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2024 STATE OF THE BAND

Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. presents the 2024 State of the Band Address, held at the Northern Lights Event Center in Walker.

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A recap of meetings held by the LLBO Tribal Council for the period of February 27th through April 1st, 2024.

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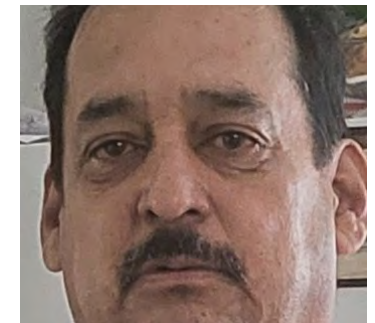
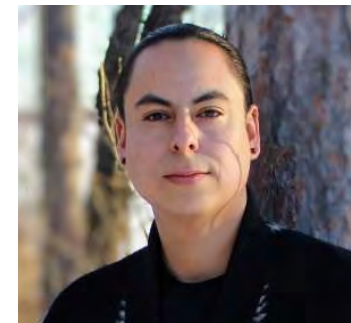
QUARTERLY MEETING

The Leech Lake Tribal Council and Division Directors recently hosted the Band's Quarterly Meeting in Onigum.

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Chairperson candidates, incumbent Faron Jackson Sr. and candidate Gerald White.



District III Representative candidates, Leon Staples Jr. and Glen "Tuffy" Fisher.

LLBO Certified Primary Election Results - April 2, 2024

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Election Board has certified the results of the 2024 Primary Election held April 2, 2024 on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Elections were held for the positions of Chairperson and District III Representative. None of the candidates received more than one-half (50%) of the total vote in their races, in accordance with the MN Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance, the two candidates with the most votes in each race will now advance to and appear on the ballot for the June 11, 2024 General Election.

For Chairperson, the top two candidates are Faron Jackson Sr. (Incumbent) with 580 votes (36.87%) and Gerald White with 297 votes (18.88%).

In the race for District III Representative, the top two candidates advancing to the General Election are Leon Staples Jr. with 270 votes (25.00%) and Glen "Tuffy" Fisher with 203 votes (18.80%).

Full results are available at: www.leechlake-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024_certified_primary_results.pdf

2024 ELECTION CALENDAR

- APR 5 Deadline for Request for Recount.
- APR 9 4:30 PM deadline for Contest of Primary of Primary Election.
- APR 10 Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
- APR 19 Deadline for Decision on Contest
- APR 22 4:30 PM Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals.
- MAY 10 Notice of General Election.
- JUN 11 General Election (Polling Places open from 8 AM until 8 PM).
- JUN 12 Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election prior to 8 PM.
- JUN 13 Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION		OFFICIAL RESULTS																				TOTAL		%			
PRIMARY ELECTION		April 2, 2024																									
		NOISE	BALL CLUB	E LAKE	BEVA	SUZANNE POINT	SMOKEY POINT	CASS LAKE	MISSION	ONIGUM	CASS POOR	OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	EMOLA	DALVIN	IN PERSON ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE										
CHAIRMAN																											
BRANDEN BOWSTRING	8	19	0	2	2	0	12	0	3	0	1	2	6	0	6	3		64	4.07%								
CALVIN HOWARD	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0		9	0.57%								
FARON JACKSON, SR. (I)	14	8	7	11	1	2	136	34	65	9	4	103	41	16	100	39		580	36.87%								
MICHAEL REYES	2	4	0	3	1	4	65	21	5	3	0	1	17	0	26	4		156	9.92%								
TAMI JACKSON	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	1		12	0.76%								
GERALD WHITE	18	49	10	20	13	10	57	16	8	1	5	24	8	19	27	12		297	18.88%								
DAWN LITZAU-STAPLES	1	4	1	3	0	1	22	8	1	1	1	0	10	0	10	5		68	4.32%								
TERRI FINN-GOGGLEE	13	20	0	21	18	3	62	23	10	9	6	5	9	3	31	7		240	15.26%								
WALTER "FRANK" REESE	4	5	0	3	1	1	38	10	17	4	5	11	19	5	11	5		139	8.84%								
RAYMOND "SKIP" LYONS	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		8	0.51%								
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DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE																											
KARI FISHERMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	5	13	1	3	2	10	0	16	0		100	9.26%								
LEON STAPLES, JR.	0	1	0	1	0	0	87	64	23	6	6	23	27	0	41	1		270	25.00%								
DELMAR JONES, III	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	5	1	1	7	11	1	17	3		80	7.41%								
JENNIE REYES	0	0	0	1	0	1	50	12	2	2	2	3	13	1	10	5		102	9.44%								
JOHN JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0		7	0.65%								
DONALD "MICK" FINN	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	10	17	6	3	13	17	4	21	10		152	14.07%								
HERSHEL OGEMA	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	1		28	2.59%								
DIANE OSCEOLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	5	1	0	2	1	0	0	1		14	1.30%								
PETER "BIG PETE" JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0		11	1.02%								
GLEN "TUFFY" FISHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	13	18	6	3	34	12	4	46	12		203	18.80%								
KYLE FAIRBANKS, SR.	1	0	0	1	0	0	33	6	4	1	2	12	3	2	12	1		78	7.22%								
JULIAN MOLASH	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	0		16	1.48%								
THOMAS BROWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1		19	1.76%								
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CERTIFICATION																											
We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Leech Lake Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Primary Election held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the Leech Lake Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.																											
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2024 State of the Band Address



The Leech Lake Honor Guard began the event with the posting of colors.

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Highlights from this year's LLBO State of the Band Address.

By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The 2024 Leech Lake State of the Band Address was delivered by Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. on Friday, March 22 at the Northern Lights Casino Event Center.

Community members were invited to the event, alongside both state, Tribal, and county officials. MN Governor Tim Walz, Lieutenant Governor Flanagan, and U.S. Senators Tina Smith, Amy Klobuchar, all greeted the crowd remotely through video. Flanagan spoke about the strong on-going relationship between Tribal Nations and the State as a resource for advancing Tribal communities.

“The best solutions for Tribal Nations—come from Tribal nations,” said Flanagan. Chairman Faron Jackson who gave the closing address thanked attendees, band members and noted that the Bands accomplishments throughout the previous year came about through the community working together.

“As we keep moving forward through the past accomplishments of the band, we always remember that one person can’t do everything...It’s very important that we stay united on the things we work



Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.



Guest Speaker Billy Mills.

on everyday. We need to look into the future and chart a new list of priorities that define our Tribal sovereignty, food sovereignty and protecting our children—the 7th generation,” said Jackson.

Gary Charwood served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and US Olympian Billy Mills



Gary Charwood performs the introductions and welcome.



Chairman Faron Jackson during the State of the Band speech.

(Ogalala Sioux Tribe) gave the keynote speech. Mills’ speech covered his 1964 win at the Tokyo Olympics and the struggles he faced throughout his life.

Mike Smith provided a blessing

and invocation for the event and the Leech Lake Honor Guard posted colors on stage.

Following the speeches, lunch was served and door prizes were given to those in attendance.

US Department of the Interior Revamps NAGPRA Regulations Strengthening Tribal Roles in the Process

Streamlined processes aim to facilitate return of sacred objects and human remains to Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations.

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The US Department of the Interior announced a final rule to revise regulations that implement the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

These regulations provide systematic processes for returning Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs).

The revised regulations streamline requirements for museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections.

“The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is an essential tool for the safe return of sacred objects to the communities from which they were stolen. Among the updates we are implementing are critical steps to strengthen the authority and role of Indigenous communities in the repatriation process,” said Secretary Deb Haaland. “Finalizing these changes is an important part of laying the groundwork for the healing of our people.”

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA, which is administered by the National Park Service, requires museums and federal agencies to identify Native American human remains, funerary items, and objects of cultural significance in their collections and collaborate with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to repatriate them.

In October 2022, the Interior Department published a proposed rule for public comment and received 181 individual submissions that yielded over 1,800 spe-



cific comments. The final regulations incorporate input from all comments, especially those from Tribes and NHOs to the maximum extent possible.

