance to save their life and create a better one to live," said Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

A trend staff has seen is that many of the program's successful participants often return to the program to work as staff, giving back to the place that helped them when they needed a hand. Russ, a former program participant who graduated from the program in 2021, now works on site as maintenance.

"I can't sing my praises enough for this program. The staff are awesome, I'm happy to be here and I can't wait to see this program grow," said Russ.

For more information on the Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz program and intakes, call 218-335-6880.

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February 22nd Marks the Day of the 1855 Treaty Signing

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The Treaty of Washington, commonly referred to as the 1855 Treaty, was signed on February 22, 1855 between the United States government and representatives of the Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish and Mississippi bands of Ojibwe. This treaty established a reservation at Leech Lake for the Pillager & Lake Winnibigoshish bands and a reservation at Mille Lacs for the Mississippi bands. These reservations were established a full three

years before Minnesota was admitted to the Union and recognized as a State in 1858. Much of the land in what would become Minnesota was acquired earlier through treaties with the Ojibwe in 1837 and 1854, and treaties with the Dakota in 1851.

The United States wanted further access to lucrative logging and mining opportunities in north-central Minnesota, the 1855 treaty fulfilled their desires. Hoping to avoid a similar situation to 1854 treaty negotiations, in which thousands of Ojibwe traveled to La Pointe to voice their concerns, the U.S. Government invited a small num-

ber of Ojibwe leaders to Washington D.C. The true purpose of their visit was kept secret from them until their arrival in the nation's Capitol. Negotiations were held for three days, from February 17 to February 20, 1855. In the end, a majority of the land in this territory was ceded to the United States with the exception of the newly established Leech Lake and Mille Lacs reservations. Treaty Rights While both the 1837 and 1854 included stipulations that the Ojibwe would retain their hunting and fishing rights in the ceded territory, the 1855 did not explicitly state this.

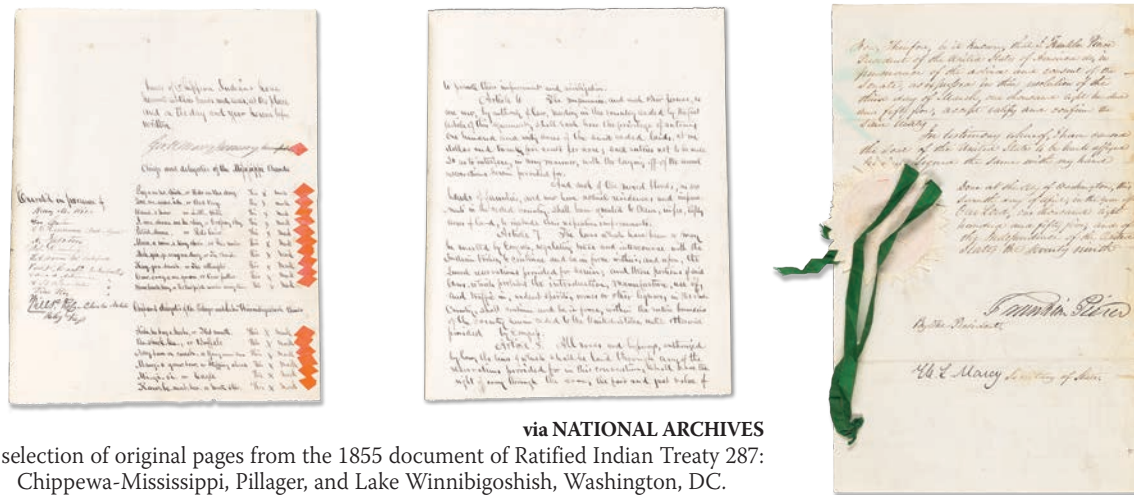
This led to legal battles that are still being decided in court cases between band members and various county and state agencies. At issue, are the usufructuary rights of Ojibwe band Members to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded in the 1855 treaty. In a highly publicized decision, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed these »

“In 1837, the United States entered into a Treaty with several Bands of Chippewa Indians. Under terms of this Treaty, the Indians ceded land in present-day Wisconsin and Minnesota to the United States, and the United States guaranteed to the Indians certain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on the ceded land.

We must decide whether the Chippewa Indians retain these usufructuary rights today. The State of Minnesota argues that the Indians lost these rights through an Executive Order in 1850, and 1855 Treaty, and the admission of Minnesota into the Union in 1858.

After an examination of the historical record, we conclude that the Chippewa retain the usufructuary rights guaranteed to them under the 1837 Treaty.”

**-Justice Sandra Day O’Connor,
U.S. Supreme Court, 1999**



via NATIONAL ARCHIVES
A selection of original pages from the 1855 document of Ratified Indian Treaty 287: Chippewa-Mississippi, Pillager, and Lake Winnibigoshish, Washington, DC.

« rights for the Mille Lacs band in their 1999 decision, see quote below. Established in 2010, the 1855 Treaty Authority is leading the fight to have these rights legally recognized. The group includes members from the Ojibwe communities of East Lake, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Sandy Lake and White Earth. Twenty or so members meet monthly to work on strategies to force a legal decision on the matter and put the issue to rest once and for all. Their most effective tactic to date, is public demonstrations of off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights through out the ceded territory.

These demonstrations have included setting net and harvesting wild rice. The participating tribal members hope to receive citations from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or county officials. The 1855 Treaty Authority

then represents these Band members in state court, with the hope that a decision will be issued and elevated all the way to the United States Supreme Court in the same manner as the Mille Lacs Decision. “The Anishinaabe-Ojibwe derive these rights from Gitchi Manidoo, the creator. These rights predate contact with the Europeans,” says Bedonahkwaad, Dale Greene, 1855 Treaty Authority board member and enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, “The concept of land ownership was such a foreign idea to the Indians at that time, How can you own the land? Will you pick it up and bring it with you wherever you go?” He further states; “We maintained the right of occupancy, the right to exist off of our resources. The right to hunt, fish, gather and travel were unalienable to the Indians. The 1855 is important because it does not state

that we are giving up any of these rights in the ceded territories. That’s the bottom line. We’ve already won, we are just waiting for the decision.” Another crucial factor in the interpretation of the 1855 treaty is what is known as the reserved rights doctrine, which holds that any rights that are not specifically addressed in a treaty are reserved to the tribe. In other words, treaties outline the specific rights that the tribes gave up, not those that they retained.

The courts have consistently interpreted treaties in this fashion, beginning with *United States v. Winans* (1905), in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a treaty is “not a grant of rights to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them.” Any right not explicitly extinguished by a treaty or a federal statute is considered to be “reserved” to the tribe.

RBC BRIEFS • January 2023



By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee (RBC) holds weekly briefings on Tuesdays, followed by RBC meetings on Thursdays.

RBC briefings are attended by all available council members alongside scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors. Agenda items are presented for discussion at the Tuesday briefings and then are voted on for passage at the Thursday meeting. Occasionally, due to time constraints, a combination briefing and meeting will take place on the same day.

There were two meetings held in January 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on LeechLakeNews.com under "Videos". Official meeting minutes can also be found on LeechLakeNews.com under "LL Tribal Council" -> "Tribal Council Meeting Minutes".

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. January 6, 2023 Quarterly Meeting held at Sugar Point Community Center, a summary of the Division Director reports can be found on LeechLakeNews.com and in our previous issue.

Presentations Given

- **Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson**— Recent achievements for the Tribe include; The band has been awarded funding to provide broadband access across the Reservation. The work continues on L.L. Reservation Restoration Act including a possible addition of an extra 4,000 acres. The band received funding to remodel the Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz recovery center.

