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Leech Lake Tribal College Commencement



As each spring comes to pass more and more American Indian students are finding themselves in positions where they have the qualifications and skill-set necessary to apply for better paying and more stable employment opportunities because they have earned a diploma from the Leech Lake Tribal College. Jobs such as nutritionists, lab technicians, radiation therapists, and paralegals are just a few titles of the possible career paths that recent graduates can start looking in to.

The Leech Lake Tribal College offers several programs to help build a solid academic foundation for students to build a career upon. Programs include but are not limited to: Liberal Education with STEM (science technology engineering math) emphasis, Indigenous Leadership, Early Childhood Education, Forest Resources, Natural Science, Business Management, Law Enforcement, Construction Electricity, and Residential Carpentry. If you have questions about programs, tuition or financial aid call the Leech Lake Tribal College at: 218- 335-4200.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School Commencement



The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School held its graduation ceremony on June 4th. The 2015 graduates are: Di'Anne Brown Harper, Cheyenne Clark, Lauren Gotchie, Elyjah Guinn, Myron Howard, Ryanne Jenkins, Seneca Keezer, Cheyenne Novak, Tyler Randberg, Shaniya Robinson, Chaskae Roper, Sonny Rushman, and Terrance Warner, Jr.

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Traffic Fines Continue to go Unpaid

The vast majority of traffic cases brought before the Tribal Court that result in penalty remain unpaid. The updated total amount of unpaid traffic penalties currently owed is close to \$300 thousand dollars. In order to serve our people, keep our community safe, and bring those who disobey our tribal codes and ordinances to justice, our Tribal Court depends on Band members paying their traffic penalties. Without this important participation from our Band members, Tribal Court operating costs will be underfunded. Thus, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will no longer be able to properly assert its tribal sovereignty in terms of a fully-functioning Tribal Court. The fines are used to pay for court and judicial staff along with guardian ad litem, conflict attorneys, and, tribal police department assistance.

The Band is considering different options in order to increase our Tribal Members' participation in our Tribal Court.

- One option involves sending traffic case defaults to the Minnesota State Department of Motor Vehicles. In this option, if there is non-payment in Tribal Court, the Tribal Court Order may prompt Minnesota State Department of Motor Vehicles to act on behalf of the court and suspend your MN driver's license. The driving offense may also go on your Minnesota driving record which could cause your car insurance rates to increase.
- Another option involves deducting the traffic penalty amount from any defendant's check who is employed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Defendants will be properly notified in a timely-fashion before any penalties are deducted.

According to the Band's Traffic Code and Judicial Procedures Code, any person issued a citation or summons to appear in the Leech Lake Tribal Court who fails to appear and/or fails to pay their fines shall be found in contempt of court. Tribal Court is authorized to do any or all of the following in order to enforce the penalties imposed:

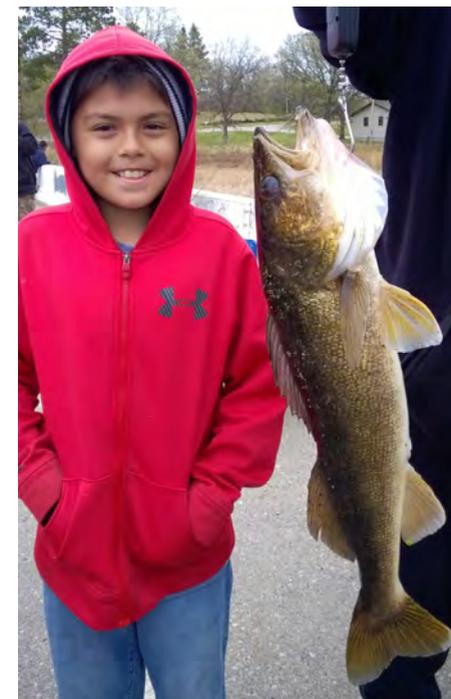
1. Order the seizure and impoundment of the license plates of any vehicle driven or operated by a defendant at the time of the issuance of the citation;
2. Order that the citation be reported to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety;
3. Order the seizure and impoundment of any vehicle driven or operated by a defendant in the commission of the offense charged (the vehicle will be released upon payment of the penalties);
4. Notify the Leech Lake Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the non-appearance or non-payment of fines and order that the amount due to be paid pursuant to the citation or judgment of the court be added to the fee charged for registration of any vehicle driven or operated in the commission of any offense or to any other vehicle the defendant seeks to register;
5. Issuance of a fine up to \$500.00; and/or
6. Issuance of a body warrant pending a hearing before the court.

Now more than ever, exercising tribal sovereignty is of the Band's utmost importance. Over the years, the Band has increased sovereignty and jurisdiction through the enactment of tribal codes and tribal court procedures. Payment of these penalties is vital in enforcing our tribal laws and thus exercising our sovereignty. The Band is considering enforcing any of the measures mentioned above which have been proven increasingly necessary in order to enforce Band members compliance. The Legal Department and the Tribal Court urge any individual with an outstanding fine to make arrangements to pay that outstanding amount as soon as possible. Please contact the Legal Department at 218-335-3673 if you have any questions.

Cha Cha Bah Ning Fishing Tournament

Our community gathering is held on opening fishing every year since the early 1980's and we come together to fish and have fun. Early on we started as a fundraiser for our softball team and has gone on to be a winner take all. This year our winner is a young man from our community known to us as Gordo. He caught a 7 lb. 8 oz. walleye. Exciting, as it was 5 minutes before the tournament was over.

This year Leonard donated two fishing rods, won by Dallon White, second place and Terry Robinson, third place. Also, donated was a Casino gaming package and winner was chosen by Auntie Doreen, who selected a number from 1 to 28 (number of registered fisherman) and the winner was Gordo (lucky young man that day). Thank you both for your donations. Picnic was held at the arbor following the tournament and also would like to thank the cooks and those who donated the food.



Squarehook Update

As the recent case alleging Leech Lake Band members caught and sold fish progresses, another postponement was called for on Friday May 29th, as an Appeals Court Judge recused herself due to a conflict of interest having represented Leech Lake in the past.