The final rule makes a number of changes, including:

- Strengthening the authority and role of Tribes and NHOs in the repatriation process by requiring deference to the Indigenous Knowledge of lineal descendants, Tribes and NHOs.
- Requiring museums and federal agencies to obtain free, prior and informed consent from lineal descendants, Tribes or NHOs before allowing any exhibition of, access to, or research on human remains or cultural items.
- Eliminating the category “culturally unidentifiable human remains” and resetting the requirements for cultural affiliation to better align the regulations with congressional intent.
- Increasing transparency and reporting of holdings or collections and shedding light on collections currently unreported under the existing regulation.
- Requiring museums and federal agencies to consult and update inventories of human remains and associated funerary objects within five years of this final rule.

The final rule will be published in the Federal Register. Visit the National NAGPRA website for more information.

RBC BRIEFS • April 2024



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.

Two meetings were held within the last reporting month, February 27 to April 1. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on lechlakenews.com under “Videos.” Official meeting minutes can also be found on lechlakenews.com under “LL Tribal Council” and “Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.”

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. **March 12, 2024** A briefing & meeting was held in

the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- **Secretary Treasurer Lenny Fineday** – Announced the official suspension of Resolution 2024-46 for community development initiatives until public meetings can be held regarding the initiatives.
- **Jackie Wright and Rebecca McConkey-Green, Tribal courts** – Presented a contract for additional Tribal court staff, and official recommendations for the judicial selection committee that selected Rebecca McConkey-Green as Chief judge. McConkey-Green will officially be sworn in at the April Quarterly meeting.

2. **March 14, 2024** A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:

- A majority of the meeting revolved around continuation and official approvals of agenda items presented March 12.

Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging Increases Support Services for Native Elders Across State

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – Changes are coming to the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging to improve services for Native American elders across the state.

According to a release, starting in July, the agency’s planning and service areas will change to better serve Native American elders in 10 of the 11 tribal nations that reside in the state.

The reorganized Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging will support the development of culturally significant and appropriate resources for elders, with services administered and run by tribal gov-

ernments, the release said.

The result will be more and better services and programs for tribal elders. The new resources will help close the wide disparities for Native American elders in all areas of aging needs, particularly in-home and social services.

Administration of the reorganized Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging will be housed at Red Lake Nation’s Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog (Uplifting Our Relatives), formerly Red Lake Family and Children Services, and will begin operations in January 2025.

Established by the Minnesota Board on Aging in 1980, the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on

Aging was originally administered by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and served the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the White Earth Nation.

The reorganized agency will continue to serve the original four tribal communities, as well as the Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Nation, Upper Sioux Community and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The Minnesota Board on Aging is federally designated to administer Older Americans Act funds in Minnesota. The board designates Area Agencies on Aging, regional organizations that fund local service providers to connect older adults and their families to services, support and information.

Services include nutrition, caregiver support, health promotion, homemaker and transportation that help older adults live well and age well. Minnesota has seven Area Agencies on Aging that connect older Minnesotans to the community support they need as they age.

Chairman's Report



**CHAIRMAN
FARON JACKSON SR.**

Governmental Activities Chairman's Summary

Monthly Report

Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council is moving forward on a solid agenda with Leech Lake priorities before the U.S. Congress. Here are some of the highlights from the 2024 Leech Lake State of the Band Address at the Northern Lights Casino Convention Center. As we continue to move forward, here is some of the news being reported to the great Leech Lake Nation.

Leech Lake 2024 State of the Band Address – On March 22, 2024 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe had their annually 2024 State of the Band Address. The event had over 800 folks that attended or stopped by to visit the many booths. The Leech Lake Honor Guard had posted colors. Opening ceremonies had a prayer by Michael Smith, Sr. and assisting was Michael Smith, Jr. The drum ceremony song was by Ojibwe Nation. The 2024 SOTB had royalty dancers from Walker, Cass Lake, Deer River, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Schools, and from the great Leech Lake Nation. The special guest speaker was Billy Mills, who won a gold medal in the 10,000-meter run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. The master of ceremonies was Gary Charwood from S. Lake.

Featured elected leaders by video—Minnesota Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan had spoken of Chairman Jackson's lead-



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

ership and dedication in serving Leech Lake. Minnesota Senator Smith and Senator Klobuchar had talked about Leech Lake, supporting the renovations of the Ahn-Ji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center, and working with the RBC members and Chairman Jackson, Sr. on the LLBO Reservation Restoration Act S. 616. This U.S. Senate bill will provide an additional 4,362 acres that had been part of the illegal secretarial land transfers in the Chippewa National Forest.

A highlighted subject has been the Chairman's Economic Stimulus Package. We will need support from the RBC Tribal Council members. The Economic Stimulus Package in the amount of \$1,500 dollars for Adults and \$500 dollars for people under 18 years of age to be transferred into their trust accounts. This must be the first action out of the newly created \$40 million Tribal Reserve Fund. These reserve funds should directly support the Leech Lake People. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, "In a very difficult time in our history, we had a major pandemic that caused Leech Lake a lot of pain and suffering. I have heard your concerns loud and clear about high inflation, the outrageous cost of groceries, price gouging with propane heat, still dealing with the fallout of covid-19 funeral costs and medical bills, and seeking employment because the business you worked at closed the doors during the pandemic."

In 2023, Governor Walz had a Capitol Bonding Bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature for Wellness Centers to be located in Ball Club,

Kego Lake, and Cass Lake. The Leech Lake Band members had public meetings and intense discussions on the size and cost of these Wellness Centers. Governor Walz had sought bonding in the amount of \$24 million to build three Wellness Centers, one for each district. We are in the second year of the Governor's bonding bill and the clock is ticking. In the next thirty days, we will have a basic plan on the cost, square footage of each Wellness Center, and a general sense of other details that relate to the programs and services. In discussions with Indian Health Services administration, we can have third party billing for rehabilitation services with the Wellness Centers in creating self-sufficiency.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had proposed and the MCT had passed Resolution 32-15 in counting all Chippewa or Ojibwe blood for the Leech Lake's enrollment criteria. Keeping in mind, this is a starting point and not the end game in addressing enrollment. This process will run in tandem with the MCT Constitution Delegation Committee. It will allow the MCT Delegation Committee members time to revise the constitution and overhaul outdated practices and policies, such as the current enrollment criteria. As we have said over and over, the Leech Lake Nation is a sovereign and independent Nation that exercised those rights before a treaty(s) was ever signed or the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe existed.

Leech Lake Healing and Recovery Programs at home —



via CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

The Leech Lake Ahn Ji Be Ma Diz Recovery Center had finally opened the Zoongi-Ide Ikwewaage (Strong-hearted women), the Women's Inpatient Healing and Recovery Program opened on February 5, 2024. We need to take an aggressive approach in developing the full spectrum of healing and recovery programs, and services that will allow our people to stay home and recover with their families. This will take the community's support and continued understanding with love and respect for our loved ones. A Chii-Mii-Gwetch to the Ahn Ji Be Mah Diz employees for their hard work and dedication.

Update on Leech Lake's Lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies — In 2017, Leech Lake had been one of the first Tribes to sue a group of opioid manufacturers and distributors, alleging that the companies are responsible for high levels of addiction and overdose deaths of Leech Lake members. In August of 2023, Leech Lake had received news that four defendants and one pharmaceutical company had reached a settlement. Leech Lake will receive \$3.6 million in compensation. The present \$3.6 million settlement will be strictly for substance use disorders (SUD).

Update on I.H.S. drive-thru pharmacy and orthodontics pilot projects — On March 13, 2024 Andrew Lankowicz, I.H.S. CEO had submitted a report. The new drive thru pharmacy project has been in development as requested by the Leech Lake Chairman for easier access for our elders, veterans, and disabled members picking up their prescriptions. The orthodontics pilot program initiated at the request of the Leech Lake Tribal Chairman was launched in October of 2023 with the allocation of \$250,000 dollars to service patients under the age of 18 meeting medical necessity for braces. Chairman Jackson, Sr. and RBC

Tribal Council had aggressively lobbied for these expansion projects and improved health care for the Leech Lake Tribal members.