2. January 24, 2023 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers. Recorded video is available for playback via Vimeo.

Presentations Given

- **Cassandra Tapio, Opioid Prevention** — State opioid response contract, is a one year grant for 200K that will run through the end of 2022 through 2023. Contract underwent wording changing to be more Tribally focused. Contract will focus on developing and implementing a community based prevention plan against opioid use disorder.
- **Pat Broker, Early Childhood** — Embrace mental health contract is a required service for early childhood programs/head start. Contractor provides meetings and services with students, staff and parents.
- **Melissa George-Humphrey, Behavioral Health** — Leech Lake Behavioral Health placed a billboard alongside HWY 2 promoting Behavioral Health services. The Billboard contract will last one year.
- **David Paquette, Human Resources** — Presenting policy proposal for 2023 budget that moving forward employees on the Government side who work even during holidays and administrative leave will receive time and a half, and double time on holidays. Discussion is tabled, and mentions of employees on the gaming side going through similar issues to be added to proposal or discussed in the future.
- **Kyle Applebee, Accounting** — FY2023 budget has been approved for both the Government side and Gaming.



via MNDOT

Safety and mobility for pedestrians and people biking are among the concerns driving the study for the stretch of HWY 2 in Cass Lake.

MnDOT Seeks Feedback on New Vision for Hwy 2 in Cass Lake

Public comments on three design alternatives will be accepted through February 19.

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BEMIDJI – In a partnership with the City of Cass Lake and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is seeking feedback on three design options developed to form a new vision for Highway 2 in Cass Lake.

A steering committee made up of community leaders and local stakeholders has helped to define the community's design priorities, and support the development of three design alternatives:

- Two-lane highway with linear park area on each side

- Two-lane highway with linear park area on the south side
- Four-lane highway with pedestrian/bicycle bridge

"There's no single solution that doesn't also have its shortcomings," said Jon Mason, planning director with MnDOT. "It's important to hear from all of the highway's users so we can find areas of compromise and develop a preferred alternative that has the support of both the community and MnDOT."

"To help guide these planning efforts and make the highway safer for all users, we need to hear from everyone. Residents, business owners, commuters, bicyclists, and pedestrians," said Mike Chosa,

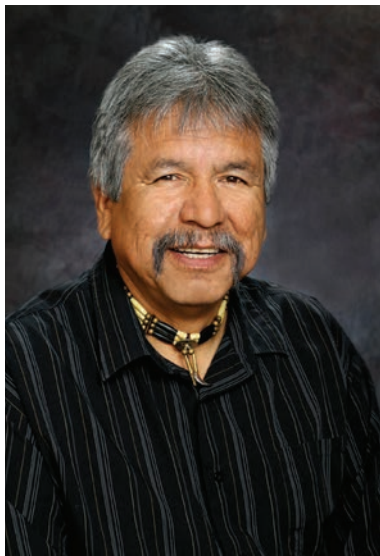
communications director with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. "Community input is a critical piece of this study."

To learn more about the three alternatives and share your feedback, visit the website at <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-2-cass-lake-corridor-study>. Along with learning the details, you can share your feedback on each option by taking a short survey or adding them directly to an interactive comments map. The period to receive comments and input will be open through Sunday, February 19.

Information from the study will be used by MnDOT, with the help of the steering committee and community leaders, to evaluate potential solutions and make recommendations on a future vision for the Highway 2 corridor in Cass Lake.

Questions or comments can be directed to Jon Mason, MnDOT planning director, at jon.mason@state.mn.us, 218-407-1917 or Mike Chosa, Leech Lake Band communications director, at mike.chosa@llojibwe.net, 218-513-9215, or visit <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-2-cass-lake-corridor-study>.

Chairman's Report



**CHAIRMAN
FARON JACKSON SR.**

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February Report

Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RTC has a number of hot button items on the radar. The Tribal Council members had been very busy this month testifying and protecting the sovereignty of Leech Lake. As we keep moving forward, here is some of the news being reported to the great Leech Lake People.

2023 State of the Band Address

- The Leech Lake Tribal Council will have the 2023 State of the Band Address at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on

Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Northern Lights Casino & Hotel Convention Center. A tentative program is being drafted on the highlights of the past year, new funding that will connect Band members to the internet with fiber optic cable, RBC Tribal Council goals and objective, and future funding opportunities that are on the table and being discussed at the State of Minnesota Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Leech Lake Enrollment Membership

- On Friday, January 27, 2023 at the Fond Du Lac Band, the MCT, TEC had a quarterly meeting. Three major areas of discussion on the topic of membership had been a Secretarial Election to change the MCT Constitution, educating the MCT members on the enrollment question, and Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. had presented Leech Lake's point of view on moving forward on the enrollment.
- Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that over the years, the RBC Tribal Council had dialogue with the 17 Local Indian Councils, Duluth LIC, and Minneapolis LIC on the enrollment question. New elected leaders on the MCT, TEC come in and we talk about the same things we went over in the past five or 10 years. Right now, Leech Lake has 1,800 enrollees under 18 years of age and 7,500 enrollees over 40 years of age. It's not a hasty decision, the membership wants

to do something on enrollment. We have to respect each other's ways and customs on enrollment, we are ready to move forward.

- Chairman Jackson, Sr. had further stated, "In 2023, the question on Enrollment is an independent sovereignty and self-determination matter for the Leech Lake People to decide. The MCT Constitution, Article II-Membership, Section 1., (a) Basic Membership Roll. All persons of Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood whose names appear on the annuity roll of April 14, 1941, prepared pursuant to the Treaty... and (b) All children of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood... and (c) states Chippewa Indian blood."
- MCT Resolution 32-15 had been approved on February 24, 2015 that stated, "other Chippewa blood should be counted towards membership." After all of the discussion, Leech Lake Secretary-Treasurer Fineday and Chairman Jackson had concluded at the MCT, TEC Quarterly Meeting that July 1, 2023 would be the deadline for the MCT, TEC to have a plan before Leech Lake moves forward on the enrollment question. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had also stated, "How can we move into the next millennium without every child that belongs to our Tribe being counted and they must matter."

ICWA Update

- On Wednesday, November 9,

the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Haaland v. Brackeen*. During the briefing, we saw the true breadth of those who champion ICWA. In an outpouring of support, 497 Tribal Nations, 62 Native organizations, 23 States and DC, 87 Congress People, and 27 child welfare and adoption organizations, and many others signed on to 21 briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of upholding ICWA, per the Native American Rights Fund. What's at stake; ultimately, if the Supreme Court makes the decision to overturn the ICWA, states would regain the control to remove Native children from their families. This would put the overall existence and longevity of tribes at risk.

Manoomin before the U.S. Congress

- Manoomin, in our origin story, we were told to go where the food grows out of the water. The California Wild Rice Advisory Board (CWRAB) is lobbying Congressional members to Reclassify Wild Rice as a Specialty Crop. CWRAB had stated that wild rice is not grown "wildly" anymore and has been brought under management and cultivation. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, "Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Food Sovereignty as it relates to Manoomin (wild rice) is a food of great historical, spiritual, and cultural importance for the Native American People." The MCT, TEC is drafting and already passed a resolution on the protection of our Manoomin.

Governor Walz & Chairman Jackson, Sr.

- We had a call on the Huber Frontier Project. The main areas of concern are the wetlands, eagle nests, air and water quality that may affect the surrounding communities of Leech Lake.