The case has been slowly working its way through the court system and has been on the minds of many Leech Lake Band members. The two sides to the court case are these: One, we have the right to catch fish and use them only to live on as subsistence. Two, we have the right to catch fish and sell them to make a profit and use the money to live on.

The argument on both sides has a foundation rooted in how we use our natural resources. Some people are of the opinion that our resources are here for us to use in any way we see fit no matter how it affects the lakes and woods that have sustained us for generations. Others see the selling of fish as a slippery slope that will lead Leech Lake to suffer the same affects that the Red Lake Nation and the Mille Lacs Band suffered after massive amounts of fish were caught and sold, taking a huge toll on the fish population which resulted in the loss of fishing rights for subsequent years.

In a recent press release the Leech Lake Band offered the following: "The leech lake band of Ojibwe will reserve it's right to assert its sovereign authority over its band members, and violations against tribal code. We take the abuse of our natural resources very seriously, and want nothing but to sustain and enhance our incredible lake, river, and forest ecosystems for our future generations".

Leech Lake Legacy appreciates co-founder Marilou for her contributions

With gratitude and well wishes we must share with you that Leech Lake Legacy co-founder Marilou Chanrasmi will resign from the Board of Leech Lake Legacy later this summer. Marilou will refocus her volunteer time with the Native America Humane Society (NAHS). In doing so she remains committed to the mission of LLL, supporting our work through her efforts at NAHS, and at the same time impacting other Native American communities and their pets across the country.

You by now are very familiar with our story. In April 2011, Jenny Fitzer and Marilou Chanrasmi found that the animals at the Cass Lake animal impound were in dire need of assistance. Leech Lake Tribal Police had limited resources to devote to the impound facility. Working with the tribal police, nine dogs were transported to the Twin Cities. Soon thereafter, with the assistance of Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare (MnPAW) and its philosophy of working collaboratively, Leech Lake Legacy was formed. In that first year, 201 dogs and cats were transported to the Twin Cities to begin new journeys. Since 2011, more than 6,000 animals have been helped through our surrender/transport, wellness, and spay/neuter programs.

As a co-founder of Leech Lake Legacy, Marilou worked tirelessly to make new connections and forge new partnerships to develop the programs of Leech Lake Legacy. Building relationships with Leech Lake residents and tribal leaders made her aware of the many challenges facing the reservation and other tribal nations across the country. Both animals and people were impacted and their needs intersected. A partnership with Native America Humane Society was forged in 2014, and Marilou is now playing a pivotal role with them as Vice President, Community Healing Programs.

Marilou's resignation from the Board will allow her to devote more time to her new role. Leech Lake Legacy's Board of Directors is working on a transition plan in partnership with Marilou, and her involvement will continue on a new path with Leech Lake Legacy. In her role at Native America Humane Society, Marilou will have opportunity to support Leech Lake Legacy and other non-profits that support the people and animals of Native American communities across the country.

Marilou Chanrasmi and Jenny Fitzer have been and continue to be important people moving Leech Lake Legacy forward. You are equally important to our continued success! Leech Lake Legacy could not exist without financial support from donors and partners, or without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Volunteers who are the heart of Leech Lake Legacy - committing countless hours, far from home, doing exhausting work, in less-than-ideal conditions, for nothing more than a heartfelt thank you from an appreciative resident and some cuddle time with their animals. With the continued support of our donors, partners and volunteers, Leech Lake Legacy will continue delivering much-needed animal programs in 2015 and beyond.

To Marilou and to all of you, volunteers and supporters, who make Leech Lake Legacy happen we offer our thanks and gratitude for what has been created and what is yet to come. Like those first dogs on transport in 2011, we continue on our journeys.

Leech Lake Legacy
Board of Directors,

May 27, 2015



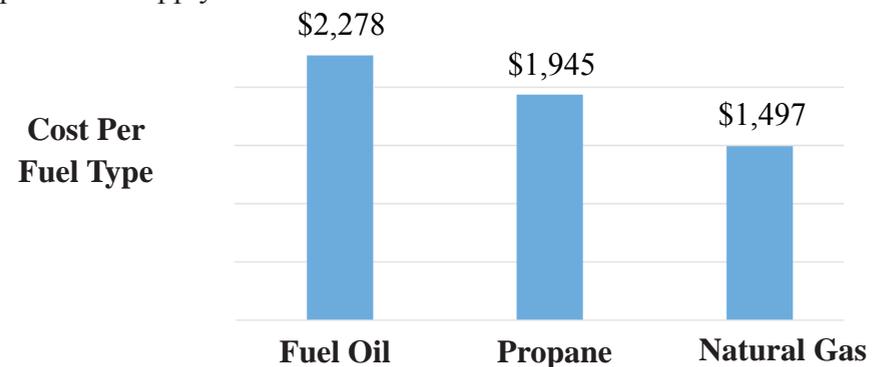
Tract 33 and Tract 34 Natural Gas Conversion Project

John Fairbanks, LLBO Tribal Engineer

Due to the fact that Natural Gas is available to households within Tract 33 and Tract 34, and due to the fact that Natural Gas is clearly a more cost efficient energy heat source, the Leech Lake Tribal Council has approved the funding of a project to convert all homes within this area to Natural Gas. This is not a mandatory project. Only those homes wishing to utilize Natural Gas as a heat source will be converted.

Northwest Gas, Higgins Heating and the LLBO Tribal Engineering office shall host an informational meeting to be held Friday, June 26, 2015, 10:00 – 12:00 am in the basement of the Tribal Government building. We hope to answer any and all questions from the public concerning all aspects of the proposed project.

Homeowners should be made aware that a \$6.00 a month membership fee to Northwest Gas will be required by each home converted. This becomes a monthly bill. However, the column graph below depicts what savings could be experienced by the average home in comparison to associated Fuel Oil or Propane heat supply.



The Natural Gas Conversion project will fund all costs associated with the conversion process. The homeowner will only be liable for the \$6.00 a month membership fee. If you should have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to contact Northwest Gas (218-326-3495).