Governor Walz and Minnesota Legislature had passed historical funding for projects and programs at Leech Lake — A brief summary of the funding in the 2023 session: \$24 million for three Wellness Centers, \$35 million per year in Tribal Nations aid for the 11 Tribal Nations, \$3 million for Tribal College Supplement Assistance Grants, \$6.3 million to fund the old Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program, \$439,188 dollars for Public Safety needs, \$400,000 dollars to explore and develop a business model for the Red Cedar Assisted Living Center, and \$1 million in grants are available for the Tribal Mobile Crisis Response team.

The closing remarks for the 2024 State of the Band Address — In fairness, we had many more successes not outlined here and countless hard-fought battles that didn't bare any fruit but we got up and dusted ourselves off and regrouped for the next day's priorities. Past and present leaders and employees had an idea on how we make our Tribal Nation the best it can be, by "Moving Forward" and maintaining a positive outlook in the challenges that faced all of us. The RBC Chairman is extending a Chii-Mii-Gwetch to all of the government and gaming employees for their hard work, commitment, and the people for attending the 2024 State of the Band Address.

Safety note, please check your area for high fire alerts before burning leaves or the dry grass in the yard. In keeping our elders safe, please keep walk ways and common walking areas free from toys and other objects. Please check fire detector batteries for proper use. Please be safe and take care!

Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report



**SECRETARY / TREASURER
LEONARD FINEDAY**

**Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer's Summary
Monthly Report**

Greetings Leech Lake Band members! It is my honor to once again provide a monthly update on the Secretary/Treasurer's activities for the month of March, 2024. This report includes a financial update for second quarter of FY24.

**FY24 QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

This quarterly update will cover revenue and expenditures for the six month period from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 pursuant to the FY2024 Budget. I will cover General Fund, Special Revenue and Indirect Cost Pool expenditures.

For the first and second quarters of FY24, the total revenue for the General Fund was \$15,580,217, reflecting an increase of \$283,209 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 1.9%. Total General Fund expenditures for the period were \$16,472,497, reflecting a \$2,360,638 decrease over the same period last year, for a year over year decrease in General Fund expenditures of 12.5%.

For the first and second quarters of FY24, the total revenue for the Special Revenue Fund was \$41,799,075, reflecting an increase of \$14,209,488 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 51.5%. Total Special Revenue Fund expenditures for the period were \$42,654,903, reflecting a decrease of \$5,449,557 over the same period last year, for a year



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Leech Lake RBC and staff met with Katrina Kessler, Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other Agency staff on March 18, 2024 in the RBC Chambers. Discussion centered around the new sulfate standards that aim to protect Minnesota's wild rice beds.

over year decrease in Special Revenue expenditures of 11.3%.

For the first and second quarters of FY24, the total revenue for the Indirect Cost Pool was \$6,936,232, reflecting an increase of \$249,021, for a year over year increase of 3.7% for the same period last year. Total Indirect Cost Pool expenditures for the same period were \$7,516,266, reflecting an increase of \$208,235 over the same period last year, for a year over year increase of 2.8% in Indirect Cost Pool expenditures

GENERAL FINANCE UPDATE

As noted last month, community and public input meetings were held at the end of February and beginning of March for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. These meetings were very well attended and good discussion and input was obtained. Additional funding will be provided for powwow ground renovations, and specific youth activities programming is being developed and will be fully funded. The budget is scheduled for final adoption and approval at the April quarterly meeting, on time and as contemplated by the Budget Ordinance.

The Finance team continues to diligently work with our auditors at REDW for completion of our FY22 audit. Work is progressing and we hope to be finished with this audit soon.

We are finalizing revisions to the Budget Ordinance, which will include provisions for additional public input into the budget process, as well as requiring public input and disclosure before certain expenditures are made. These revisions to the Ordinance will also be put out for public comment before adoption by the RBC.

We are also working on guidelines and procedures for public input and planning regarding the Reserve Fund that the RBC created in January 2024. These guidelines and procedures will be put out for public comment soon as well. Please continue to watch for further updates.

In the meantime, I want to assure all Band members that expenditure of these Reserve Funds will not be authorized or approved until such time as these guidelines and procedures are in place and public comment is obtained.

Cannabis Update

The Cannabis Regulatory Board has promulgated its first round of regulations for the cannabis industry on Leech Lake. The RBC has appointed the Leech Lake Cannabis Company Board of Directors after an open interviewing process, and the board is in the process of developing proposed business plans. Once these plans are further developed, we will hold a community

meeting to provide further updates and gather input.

We are behind where we wanted to be at this point in planning, as I reported last month that we wanted to hold the community meeting in March. This is a new area for Leech Lake from a jurisdiction and regulatory standpoint and we want to make sure that things are accomplished appropriately. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

On March 18, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with the Leech Lake Youth Council to hear their concerns regarding Leech Lake entering the Cannabis industry. A very good discussion was had and we were very happy for the opportunity to listen to and talk with our youth on this important topic. Further follow up conversations will take place.

FEDERAL UPDATE

On behalf of Leech Lake, other staff and I staff were able to attend the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week in Washington, DC March 6-8. We were able to meet with the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the early teal (duck) hunting season in Minnesota in order to ensure protection of our wild rice beds. We also met with Environmental Protection Agency leaders regarding the efforts to clean up the Superfund site in Cass

Lake. Both meetings addressed ongoing issues and we continue to follow up to protect Leech Lake's lands and resources.

We also had productive meetings with Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar, who both pledged their continuing support for Leech Lake on the issues discussed above, as well as to work with Leech Lake on Congressional Directed Spending. We are working with the Senators to obtain funding for our planned Medical Detox Facility. Both Senators also committed to support our amendment to the Restoration Act. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee is scheduled to mark up the bill in April 2024.

Leech Lake leaders and staff have continued to diligently work with federal stakeholders on the implementation of the Restoration Act, which will restore more than 11,000 acres of land back to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. A ceremony officially transferring the land back to Leech Lake is scheduled for late in May at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. Please watch for continued updates on this important matter.

**STATE CONSULTATION
UPDATE**

On March 18, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for annual consultation. We discussed a number of issues, but focused on the impaired waters list and the new sulfate regulations that protect wild rice beds in Minnesota. Within hours of our consultation, these regulations were challenged by US Steel in the Minnesota Court of Appeals; Leech Lake and other tribes will participate in the litigation to advocate in support of these regulations that protect our wild rice.

On March 25, 2024, Leech Lake leaders met with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for annual consultation. This discussion focused on a legislative proposal to streamline permitting regulations. We expressed our concerns regarding specific provisions, namely that we want to require applicants to coordinate with impacted tribal governments and to ensure the PUC's continues to be mandated to comply with the State Historic Preservation Officer's findings (and, by extension, Tribal...

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, April Quarterly Meeting

The Band recently held its Quarterly Meeting on April 5, the meeting was held at the Onigum Community Center and broadcasted to Band Members online via livestream.

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting in person Friday, April 5, at the Onigum community center.

“We can’t continue to deny our children – their blood inherited rights because they’re not in the MCT....that’s not the way I’d like to see things continue,” said Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. while addressing ongoing community discussions regarding enrollment numbers, and highlight the work of the MCT constitution reform committee.

Jackson gave the events opening remarks and delivered the Chairman’s report. Highlights from the Chairman’s report include ; A look back at the State of the Band, a breakdown of the proposed Leech Lake stimulus package, a proposed increase for elder payments, and announcement of the official ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the successful secretarial Land transfer on May 29.

Secretary-Treasurer, Lenny Fineday, followed the Chairman by giving a report on the financial data from government operations. A meeting regarding gaming operations financials will be held April 18, 2024, an active Tribal ID will be required for entry. The Band is continuing to review best methods to privately distribute gaming financial information to Band Members, information will be shared once a decision has been reached. Contact your district representative if you have questions, comments or concerns about the change regarding gaming financials.

A number of enrollment resolutions were passed at the meeting. These resolutions included new



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The swearing in of Chief Judge Rebecca McConkey-Green at the quarterly meeting in Onigum, MN, April 5, 2024.