Leech Lake Health Emergency Notice

- The Chairman's office had received an outpour of community concerns with phone calls, letters, and personal stories on the Fentanyl drug overdoses on Leech Lake. A public service video was created with the help of the Communications Department and will be aired on the Leech Lake website. If you are in crisis or need help immediately, please contact Leech Lake Human Services, Assessment Unit at (218) 335-8382. We are setting up a Fentanyl Awareness meeting with the community. This would be open to the public. As soon as a date is set, we will have it posted on the LLBO Webpage.

Leech Lake Area Health and Wellness Center

- The Minnesota State Legislature HF 569 bill for an act relating to capital investment of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024. Leech Lake Area Health and Wellness Center is appropriated from the general fund for a grant to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for design, site preparation including demolition, construction, engineering, furnishing, and equipping center.

Safety note, please check visually, roof vents and other tubed vents coming from your roof, to make sure they are properly venting the fumes out of your home. Please keep warm and safe!



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Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

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Monthly Report

Greetings my fellow Leech Lake Band Members! It is my honor and privilege to present the Secretary/Treasurer report to you for February 2023, regarding the activities undertaken the last month.

FY 23 BUDGET APPROVAL STATUS

I am very pleased to report that on January 24, 2023, the RBC adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for both the government side and our enterprise (gaming) side. The major changes to the budget as preliminarily reviewed by the RBC back in October included a contingency fund for wages for those employees who work in government "essential" operations (those deemed 24/7 or are still required to come into work, even if the RBC is shut down for a holiday or due to weather). These employees will now be compensated for coming into work when the government is shut down. Gaming is developing a similar plan for its employees as well. There are other matters that need to be addressed going forward too, including LIC funding. I am requesting that we host an all LIC meeting soon so we can develop a plan and put it into place for FY 24.

The FY 2023 budget is balanced, and we are more than half way done with the year. I reported on the status of actual revenue and expenditures last month for the General Fund, Special Revenue, and Indirect Cost Pool, as well as aggregate year-to-date percentages for our enterprise

operations. I refer you to last month's report for those updates. The Budget Team will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2023 to continue our work on the FY 2024 budget, with the goal of hopefully approving that budget before the fiscal year commences on July 1 of this year.

EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

We are continuing to work on getting caught up on our external audits. On the same day the RBC adopted the FY 2023 budget on January 24, the RBC also approved the letter of engagement with REDW, an auditing firm based out of Oklahoma. This firm has been in close contact with our finance team for a few months now. With the final letter of engagement approved, we can immediately commence work on the FY 2021 audit, with the goal that this audit will be complete by April 30, 2023, and then our FY 2022 audit will be complete on time by September 30, 2023.

We are hopeful that we can work together to get these important audits done and in place so our people and our external stakeholders have a clear understanding of our financial situation.

MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE MATTERS

On January 26 and 27, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held its quarterly Tribal Executive Committee and Subcommittee meetings. The Legislative Subcommittee met on January 26, and continued our work on addressing on-going concerns with regard to the financial reporting the MCT provides to the Legislative Subcommittee, particularly the Administration Account. For at least the last three quarters, the report has shown the account with an extremely large negative balance (over \$1 million). This negative balance does not necessarily reflect the actual status of the account, but reflects internal accounts and does not include funds due to the MCT. Furthermore, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is also behind in its audits. The last completed audit was from FY 2019, so the MCT has work to do to get caught up on these audits.

At the January 26, 2023 meeting, the Legislative Subcommittee tabled the financial report as presented until a better method of reporting the actual financial condition of the MCT and its accounts can be established. The Subcommittee voted to



LLBO Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday with U.S. Treasurer and Chief of the Mohegan Tribe Lynn Malerba.
via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

create a financial taskforce, comprised of the Secretary-Treasurers from each of the six MCT Bands, to work with the MCT Administration and Accounting staff to develop clearer financial reporting, to work closely with the external auditors to develop a plan to get the MCT caught up on annual audits, and to develop policies and protocols as necessary to ensure that the MCT stays up-to-date with audits and reporting requirements. We will convene this workgroup soon and I will continue to keep you all informed.

U.S. TREASURER MEETING

Recently, I was also able to meet with U.S. Treasurer Lynn Malerba. Chief Malerba, the lifetime chief and former chairwoman of the Mohegan Tribe, was appointed U.S. Treasurer by President Joe Biden on September 12, 2022. As a former Tribal leader herself, Treasurer Malerba understands the dynamic and urgent needs of Tribal governments. We discussed a number of items including Tribal law enforcement pensions, COVID funding (specifically Emergency Rental Assistance and Homeowner's Assistance Funds), and ways to increase those funds and extend deadlines. The meeting was productive and I am hoping for more to report on our follow up in the future.

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS

The RBC continues to work diligently with the State and Federal governments on a number of matters impacting our Band members. We are working collaboratively with other tribes in Minnesota to reach an agreeable deal that would authorize sports betting through our casinos and in an online mobile platform.

During this last month, I was able to meet with Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and discuss the need for a better tax agreement for Leech Lake. We are in the process of developing a proposal now, and the Speaker is working with the Department of Revenue and the Walz Administration to highlight the need for a stronger tribal tax agreement.

Leech Lake leaders also met with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the clean up of the St. Regis Superfund site. After nearly two decades, the EPA has agreed to utilize the Leech Lake standard for clean up of the site and apply that standard to the two most contaminated portions of the site (Operable Units 1 and 2), and to issue Records of Decision (RODs) for each of those Operable Units within the next 18 months. This is a significant step forward in ultimately cleaning up the

site to a standard that will allow the land to be safe for human use again. There is much work left to do, but we will continue to aggressively assert our position regarding remediation to the EPA as we move forward.

Leech Lake leaders also met with the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the Secretarial Transfers law, implementing the transfer of the 11,000+ acres of currently public US Forest Service lands that were stolen from Leech Lake decades ago. In the meeting with USDA we discussed a path to work collaboratively on the technical amendment to transfer back to Leech Lake an additional 4,000+ publicly held acres in Cass County that were discovered by staff during implementation of the original bill. Senator Tina Smith has agreed to introduce the technical amendment in the US Senate, so hopefully we can secure passage of that law within this session of Congress.

This is a snapshot of the activities of the last month as there are other issues and matters that continue to arise and that we continue to work on for all Band members. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. *Müigwech!*



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▲ Some of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Kindergartners are pictured with their teacher, Andrea Headbird, doing one of their favorite activities: dancing while learning the names of their body parts, alphabet sounds, etc.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School Boys Basketball team celebrated with their coach, Petra Rodriguez, after defeating the Circle of Life Academy. The Silver Eagles won with a score of 46-30.



▲ The Niigaane students had a wonderful time snowshoeing at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. Students spotted many rabbit trails. Their next snowshoeing adventure will involve setting snares to get a few rabbits for soup!



▲ 5th Grade at Bug O Nay Ge Shig school received a notice this week from the Achieve 3,000 reading program that the class has grown their lexile "69%" so far this year instead of the projected 30% by years end! Their teacher is Laurel Carlson.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 1st Quarter A & B Honor-roll 2022-2023



7th Grade A Honor-roll

Malachi M.
Joelle S.

7th Grade B Honor-roll

Aariana B.
Juliette B.
Alaina G.
Jayda L.C.
Waylon L.O.
Michaelana S.F.

Justin S.
Adrian T.
Theresa W.
Jordan W.
La'Laina W.