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School Commencement

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The school drum group played as the students entered for the ceremony, followed by the flag song as the Leech Lake Honor Guard presented colors. Following the invocation by school elder, Mike French, the following gave welcoming speeches: Chas Roper, graduate; Carri Jones, Leech Lake Chairwoman; Pam Walker, administrator; and Rocky Papisodora, school board chair. Jay Malchow, HS counselor served as MC. Randy Johnsrud, former teacher and advisor of the students was their choice to give the keynote address.

Following the awarding of scholarships, valedictorian T.J. Warner and salutatorian Tyler Randberg both spoke. Then each student was presented with their diploma, an eagle feather, and a Pendleton blanket as gifts for graduating. After remarks by Doris Adera, interim administrator, the ceremony closed with an honor song by the school drum group, a slide show, and the traveling song.

MCT Waiting on BIA

Earlier this year the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Tribal Executive Committee (which is made up of the Secretary Treasurers and the Tribal Chair From all six MCT member bands) committed to move forward with an effort to let the enrollees that make up the MCT membership vote to change the blood quantum requirements currently stated in the MCT Constitution under the second article. Currently, under article II, MCT enrollees born after July 3, 1961 must possess at least ¼ degree of Minnesota Chippewa blood from, Leech Lake, White Earth, Grand Portage, Mille Lacs, Fon Du Lac, or Boise Forte.



However, MCT enrollees do have blood from other tribes, namely from—but not limited to other Chippewa, Ojibwe, Anishinaabe, and First Nations Tribes. The goal of this effort is to be able to include this blood in the equation of eligibility for the current enrollees and future enrollees.

Resolutions were passed to begin this effort at the February MCT Tribal Executive Committee meeting, and now the executive staff of the MCT has put the issue to the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The next step is for the resolutions to make their way up the chain of command to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Kevin K. Washburn at the Department of the Interior.

District I Community Assembly

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Deer River Walk/Run Fair

The King Fun Run and Health & Wellness Fair held on Saturday, May 16 at King Elementary School was a huge success! We would like to thank the 171 registered participants, families and community members, and the numerous organizations who came out and joined the fun! First place finisher of the 'Kid's Mini-Run,' Arionna Doerr (4th grade) from Ball Club. She was followed by her little brother, Kevin Doerr (Kindergarten), as the second place finisher.

We could not have made this day possible without the help of our many volunteers and donations from Jim Michaud, Gilbert Applebee, District 1 - Penny DeVault, Leech Lake Gaming Division, Northern Star Cooperative, District 2 - Steve White, Range Water, Che We Express, White Oak Casino and Pepsi. We look forward to hosting our 2nd annual King Fun Run and Health & Wellness Fair next spring! Much Appreciation! Parents and Teachers of King School (PTKS)



First place finisher of the 'Kid's Mini-Run,' Arionna Doerr (4th grade) from Ball Club. She was followed by her little brother, Kevin Doerr (Kindergarten), as the second place finisher.



Taran Howard from Ball Club was the first place finisher of the 5K run.



King Elementary PTKS Committee (Pam Thompson, Addy Carstensen, Laurie Alger, and Bernadette Charnoski) pictured above is accepting a donation check from District I Representative, Penny DeVault. District II Representative, Steve White and Leech Lake Gaming also made contributions to the fundraising event.

DISTRICT I ELDER SPOTLIGHT

The District I staff is extremely honored to share the story of our Ball Club Elder, Myron "Butch" Fairbanks from Ball Club, as written by Butch and his wife, Carol.

Butch said he did not accomplish much in his life. After graduating from Deer River High School in June 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy to see the world. The Navy lived up to their promise by assigning him to the Navy Icebreaker U.S.S Edisto AGB-2. On this ship, he traveled to the top of the world (Arctic) and to the bottom of the world (Antarctica). The Antarctica cruise taught Butch a hard lesson, which is be careful what you ask for. The Edisto was in a huge storm for days, 60-70 foot waves; 75-90 mph winds; huge chunks of ice floating all around. At times, he thought he might not get back to Ball Club for one more Grain Belt. He also had this feeling when he was with U.S. Naval Construction Battalion 6 (Seabees) assigned to the 3rd Marine Division in Northern I Corps Vietnam, during the TET offensive 1968, the unit was under numerous rocket/mortar attacks. He thinks about those days frequently.



He also served in/on the following unit stations and ships: U.S. Naval Air Training Center (Paxent River, MD); USS Edisto, AGB-2; U.S. Navy Seabee Battalion 6 (Greece and Spain); U.S. Naval Examining Center (Great Lakes, IL); attended U.S. Naval School (San Diego, CA); U.S. Navy Seabee Battalion 121 (Vietnam 1967-1969); USS Forrest Sherman 931 (Destroyer); U.S. Navy Recruiting (Wilkes-Barre, PA); USS Dwight D. Eisenhower CVN-69 (Nuclear Aircraft Carrier). Retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer, E-8, with 20 years in 1978.

Butch was awarded the following U.S. Military Medals; (2) Navy Commendation Medals, one with the V-Device; (5) Good Conduct Medals; Combat Action Ribbon, and (11) Unit Award Medals / Ribbons, and several letters of commendation. Unit awards are awards to the units to which he was assigned at the time of the award and is authorized to wear.

Subsequently, Butch worked for the U.S. Navy Shipbuilding Program, Washington DC, where he reached the Federal Civil Service Grade of GS-14, Supervisory, Logistics management Specialist until 1988 at which time he decided 30 years of working for the U.S. Navy was sufficient. He returned to Wilkes-Barre, PA where his wife, Carol, is from and worked for a large manufacturing company as a Utility / Relief Operator. Butch's wife, Carol, worked for the Federal Government and later the Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent Newspaper for years.

Butch decided it was time for that Grain Belt. So, he and his wife, Carol, and son, Michael, moved from Wilkes-Barre to Ball Club, MN. He figured this to be a good time to move as Michael would be switching schools anyway. His Wilkes-Barre neighbor bought their home for his parents and Butch and Carol bought the Ernie Daigle home in Ball Club. Butch worked for Cass County for one year and then worked for the IHS Hospital for eleven years and retired at the age of 62. In post-retirement, he worked twelve years for the Leech Lake Health Division as a Community Health Representative and later as a Pharmaceutical / Laboratory Courier.