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, as well as the official swearing in of Chief Judge Rebecca McConkey-Green.

For those who were unable to attend in person, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo and Facebook page. Full copies of the Chairmans and Secretary Treasurers reports can be found in the February print of the DeBahJimon newspaper.

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 July 2024.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Duluth Office

- The Duluth office Held 3 LIC meetings within the last

reporting period.

- The Duluth office held their annual Winter Gathering on February 4, 2024.
- The Duluth office held the LLBO Budget Hearing on March 6, 2024.

Twin Cities Office

- A number of health and safety issues around the office building are noted for repair/updates.
- The TC office held two expungement clinics on January 17, 2024 and February 21, 2024.
- The TC office offered a sewing class February 7, 2024 to help community members prepare for Powwow season.
- The TC office hosted the Metro Area School Tribal Consults for Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC) during a 3 day period of February 26 - February 28,

2024.

- TC office collaborated with AIM medicine healing project to host a painting night with Jackie Bird.
- The TC office held the LLBO budget meeting, March 8, 2024.

Human Resources

- HR division has begun revising the general administration personal policies (GAPP)
- Employees are now receiving certificates of appreciations for years of service at LLBO for 1st year completed, 5 years, and every 5 years after
- LLBO employment openings are now on *Indeed.com*

Behavioral Health

- As of March 27, 2024 LLBH has contacted and provided services to community members in need who were previously on the waitlist.
- Reiki 1 classes were taught in both January and March of this year, a Reiki 2 course is planned for October 2024.
- The American Indian Mental Health conference will be held June 3 and 4 at Northern Lights. This years theme is “The Wisdom inside of Us”
- Monthly in-person “Caring Partners” meetings have resumed at the IHS conference room.
- The LLBH Crisis Response Team is beginning monthly meetings with Cass County and Northern Pines to collaborate for crisis service efforts in the area.

Education

- The education division is continuing work to launch the Leech Lake Leadership program.
- The post-secondary education program has awarded 201 student awards this previous reporting period. The post secondary program has also increased student scholarship funding. 4 year students will see an increase of \$5k per year, and Graduate students will receive \$10K per year, and PHD students will receive \$12k per year.
- The employment fair was held March 20, 2024, 119 students were registered and 38 community members who had contact with universities, employers, agencies, and military.

Public Safety

- The ASPCA granted \$22,100 to outfit the mobile veteri-

nary clinic.

- The COPS Tribal Resource Equipment awarded LLBO 1 million, which will fund 3 full time crime victim advocates.
- Public Safety staff is continuing to meet bi-weekly with other LLBO divisions to address fentanyl overdoses within the community.
- Narcotic Investigators provided education awareness at CLB highschool.
- Two community wellness recovery navigators have been brought on staff. Navigators currently have 169 documented contacts, and handed out 73 boxes of nasal Narcan, 169 IM kits, and 38 fentanyl/xylazine test strips.
- Housing
- Housing inspections conducted 337 unit inspections for substandard conditions in the LLHA stock.
- The Modernization Department renovated 15 vacant homes and renovated 22 occupied units with health and safety updates during the reporting period.

Tribal Development

- The broadband committee continues to meet weekly to address two areas of the grant project
- Sugar Point community center will be undergoing kitchen renovations and a cemetery expansion.
- The Bena Shelter was granted \$3.6 million dollars.

DRM

- Progress is being made on addressing the PFAS issue at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school, new wells have been put in place and infrastructure for plumbing for the new wells is currently being worked on.
- Work continues to assess Superfund sites OU7 and OU9 both on a Tribal and Federal level.
- Work continues on the Cass Lake Redevelopment plan, Tribal staff is attending joint meetings alongside City of Cass Lake staff, LL financial, Region 5 development, Blandin Foundation and Cass Lake Housing.
- DRM is working to update the fish consumption advisory for Tribal Members. This new update will include PFAS advisories, along with Mercury, and Superfund Site contaminants.
- DRM is developing and updating sugar bush camps in both Mission and S Lake.

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...Historic Preservation Officers' findings as well). The PUC committed to working with Leech Lake on these concerns.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On March 26 and 27, 2024, respectively, Leech Lake's tax exemption bill was heard in the Senate Tax

Committee and the House Property Tax Division. We offered testimony at both hearings. The bill seeks a property tax exemption for the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office. Since 2019, when we purchased the building, Leech Lake has annually paid tens of thousands of dollars in local property taxes. Because the services we offer at the building are governmental in nature (rather than commercial), we should be exempt from these taxes. This legislation will

accomplish this goal.

Leech Lake is also working with the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association to advance tribally-exclusive sports betting legislation and prevent illegal gaming expansion at Minnesota's racetracks.

In addition to these items, Leech Lake is closely working with the MNDNR and legislators on a proposal to return state school trust lakeshore land on Lake Winnie. I will continue to keep you apprised of

progress on these matters.

TRIBAL STATE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

On March 27, 2024, due to weather, the first meeting of the Tribal State Partnership was held virtually via zoom. It was a good meeting and a fresh start for decision makers in the tribal, state and county child protection arena. This partnership includes tribal leaders, tribal judges, attorneys and social workers, county judges

and social workers, Statewide stakeholders and others, coming together to address the disparities in our child protection system as it relates to indigenous children. Future in-person meetings will be held on a regular basis as the work continues.

In closing, I wish to thank the Leech Lake people for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Please reach out to me any time with any questions or concerns. *Miigwech!*



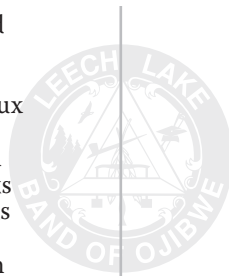
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District III Elder Birthdays

- Robert Aitken
- Mark Allen
- Kerry Anderson
- Ramona Anderson
- Sheryl Babineau
- Lani Birt
- Leonard Budreau
- Dorothea Cloud

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

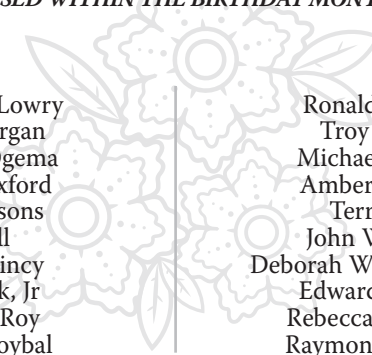
- Muriel Crawford
- Calvin Day
- Paul Day
- Norma Ducheneaux
- Ramona Dunn
- Audrey Emineth
- Cynthia Fairbanks
- Deanna Fairbanks
- Karen Fineday
- Linda Fisherman
- Marti French
- Gordon Geving
- Emma Graham



- Lawrence Hardy
- Donnie Harrison
- Susan Headbird
- Patrick Jackson
- Darrell Johnson
- Orville Johnson
- Roberta Johnson
- Pauline Johnson
- Thomas Jones
- Bernadine Kangas
- Patricia Laudenback
- Douglas Liila
- Kathleen Lindahl

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

- Genevieve Lowry
- Clyde Morgan
- Herschel Ogema
- Yolanda Oxford
- Carol Parsons
- Bill Pell
- David Quincy
- John Rock, Jr
- Marcella Roy
- Carmen Roybal

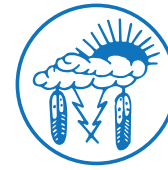


- Ronald Russell
- Troy Smith
- Michael Staples
- Amberly Tesch
- Terri Veo
- John Whipple
- Deborah White-Huesers
- Edward Wilson
- Rebecca Windom
- Raymond Wittner



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▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Student Council recently had a fundraiser for the Round Dance which they are sponsoring at the school on March 22. Their Fry Bread Taco Sale at the Facility Center netted a profit of a little over \$1,000. Miigwech to all who helped.



▲ Students at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School had an exciting first week of March! In celebration of national "I Love to Read Week," classes were given kits of activities put together by Media Specialist, Laurie Jo Villwock, and Secretary Sheryl Wilson. Each of the 15 kits contained a variety of paper puzzles, writing prompts, a Dr. Seuss book, and art options for teachers to use. Classes also participated in Dress up days, "Drop Everything and Read," and had a hunt for Dr. Seuss characters in the hall.