8th Grade A Honor-roll

Kaylia M.

8th Grade B Honor-roll

Darnell D.
Evan G.
Peter H.
Jazmine H.
Robert M.

9th Grade B Honor-roll

Loralea A.
Dakota B.
Aarik B.
Joseph C.
Kylee C.
Laura C.M.
Anthony G.
Jage H.
Angelo M.
Cam'ron O.
Delilah R.

10th Grade A Honor-roll

Marlo M.
Elias M.
Natalie S.

10th Grade B Honor-roll

Antonio L.
Bryson R.
Connor T.
Mareena T.
Arryelle W.
Flora W.

11th Grade A Honor-roll

Kyler J.
Ava L.
Benjamin M.

11th Grade B Honor-roll

Violena B.
Avianna G.
Amareah G.
Tyren H.
Adrian M.

12th Grade A Honor-roll

Francis G.
Derek H.K.

12th Grade B Honor-roll

Hattie K.
LaKaylee K.
Randall R.
Helainea R.
Isabella S.
Angelina S.
Rydel W.

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Let's eat the right foods!

Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)



Creamy Wild Rice Soup

Ingredients
(*Commodity Foods)

- ¾ cup wild rice* (cooked)
- ½ cup carrots* (about 2 carrots)
- 1 cup celery *(about 3 ribs)
- 1 or 1 ½ large garlic clove minced
- 7 tablespoons butter*, diced, divided
- 4 ½ cups low sodium chicken broth
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon marjoram
- ¼ teaspoon sage
- ¼ teaspoon rosemary
- 1 lb. boneless chicken breasts*
- ½ cups flour* 1 ½ cups milk*
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest (optional)
- salt (optional) & pepper to taste

Directions:

Cook rice as directed. In a separate large pot, melt 1 tablespoon of butter over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery and saute for 4 minutes, add garlic and saute for additional 30 seconds longer. Add chicken broth, thyme, marjoram, sage, and rosemary, and season with salt and black pepper to taste. Increase heat to medium-high, add chicken, and bring mixture to a boil. Cover pot with lid, reduce to medium-low heat; allow the mixture to simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 12-16 minutes. Remove chicken and set aside on a cutting board to cool for 5 minutes then shred into small bite-size pieces. Leave soup covered over warm heat. Meanwhile, in a separate medium saucepan, melt the remaining 6 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Add flour and cook for 1 ½ minutes, whisking constantly. While whisking vigorously, slowly pour milk into the butter/flour mixture. Whisk in heavy cream. Cook the mixture, stirring constantly until it thickens. Add milk mixture to soup mixture in the pot along with shredded chicken, cooked rice, and lemon zest Stir well and remove from heat. Let soup cool slightly and serve. Makes 5 servings

Nutrition facts

Wild rice is a wonderfully balanced food source, providing a healthy mix of protein and fiber. What's more, it's also relatively low in calories. One micronutrient abundant in wild rice is Manganese. Manganese is an antioxidant and plays a role in keeping the mitochondria in your cells healthy. (mitochondria-produce energy (ATP) molecules in the cell by oxidizing glucose's major products with the help of specific proteins and enzymes.) *Chicken breast is a low-fat source of protein that contains zero carbs.*

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

District III Elder Birthdays

March

- Elizabeth Aitken
- Marcella Ardito
- Gloria Beaudreau
- David Beaulieu
- Donna Beaulieu
- Douglas Beaulieu
- Marlyce Bellanger
- Dawn Benjamin
- Ian Bonna
- Joseph Bowstring
- Janice Bryan
- Sharon Burnette
- James Carpenter

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- Amanda Cloud
- Darlene Cloud
- Janice Cloud
- Donald Day
- Gloria Dudley
- Mark Evans
- Dawn Farr
- Donald Finn
- Deborah Fisher
- William Fisher
- Lila George
- Mary Goggeye-Cross
- Thelma Goodwin
- Timothy Goose
- David Hare

- Jessica Harrison
- Brian Haugen
- Wanda Headbird
- Burton Howard
- Melvin Hunt
- Cindy Hurd
- Patrice Jones
- Beverly Jordan
- Steven Kmett
- Sharon Kotla
- Faith Littlewolf
- Raymond Lyons
- Eva Mangum
- Marjorie McCree
- Barbara McLove
- Valeria Meneely
- Franklin Michaud
- Wallace Morris

- Max Morrow
- Karen Moses
- Lori Osterloh
- Alfred Pemberton
- Beverly Raish
- Mary Reich
- Elaine Saccoman
- Leonard Sargent
- Betty Sayers
- Boyd Schluter
- Marlene Schulman
- Bradley Senogles
- Emmett Sheehy
- Iris Sherer
- John Smith
- Kenneth Smith
- Michael Smith
- Terry Smith

- Leon Staples
- Linda Staples
- Joel Stokka
- James Tibbetts
- Ronald Wakanabo
- Charlotte White
- Debra White
- Terrance White
- Natalie Wickner
- James Wilson
- Alvin Wind
- William Windom
- Emily Woodfield

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HF 211: New Bill to Establish Indigenous Peoples' Day as an Official Holiday in MN

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – A new bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature to recognize Indigenous Peoples' day as an official state holiday.

The bill HF 211, introduced by Representative Heather Keeler (Yankton Sioux/Eastern Shoshone) will establish Indigenous Peoples' Day as an official holiday within the state, requiring school observance and eliminates Christopher Columbus Day as a state holiday. Indigenous peoples day falls on the second Monday in October

The holiday is currently only recognized within the state via Governor proclamation. A tradition

that started with former MN Governor Dayton who served before incumbent Governor Tim Walz.

The change is meant to highlight how Indigenous communities have persevered despite history.

Acknowledging Indigenous communities as opposed to Columbus is a change many other states and cities have also made within recent years. 2021 marked the first year a President has ever officially recognized the day via proclamation, a proclamation Biden repeated in 2022.

The bill is currently in committee development. The bill in full can be found on the Minnesota State legislature website.

PLO 7917: Dept. of Interior Announces 20 Year Ban on Boundary Waters Mining

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior announced on Thursday, January 26, a 20 year long mining ban near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota.

The order comes from Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland signing Public Land Order 7917, which protects areas of the Superior National Forest from federal geothermal and mineral extraction leases for the next 20 years. The 225,000 acres of public lands being withdrawn from mining programs are predominant in the northern portion of the Superior National Forest.

The release cited departmental concerns over the impacts of mining on ecosystem health, Tribal rights, and the local recreation economy.

"Protecting a place like Boundary Waters is key to supporting the health of the watershed and its surrounding wildlife, upholding our Tribal trust and treaty responsibilities, and boosting the local recreation economy," said Haaland.

The 20 year suspension on extraction leases extends a temporary decision from a year ago to block copper, nickel and other hard-rock mining that the Trump administration had tried to green light near the Canadian border. Officials said they determined the

potential toxic leaching from mining would be too threatening to nature, local Native American communities and a growing recreation economy.

The decision follows a 2021 environmental assessment and withdrawal application from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. More than 225,000 public comments were submitted on the application.

The Forest Service found that development of copper-nickel ore mining in the Duluth Complex, a large deposit of valuable minerals, would have adverse effects on ecological health, no matter what environmental mitigation methods are used.

The withdrawal application cited increased risk to Native American and low-income communities to acid mine drainage, and said unintended leakage from mines and their retention ponds could cause die-offs of animal life, and be detrimental to soil health.

