Leech Lake and CNF Host Capital Christmas Tree Cutting Ceremony

On Wednesday October 29, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, in concert with the Chippewa National Forest, held a ceremony celebrating the Washington D.C. Capital Christmas Tree that will adorn the National Mall for the holiday season.

It was a chilly morning as two gigantic cranes sat on both sides of the almost 90 foot White Spruce framing and accentuating its stature as it was buried deep within the great north woods waiting to be harvested. The tree holds significance on several levels outside of standing as the crown jewel that will decorate the National Mall in Washington D.C. next to the capital building with office buildings where the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate will all but surround it.

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Tips to Prepare Now for Severe Winter Weather Ahead

Cold temperatures, heavy snow, and treacherous ice storms are all risks of the impending winter season.

“Severe winter weather can be dangerous and even life-threatening for people who don’t take the proper precautions,” said FEMA Region V acting administrator Janet Odeshoo. “Preparedness begins with knowing your risks, making a communications plan with your family and having an emergency supply kit with essentials such as water, food, flashlights and medications.”

Once you’ve taken these steps, consider going beyond the basics of disaster preparedness with the following tips to stay safe this cold season:

Winterize your emergency supply kit:
Before winter approaches, add the following items to your supply kit:
- Rock salt or other environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel and/or a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Stay fire safe:
- Keep flammable items at least three feet from heat sources like radiators, space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves. Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time. Ensure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home. Check it on a monthly basis.
- Keep warm, even when it's cold outside:
  - If you have a furnace, have it inspected now to ensure it’s in good working condition. If your home heating requires propane gas, stock up on your propane supply and ensure you have enough to last an entire winter. Many homeowners faced shortages due to the record freezing winter weather last year, and this season there’s the possibility of lower than normal temperatures again. Do not be caught unprepared. Avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide by installing battery-powered or battery-back-up carbon monoxide detectors.
  - Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

Prevent frozen pipes:
- If your pipes are vulnerable to freezing, i.e., they run through an unheated or unprotected space, consider keeping your faucet at a slow drip when extremely cold temperatures are predicted.
- If you’re planning a trip this winter, avoid setting your heat too low. If temperatures dip dangerously low while you’re away, that could cause pipes to freeze. Consider draining your home’s water system before leaving as another way to avoid frozen pipes.
- You can always find valuable information to help you prepare for winter emergencies at www.ready.gov/winter-weather. Bookmark FEMA's mobile site http://m.fema.gov, or download the FEMA app today to have vital information just one click away.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

November is peak month for deer-vehicle collisions

Deer on the move increases likelihood of collisions

Motorists should watch for deer this month as November is the peak time for deer-vehicle collisions in the state, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

One of the main reasons for the increase in crashes is that deer mating season occurs in November. A reduction in daylight hours and hunting season are other contributing factors. Deer habitats are also disturbed during the fall harvest, causing deer to travel farther and in larger numbers than at any other time of the year.

From 2011 to 2013, there were 7,010 reported deer-vehicle crashes, according to the Department of Public Safety. There were 18 fatalities and 68 serious injuries. Of those injuries, 64 were motorcyclists. Two of the fatalities were in the 13-county Twin Cities Metro area, and the rest were in Greater Minnesota.

For those driving on Minnesota roadways, MnDOT offers these tips:
- Be particularly alert in the fall and spring. More than half of the crashes happen in October and November when deer are mating, and in May and June during the birthing season.
- Be vigilant at dusk and at dawn. A high percentage of crashes occur during the low-light or dark hours of the day when deer move between daytime bedding sites and evening feeding areas.
- Slow down and scan the sides of the road and ditches for animals when driving through forested lands or near river and stream banks.
- Drive defensively and expect the unexpected. If you see a deer near the road, slow down because it might dart in front of you. And, if there is one deer, there may be more nearby.
- Don’t swerve. While it may seem like the right thing to do, swerving to avoid a deer could cause you to lose control or travel into the path of another vehicle. Striking a deer is safer than colliding with another vehicle or a tree.