▲ The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Student Council sponsored their 2nd Annual Round Dance in March. The event was a huge success with many singers, games and prizes. The Student Council fundraisers brought in enough profits to fund the Round Dance.



▲ Seasonal Activities classes at Bug O Nay Ge Shig finished a unit on storytelling by telling a legend to one of the elementary classes.

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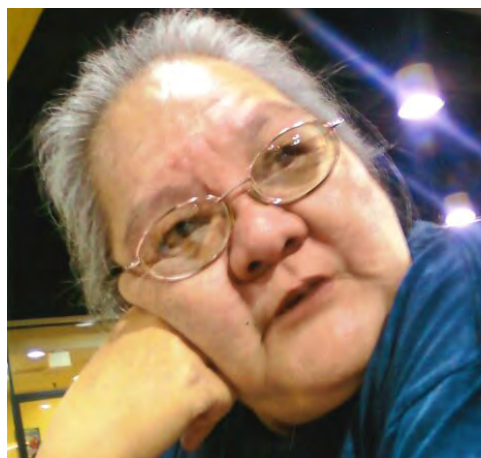
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Obituaries

Annette "Squashy" Cloud



Annette "Squashy" Cloud, Basatinaa Ikwe" Ameaning "Woman of the Valley," age 70, of the Pine Martin Clan and Cass Lake, MN, received her final wish of making her journey to the spirit world from home, surrounded by loving family members, Amie, Jen, Charlie, Nettie, Georgie, and Corey, on Thursday, March 28, 2024. She was born on June 20, 1953, the daughter of Mary (Burnette) and John Cloud in Cass Lake.

Annette enjoyed playing bingo and slots, watching her "Soaps" on tv, going to pow wows, solving puzzle books and crossword puzzles. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and being at home. Annette looked forward to her daily conversations with Jan and talking on the phone. She liked driving her side by side that she won from Cedar Lakes. She always had time for her drinkin' buddies, cruisin' backroads, and listening to "Willy's Roadhouse." Annette will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those greeting Annette in the spirit world are her parents, Mary and John; special son, Steve Whitefeather; brother, Allen Cloud; infant twin siblings; sister-in-law, Josie Whitefeather; niece, Traci Cloud; numerous uncles; good friend, Rosie Reed; and her cockatiel, Roy.

Family that Annette leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are sons, Elliot Whipple, Aaron "BJ" Jones, James "Pudge" Jones, James Jones, Jr.; special son, Tim Whitefeather; daughters, Jen Cloud, Amie Cloud, September "Seppy" Jones; special daughter, Natasha Smith; brother, Spencer Whitefeather; sisters, Alice, Amanda, and Anita Cloud; close nephews, Stevie Frazer, Jr., Brock Frazer, Pete Cloud, Seneca Whitefeather, Eric Whitefeather; nieces, Victoria Whitefeather, Crystal Cloud; close grandchildren, Kayl, Aaron Jr., LaKota, Charlie, LaNette, BrooklynStar, Mariana, Ogichidaa "Itchy", Georgie, Raelynn; great-grandchildren,

Christopher, Phoenix "Baby Chimook", WaaSeyaa, and Seven; and dog, Blackie.

A two-night wake for Annette will begin on Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and continue until her traditional service on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, all to be held at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake, MN. Annette's Spiritual Advisor is Mike Dahl. Those helping to lay Annette to rest are Stevie Frazer, Jr., Brock Frazer, Timmy Whitefeather, Spencer Whitefeather, Seneca Whitefeather, and James Jones, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Jan Cloud, Verna Lucio, Archie LaRose, Mindy Jones, Sugah Shane Burnette, Terry Burnette, Sharyl Washington, LCPL Aaron Jones, DaVita Staff, Sanford ICU and 3rd Floor Staff. Interment will be in the Cloud Family Cemetery, Oak Point RD, Cass Lake.

Annette'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.

Cedar Ryan



Cedar Zaagiidiwin Blue Ryan, age 3, of the Bear Clan and Bemidji, MN, journeyed to the spirit world after brave and courageous battle with cancer, on Monday, April 1st, 2024, surrounded by family at home. She was born on November 3, 2020, the daughter of Josie Ruan and Wendell Blue. Cedar was given 4 special native names, all that fit her perfectly. Ninigoons, meaning "little otter", Mizhakwaad, "clear sky", Gaage-bines, "healing bird", and Mindimooyenh "old lady."

Cedar was a covid era baby, she spent a lot of time in the house, and enjoyed being a homebody. Cedar was raised by 3 loving women, her mom, Josie, grandmother, Joelyn Greenleaf, and auntie April Greenleaf. She was their sour patch baby that loved her stuffed animals, cooking in her play kitchen, and watching her favorite movies, "Encanto" and "Moana". Cedar liked listening to music,

especially "Ice Cube", old school 90's, and R&B Hip Hop. Cedar loved her grandmother more than anything else, they had a bond that was inseparable. She was a brave and determined little girl who will be forever missed by all who loved her.

Those greeting Cedar in the spirit world are her dad, Wendell Blue; and grandmother, Iris Fields.

Those Cedar leaves behind to forever cherish her loving memory are her mom, Josie Ryan; grandmother, Joelyn Greenleaf; auntie, April Greenleaf; sisters, Rose Mitchell, Lumiya Ryan, Marlen and Jolene Blue, Shalicia Geionety, Lynelle Charnoski, and Deaycia Whiteyes; brothers, Sincere White, Rodney Blue, Landon Charnoski, and Kolton White; and grandfather, James Charles Ryan, Sr.

An overnight wake for Cedar will begin on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until her traditional service on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., all held at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Cedar's Spiritual Advisor is Zac Early. Those helping to lay Cedar to rest are Doral Pryor, Sam "Shine" Staples, Darrin Wakonabo, and James Ryan, Jr. Cedar's honorary pallbearers are Damario Greenleaf, Peter Greenleaf, James "Jun-Jun" Ryan III, Octaviyon Hoffman, Mara Nichols, Shirleen Blue, Alvina Robinson, Chrissy Iceman, Christy Conn, Chantell Fairbanks, and Natasha Kingbird. Interment will be in Ryan's Village Cemetery in Bena, MN.

The family would like to thank the Sanford Hospice Staff for the loving care they provided for Cedar and the entire family!

Cedar'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.

Delores Fineday



Delores Benais Fineday "Muckoonz" (Baby Bear), age 78, died on Monday, March 11, 2024 at her home in Pennington. She was born on May 22, 1945 in Redby, Minnesota to Albert Benais Sr and Sally Gibbs. On September 14, 1964, she married James Fineday in Bemidji, Minnesota. They lived in Cass River, Minnesota.

She liked puzzles, movies, rides in woods, TV, scenery, Christmas lights, word find puzzle books, collecting jewelry, thrift shops, picking veggies, berry picking, cookies, bak-

ing and fry bread!

Delores is survived by daughters Jacqueline Charwood of Cass River MN, Deborah Fisher (Brian White Sr) of Cass Lake MN, Samantha Fineday of Bemidji MN; son Myron Fineday of Cass River MN; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters Jean Benais, Shirley Benais and Karen Benais, all of Red Lake MN; brother, Peter Benais of Redby and special nieces: Tina Roybal, Lisa Lyons and Shannon Lussier.

She was preceded in death by her mother Sally Gibbs; father Albert Benais Sr; husband James; two daughters, Janice and Patti; two sons, Greg and James; brothers Oliver "Jimmy" Gibbs and Myron Gibbs; sisters Annie Fineday, Angeline Cutbank, June Lussier and granddaughter Meranda Fineday.

The wake will begin on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM and continue until the service on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Pennington Community Center with Jeff Oakgrove officiating. Active Casketbearers will be Brandin Fineday, David J. Fineday, Matthew Bryan, Robert Fisher, Gerald Hurd Jr, Frank Sam, James Lussier, Hector Torrez, Andrew Fineday Tyler Fineday and George Fineday Jr. Honorary Casketbearers will be all grandchildren, family and friends. Burial will be at the Fineday Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, Minnesota.