The Forest Service report added that plans to mine the now-withdrawn public lands had been in place as early as 2006.

According to the Department of the Interior the Boundary Waters attracts roughly 150,000 visitors looking to canoe, fish and connect with nature and is the most heavily visited wilderness area in the country.

Seeking Victims in the Phoenix Group Homes Targeting Native Americans Investigation

By KAYLA DUOOS

The FBI is seeking victims who may have been recruited to live in and receive services in group homes (Behavioral Health Residential Facilities) located in Phoenix, Arizona, between January 2020 to present.

Organizers are establishing group homes for adults with substance abuse and mental health issues throughout Phoenix, Arizona and the surrounding valley area. Organizers are targeting Native Americans from the Navajo Nation and other reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, and South Dakota. Organizers frequent community gathering locations such as flea markets, trading posts, and medical centers to pick up clients.

In some cases, the targeted individuals are intoxicated or offered alcohol during transport. When the individuals regain a functional state in Phoenix (or other locations),

they have no idea where they are or how they got there. The individuals then have difficulty finding a way home. The circumstances have led to a number of missing persons reports being received by local law enforcement agencies.

The organizers of the group homes are receiving government funding to provide tenants with therapy services for mental illness and substance abuse. The organizers have the tenants visit other facilities purporting to provide therapy services the entire day. Often, no therapy services are provided and thus no government funding should be received. The group homes and other facilities receiving government funds for the same services purportedly provided creates "double-dipping" of government funding.

The organizers allegedly tell the tenants that they have to change their identification cards (driver's license, etc.) to Arizona to obtain

Arizona Medicaid benefits (AHCCCS). The tenants are also told to obtain food stamps to provide food for the residents in a home or as rent payment to the organizers. The organizers use the current clients as recruiters for additional clients who often do not understand the circumstances they will be living in.

If you or a family member were recruited to a group home located in Phoenix, Arizona, during the time period listed above, please complete this brief questionnaire. Your responses are voluntary but would be useful in the federal investigation and to identify you as a potential victim. Based on the responses provided, you may be contacted by the FBI and asked to provide additional information.

The FBI is legally mandated to identify victims of federal crimes that it investigates and provide these victims with information, assistance services, and resources.

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Leech Lake Tribal College 2022 Student of the Year, Christopher Erle.

LLTC Student of the Year Christopher Erle

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – Christopher Erle has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal College's American Indian College Fund 2022 Student Of the Year. LLTC's AICF Student of the Year honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance.

Erle is a second year student in the college's Liberal Education program, who is expected to graduate May 2023. Erle chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal college because he wanted to gain skills to further his employment and understand task management.

LLTC President Helen Zaikina-Montgomery says Erle has been a model student during his time at LLTC.

"There's so much I can say about Chris, he's genuinely a good person and student. He is so involved in his community and cultural practices. We need more students like him to keep colleges feeling alive," said Zaikina-Montgomery.

Following Graduation, Erle plans to transfer to Bemidji State University and major in Exercise Science.

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Region 2 Arts Council Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants Recipients

By KAYLA DUOOS

The Region 2 Arts Council and Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Council recently awarded nearly \$6,000 to enrolled Tribal members or their descendants creating art in the region.

The program is supported by a McKnight Foundation grant to fund supplies, equipment and other art-related expenses for Tribal members or descendants living in the northwest Minnesota area. The AAI Advisory Council is composed of Indigenous artists

and arts appreciators from the regions served by the AAI grant.

Grant Recipients

- *Therese Brown* was awarded \$1,000 to create Berries of the Ojibwe, a series of works made of porcupine quillwork on birchbark and leather and she will also teach quillwork to a new student each month.
- *Desiree Stillday* was awarded \$1,000 to purchase supplies such as beads, leather, bead findings, and material to create beadwork for sale.

- *Veronica Veaux* was awarded \$997 to purchase materials for making ribbon skirts.
- *Sharon Nordrum* was awarded \$942 to purchase photographic equipment and supplies to help her create a series of photos that highlight and honor the Anishinaabeg relationship to Animosh (dog).
- *Donelle Omer* was awarded \$1,000 to purchase a laptop for writing, building a functional website, and indexing an existing body of work.
- *Jessica Dretsch* was awarded \$949 to purchase materials and supplies to create paintings and multimedia works of art.

Region 2 Arts Council Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants are made possible with funding from the McKnight Foundation.

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program Words and sentences list for October

OJIBWEMOWIN

Aaniindi ezhaayan?
Aaniindi ezhaad?
Aaniindi ezhaawaad?
Aaniindi waa-izhaayan?
Aaniindi waa-izhaad?
Aaniindi waa-izhaawaad?
Aaniindi gaa-izhaayan?
Aaniindi gaa-izhaad?
Aaniindi gaa-izhaawaad?
Aaniin apii waa-izhaayan?
Aaniin apii waa-izhaad?
Aaniin apii waa-izhaawaad?
Aaniin apii gaa-izhaayan iwidi?
Aaniin apii gaa-izhaad iwidi?
Aaniin apii gaa-izhaawaad iwidi?

ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN

Where are you going?
Where is she/he going?
Where are they going?
Where do you want to go?
Where does she/he want to go?
Where do they want to go?
Where did you go?
Where did she/he go?
Where did they go?
When do you want to go?
When does she/he want to go?
When do they want to go?
When did you go over there?
When did she/he go over there?
When did they go over there?

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Niigaane Program Director / Teacher



Obituaries



Dallas “Ducky” Smith



Dallas “Ducky” Wayne Smith, 51, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began his spiritual journey from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital on Christmas Day 2022.

Ducky was born in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Margaret (Beaulieu) and Kenneth Smith on April 26, 1971. He grew up in Minneapolis, Bemidji, and Cass Lake. He attended schools in Bemidji and Cass Lake and in 1991 he received his GED. Ducky traveled and worked in Crookston and Grand Forks and attended the Ironworkers School in Florida. He later worked at the Northern Lights Casino as a bartender and bar server. Ducky loved watching wrestling, his favorite wrestler was Edge because he was the “Rated R Superstar”. He loved his San Francisco 49’ers. Enjoyed raising hell with his nephews and nieces. Ducky loved his rock and roll music and was always making everyone listen to it. He loved being outdoors but especially enjoyed pinecone and bough picking, ricing, and jogging; sometimes up to 12 miles a day. He also like helping with snow shoveling, raking, and cleaning up his yard. Ducky loved playing the slots and going to his favorite bar the Big Tap.

Those greeting him in the spirit world are his parents, Margaret and Kenneth Smith; brother, Robert Beaulieu; sister, Brenda Beaulieu; grandparents, Abraham and Maggie Smith, Delores Butcher, and Joe Lincoln; great grandmother, Elizabeth Aitkin-Lajeunesse; nieces, Elizabeth White and Jamie Sue Beaulieu, special aunt, Diana Fisherman and several other aunts and uncles, relatives and friends.

He leaves behind his daughter, Hayden Schulman; brother, Ken Smith, Sr.; sister,

Bonnie (Joe) Beaulieu; uncle, Ronald “Ringo” Smith, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

An overnight wake for Ducky will begin at 2:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. traditional service on January 4, 2023 all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. His spiritual advisor will be Jason Hart. Pallbearers for Ducky are Ken Smith, Jr., Michael Dunkley III, Richard Beaulieu, Darrick Beaulieu, Dave Smith, and Brandon Beaulieu. Alternate pallbearers are Aaron Jones, Jr., John White, Scott White, Zack White, and Ralph White. His honorary pallbearers are Tony LeDeaux, Lynette “Squeege” Morris, Ronald “Ringo” Smith, Markis Washington, Brent White and all of Ducky’s family. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum, MN following his services.