And here’s one myth debunked: Deer are not attracted to the salt used to treat roads during the winter, according to research. Other factors noted above, are the more likely cause.

Leech Lake Co-Sponsors Event Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month! This is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native peoples. It is especially important to acknowledge the current voice of the Native American and an opportune time to educate all about Tribal Nations and their governments.

On November 5th an event was held in celebration on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Indigenous Employee Resource Group (IERG) and in cooperation with the Minnesota Historical Society and sponsored by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The public was invited to learn more about the unique challenges Native people have faced historically and in the present. They were able to learn about the ways in which tribal citizens have worked and continue to work to conquer these challenges. Featured, were special guests including the MNHS Director and CEO D. Stephen Elliot, MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle, Deputy Commissioner Sue Mulvihill, MnDOT Tribal Liaison Ed Fairbanks, and a speaker panel and cultural dance performance.
**Check Dispursments for Tax Rebates**

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS with the Leech Lake Band’s Enrollment Office at: 218-335-3602

Checks will be MAILED out this year!

In the weeks to come more information will be available on the exact date.

The mailing addresses will come from the Enrollment Data Base. Please check your address and fill out a change of address form from Enrollments if they don’t have the current address on their data base.

Enrollments Office Number: 218-335-3602

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS WITH ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Please provide the following:

2. Copy of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Office of Tribal Enrollment Enrollee Address Update/Request Form.
3. Copy of your Tribal ID or State-issued identification.

MAIL TO: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
PO Box 60 Cass Lake, MN 56633
FAX TO: 218-335-3781

If the forms are not legible or incomplete, all will be returned to you, delaying your payment.

If your check gets returned due to incorrect address please call the accounting office after waiting a week from when the checks have been mailed.

Accounting 218-335-3659

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**District I Elder Spotlight**

Genevieve Sperstad is this month’s District I Elder who we will highlight today. Genevieve grew up in Minneapolis where she went to school before moving to Alaska with her husband of twenty years.

Genevieve was a big-game guide with her husband; they guided hunts mostly for brown bear, sheep and mountain goats. The two also owned an upholstery store for twenty five years in Alaska. Genevieve moved back to Minnesota about twenty years ago to live near her children and grandchildren. She now resides in the local community of Ball Club.

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**Turkey & Wild Rice for Thanksgiving**

The Leech Lake Band will be offering one turkey and one pound of rice per household starting at 9am to 7pm on Thursday the 20th at the following locations:

**District I**
Ball Club Community Center
Inger Community Center
S-Lake Community Center
George Johnson Memorial Center

**District II**
Bena Community Center
Sugar Point Community Center
Kego/Boy Lake Community Center

**District III**
Onigum Community Center
Oak Point Community Center
Mission
Cass Lake (Food Distribution Center)

**Bemidji Area**
Northwest Indian OIC Office

Turkeys and wild rice will be given out on this day only at these locations.

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**LLBO Meets with Housing Commissioner**

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Credits from MHFA as well as a loan to fill the gap amounts for the project. These efforts represent the Leech Lake Housing Authority’s eighth low income tax credit project to date.

The Housing Authority manages 559 units of rental housing on the Leech Lake Reservation. All grant funds, tax credit sales proceeds and deferred loan funds will be used in the construction and administration of the Leech Lake District One Rehab and Rebuild project and will directly benefit forty one households on the Leech Lake Reservation.

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**District I Quarterly Mtg**

Jan 16, 2015
Ball Club, Starts- 9AM

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**Congratulations to Deer River Local Indian Council Members**

Deer River Local Indian Council meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Goodall Resource Center. Currently the council consists of seven council members: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, (2) Community Representatives, Elder Representative, Student Representative which are listed below with current contact information.