Gayle Downwind



Gayle Elizabeth Downwind, "Mikkinok Gikwe" meaning "Turtle Woman", age 72, journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, surrounded by family in Minneapolis, MN. She was born on December 12, 1951, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Barbara Wilson.

Gayle was a loving and caring mother, who opened her loving heart to many. She loved animals and was also opening her home to rescues. Gayle sang and danced at pow wows, she traveled the pow wow trail all over the United States for many years and enjoyed every part of it. She made regalia for her grandkids, who she was very proud of. Gayle had a true passion for teaching and sharing cultural and traditional native ways. She retired from Red Lake School District where she taught many students and loved

her job. Above all else she loved spending time with her family! She liked beading and sewing, cooking and baking and made the best frybread. She enjoyed gardening, both vegetable and flowers, canning, freezing, and making jerky were some of her many skills.

Those greeting Gayle in the spirit world are her husband, Leo Downwind; mom, Barbara Wilson; grandparents, Elizabeth and John Wilson; and loving pug, Bella.

Those Gayle leaves behind to forever cherish her memory are her sons, Larry Briggs and Sky Grant; daughters, Shawn Brunelle, Julie Mandler, Lee Ann Grant; brother, Rory Snetsinger; sister, Valerie Larsen; special daughters, Erika Falcon and Danielle Finley; 16 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; multiple cousins; and loving cat, Kitty.

A two-night wake for Gayle will begin at 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 24, 2024, and continue until her traditional service at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024, all to be held at the Old Red Lake Community Center in Red Lake, MN. Gayle's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Gayle to rest are Rory Snetsinger, Chris Snetsinger, Calvin Stately, Isaac Treuer, Alvie Downwind, Gordon Sayers, Dimitrius Harris, and Leo Cook. Honorary pallbearers are Sheldon Cook, Marissa Graves, Shelly Barton, George "Donny" Spears, Alex Snetsinger, Charlene New, Brianna Sumner, Phylcia Sumner, and all of Gayle's Grandchildren. Interment will be in the Family Burial Grounds in Redby, MN. Gayle'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.

Gordon "Dee-Dee" Dunn, Sr.



Gordon "Dee-Dee" Lee Dunn, Sr., "Adikdokadikawag" of the Bear Clan and Bena, MN, age 45, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, from Bena. He was born on April 30, 1978, in Cass Lake, the son of Beatrice Dunn and Gordon Wayne Harrison.

Dee-Dee enjoyed being outside in nature, walking in the woods, ricing, bough picking, and riding around. He liked tattooing, wood burning, beading, drawing, listening to music, cutting hair, going to the casino, and drinking. Dee-Dee had a great sense of humor and was always joking. He loved his kids and grand-

kids and promised them the world! Dee-Dee was the coolest-always coming through for his kids and friends. He always appreciated family gatherings and get-togethers. Dee-Dee will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Greeting Dee-Dee in the spirit world are his son, Jordan Smith-Dunn, Sr.; grandparents, Richard Dunn, Cornelia Beaudreau, and Henry Harrison; aunties, Cheryl Dunn and Debbie Fairbanks; niece, Adeline Bowstring; grandson, Jordan Smith-Dunn, Jr.; special friend, Toni Smith; and best friend, Duane Jenkins.

Those Dee-Dee leaves behind to forever cherish his loving memory are his parents, Bea Dunn and Gordon Wayne Harrison; sons, Isaiah, Exander, Sapties, and Gordon Lee Dunn, Jr.; daughters, Larissa (Doug), Candace, Isabel, Edina (Joe), and Erika Dunn; brothers, Brad and Patrick Dunn; sisters, Nicole Dunn, Samantha Bowstring, and Sloane (Jess) Headbird; grandchildren, Tavian Barney, Chase "CJ" Keezer, Kaizen Burkholder, Leilani Keezer and Aricin Butcher on the way; grandma, Veda Harrison; mothers of his children, Jackie Sherman, Lana Bellanger, and Rokelle Cloud; numerous other family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Dee-Dee will begin on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until his traditional service on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., all to be held at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake. Dee-Dee's Spiritual Advisor is Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Dee-Dee to rest are Shane Dunn, Sheldon Brown, Mike Harrison, Kyle Dunn, Derek Fairbanks, Ben White, Dennis Harrison, and Kenny Harrison with alternate Tuffy Fisher. Honorary pallbearers are all Dee-Dee's family and special friends. Interment will be in the Morgan Cemetery in Oak Point/Cass Lake, MN.

Dee-Dee'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.

Hazel Nordmarken



Hazel Angeline Nordmarken, age 88, of Walker, MN passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo with her loving family by her side.

Hazel was born in Onigum on Saturday, January 18, 1936, the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Gould) Reese. She grew up in the

Onigum area until moving with her family to south Minneapolis. She would spend some of her time there until moving back to Onigum where she would continue to raise her own family. Hazel always fought for and protected her family. She was a true matriarch not only to her children, but also her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Hazel liked gambling, going out to eat, playing bingo and going to pow-wows where she loved to participate in food tasting. Unofficially she was an official fry bread inspector. During the earlier years Hazel and her husband loved to bowl and they collected many trophies over their time. Hazel's quite smile filled with silent laughter will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

The family that Hazel joins again is an infant son, husband; Charles Nordmarken, daughters; Kari Nordmarken and Kim Brown, sons; Robert Brown and Walter Brown, grandchildren; Jessie, Donna and Corey, sisters; Jerry Wilson and Elizabeth Reese, brother; Sam Reese, Sr., other family, and friends.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her children; Krisi and Jay, thirteen grandchildren; Jordan, Jasmine, Justin, Neri, Tyler, Jay, Jr., Isaiah, Jae Marie, Roxi, Bob, Jr., Brandon, Michelle, and T.J., numerous great grandchildren, one brother; Frank (Linda) Reese.

A private family wake will be held at Northern Peace Funeral Home from 8:30 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. service held at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker, MN, on Monday, April 1, 2024. Pallbearers helping to lay Hazel to rest are Justin Nordmarken, Isaiah Nordmarken, T.J. Brown, Arecio Brown, Angelo Reese, and Jordan Belcourt. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Hazel's grand, great grand, and great-great grandchildren. Interment will be held at Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum following the service. Lunch will be held at the Onigum Community Center following burial at the cemetery.

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

Lawrence Hart, Sr.



Lawrence Hart, Sr., known as "Larry" or "Boy" by many, age 62, journeyed to the spirit world unexpectedly from his home on

Friday, March 15, 2024, in Cass Lake, MN. He was born on March 30, 1961, in Cass Lake, the son of Dorothy (Evans) and Melvin Rogers.

Boy enjoyed going to the casino, playing pool, and listening to country music. He loved Alisha's frybread, spending time with his kids and grandkids. Boy was always watching the News or Old Western's. He liked hunting, ricing, bough picking, and riding around the backroads with his girls. Boy never missed his happy hour dates with his favorite gals, Shannon and Patsy. He was a cannabis connoisseur and loved beer. Boy will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

Boy is greeted in the spirit world by his parents, Dorothy and Melvin; son, Lawrence Hart, Jr.; sisters, Eunice, Inez, and Kathy Hart, Carol White, Melvina Rogers, Veronica Thomas; brothers, Freddy and Roddy Stone, Arlen Hart; Godson, Richard Budreau; granddaughters, Roselyne Stewart and Ce'Liina Hart; and 2 baby boy Hart grandsons.

Those Boy leaves behind to forever cherish his memory are his wife, Nancy Hart; sons, Alex (Bonita), Casey, and Jason (Kayla) Hart; daughters, Jessica (Dylan) Morlan, Lorreena and Alisha Hart; daughter-in-law, Amanda Lussier; sister, Marcy Hart; 19 grandchildren, Alijah, Lawrence III, Payton, Amarianna, Amadeo, Cedric, Tony, special granddaughter/aka "his baby" Marcena, Da'Shawn, Aiyanna, Chayton, Nindaanis, Rilah, Cii'Reena, Kelsi, Amariah, Cory, Kyrie, and Julian.