The Ball Club move was good for the family, as their son Michael, graduated from Deer River High School followed by Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems; followed by College of St. Scholastica with a Masters of Arts Degree in Information Technology (Leadership), and is currently working at the Indian Health Services Manager of Health Information Exchange in Rockville, MD.

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CONTINUED DISTRICT I ELDER SPOTLIGHT

Butch and Carol are active members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Mission / Church in Ball Club. Butch punched the time clock for only 56 years and is currently doing homework and some church work. Butch said he crossed paths with a lot of good people in his travels. This is what he misses most, the people, some are gone now and for the ones lucky to still be here, he said for you who read this, always do your best at work and at home, your days will go better for you. God Bless.

THANKS BUTCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT JUNE 2015

This month we would like to present John Michael Bowstring as our youth spotlight. John is a member of the Inger community and the son of Marvin and Melissa Bowstring. He is fifteen years old and will be entering his sophomore year of high school at the Deer River High School. He is a member of the DRHS football team, but enjoys playing football anytime of the year. In his free time his favorite thing to do is play video games with his friends. Another passion of his is attending pow-wows on the pow-wow trail where he enjoys dancing and sometimes sings with his older brother. Also, he was once the Cha-Cha-Bah-Ning brave when he was younger. In the future he hopes to attend college and find a good job as a 'youtuber,' player in the CFL or NFL, or a construction worker and possibly move to Canada or somewhere along the Minnesota/Canada border.



Congratulations on your accomplishments and may your future be bright and fulfilled with enjoyment!

District I Community LIC Elections

Inger LIC Elections open for all positions

Elections will be Monday July 13, 2015 @ 7:00 pm
at the Inger Community Center.

Deer River LIC elections for Vacant positions

- Secretary / Treasurer
- Community Representative
- Student Representative

Elections will be July 27, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
at the Deer River Vets Club,
regular LIC meeting to follow

Testimony from Chairwoman Carri Jones, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
May 13, 2015

My name is Carri Jones, and I am the Chairwoman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Band). Our Band is located on the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota. I want to thank Chairman Barasso, Vice Chairman Tester, and Members of the Subcommittee for holding this oversight hearing entitled “*Bureau of Indian Education: Examining Organizational Challenges in Transforming Educational Opportunities for Indian Children.*” My testimony is focused on the Band’s long struggle to replace the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School (High School) facility, which is administered and funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ (BIA) Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). We believe this to be emblematic of the significant challenges related to school facilities throughout Indian Country.

I would like to specifically thank Senator Franken for his tireless efforts to assist the Band in addressing our priorities. The School not only serves a critical role providing a quality, culturally relevant education to the Band’s children, but also serves as an economic engine for the entire community. We are deeply grateful for their support.

Replacement of the High School has been a top priority of the Leech Lake Government and the entire Leech Lake community for many years. The Band has many critical needs on the Reservation on which it could testify; however, given the serious safety and health risks posed at the sub-standard High School facility, the Band has steadfastly focused its testimony solely on the need to replace the High School. Our hope is that this is the year that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), which handles construction of BIE facilities, begins the process to replace High School facility.

History of Indian Education

After the formation of the United States, Indian tribes ceded hundreds of millions of acres of our homelands to the federal government to help build this nation. In return, the U.S. made promises to make the resulting reservations permanent livable homes, including providing for the education, health, and general welfare of reservation residents. These treaty promises were made in perpetuity, remain the supreme law of the land, and do not have an expiration date. However, as you know and as tribal leaders are stating in these hearings today, these promises have not been kept, and our children suffer because of it.

Dire Need to Replace High School Facility at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is located in Bena, Minnesota, operated by the Band and governed by its School Board. It is named in honor of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (Hole in the Day), an Ojibwe man who lived in the area at the turn of the century. He is revered for his commitment to fight for our land, our people, and for our children. Some of the kids ride school buses for 2 hours each way every day to attend school. Founded in 1975, the School started modestly with 35 Ojibwe students from the Reservation in response to parental concerns that public schools were not meeting the academic and cultural needs of our students. Since that time, the School has transformed itself into a magnet school, teaching state-approved curricula with Ojibwe cultural components. Existing enrollment is a testament to the passion of the students, parents and teachers who are committed to strong academic achievement despite the significant deficiencies and health and safety hazards present at our High School.

The High School is in dire need of replacement. Unlike other schools in the BIE inventory, the High School facility was not originally built for use as an academic space. It is a metal-clad pole barn originally built to house an auto mechanic school and bus garage. When the building was transformed into the High School, the intention was that it would only be a temporary space. However, generations of students have attended school in this makeshift building. The facility has serious structural and mechanical deficiencies and lacks proper insulation. The facility does not meet basic safety, fire, and security standards due to the flimsiness of the construction materials, electrical problems, and lack of alarm systems. Further, the building lacks a communication intercom system, telecommunication technology, and safe zones, which puts students, teachers, and staff at great risk in emergency situations. The police and emergency responders have dubbed the high school building as “Killer Hall” because an emergency would likely have tragic results. In addition, in high wind situations over 40 M.P.H., the students must evacuate outside into the winds because of the structural flaws with the flat metal building.

The High School facility presents a continuing threat to the health and safety of our students and faculty due to poor indoor air quality that contains mold, fungus, and a faulty HVAC system. The facility also suffers from rodent and bat infestation, roof leaks and sagging roofs, holes in the roofs from ice, uneven floors, exposed wiring, poor lighting, sewer problems, lack of handicap access, and lack of classrooms and other space. These are just a few of the facility’s numerous deficiencies. Due to the unsafe surroundings, many students have withdrawn from our High School and have transferred to public high school. Students report being embarrassed about the condition of the High School, which results in a negative image of the School and a lower matriculation rate. Despite these challenging conditions, the students perform well. For example, the School has won many awards for its language immersion program and our students are successful compared to their performance at other area schools.