Derek Jackson, Chairperson
822 N.W. 7th Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 910-0553
derek.jackson@whiteoakcasino.com

Ben Moe, Vice-Chairperson
P.O. Box 183
Deer River, MN
(218) 398-4547
ricersunion39@hotmail.com

Dee Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer
1017 Division Street #4
Deer River, MN 56636
(218) 398-0679
delilah.jackson@whiteoakcasino.com

Bradley Barnes, Community Rep 1
1017 Division Street #4
Deer River, MN 56636
(218) 398-0678
bradb218@gmail.com

OPEN, Community Representative 2

OPEN, Elder Representative

OPEN, Student Representative

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**District I Rep Penny DeVault**

**Monthly Report for October 2014**

Representative: Family Medical/Bereavement Leave
Assistant: Delivered reports and information to Winnie Dam LIC Secretary/Treasurer for Regular LIC meeting-October 1, 2014
Assistant: Collaborative meeting with MHFA Commissioner-October 3, 2014
Assistant: Ball Club Regular LIC meeting-October 6, 2014
Assistants: Executive Assistants All Staff meeting-October 8, 2014
All Staff: Public Relations Planning meeting-October 9, 2014
Assistant: LLHA BOC meeting-October 9, 2014
All Staff: LLBO Quarterly meeting at S. Lake Community Center-October 10, 2014
Assistants: Inger Regular LIC meeting-October 13, 2014
Representative: Preparation meetings with Planning, Land, Presenters for upcoming District I Quarterly meeting-October 15/16, 2014
All Staff: LLBO District I Quarterly meeting at Inger Com Center-Oct 17, 2014
Representative: Participated in LLBO Tribal Council Retreat at Hinckley, MN-October 19-22, 2014
Assistant: S. Lake Regular LIC meeting-October 20, 2014
Assistant: MN Housing Directors Training/Meeting at Hinckley, MN-October 21-22
Representative: Meeting with MHFA Liaison Rick Smith at Hinckley, MN-Oct 22, 2014
Assistant: LLHA BOC meeting-October 23, 2014
Representative: Fall Craft Show at Morse Town Hall-October 25, 2014
Representative/Assistant: “Why Treaties Matter” Presentation at DRHS-October 25,
Assistants: Transportation Coordinators for BCLIC Youth Trip to Duluth-Oct 25,
Assistant: Administrative Conference at Willmar, MN-October 26-27, 2014
Representative/Assistant: Deer River Local Indian Council Elections and DRLIC Regular LIC meeting at Goodall Resource Center -October 27, 2014
All Staff: “Tree to D.C.” Tree Blessing Ceremony at C.N.F. - October 29, 2014
All Staff: Inger LIC Halloween Party at Inger Community Center-October 30, 2014
All Staff: Mtg w/Planning Division, re: Community Education Classes-Oct 31,
All staff: “Treats for Tots” at Morse Town Hall-October 31, 2014
All Staff: Ball Club LIC Halloween Party at Ball Club Com. Center-Oct 31, 2014
All staff at LLBO Tribal Office in Cass Lake, verifiable through Empower Time System-all other days
Tuesdays-Tribal Council Briefings
Thursdays-Tribal Council Meetings

**Upcoming Events**

Monthly LIC Meetings, continuous
T.E.C. at Grand Portage, MN-November 5-6, 2014
LLBO Tribal Gov’t Offices Closed in observance of Veteran’s Day-Nov 11, 2014
Vet’s Dinner at Inger Community Center-November 11, 2014
HUD/ONAP Summit at St. Paul, MN-November 12-13, 2014
Native Youth Alliance Meeting at NLC Event Center-November 14, 2014
LLBO Tribal Council Retreat at Hinckley, MN-November 16-18, 2014
S. Lake LIC Elections-November 17, 2014
Dave Parnell “Facing the Dragon” Presentation at Bena Com Center-November 18,
Deer River Family Fun Night-November 20, 2014
“Circle of Healing” Meeting-November 21, 2014
Deer River LIC Dinner at Morse Town Hall-November 24, 2014
LLBO Tribal Gov’t Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday -Nov 27-28, 2014
Tree to D.C. Events-t.b.a.