Ducky’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.

Edwin Goggleye Sr.



Edwin George Goggleye, 71, began his spiritual journey from Crookston, MN on December 22, 2022.

Born July 9, 1951 in Pike Bay, MN he is survived By: Brothers George, Robert (Mary), Russell (Lynn), Norman (Dee), Sisters Doreen (Dahl) Whitebird, Gloria Wilson & Theresa (Pat) Fewer. Sons Jeffrey Emerfoll, Jason Goggleye, Edwin Goggleye. Numerous nieces & nephews.

Preceded By: Son Vernon Goggleye, Parents Maggie & George Goggleye, Siblings Stella Howard, Lorraine White, Beatrice

Bivens, Vernon Goggleye, Dorothy Goggleye, Alice Goggleye.

Edwin loved his buddies, Ducks & Fred Ogema. He loved to sit outside and wave to everyone, Edwin was a hard worker, everyone knew his kindness & Jokes. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Edwin had numerous nicknames his buddies called him.

Francis “Tyke” Kangas Jr.



Francis James Kangas, Jr., “Tyke”, age 53, of Cass Lake and the Bear Clan, unexpectedly started his journey to the spirit world on Friday, December 9, 2022, from his home. He was born August 27, 1969, in Le Sueur, MN the son of Clara (Keezer) and Francis James Kangas, Sr.

Tyke grew up in Cass Lake with his siblings and his parents. He loved anything outdoors. He enjoyed ricing, picking boughs, picking cranberries, hunting, and fishing. He loved spending time with his grandkids, wondering around Minneapolis with his grandson, Jeremiah, was a must when they visited the cities. Tyke was who the family would call to fix anything that needed attention. He loved family visits, joking and teasing with his goofy and sarcastic sense of humor. He was a handyman and could make a living doing so. Tyke was always quick to help where he could. He had a way of making each and every person in his life feel uniquely special. His contagious smile and laughter will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Tyke was the guy who was always “neutral” in the family and was always welcome at everyone’s home. He always made sure mom and dad were taken care of and he drove them where they needed to go.

Those greeting Tyke in the spirit world are his uncle, Robert “Bob” Kangas; nieces, Crystal and Kree Kangas; brother, Joaquin Capatiane; and stepson, Edward Fairbanks.

Those left behind to cherish Tyke’s memory are his parents, Francis (Eileen) Kangas of Cass Lake and Clara Zollner of Malmo, MN; daughter, Shaunte (Devon) Kangas of St. Cloud, MN; brothers, Bill Kangas, John

Moske, Dan Moske, Sergio Capatiane, Miguel (Danielle) Kangas; sisters, Violet (Charles) Stone, Rita (Deano) Bendix, Roberta Kangas, Cheryl Kangas, Susanna (Rodney) Capatiane, Jennifer (Derrick) Morrow; 8 grandchildren, Gabby, Jeremiah, Devon Jr., Leilani, Anthony, Kaleb, Isaiah, Deja; special cousins, Missy (Alex) Briseno and James Kangas; close friends, Mongo and Ken (Barb) White; many other family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Tyke will begin Friday, December 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and continue until his Saturday, December 17, 2022, service, all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Tyke’s urn bearer will be Matthew Kangas, Jr. Honorary urn bearers are all his family and friends. Tyke’s final resting place will be with his daughter.

Tyke’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.

Glenda Smith



Glenda Faye Smith, “Waabishkimigizikwe” meaning “White Eagle Woman”, age 41, of the Bear Clan and Bemidji, Minnesota, started her spiritual journey on Monday, December 26, 2022, from her home in Bemidji. She was born on September 30, 1981, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Oras (Hanson) Smith and John C. Smith.

Glenda loved being a mom to Enzley more than anything, she loved spending time with family and friends. She liked listening to music, doing her hair, makeup, and dressing up with fancy earrings. She enjoyed going to the casino, laughing, shopping, and going for rides. She had a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Glenda always enjoyed a good football party and cheering on the MN Vikings. She liked going to family gatherings and bringing the deviled eggs and pasta salad. No matter what, family was family, and she always had their back, she would stick up for all that she loved through thick and thin. Glenda will be

missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Greeting Glenda in the spirit world are her mom, Oras; grandparents, Joyce and Kenneth "Squince" Hanson, Vivian and Jim Smith; aunts, Cheryl, Karen, Brenda, and Glenda Smith; uncles, Daniel Smith, Douglas and Gerald Hanson; and cousin, Colin "Kenny" Hanson.

Those left behind to cherish Glenda's memory are her dad, John C. Smith; daughter, Enzley "Love Bug" Smith; brother, Richard (Michelle) Butcher; sisters, Rhonda Butcher, Joy (Louis) Peterson; aunts, Brenda (Henry) and Mary Hanson, Debbie Brown; uncle, Marvin Hanson; close cousins, Jaime ("Ro") Hanson, Sara Hanson, Rachel (Daniel) Sutton-Barrientez, Amanda Sutton; niece, Marcey; nephews, Douglas, Gerald, Riley, Dominic; and many more family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Glenda will begin on Friday, December 30, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and continue until her Saturday, December 31, 2022, 10:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Glenda's Spiritual Advisor is Chato Gonzalez. Those helping to lay Glenda to rest are Douglas Butcher, Gerald Butcher, Dominic Butcher, Riley Butcher, Daniel "Sun" Barrientez, Robert "Ro" Fairbanks, Sr., Louis Peterson, Mark Hanson, and Robert Fairbanks, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are all Glenda's family and friends. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Glenda'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.

Kevin Kingbird Sr.



Kevin Scott Kingbird, Sr., age 43, "Niiskindib" which means "He Has Prickly Hair", of Cass Lake (Mission) began his journey to the Spirit world on Friday, January 13, 2023, from his home in Cass Lake, MN.

He was born to Cynthia Kingbird and Darwin Whitebird on September 5, 1979, in

Bemidji, Minnesota.

As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed being in the woods and on the water. He was an adept lumberjack; living up to his "Bear" nickname, he also took joy in fishing and checking riverbeds.

He had a lifelong love of sports from attending his mother's games to joining multiple teams throughout his life. He was an all-star sportsman with The Mission Boys. As an avid outdoorsman, Kevin enjoyed being in the woods and on the water. He was an adept lumberjack, working as a sawyer for TEP for 17 years. He lived up to his "Bear" nickname, taking joy in fishing and checking river beds.

Kevin was always there to help others in their time of need. He was willing to push up his sleeves and get to work. It was an honor to him to be so helpful and giving. He passed time with family by telling stories; you could always count on him for a good chuckle. It was his wish that the family would gather for more happier moments than sad. His favorite show was Moonshiners, and he was on his way to becoming a master distiller.

Above all, he cherished his bear cubs: Kevin Jr., Devin Allen, and Aiden Scott. He adored his bonus children Donovan, Devin, Linzie, Matthew, Nathan, and granddaughter Anna.

Those welcoming Kevin into the Spirit World are his parents; grandparents, sisters, Carmen and Deanna and brother, Michael "Bocky".

He is survived by his sons, Kevin Kingbird, Jr., Devin and Aiden; sisters Nicole, Kelly, Leah, Rosalie and Darla; and brother Brandon; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and special friend, Patti Wilson.