U.S Responsibility to Provide for the Education of American Indian Students

Several federal laws, treaties, and policies acknowledge the federal government’s obligation to provide for the education of American Indian children. The Band’s Reservation was established through a series of treaties with the U.S. and presidential executive orders. *See* Treaties of February 22, 1855 (10 Stat. 1165) and March 19, 1867 (Article I, 16 Stat. 719); Executive Orders of October 29, 1873; November 4, 1873; and May 26, 1874.

Through these treaties and executive orders, our ancestors ceded to the United States significant tracts of our homelands. In return, the U.S. promised to provide for school buildings, teachers, and the education of our youth. Hundreds of thousands of additional acres of our homelands were taken from us pursuant to the land allotment mandates of the federal Nelson Act in 1889, which is the Minnesota version of the General Allotment Act. As with the various treaty promises made to our people, one focus of the Nelson Act was to dedicate funds generated from these lands for “the establishment and maintenance of a system of free schools among said Indians, in their midst and for their benefit.” These treaty promises have no expiration dates and remain the law of the land. Sadly, these promises have not been kept.

High School Rated in “Poor Condition” in Need of Replacement by BIA

The BIA categorizes this facility in “poor” condition. In 2007, the BIA Midwest Regional Office for the Office of Indian Education Programs issued a report expressing strong concerns about electrical problems, potential fire issues, and student safety. The BIA Office of Facilities, Environmental Safety, and Cultural Management had documented the numerous and serious deficiencies of the High School.

In a February 28, 2011, in a letter responding to Ranking Member Moran’s inquiry about the High School, former Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk stated:

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School shows evidence of continuing deterioration . . . Due to the type of construction of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, improvements to the school such as expansion or construction of one building for classrooms or administrative space is not an optimum solution. **Preliminary evaluations indicate that the building should be replaced** (emphasis added). The estimated date of replacement will depend on the priority ranking of the high school and amount of funds available to correct school facility deficiencies through education construction appropriations.

Working collaboratively with our community and with architects, we have developed construction and design plans for a new High School that will serve as a local anchor for cultural, environmental and economic sustainability. To meet these objectives, we must first provide our children with a learning environment conducive to academic achievement. We are ready to move forward, but we need the Subcommittee's help.

Lack of Funding for BIE Facilities Replacement Construction

The U.S. spends billions of dollars on the construction of buildings for federal uses but somehow can't seem to budget sufficient funding to ensure that American Indian children go to school in buildings that are not only safe, but also conducive to learning. The President's FY13, FY14, and FY 2015 budget requests violated their treaty and trust responsibilities, as they sought to essentially impose a moratorium on replacement school facilities construction by requesting funding only for repairs and improvements and the construction of one school. We are extremely appreciative of this Committee's work to increase funding for construction of BIE schools over the past couple of years and believe the Administration is starting to take note of the extreme need throughout Indian Country. Although we believe some progress has been made, there is much more to be done.

For the President's FY16 budget request, the BIA requests a "\$58.7 million increase is requested for Education Construction to support the education transformation. This includes a \$25.3 million increase for replacement school construction to complete construction of the final two schools on the 2004 replacement school construction priority list: Little Singer Community School and Cove Day School, both in Arizona. A \$17.7 million increase for facilities improvement and repair is requested for repairs to building structures and components that are necessary to sustain and prolong the useful life of education buildings. Additionally, \$11.9 million is requested to address major facility repair needs at schools like the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school on the Leech Lake Band of the Ojibwe reservation"

We are pleased that the President recognizes the significant needs at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School in his budget and that the Administration is making efforts to identify additional funding to address some of the backlog. With this said, the FY16 budget request does not offer enough funding to clear out the current backlog and admits that there are many schools, such as our High School, that are rated in "poor condition" with the potential for life, safety, and health hazards. Our High School is among the more than 63 schools funded by the BIE that are in poor condition. At this time, the BIE construction backlog is more than \$1.3 billion and this number keeps growing.

Instead, the Administration should be requesting at least \$200 million for FY16 for school **and** facilities replacement with a plan to request at least \$200 million each year until the BIE school construction backlog is addressed. The Bush Administration had requested over \$200 million each year in FY05-FY07 for BIE school and facilities construction and was able to make progress in reducing the BIE construction backlog. Only through consistent and sustained funding will the BIA be able to make a dent in its BIE school facilities backlog. Our hope is that the Subcommittee could consider addressing the BIE construction backlog by developing a plan to significantly reduce it over a period of time.

Conclusion

The Leech Lake students and students throughout Indian Country deserve the opportunity to attend school in a safe environment that provides them with educational opportunities afforded to other students. The United States owes them this. Instead, our students attend high school in a sub-standard, dangerous environment that is not conducive to learning. This impacts their self-worth, creates feelings of inferiority, and sends a message to them that their education and even their lives are unimportant.

Congress and the Administration must develop a comprehensive plan to fully fund the construction needs at the Leech Lake High School and fix organizational barriers which are preventing this. In addition, Congress and the Administration must work in consultation with tribal leaders, educators, and others to develop innovative ways of funding and building Indian reservation schools.

We appreciate all the work that this Committee, its Members, and our Representatives have done to raise awareness and advance the replacement of the school to date and we look forward to continuing to work with you. Thank you for the time to testify and discuss this important topic.

Thank you,

Chairwoman Carrie Jones
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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LEECH LAKE EARLY CHILDHOOD SPONSORS OF THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

June 8th – August 14th, 2014

For children ages 1 to 18 years old.

WHERE:

Times/Days:

Aabinoojii Oshkii Bimadiziwin (Cass Lake Head Star Center)	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
S. Lake Community Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Inger Head Start Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Ball Club Community Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Sugar Point Community Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Onigum Head Start Center	11:00am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Bena Head Start Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Prescott Community Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday
Kego Lake Community Center	11:30am to 1:00pm Tuesday & Thursday
Boy Lake Park	11:30am to 1:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday Only

For more information call 218-335-8254

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Elders Feast Held by the Housing Authority

The 22nd Annual Elder's Feast was the 22nd Annual Elder's Feast held at Northern Lights Casino on May 16th. We had 257 elder's 62 years or older with total 305 registered in attendance from many different areas. Our furthest elder came from Oklahoma and our eldest female was Evelyn Ihrke from Grand Rapids 91 years old and our eldest male elder Earl Eiron from Laporte 90 years old.