**Provided by the Office of District I Representative and Staff**
District III November Report

In response to recent tragic youth losses in our communities, LLBO met with school and community members to discuss a crisis response team to ensure that we are looking out for the best interest of the youth in our community. Many in our communities are grieving and looking for support. We wish to ensure that together we are filling in gaps in communications and services, by relaying information properly. LLBO continues to work to build bridges regarding communication and responsibilities in times of crisis. Participants at the meeting included LLBO Behavioral Health staff, LLBO Tribal Police, Cass County Resource members, School admin, Indian Ed Director, ISD 115 Administrators and Indian Education Department staff members, LLBO DIII Representative and Assistant. We want to be sure that we have adequate supports available to youth and families.

Please talk to your student about suicide and let them know that if they or a friend are thinking of suicide there is help, and there is hope if they reach out. The National Suicide Crisis Line is available nights and weekends at 1-800-273-8255, or text the word “LIFE” to 61222 to get connected to support.

DIII Forum coming up on Nov. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at LLBO Tribal Government Center. All are welcome to hear updates and to voice concerns.

District III LIC News

We would like to start the new year with cooperative and coinciding processes throughout our District III. To that end, we want to encourage broad participation in the Local Indian Councils of our District. The LIC can be a bridge for communication and policy counsel for community members to participate in tribal government operations. We would like to announce that District III LIC Elections are upcoming in January. Anyone interested should attend the forum on Nov. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m. to understand the process. Boundaries of the LIC areas in our District will be reviewed.

Happy Native American Month! Be sure to take part in the numerous activities that are happening all throughout Anishinaabekwening during November. Many positive activities that celebrate our contributions and continuance as Anishinaabeg in today’s world are happening. Leech Lake Tribal College, among many other regional colleges and universities are sponsoring events to celebrate Native American Month. Leech Lake Tribal College sponsors Dewe’igan & Ashandiwin every Monday from 12-1 p.m., Talking Circle on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m., Ojibwemowin Language Table every Thursday from 12-1 p.m. Events are open to all, come on out and join in our learning community!

The University of Minnesota-Morris is sponsoring Native American cultural events throughout the month. Dance exhibitions, and an arts and crafts fair will occur in the beginning of the month, and on November 17-21 visiting Elder-In-Residence will be on campus participating in and leading various cultural activities. Films and lectures will take place throughout the month. The American Indian Advisory Committee Reception will take place on November 20 from 4-7 p.m.. All of these events are free and open to the public.

UMD Consultation December 12

University of Minnesota-Duluth continues to shine in their responsiveness to regional tribal communities. An upcoming consultation regarding the development of a new graduate program in Tribal Resource Management will take place at the University of Minnesota-Duluth on December 12 from 9am to 12 p.m.. UMD is also in the process of completing tribal consultation sessions on certificate programs for reservation workers as well as a Tribal Sovereignty Institute. UMD’s commitment to Anishinaabe communities is imbedded in the University’s 2011 Strategic Plan, which relies heavily upon our people to stay engaged in developing these ideas.

NIEA attendance

LLBO Deputy Director and District III Assistant attended the National Indian Education Association Convention in Anchorage, AK in late October. While there, they participated in the Tribal Nations Education Department National Assembly (TEDNA) annual meeting, where they crafted advocacy strategies to support tribal sovereignty in Indian Education, and to ensure that Indian Education remains a priority for any education legislation. They also attended BIE listening sessions to provide statements on creation of language immersion education site policies within the Bureau-funded schools, and White House Initiative on American Indian Alaska Native Education (WHIAINE) listening session to provide statements on the importance of giving equitable treatment to Ojibwe Culture-Based Education in funding and accountability priorities. The District III Offices would like to continue to work with our local families and school models to ensure that we always include the strength of our Anishinaabe-inendamowin in our efforts. Please contact us when you have ideas and concerns about how to strengthen our education efforts for our future.