A two-night combined wake for brother and sister, Boy and Inez will begin on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and continue until his traditional service Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all to be held at the White Earth Family Center/"Old Legion" in Cass Lake. Pastor Mark Pesky will officiate. Boy's Spiritual Advisor is Melvin Goodman. Special music by the Hare Boys Drum Group. Those helping to lay Boy to rest are Joey "Bam" Johnson, Willy Whelan, Kenny James Hare, Aaron Hare, Derek Harper, Sr, and Jason "Baby" Hart. Alternate pallbearer Theodore "Gramps" Morrison. Honorary pallbearers are the Hare Boys and all of Boy's grandsons. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Boy'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.

Margaret "Maggie" Staples

Margaret "Maggie" Katherine Accardo-Staples, age 55, began her journey to the spirit world on Monday, February 12, 2024 at her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Maggie was born to Thomas and Norma (Tibbetts) Accardo on March 13, 1968, in Bemidji, Minnesota.

She was raised at Tom's Resort and attended school in Cass Lake. She attended Cosmetology School in Bemidji to learn hair-styling. She married Richard "Rick" Staples on May 6, 1989. After living in St Cloud for several years, Maggie moved to Minneapolis. Maggie loved caring for her grandchildren and had them with her as often as she could.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Ronnie Burnette and Brandon Shaugobay, Parents.

Court File No. CP-10-21

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Proceedings have been brought before the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear in these proceedings, the Court may proceed on behalf of the children by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jamie Littlewolf, David Fineday & Keely Headbird, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-05

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Petition, Motion for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear in these proceedings, the Court may proceed on behalf of the children by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: April Hurd, Terrance Sayers, Courtney Fisherman, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-04

NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: John Dunn Jr., DOB: 09/09/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-171

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, John Dunn Jr., died October 03, 2023. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 15th, day of February, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by

Glen Fisher Jr., surviving stepson of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to 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: Frank Eugene Bowstring, DOB: 11/07/1959, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-163

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Frank Eugene Bowstring, died November 20, 2023. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of March 2024 at 2:30 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Tera Wilson, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on March 12, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Tera Wilson, PO Box 1327 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank Eugene Bowstring, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publica-

tion of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re Estate of: Beatrice Elaine Bivens, DOB: 09/14/1944, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-23-97

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Beatrice Elaine Bivens, died July 6, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 27th, day of February 2024 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 Phyllis R. Wade, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on February 27, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal, Court, Phyllis Wade, 31555 Hawk St. Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Beatrice Elaine Bivens, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to 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 Guardianship of: K.F.O., Child, DOB: 05/04/2003; K.I.O., Child, DOB: 09/22/2007. Kelli L. Steggall, Petitioner, And Cherie Olson and Dennis L. Harrison, Respondents,

Case No. FA-23-97

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 3, 2023, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) 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 appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on June 5th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. the date of the Continued 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 Guardianship of: T.J.C., Child, DOB: 04/11/2009; J.A.L.C., Child, DOB: 04/27/2010; J.M.L.C., Child, DOB: 03/19/2012. Ronald J. LaRose, Petitioner, And Mallerie LaRose & Jamie Chase, Respondents

Case No. FA-22-148

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 20, 2024, a Re-

quest for Permanent Guardianship was made 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 appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on July 23rd, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., the date of the Permanent Guardianship 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, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Mariza Brown and Unknown Father, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-06

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Petition, Motion for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear in these proceedings, the Court may proceed on behalf of the children by default.

Obituaries Continued.



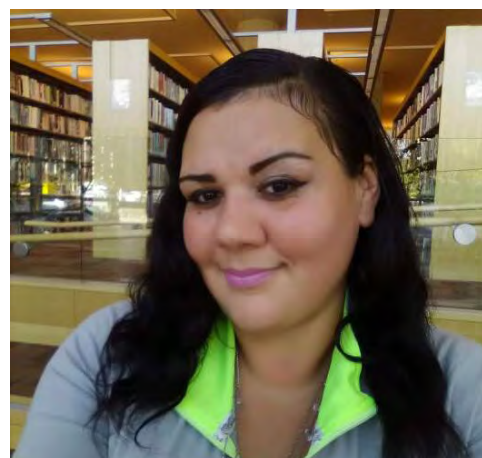
She had a big heart and was generous with children and animals. She enjoyed a good cup of coffee, raising houseplants and cutting hair. Margaret is survived by Rick and four children, Megan (David) Staples, Richard (Nece) Staples Jr, Daniel Staples & Alexander (Gloria) Staples; 9 grandchildren; mother Norma (Wayne) Knapczyk; sisters Laura Canty and Tommi Jean Accardo; brother Vince (Krista) Accardo; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father Thomas Accardo; sister Rose Accardo; maternal grandparents Rose & Vincent Accardo; father-in-law Charles Staples Jr; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, Minnesota.

Marilyn Yanez

Marilyn Francine Yanez, age 42, lost her battle with cancer and made her jour-



ney to the spirit world from her home on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, surrounded by family, in Minneapolis, MN. She was born on February 6, 1982, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Noreen Smith and Torivio Yanez, Sr.

Marilyn was born and raised in Minneapolis. She enjoyed the simple things in life. You would always find her on her computer or at the park. She loved spending time at the Downtown library where she also spent 6 months volunteering there. Marilyn loved her talk shows and eating soul food. Marilyn's greatest love was the love she had for her beloved daughter, Laylah. Marilyn will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

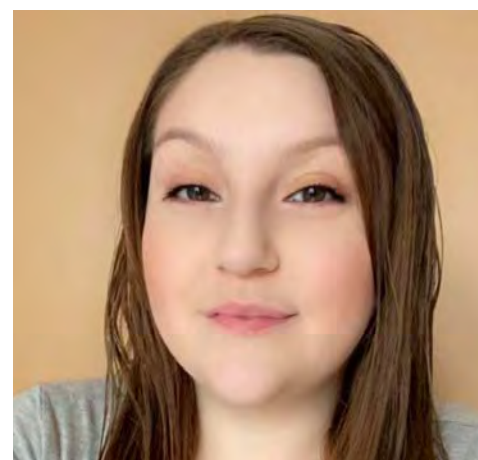
Marilyn is preceded in death by her dad, Torivio Yanez, Sr.; sister, Celesta Yanez; brothers, Jeremy Yanez, Robert Taylor, and Daniel Robertson.

Those Marilyn leaves behind to forever cherish her memory are her daughter, Laylah Ibrahim; mom, Noreen Smith; significant other, Kareem Ibrahim; brothers, Torivio Yanez, Jr., John Robertson, Rudy Yanez, Dennis Yanez; sister, Katherine Yanez; along with numerous friends and other family members.

An overnight wake for Marilyn will begin on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. and continue until her funeral service at 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 31, 2024, all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Those helping to lay Marilyn to rest are John Robertson, Todd Powell, Eddie Smith, James Yanez, Kenneth Yanez, Brian Smith, and Dennis Yanez. Honorary pallbearers are all Marilyn's Family and friends. Interment will be in Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN.

Marilyn'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.

Nicole Taylor



Nicole Marie Taylor, age 31, traveled to the spirit world on Monday, February 26, 2024 in St. Paul, MN.

Nicole was born on December 12, 1992, in Portsmouth, VA to Annette Day and Richard Taylor. She grew up in Cass Lake,

MN and most recently been living in the Twin Cities. Nicole loved going for a cruise and listening to music. She enjoyed watching movies and writing in her journal. Nicole was crafty and enjoyed diamond art painting and beading. She had a great sense of humor and loved sarcastic banter with her brothers and sisters.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Brayden Dahl, Samuel Dahl, Chloe Taylor, Cheryl Beaulieu, Layla Isham, Curtis Isham III, Dinae Isham and Justin Jones; parents: Annette Day and Richard Taylor; maternal grandmother, Donna Day; paternal grandmother, Connie Taylor; siblings: William Jones Jr. and Selena Jones; uncles: Joshua Littlewolf and David Day; aunt: Rebecca (Richard Beaulieu) Day; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends.