LEECH LAKE FOSTER CARE

6035 161st ST NW Cass Lake, MN 56633

We need Leech Lake Foster Care Homes. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent here are the basic requirements:

- ✓ Application & Pass UA
- ✓ Background check anyone older than 13 years old
- ✓ Physical exam
- ✓ Health & Safety Home Visit

Options of types of Foster Homes:

- Regular
- Relative
- Respite
- Therapeutic
- Medically Fragile
- Emergency



Contact the L.L. Foster Care Department for more information:

Dorothea Cloud, Licensing Coordinator @ 218.335.3622
Natalie Wickner, Foster Care Specialist @ 218.335.7216
Diane Wright, Child Placement Advocate @ 218.335.3611

FROM THE DISTRICT II OFFICE

If any District II Band members are unable to make it to our Cass Lake office or to any of the District II LIC meetings we can come to you for a meeting to discuss any issues that are of concern.

Please contact the District II office to make arrangements at:

218-335-8341 or at 218-335-8202.

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native

American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see www.IndianFarmClass.com

Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District

Position Title: *North American Indigenous Arts & Crafts Teacher*

Position Details: *The Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District*

is seeking a self-directed individual to teach North American Indigenous Arts and Crafts to grades 5 & 6.

Course Description: This course offers students an opportunity to learn about and practice the arts and crafts of several North American indigenous cultures and beginning language skills. Beadwork, basket weaving, moccasin making, dream catcher creations and other woodland crafts are a few of the techniques that will be explored. This course will be enhanced with guest presenters who are local, traditional Anishinabe artists and crafters.

Required Qualifications: Current MN teaching license or the ability to obtain a MN teaching license in Indian Studies or an equivalent certification with Ojibwe Language background.

The Cass Lake-Bena School District

is searching for individuals interested in the following positions for the 2015-16 school year:

Middle School **LD Teacher** (Grades 5-8)

Middle School **EBD Teacher**

Middle School **Math Instructor**

High School **Math Instructor** (Grades 9-12)

Driver's Education Instructor - One Class Period per Day

Varsity **Wrestling Coach**

Long Term Substitute **Language Arts Instructor** (Sept. – Nov. 6, 2015)

To apply, send a letter of intent, resume, three letters of reference, copy of transcripts and license to: Rochelle Johnson, Superintendent of Schools
208 Central Avenue, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633
218-335-2204, ext. 6001

Application Deadline: June 15, 2015

Posting Date – June 1, 2015

OJIBWE LANGUAGE & CULTURE TEACHER

Located in Franklin, Wisconsin

The Indian Community School has an opening for an Ojibwe Language and Culture Teacher to instruct Native American students in K4 through 8th grade. The position is located on a 100+ acre campus with prairies, forest and naturally landscaped grounds. The school is a modern and unique building designed to honor Native American culture and values.

Contact Bonnie Thielecke for more information Thielecke_b@ics-milw.org

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to:

Bonnie Thielecke / HR Director

Indian Community School

10405 West St. Martins Road, Franklin, WI 53132

PORTAGE LAKE ROAD DETOUR BEGINS JUNE 18, 2015

CASS LAKE, Minn. (June 9, 2015) Chippewa National Forest will begin work on the Portage Lake Road beginning June 18th, 2015. Portage Lake Road (FR 2131) is located 15 miles east of Cass Lake, MN. The Portage Lake Road will be closed 2.5 miles off Highway 2 while work is being done to replace a failing culvert with a new bridge. During the expected 6-week closure, a detour route will provide access to Leech Lake and facilities at the end of the road.

Forest Road 3762 and Forest Road 2341 will be the designated detour roads. Forest Road 3762 will provide one-way access from the Portage Lake Road and Forest Road 2341 will provide one-way to the Portage Lake Road. Both Forest Roads will be bladed and brushed open prior to the bridge work to allow for larger RV traffic travelling down the detour route. Both routes will continue to be maintained, as needed, during the closure.

For more information about the detour or about the Chippewa National Forest, please call 218-335-8600 or visit our website www.usda.fs.gov/chippewa.

Hospital Expansion Project June 22nd

All patients are encouraged to use the Dental Wing entrance the week of June 22nd, 2015. Use caution when using the emergency doors due to the high volume of construction work taking place. Due to the construction of the new expansion of the hospital the emergency entrance is intended for emergency situations not as a main entrance.



Wishing District II Elders a

Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays



Hilda Beaulieu, Ronald Burnette, Marian Molash,
Charlene Dahl, Roxanne Drumbeater,
Barbara Shipley, & Arthur Chase.

Opening for Childcare Wraparound Program

The summer program still has opening for full time child care at:

Cass Lake – AOB Center

Kindergarten and 1st grade classroom

7:30 am to 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

Tribal College Early Head Start Center Toddler Age

7:30 am – 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

The Leech Lake Early Childhood Summer Program is a fun and safe place for children whose parents/legal guardians are working or going to school. It will be filled with school readiness and cultural activities

If you have any questions or would like to apply please contact Diane Smith, Parent Services Coordinator 335-8345 / diane.smith@llojibwe.org



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

115 Sixth Street NW. Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Business # (218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Regina M. White and
Darrell Goodman, Parents.
Court File No. CP-14-04

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 8, 2015, a **Petition for Alternative Relief** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. 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(ren) of:
Stephanie Suzanne Cloud and
Jess Simon Day, Parents.
Court File No. CP-14-41

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 18, 2014, as amended by the Court on December 15, 2014, a **Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. 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(ren) of:
Angela Budreau (Deceased), and
Terry Moore, Parents.
Court File No. CP-14-32

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 23, 2015, a **Petition for Long-Term Foster Care** and a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** were filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. 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.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

Debra A. Rambo,
Co-Petitioners,
vs.
Michael S. Rambo,
Respondent.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. FA-14-95

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on **July 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**, the Initial Hearing will commence in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, upper level, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If respondent fails to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter and Order for Default Judgment against you. If petitioner fails to appear, this matter will be dismissed by this court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16th day of April, 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

Isaac Lee Nabors,
Petitioners,
vs.
Jamie L. Whitebird/Hunt,
Respondent.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. FA-15-70

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on **July 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**, the Initial Hearing will commence in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, upper level, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If respondent fails to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter and Order for Default Judgment against you. If petitioner fails to appear, this matter will be dismissed by this court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of April, 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE **Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, July 2nd, 2015 at 10:00 am

Ball Club Community Center

Meal served following the meeting



Obituaries



Calvin Dennis Smith

Calvin Dennis Smith, 68, "Ma'iingun" which means "Wolf", of Bemidji passed away at home after his determined 14 year battle with



cancer, with his family by his side. He was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota on August 4, 1946, the son of Francis Sr. and Nancy (Blakely) Smith.