Government-To-Government Tribal-State Relations Training

On October 27-28, District III Office participated in the Government-to-Government Tribal-State Relations Training at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker. The training is a result of Minnesota’s Executive Order that was signed on August 8, 2013, which states “All Cabinet Agencies shall provide training for designated staff who work with the Minnesota Tribal Nations in an effort to foster a collaborative relationship between the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Tribal Nations.” An overview of federal, tribal, and state relations was provided at the event. There is a need for the training because state agencies and tribes must work together to solve issues. The event brought in more than 100 state agency and tribal leaders for a two-day session that described both historical and contemporary views of tribal/state/federal relations. District III Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks was a participant on a tribal leader panel, along with Upper Sioux Chairman Kevin Jensvold, during which consultation between the state and tribes was discussed.

Provided by the District III Representative and Staff
LLBO WIC FOR November 2014

LLBO WIC Program will be holding WIC Clinics as follows:

**WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST**

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only
8:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday- Thursdays available for appointment in Cass Lake

**WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS**

1st Thursday, 6th - Onigum Community Center
Appointments 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
2nd Thursday, 13th - Inger Clinic
Appointments 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
3rd Thursday, 20th - Ball Club Comm. Ctr.
Appointments 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
4th Thursday, 27th - No Bena Clinic
Appointments 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO BEN A WIC CLINIC**

If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call 218-335-8386 or 1-866-289-5995.

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**Wishing District II Elders a Happy Birthday!**

**November Birthdays**

Bruce Bobolink
Agnes White
Kenneth Whitebird Sr.
Clarice Rockboy

Winter Fest is on December 13, 1 pm at Bena Center!

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**Wishing you a happy birthday**

**November Birthdays**

Gerald Bowstring
Donna Cloud
Dianna Donnell
William Evers
Charles Grauman
Lorayne Harper
Peter Hunt
Selma Jackson
Simon Jackson
Kathleen Miller
Mabel Roy
Ralph Schaff
Genevieve Sperstad
Lucille White

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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings**

www.llojibwe.org and may: 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;
email documents to: andrea.jones@llbo.org

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

Complete packet includes: Application, Resume, Cover Letter, & References.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 28th, 2014

- Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-225
- Carpenter ~ Department of Public Works ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-224
- Internal Auditor ~ RTC Administration ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-223
- 3 Grounds Crew Drivers ~ Facility Maintenance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-222
- 4 Grounds Crew ~ Facility Maintenance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-221
- Ball Club Receptionist ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-220
- Infant/Toddler Teacher-Tribal College ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-173B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

- Part-Time Driver ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ Job Code: 14-168C
- Domestic Abuse Re-Education(DAR)Prgm Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 14-208
- Cass Lake Pre-School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 14-171B
- Pre-School Team Leader Bemidji ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-143B
- 3 Special Needs Teacher Assistants ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 14-136
- Department of Revenue Director ~ RTC ~ Job Code: 14-013

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**District I Youth Highlight**

Iain Belgarde, a District I outstanding youth highlight for November attended the Minnesota Youth Freedom Program. It is leadership camp. Iain went to it twice were he stayed for a week and learned Ojibwe and what it takes to be leader. He was a leader in “The Movement” which is a non-alcohol/drug prevention program. Being a leader in that program allowed him to travel to Florida for a week to a leadership convention and study issues dealing with being a leader and how to help in the efforts regarding drug and alcohol abuse. Iain is also an athlete at school, he has lettered two separate times in Football, as well as Basketball and Track & Field at Deer River High School. His mother and father are Joseph and Christine Belgarde of Grand Rapids

The District I office would like to congratulate Iain for his efforts and accomplishments and hope that he continues to be a good example and community leader in the years to come. Congratulations Iain!!
Leech Lake Hosts Training for State of MN Employees

Late in October the Leech Lake Band invited employees for the State of Minnesota to attend training on a host of issues. The Tribal Council was in attendance as Chairwoman Jones opened the event with thanks to the attendees and to Department of Transportation Commissioner Charlie Zelle where the two leaders exchanged their organizations flags.