Wake begins Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., and continues until time of service Friday, January 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. All to be held at the Mission Community Center, 2326 Finch Lane SE, Cass Lake, MN. Kevin's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Interment will be at Mission Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers are Steven 'Mick' Ducheneaux, Joe Ducheneaux, Julian 'Moe Man's' Charnoski, Jonas Northbird, Kyle Whitebird, Kellen Brown, Kenny 'Waus' Staples, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Jean Wright and Matt Anderson. Honorary pallbearers are Bernie Brown, Clinton Fairbanks, Tyler Butcher, Robert 'Bobby' Tuttle, David Jackson, Damien 'Dames' Kingbird, Isaiah 'Eyes' Kingbird, Michael Kingbird, Jr., Lacey Swanholm, and Danielle 'Waaboo' Kingbird.

Kevin'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

Rita Pemberton

Rita Ann Pemberton, age 50, of Cass Lake, RMN, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, from St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN. She was born on July 12, 1972, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Simone (Thompson) and Alfred Pemberton, Sr.

Rita enjoyed 10+ years of working at the Palace Casino, Leech Lake Tribal College, and most recently she worked at the Leech



Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division. Rita enjoyed golfing, rummaging, concerts, beading, playing softball and kickball, and playing bingo. Rita made the best mashed potatoes and cheesy tater tot hotdish. She loved to watch her grandchildren at pow wows. Rita loved spending time with her grandkids, nieces, and nephews, and loved family events.

Rita is greeted in the spirit world by all her grandparents; sister, Roxanne Pemberton; brother, Ray Pemberton; aunts, uncles, cousins, a niece and a nephew.

Those left behind to cherish Rita's memory are her parents, Alfred and Simone Pemberton, Sr.; son, Kyle Pemberton; boyfriend, David Mitchell; sisters, Rochelle (Joe) Pemberton, Rebecca (Leroy) Fairbanks; 2 granddaughters, Amarianna and Athena; auntie, Bernice Pemberton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

An overnight wake for Rita will begin on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and continue until her service on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the Mission Community Center. Father William "Bill" Butcher will officiate. Those helping to lay Rita to rest are Cody Wind, Leroy Fairbanks IV, Kenny Fahlstrom, Matt Connor, Ryan Connor, Dominic Fairbanks. Alternate is Charles Smith. Honorary pallbearers are Kerri Jourdain, Karen Anderson, Angie Losh, Angie Londgren, Nichole Powers, Branden Fairbanks, Tracy Peters, and all her close family and friends. Interment will be at a later date in the Thompsonville Family Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Rita'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.

Richard "Pugsly" Budreau

Richard "Pugsly" Duane Budreau, age 44, Mish-kwaa-nikwad meaning "Red Cloud" of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, MN started his spiritual journey on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from Cass Lake Indian Health Services. Richard was born February



12, 1978 in Bemidji, MN to Rita "Smitty" Buck and Roger "Denny Bugg" Budreau, Sr.

Richard was proud of his Ojibwe heritage and enjoyed practicing their many traditions. He was talented on the Big Drum and was happy to teach this to his family and friends. Richard loved watching the Vikings play football with his uncles, being in the sweat lodge, ricing and just being outside. He took care of his ailing father up until his pass in October of 2022.

Those that Richard will be joining again are his parents, Rita Buck and Roger Budreau, Sr.; brother, George Earth; sister, Bonita Earth and longtime life partner, Barbara Ann "Punkin" Drouillard.

Those left behind to cherish Richard's memory are his sons, Nicholas Budreau, Kenny Staples, Richard Budreau, Jr., Cheyenne Budreau and Dwayne Budreau Hunts-Along; daughters, Vanessa Budreau and Aiyanna Jenkins; brothers, Cheyenne Budreau, Roger Buck, Roger Budreau, Jr., and Keith Buck; sisters, Rhonda (Anthony) Buck, Rebecca Budreau, Laura Buck, Penny Mart and Faye Neeland; grandchildren, Nick Budreau, Kya Budreau, Mira Budreau, Ryleigh Budreau and Waawaate Madigan; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A wake for Richard will begin on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cass Lake Facility Center. Reverend Bill Butcher will be serving the family. Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lakes. Pallbearers will be Kyle Fairbanks, Alden Fairbanks, Robert Budreau, Jr., Joshua Wind, Sr., Harold Fairbanks, Kenny James Hare, Gilbert Littlewolf, Jr., and Amos LaDuke. Alternate pallbearers are Anthony Ferguson and Chad Budreau. Honorary pallbearers the Hare Boys Drum Group. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Rose Marie Wind, DOB: 08/04/1992. Decedent

Court File No. CV-22-113

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Rose Marie Wind, died August 3, 2022. **A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief 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 22nd day of September, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, And Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by George Wind, surviving Parent of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 22nd, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Alissa Wind, 20263 Mission Rd, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rose Marie Wind, 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

Mary Cross, Petitioner, And Chris Kangas, Respondent

Case No. CV-22-101

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 29, 2022, **a Civil Petition was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court.** 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 March 23rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Paternity of: A.W.J., Minor Child, DOB: 08/22/2021. Robert John Ortez, Petitioner, v. Larena Jackson, Respondent

Case No. FA-22-149

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 17, 2022, **a Petition for DNA Genetic Testing/Paternity was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court**

regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. 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 April 13th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Anna M. Sheffield, Legal Custodian and Caitlyn Roy, Joseph Littlewolf, and Bradley Larsen, Biological Parents

Court File Nos. CP-22-06 & CP 14-44

NOTICE YOU ARE HEREBY notified that **a Second Amended Child and Family Protection Petition, Motion to Vacate the Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody in CP-14-44, and Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian and par-

ents. A hearing has been scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may adjudicate the Petition by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Housing Authority, Plaintiff V. Justin Robinson, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-128

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2022, **a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court** under Court File No. CV-22-128. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1 :30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are asked to contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633, at 218-335-3682 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgement against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Housing Authority, Plaintiff V. Renee Gale, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-130

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2022, **a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court** under Court File No. CV-22-130. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are asked to contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633, at 218-335-3682 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgement against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Housing Authority, Plaintiff V. David Drouillard, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-136

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 13, 2022, **a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court** under Court File No. CV-22-136. A continued

initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1 :30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are asked to contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633, at 218-335-3682 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgement against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Housing Authority, Plaintiff V. Candance Reyes, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-140

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 13, 2022, **a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court** under Court File No. CV-22-140. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1 :30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are asked to contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633, at 218-335-3682 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgement against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

Obituaries Continued.

Thelma Goodwin



Thelma Jean Goodwin, 74, of Bemidji, MN passed away on December 18, 2022, at her home. She was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Clifford and Frances (Smith) Jones on March 10, 1948. Thelma was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Wolf Clan, and was a ceremonial pipe carrier. She lived in various places in Minnesota while growing up. Thelma graduated from High School in Minneapolis and later graduated from Augsburg College and Bemidji State University with a double major in Social Studies and Political Science. She worked as a financial aid worker for Beltrami County HHS. Thelma loved going to the casinos, watching the Minnesota Vikings, spending time with family, friends, and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing back gammon and road trips.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Goodwin, Parents, sisters; Karen Tuttle, Margaret Larose, and Bonita Jones; Brothers Charles Jones, Clifford Jones, Granddaughters Jeanie and Breyannah. Thelma is survived by her children; Wayne (Angie) Pederson, Karen Jones, Bonita Armstrong, grandchildren; Richard, Anthony, Jimmy, Charles, Patrick, Jesse, Tavin and Brittany, great grandchildren; Brenda, Bianca, Brittanya, Camille, Mary, Noella, Ayden and Brandon. Honorary Pallbearers for Thelma will be Charles Jones, Anthony Jones, Archie LaRose, David Jones Sr, Anthony Dvorak, Taylor Tuttle, Joe LaRose, Pam Mitchell, Mindy Ruby, Susie Cloud, Jessica Cottrell, Julie Jones, Kathleen LaRose, Alisa Goodshield, Julia LaRose, Karley Raisch, and Hallie Dvorak. Her active pallbearers will be Clifford Jones, James Jones, Richard Jones, Patrick Pederson, Jesse Waldvogel, and Thomas Cloud.