Calvin was born and lived most of his early life in Cass Lake. He moved with his family to Chicago in his early teenage years and lived there for just over 20 years. While living in Chicago, he attended the Chicago School of Cosmotology in the early 60's. Calvin, also lived and worked in California for a short time in the late 60's. He returned home to Cass Lake area in 1979. Calvin Loved his Motown and 60's music. He had an extensive Motown album collection that he played often on his record player. Calvin loved to dance and often did with his nieces, especially to the Supremes. Calvin was a "techie", loved to tinker with and could fix any kind of electronics back to working order. Calvin believed that "you need to be who you are", and he was just that.

Calvin is reunited with his parents, Francis Sr. and Nancy, brothers; Francis Boy Smith, Jr., Leroy Geewis Smith and Melvin Smith, Sisters; Ruby O'Connor, Phyllis Calderone and Jeanette Brown, numerous uncles, aunties,, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He leaves behind his nieces; Kim, Yolanda, Pam, Alice, Melissa, Nancy, Lucinda, Melanie, Jennifer, Sun, Robyn and Terri Jo, nephews; Terry, Stacy,

J.R. and Allen, many great nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A wake for Calvin will begin Sunday, May 17th and continue until his service on Tuesday, May 19th all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Reverend Mark R. Olson will officiate. Calvin's pallbearers will be Terry O'Connor, Stacy Smith, Jim Oxford, Sr., Nigel Smith, Ed St. John and Johnny Jones. His honorary pallbearers are Deb Beckstrand, Georgia Christiansen, Shelly Fear, Don Finney, Darlene Prickett and all of his nieces and nephews. Inurnment will be in the Oak Point Cemetery at Oak Point at a later date.

Calvin's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker. On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.northernpeace.com

Christine Jones

Christine Marie Jones, 61, of Minneapolis, passed away May 2, 2015 in Shakopee, Minnesota. She was born in Cass Lake



on April 6, 1954, the daughter of Jacob and Susan Jones.

The love of Christine's life are her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who were her most favorite pastime. The deepest wish she expressed in recent weeks before her passing was for the well-being of all whom she loved. The family that Christine joins are her daughter, Melanie "Molly" Jones, seven sisters and five brothers.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter; Melvina, son; Michael, eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, sister; Clara, and brothers;

Harry and Steven.

A wake for Christine will begin May 4th, at the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis. A second overnight wake will continue on Tuesday, May 5th at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continue until her service on Wednesday, May 6th. Pastor Mark R. Olson will officiate. Helping to lay Christine to rest are Antonio Bellanger, Colin Hawkins, Steven "Sonny" Jones, Martin LeBlanc, Joe LeBlanc, J.J. LeBlanc and Terry Jones. Her honorary pallbearers are Steve Jones and Lucas White. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission following her Wednesday service.

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

Nathan Jenkins

Nathan "Newt" Jenkins age 35 of Redwood Falls, formerly of Ball Club, Minnesota, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his home. Visitation will begin



June 2 at the Lower Sioux Guild Hall and continue until the Funeral Service June 3. A second visitation will begin on Wednesday at the Ball Club Community Center on the Leech Lake Reservation and continue until the Funeral Service June 4. Online condolences may be sent at www.stephensfuneralservice.com. Stephens Funeral Service - Redwood Valley Funeral Home in Redwood Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.

Nathan "Newt" Jenkins was born July 11, 1979 in Bemidji, Minnesota to Charles and Dorothy (Dunn) Jenkins. He graduated from Bug-o-nay-geshig School in 1997, and later attended Bemidji State University. Nathan worked

at Northern Lights Casino for a period of time. Nathan met the love of his life, Sheena Crow, in Marshall, Minnesota and together they made their home in Redwood Falls for the last seven years. He enjoyed drawing, playing PlayStation, listening to music and attending concerts. He loved his three cats. Nathan enjoyed a variety of foods and going out to eat, but he especially loved the home-cooked meals made by Sheena.

Nathan is survived by his soul mate Sheena Crow; sisters Elaine Jenkins, Vivienne Crow, and Marya "Tum" Jenkins; special brother Troy Bowstring; uncles: Sam Jenkins of Minneapolis, George (Carol) Jenkins of Cass Lake, Nathan (Betty) Jenkins of Deer River, Tony (Audrey) Jenkins of Cass Lake, Maynard (Alfreda McKenzie) Jenkins of Bemidji, and John Dunn of Cass Lake; nieces and nephews: Greg, Michael, Noel, Randi, Diane, and Melissa; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, several siblings, grandparents, and close friend Ricardo Sanchez, Sr.

David Smith

David Francis "Kongo" Smith I, 60, of Onigum, "Ma'iingan-ag" which means "Two Wolf" passed away at his home



unexpectedly on May 12, 2015. Kongo was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota on May 18, 1954.

He lived the majority of his life in the Onigum area, where he enjoyed living off the land. He loved hunting, fishing, netting, ricing and berry picking. He and his former wife, Priscilla Smith (also of Onigum), had 7 children together, Jeremiah, Emmilee, TahSheena, Kateri, David II, Brianne and Conrad (Onigum area). He also had another daughter, Lynzie Lightfeather of St. Paul and a son, Eric Elletson-Smith of Monticello. David

was a great storyteller and had a way of pulling you right into whatever it may be that he was talking about. He had so many stories to share, so many tales of his young rebellious years. Each one just as humorous and action filled as the last. He was always joking with everyone and making them laugh! Humor was such a huge part of him and will be remembered by all.