Dr. Ed Minnema, an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth was the moderator doing introductions for the several presentations such as: Native Language Speaker by Endowed Chair and Director of American Indian Studies at Itasca Community College Larry Aitken; Boarding School Letters by Leslie Harper and Gordon Fineday from the District III office at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; MNDOT Interactive Map by Edward Fairbanks Tribal Liaison MNDOT with David Tomporowski, Office of Transportation System Management MNDOT and Reflections by Linda Aitken, Tribal Education Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Cass Lake Bena School Superintendent Rochelle Johnson gave a very compelling presentation of resiliency regarding historical trauma regarding poverty, boarding schools and the deeper findings regarding how people have coped in the face of these issues.

University of Minnesota Duluth Professor Tadd Johnson talked about the importance of the training and how it relates to the community of American Indians and State employees through service delivery.

Panels regarding cultural history and traditions and interactions between the State and Tribes were held on the second day of training. The talks covered everything from education and how the schools deal with historic trauma in their curriculum to the nuances of the relations between the State of Minnesota staff and Tribal Reps and their staff.

Wild Game Feed

Venison - Duck - Buffalo - Fish - Pheasant

Donation of $10 Per Person or $15 a Couple

Multiple Guns & Large Freezer Drawings

Other Games Provided w/prizes

Morse Town Hall - Deer River

Turn by White Oak Casino,
On Hwy 46 - 2 miles on Left

Friday 21st of Nov. - 5:30 to 8pm

Proceeds go toward Kids Trip 2 DC Tree Lighting
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

From Our Home to Capitol Hill

2014 US Capitol Christmas Tree
Leech Lake and CNF Host Capital Christmas Tree Cutting Ceremony

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the rest of their lives. It will be very nice to be a part of that positive experience.” The tree will travel over two thousand miles during its journey to Washington D.C. It will have an escort the entire way and has been scheduled to be put in place and lit up the first week of December.

Along with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Chippewa National Forest, Choose Outdoors was a large part of the efforts to organize these efforts. Additionally, Arvig Communications, Western Bank of Cass Lake, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bob Louth Ford, Walmart, Reeds, 7 Clans Casino, Shooting Star Casino and the Northern Light Casino of Walker, MN all donated prizes to help the fund raising efforts.

Western Bank of Cass Lake and the accounting office of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (218-335-8200) can also help with donations for funding the student’s trip to Washington D.C. to see the festivities in early December.

Senator Amy Klobuchar’s office was took the lead with regard to the efforts in Washington D.C. regarding the tree ceremony for the Minnesota delegation. Leech Lake would like to offer a very warm thank you to her and her staff for their efforts. John Percell represents the State District from where the tree was located and was on hand for the festivities. Leech Lake would like to both thank and congratulate Mr. Percell for his efforts here and on his bid for reelection earlier in November.

Congressman Rick Nolan was also in attendance at the tree cutting ceremony. He gave a very nice speech touching on several issues that highlighted the trees importance and how Minnesota often plays a key role on the national stage. Leech Lake would also like to thank the good Congressman from Minnesota’s 8th district as well as congratulate him regarding his reelection bid earlier this month. We look forward to working with him and all of the delegation representing Minnesota on Capital Hill.

“This is a special event for Leech Lake both locally and nationally,” said District III Rep. LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks. “I was fortunate enough to go to the event in 1992 and it has lived in my memories as a very positive time in my young life. I will be proud to be there when so many of our own Leech Lake students will have similar experiences this December.”

A parade featuring the Capital Christmas Tree went through Cass Lake on November 3rd. Several floats represented local organizations and of course the tree was featured as well. Students from Cass Lake Bena schools were in attendance as well as from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school. The parade route was full of parents and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe employees all celebrating the day’s festivities.
-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:
Adonis Mosay, Father of J.M., J.M., & J.M-J; and
Court File No. CP-13-19

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 8, 2014, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Destiny L.L. Ford and
Douglas W. Wind, Parents.
Court File No. CP-13-35

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Civil/Probate Division

In Re: Estate of
Willard Lausche a/k/a
William Gerald Lausche,
DOB: 09/17/194
Decedent.