Those greeting Nicole are her siblings: Justin Day and Jessica Day-White; maternal grandfather, Earl Day; paternal grandfather: Andrew "Pete" Taylor; paternal great-grandparents, Nelson "Buzzy" and Edith Holzhauser; maternal great-grandparents, Marie "Frances" and Steven Littlewolf; uncle, John Taylor as well as many other relatives.

A traditional wake will begin at 5PM with services starting at 7PM on Friday, March 1, 2024 at the White Earth Family Center in Cass Lake and continue until the service at 11AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Anwat Goodwin and Opwaganse Goodwin will be the Spiritual Advisors. Active pallbearers will be: Melvin King, Ron Cournoyer, Austin Morris, Frank Graves Jr., Richard Beaulieu and Hezekiah Day. Honorary casketbearers will be Nicole's children and immediate family. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN (whisperingpinesnorth.com).

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: C.C.B. Child, DOB: 03/01/2012. Macy L. Stangel, Petitioner, And Meagan R. Bowstring and Tony Z. Stangel, Respondents

Case No. FA-24-07

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION. NOTICE OF HEARING. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 24, 2024, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) 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 appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on June 12th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. the date of the Review 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of: A.L.C.L.A., Minor Child, DOB: 03/15/2015. LC Wesley Armstrong, Petitioner, v. Yvonne Armstrong, Matthew Armstrong, & Andrea Bushey, Respondents,

Case No. FA-23-107

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION. NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 7, 2023, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time 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 May 29th, 2024 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.

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Kyle, Amanda & Jenelle

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From the
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Patrick Finn	Jeffery Kingbird	Ramona Silk
Randy Finn	Patricia Kluever-Holbrook	Eunice Taylor
George Goggeley	Mary Lou Ladeaux	Clyde Tibbetts
Lawrence Goggeley	Sidney LaRose	Beverly Tonce
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Yvonne Hardy	James Littlewolf	Deanna Younklin

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

all coupons must be used within Birthday Month

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for April

OJIBWEMOWIN	ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN
misakakojiish(aq)	badger(s)
qidaqaa-bizhiw(aq)	bobcat(s)
mashkode-bizhiki(waq)	buffalo(s)
bekwaawiqang(iq)	camel(s)
aqongos(aq)	chipmunk(s)
jejiibajikii(q)	elephant(s)
omashkooz(oog)	elk(s)
genwaabiiqiqwed(jiq)	giraffe(s)
bebezhigooqanzhii(q)	horse(s)
mishibizhii(q)	lion(s)
zhingos(aq)	weasel(s)
qwiingwa'aage(q)	wolverine(s)

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OJIBWE SOUND CHART

VOWELS	OJIBWE SOUND	ENGLISH EQUIVALENT
a	asemaa (tobacco)	about
aa	omaa (here)	father
e	esiban (raccoon)	way
i	bine (partridge)	pin
ii	niiwin (four)	seen
o	opin (potato)	obey, book
oo	oodenaa (town)	boat, boot

CONSANANTS	OJIBWE SOUND	ENGLISH EQUIVALENT
b	bakwezhigan (bread)	big
ch	gichi-oginiig (tomatoes)	chin
d	doodooshaboo (milk)	dog
g	gaag (porcupine)	go
h	hay' (oops)	hi
j	maajaan (go)	jello
k	mikinaak (turtle)	kite
m	mamoon (take it)	milk
n	bine (partridge)	name
p	baapiwag (they laugh)	pig
s	es (clam)	sun
sh	waagosh (fox)	bush
t	anit (fish spear)	time
w	waawaan (egg)	woman
y	babagiwayan (shirt)	yell
z	mooz (moose)	zebra
zh	niizh (two)	measure
'	ma'iingan (wolf)	oh – oh (glottal stop)

Notes:

The English letters and sounds of f, l, q, r, u, v, and x are not part of the Ojibwe alphabet.

The Ojibwe alphabet contains the additional double-letter symbols of aa, ch, ii, oo, sh, and zh.

The glottal stop, which is represented by an apostrophe, is a sound made by a release of air from your throat, similar to when someone punches you in the stomach.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

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- Clinic Nurse Supervisor (Red Cedar Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-004*
- Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-008*
- RN Diabetes Educator (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-010*
- Treatment Coordinator (A.R.C) (2) ~ A&D ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-013*
- SACA & 401 Administrative Assistant ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-026*
- Environmental Deputy Director ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-028*
- Archaeological Technician (2) ~ DRM ~ \$16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-029*
- Field Director ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-030*
- Fuels Technician/Wildland Firefighter (8) ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-031*
- Compactor Driver/Operator (Solid Waste) ~ DPW ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-032*
- Advanced Practice Provider (Diabetes Center) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-033*
- Grant Writer ~ Health ~ \$25.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-034*
- Home Healthcare RN ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-035*
- Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-036*
- DRM Director ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-037*
- Building Worker (Twin Cities Office) ~ DPW ~ \$17.75/hr ~ Job Code: 24-040*
- Watercraft Inspector (2) ~ DRM ~ \$18.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-041*
- Staff Accountant II ~ Finance ~ \$26.00/hr or D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-042*
- Naagaanizid Gekinwaaamaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-044*
- Gekinwaaamaaged (Teacher) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-045*
- Early Learning Scholarship Assistant & Engagement Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-046*
- Maajigiin Center Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-048*
- Diabetes Registered Dietitian (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-050*
- Building Worker (S. Lake) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-052*
- Building Worker (Onigum) ~ DPW ~ \$15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-053*
- Narcotics Investigator ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-057*
- Police Officer (Full time) (3) ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-058*
- Dispatcher (Full time) (2) ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-059*
- Dispatcher (Part time) ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-060*
- Law Enforcement Intern (2) ~ DPS ~ \$21.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-063*
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Investigator ~ DPS ~ \$32.50/hr ~ Job Code: 24-064*
- Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-065*
- CTSS Mental Health Practitioner (4) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-066*
- Long Term Case Manager (Part time) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-068*
- Family & Community Support Specialist ~ Education ~ \$18.16/hr ~ Job Code: 24-069*
- Diver Assisted Suction Harvest (DASH) Technician ~ DRM ~ \$20.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-070*
- Ecological Restoration Technician ~ DRM ~ \$17.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-071*
- Seasonal Invasive Species Technician (2) ~ DRM ~ \$16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 24-072*
- Assessment Worker (Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-075*
- Case Manager (Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-076*
- Family Support Specialist (Child Welfare) (2) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-077*
- Eligibility Specialist (Child Welfare) ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-078*
- Crisis Response Team Behavioral Health Specialist ~ Behavioral Health ~ \$30.90/hr ~ Job Code: 24-079*
- Holistic Health Practitioner (Master Level) ~ Behavioral Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 24-080*

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3rd	POL 106 Pedal Sit-On-Top Kayak	\$1,100	11th	Fishing Kayak	\$250
4th	Curved Sectional w/Fire Table	\$1,000	12th	Ninja Woodfire Oven	\$200
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10K A MONTH GIVEAWAY

7PM-10PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
Every 30 minutes four lucky guests will pick a Cash Card for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash!

If \$10,000 cash prize is not won in April, we'll roll it into May's giveaway and add an additional \$10,000.

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SPRING INTO SUMMER

START EARNING ENTRIES THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING: MARCH 19
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DRAWINGS 6PM-10PM ON THE START OF SUMMER: JUNE 22

OVER \$4,000 IN PRIZES!

- Montview 700C Bikes
- Razor Ground Force Elite Go-Karts
- Mr. Bar-B-Q Fire Pit/Patio Heater
- Rave Big Easy Towable Tube
- Solstice Fishing Kayak
- Rave 3 Person Waterboggan
- Champion 3500 Watt Dual Fuel Generator
- Smoke Vortical Charcoal Smoker
- DeWalt String Trimmer & Blower Combo Kit

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