A Traditional Wake will begin on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM and continue until the 11:00 AM Traditional Funeral Service at the Veterans Memorial Building. Cass Lake, Minnesota. A private burial will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, Walker, Minnesota.

Bids Wanted for 2023 Royalty Items



The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking bids for princess and brave crowns, Neckties, and Sashes needed for each community Pow Wow. Submit separate bids for each Royalty item listed below.

Bids are being sought for:

- Leech Lake Days - Princess and Brave Beaded Crown, Beaded Necktie, and 2 Sashes with title, and year
- Miigwech Manoomin - Princess and brave Beaded Crown Beaded Necktie and 2 Sashes with title, and year
- Onigum - Princess and brave (Sr, Jr, and Tiny tot) Beaded Crowns, Beaded Neckties, and 6 Sashes with title, and year
- Chachabahning - Princess and brave Beaded Crown, Beaded Necktie, and 2 Sashes with title, and year
- Battle Point- Princess and brave Beaded Crown, Beaded Necktie, and 2 Embroidered Sashes with title, and year

How to submit your sealed bid:

- State bid amount, royalty item(s) that bid is being put in for and affix signature. Place document in envelope and seal.
- Name and address of the bidder must be shown in the upper left corner of the envelope.
- *The phrase "SEALED BID ENCLOSED: POWWOW NAME" must be shown in the lower left corner of the envelope.*
- Bids must be postmarked by March 1, 2023 or delivered in person to the Purchasing Office by 4:30 PM March 1, 2023.

MAIL TO

LLBO Purchasing
Attn: Adam Nason
190 Sailstar Dr NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Any questions relating to the royalty items can be directed to the Pow Wow Coordinator at 218-335-3637. Questions related to the sealed bidding process can be directed to LLBO Purchasing at 218-335-8200. *Miigwech!*

2023 LLBO POW WOW SCHEDULE

Maajiziigwan Round Dance
March 4, 2023 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Memorial Day
Traditional Pow Wow
May 26 - 28, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Waa Wiye Gaa Mag 19th
Annual Traditional Pow Wow
June 16 - 18, 2023
S. Lake, MN 56681

4th Annual Leech Lake Days
Traditional Pow Wow
June 23 - 25, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days
60th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
July 14 - 16, 2023
Ball Club, MN 56636

Onigum 24th Annual
Traditional Pow Wow
July 21 - 23, 2023
Onigum, MN 56484

Cha Cha Bah Ning 42nd
Annual Traditional Pow Wow
August 25 - 27, 2023
Inger, MN 56636

Sagasweiwe 2nd Annual
Traditional Pow Wow
September 8 - 10, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Battle Point 25th Annual
Traditional Pow Wow
September 15 - 17, 2023
Battle/Sugar Point, MN 56641

For more info call: 218-335-4483 or visit facebook.com/llpowwows

2023 STATE of the BAND ADDRESS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST
Northern Lights Event Center
10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Delivered by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. Please join us as we reflect on the past year and take a look at what we can expect in the year 2023.

BAND MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
To watch live please visit: leechlakenews.com/sotb or facebook.com/leechlakebandofojibwe

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**2023 DAY OF CONNECTIONS
COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

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Provide one-on-one guidance applying for and setting up the Affordable Connectivity Program (see page 2 for required documentation).



LLBO

Provide a wide array of resources including:

- Leech Lake Tribal ID's
- Gaming
- Job Opportunities



OTHER RESOURCES

- Educational resources through area schools that may include: ISD 317, ISD 318, and Bug-o-nay-ge-shig.
- Job opportunities in Itasca County.
- On-site assistance with the ACP through other providers.

**2023
DAY OF
CONNECTIONS**

Join us for this great community event. Come visit with neighbors, grab a bite to eat, and explore many community resources. These resources include: free (or reduced) internet, job opportunities, education, and Leech Lake Tribal ID's. \$15 replacement fee will be waived for all attendees.

DETAILS:

Monday, February 13th

1:00 - 6:00 PM

Lone Eagle Center
Ball Club, MN

SOBRIETY FEAST

District I Communities

January 31st | 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Ball Club Community Center

February 28th | 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Inger Community Center

March 28th | 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
S.Lake Community Center

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources

115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5521 for more info

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Lead Nurse (A.R.C) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-035

Cook (A.R.C) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-036

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Water Resources Technician II ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-039

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Child Welfare Department Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-002

Alcohol & Drug Counselor (2) ~ Human Services ~ \$22.65/hr ~ Job Code: 23-003

Paralegal II ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-004

Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-005

Assessment Worker ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-006

Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-007

Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-008

Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-009

CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-010

Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-011

ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-012

On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-013

On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-014

Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 23-015

Infant Toddler Teacher (5) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-016

Infant Toddler Team Leader ~ Education ~ \$21.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-017

Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Services Advocate (2) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-018

Pre School Teacher/Family Services Advocate (3) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-020

Pre School Teacher (6) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-021

Mental Health Professional ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-022

Anishinaabe Language & Culture Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-024

Gekinwaaamaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-025

Naagaanizid Gekinwaaamaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-026

Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) (2) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-029

Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) (2) ~ Education ~ \$17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-030

Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-031

Community Food Systems Coordinator ~ Health ~ \$19.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-032

Delivery Driver/Food Distribution Support ~ Health ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-033

Solid Waste Yard Attendant ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-034

Truancy Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ \$24.70/hr ~ Job Code: 23-037

Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-038

Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) (3) ~ Human Services ~ \$16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-040

Intake & Assessment Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-041

Watercraft Inspector (2) ~ DRM ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-042

Seasonal Invasive Species Crewmember (2) ~ DRM ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-043

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (4) (Part Time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-044

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (4) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-045

Administrative Office Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-046

Planner/Developer (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-047

For a full list of employment opportunities with LLBO please visit:

<https://www.llojibwe.org/jobs/llbojobs.html>

For a full list of employment opportunities with LL Gaming please visit:

<https://www.llgaming.com>

and click on "Career Opportunities"!

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders February Birthdays

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Katherine Sheffield

Sherry Jenkins
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Ione Wydra
Josephine Brown
Samuel Johnson Jr.
Melissa Bowstring

From the District I Office Kyle, Amanda & Janelle

District II

Lawrence Seelye
Carol Stangel

From the District II Office
Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle



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Steven Day
Roberta Decker
Diana Eason
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Sally Fineday
Sharon Finn
Wallis Humphrey
Bruce Johnson
Cheryl Johnson
Ronald Johnson
James Jones
Tara Jones
Elizabeth Kingbird

Brenda Kornezos
Pauline LaRose
Kenneth Losh
Fred Lovelace
Herbert Medina
Pamela Michaud
Timothy Moon
Michael Murphy
Tracy O'Brien
Richard Robinson
Alan Ruppelius
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