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS
Court File No. CV-14-79

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Willard Lausche, a/k/a William Gerald Lausche died 06/25/2014. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, Upper Level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on the 9th day of October 2014, at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Katrina Hurtig, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 9th, 2014 in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Katrina Hurtig, 1608 E. 5th St. Duluth, MN 55812, was appointed to act as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Willard Lausche a/k/a William Gerald Lausche, 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 to the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

DATED this 31st Day of July, 2014.
Hon. Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In re the custody of
Kalina Mae Lord-Jenkins

George Thomas Jenkins, III, Petitioner,And
Kalia Shelene Lord, Respondent.
Court File No. FA-13-195

NOTICE

A motion to enforce parenting time and An Order to Show Cause and Motion to Amend the Custody and Parenting Time have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. A hearing is scheduled on this motion on November 21, 2014 at 2:00p.m. The hearing will be held in the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive, Cass Lake, MN 56633. If you do not appear for this hearing, the court may find you in default and grant the relief requested by the Petitioner. Please contact the court at 218-355-3682 if you have any questions.

The Affordable Care Act & The IHS Website.
For more information go to
http://www.ihs.gov/ACA
Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 4, 2014
New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota
Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:06 am

Roll Call:
Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep. Present

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve agenda, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to rescind, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve agenda with addition of Leech Lake Financial Services. Second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the August 26, 2014 Minutes. Second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-34 Annual Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 Health programs. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-35 in support of the Tribal Education Division & BugOnayGeShig School to make application to the U.S. Department of the Interior for the “Sovereignty in Indian Education” Grant Program. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Other:
Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the Karin Thomas Health Contract. Second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve MnDOT Contract for use of DPS Tower. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the Opioid Treatment Facility Contract. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 11, 2014
New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:09 am

Roll Call:
Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep. Present

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve agenda, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the September 4, 2014 Minutes, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Memorandum of Understanding to create Leech Lake Financial Services as stand-alone, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-36 2015 Indian Highway Safety Grant, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to deny resolution submitting a grant to the Intertribal Buffalo Council for a grant to purchase and transport buffalo to Leech Lake Reservation the due date has passed, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to table proposal to Anishinabe Buffalo Council to obtain buffalo for Bison Project, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 18, 2014
New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:13 am

Roll Call:
Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep. Present

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve agenda, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve the September 11, 2014 Minutes, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Arthur LaRose arrives at 9:17 a.m. Motion by Arthur LaRose to table Proposal to the Anishinabe Council to obtain 20 or more Buffalo for Bison Project. A plan is to be submitted by October 16, 2014, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-38, designation and authorization of new account in the name of Leech Lake Public Relations to be opened and maintained at the Western Bank of Cass Lake, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-40 appointing Interim LL Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve the following home sites:
LD2015-59 Kelly F. Robinson, new lease, North Cass Lake area;
LD2015-60 Eugene B. Rock, lease assignment to CL Western Bank, West Big Lake area;
LD2015-61 Justin Seelye, new lease, West Big Lake area;
LD2015-62 Kenneth Harrison, rescind Resolution No. LD99-44, Buck Lake area;
LD2015-63 Cleveland Harrison, new lease, Buck Lake area;
LD2015-64 Dawn Rogers, rescind Resolution No. LD2002-37, Buck Lake area;
LD2015-65 Caitlyn Schulman, new lease, Buck Lake area;
LD2015-66 Lillie Robinson, new lease, Big Lake area;
LD2015-67 Michael Robinson, Jr., amend Resolution No. LD2006-09, Big Lake area. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the following lakeshore leases and table #13:
LD2015-68 Michael Stauss, lease cancellation, South Stony Point area; 
LD2015-69 Karen Schiller, recreational lease, South Stony Point area; 
LD2015-70 Gary & Judy Pavek, lease renewal, Pug Hole area; 
LD2015-71 Ty Benson, lease renewal, Pug Hole area; 
LD2015-72 Carl & Nina Johnson, lease modification, Chippewa Heights area and table the Kelly Michaud lease, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Other:
Motion by Arthur LaRose to table liquor license for Eugene Rocks, Rock on Convenience Store, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to adjourn at 10:06 a.m., second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.
Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
September 23, 2014
New Gov’t Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:09 am