As a young teen he began following the Powwow trail, where he eventually picked up dancing Men's Traditional. He went on to become an amazing dancer, and to this day, many people still talk about his grace and dancing ability. However, due to losing his right leg in a hunting accident, he was unable to continue dancing. Although he missed it, he was still able to play a big role in the annual Onigum Powwow by being the Fire Keeper. He enjoyed this responsibility, and took pride in tending the fire. At the same time David picked up dancing, he began learning and following the traditional values and ways of the Anishinabe people.

He was also a very talented artist! He loved painting and drawing, which eventually led to tattooing. He took pride in his work and enjoyed sharing it. There are many people who own his paintings, drawings and/or tattoos. It made him proud seeing his work displayed in different homes and establishments.

His 9 children and 24 grandchildren were his pride and joy. There are many photos of him standing tall and proud next to each of his kids, with an arm wrapped around their shoulders, or grandchildren sitting or relaxing upon his lap.

Kongo is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Frances, granddaughter; Dominique, grandson; Damin, sister; Lynda, uncles; Frank, John, Sam and Jacob, nieces; Lynda and Jacqueline and nephews; Jason and James.

He leaves behind his sons; Jeremiah Smith, David (Tosha) Smith, Jr., Conrad Smith (Val) and Eric Elletson-Smith, daughters; Emmilee Smith (Adrian), Lynzie Lightfeather, TahSheena Smith (Adam), Kateri Smith and Brianne Smith (Travis), brothers; Mike (Patty) of Mission, John (Louise) of Walker,

Wayne of Bena, Terry of Onigum, Robin and Jerry both of Smokey Point, sisters; Jean (Owen) of Turtle River, Frieda (Chick) of Old Agency, Kathy (Carl) of Onigum, Theresa (Victor) of Onigum, Margaret (Ken) of Onigum and Bev (Joe) of Onigum and 24 grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and numerous friends.

A wake for Kongo will begin on May 16th and continue until his service on May 18th all being held at the Onigum Community Center. Pastor Mark R. Olson and Donald Wright, Sr. will officiate. Pallbearers for Kongo will be Angelo Smith, Conrad Smith, Acelee Dunn, Jacob Bellanger, Dave Smith Jr. and Eric Smith. His honorary pallbearers are Lavae Oothoudt, Frank Oothoudt, Jim Dahl, Little Rob Jr., Carl J., Randy White Jr., all his brothers, nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency following his Monday service. On-line condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

In memory of OUR Brothers

In memory of David F. Smith (a.K.A Kongo) and Leo D. Jordan (a.K.A. Bart). With every prayer, hug and talk, food and/or money you shared with us in our most tearful time, we will never forget our crazy brothers.

They will be on our hearts and minds forever and ever. We appreciate everything that you did for our family. Forever with you in life and death, love you both forever. Thank you from the big family of dave, and junior/bart.

**From your dear family
with love and happiness!**

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 JUNE 19th, 2015

PT Technician-Women's Halfway House ~ Human Services ~ Code: 15-079
Intake File Clerk ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-078

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JULY 3rd, 2015

Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-067

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

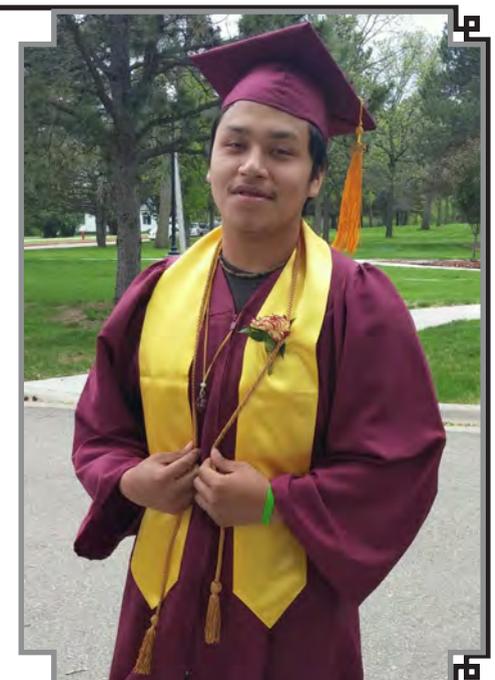
Part-Time Security Officer ~ Security Dept ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-044B
Comm. Economic Development Spec. ~ Tribal Development ~ Code: 15-059C
2 GIS Interns ~ Dept of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-074
RN Homecare ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-241B
2 Tribal Planner/Developers ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 15-058
3 Accounts Payable Clerks ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-035B
Tribal Assistance Manager ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-036
Facilities Maintenance Mng ~ Facilities Maintenance ~ Job Code: 15-037
Cook ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-235B
3 PT Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 15-028
Domestic Abuse Re-Education (DAR) Program Coordinator ~
Human Srvc ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-208

Congratulations to all High School Graduates of 2015

Trey Norman Kingbird graduated from the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. Congratulations nephew, we are very proud of you.

Love you,
Auntie Steph and family

Thoughtful Quote for young adults:
Just remember, you can't climb
the ladder of success with your
hands in your pockets.





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of Ojibwe
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**CONTACT INFORMATION
for Elders and Veterans**

1 (888) 231 7886

Carol Jenkins (218) 339-3167

Fran King (218) 335 8586

Kara Randall (218) 335 4511

Elder Advocates (218) 335 3626

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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September 14-18, 2015
Cass Lake Bena High School
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Cass Lake, MN 56633**

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- 150-200 Elders and Veterans
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CASS LAKE, MN**

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Birthday**

for the month of
June!

Brenda Bellanger
Myron Fairbanks
Annette Vaughan
Joseph Whitebird
Constance Wilson
Darwin Wilson Jr.
Sharon Rodriguez
Alfred Fairbanks Jr.
Timothy McDonald
Gilbert Applebee Jr.

Phyllis Gotchie
Carol Michaud
Shelley Wilson
Ernest Bebeau
Mary Bebeau
John Smith

**Honoring & Celebrating
District I Elders**

From District I Office
PENNY, SARAH, & SONDRA