Roll Call:
Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep Present

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve agenda with addition of “adopt lease” to #2 under new business, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by Steve White to approve the September 18, 2014 Minutes with correction, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Economic Development:
Motion made by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve the appointment of Art Chase to the Great River Road Parkway Commission of Minnesota Project Advisory Team (Levi Brown as alternate), second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Kim Nagel: Economic Development
- Update (no action taken) Natural Gas Pipeline, Value Added Producers Grant for the Wild Rice, LL Telecom Equipment and broadband.
- Tribal Development-Shannon Avery - Monument Outdoor Sign for Government Center (No action taken)
- Simone Greenleaf- endorsed DFL candidates running for state or federal office in your area. (No action taken)
- Housing update - Eric Shepherd

Motion by Steve White to adjourn at 10:07 a.m., second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-41

2015-41 authorizing support for the Leech Lake Veterans Service’s Tribal Veterans Cemetery and Allocating 10% for architectural/Engineering that are 100% Reimbursable under the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-42 to adopt Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe lease transfer fee and lease transfer fee revenue allocation formula, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Other:

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Eugene Rock, Liquor License for Rock On Convenience store, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Art Chase to the Great River Road Parkway Commission of Minnesota Project Advisory Team (Levi Brown as alternate), second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Food Distribution Eligibility

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE
All persons residing within the Leech Lake reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution Is an alternative to SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program).

Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1st 2013

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Each additional member add $335

A. Address- must verify residency.
B. Income- most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
C. Social Security Number(s)
D. Tribal identification (if applicable)
E. Legal land description of residence (if not a tribal member)

Deductions: **Must have proof that current payment has been made.

**Dependent care deduction are allowed for actual costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
**Legally required child support payments to non-household members, documentation required.
**Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).
**Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense paid in excess of $35.
**Shelter/utility standard deduction of $400 for households that incur at least one monthly shelter/utility expense.
A 20% deduction from gross monthly income is given for all households with earned income.
Home care meal related deduction for households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m – 4:30p.m.

Distribution hours: Monday-Thursday 9am –11am & 12:30pm – 2pm
No distribution on Friday’s & last 2 working days of the month (Inventory)
Phone: (218)-335-2676 Toll Free 1-866-330-2576 Fax: 218-335-2152
All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.
Kenneth J. Hare

K enneth “Muck” John Hare, whose Ojibwe name is Gakaamikijiwan” which means “Waterfall” 66, of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, October 18, 2014 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Cass Lake Facility Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota with Pastor George “Boomer” Collins officiating. A wake will begin on Thursday at the Cass Lake Facility Center and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum, MN with military honors provided by the Leech Lake Honor Guard, and under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He is survived by his daughter Wendy Johnson of Brainerd, Son – Adrian Lentz of Arizona, 6 grandchildren and a great grandson, Brothers – Ronald, Thomas, Almon, Stan, Tony and Dave Hare, Sisters- Patsy Gordon and Linda Keppers, Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brothers- Rick and Ray, nephew Anthony Hare and niece Jessica Staples. Active Casketbearers will be Kenny James Hare, Aaron Hare, Sr., Joshua Hare, Darrell Lyons, Adrian Lentz, John Lyons and Donovan Hare. Honorary Casketbearers will be Louis Junco, Butch Belcourt, Bro Losh and Tenants at Heritage Manor.

Condolences may be left at ceaselife.com.
Tribal members from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe have hand harvested wild rice for generations. This is an Ojibwe right of passage handed down from our elders to our youth to help ensure one of our most important cultural traditions. Our wild rice is 100% natural and 100% organic. Revenues from the sale of wild rice goes toward purchasing next years crop from tribal members.
LLBO along with Community Members came together and raised money to bring 180 Students & Chaperons & 35 Elders to Attend The Capital Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2nd

Donations are still being excepted at indigogo
www.indiegogo.com/projects/from-our-home-to-capitol-hill