Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake Leaders Meet With MN Governor Mark Dayton, Announce $880,000 Grant

By Michael Chosa

BEMIDJI, MN- The Northwest Indian Community Development Center hosted MN Gov. Mark Dayton and area tribal leaders for a roundtable meeting to discuss strategies for reducing Native American educational disparities in the state. Representing Leech Lake were Secretary-Treasurer Archie LaRose and Dist III Representative LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. White Earth Chairman Terry Tibbets, Red Lake Chairman Darrell Seki and Red Lake Tribal Secretary Donald Cook also participated in the meeting.

According to the Governor’s Office, 32 percent of Native Americans in Minnesota live in poverty, triple the statewide average. Typically, people living in poverty have a much lower level of educational attainment than the general population.

Having a high school diploma or GED increases the earning power of individuals by 37.5 percent – that is nearly a $10,000 per year median wage increase, which can make a significant difference for Minnesota families. However, only about 50 percent of American-Indian high school students currently attain a diploma within four years.

Anishinaabe Basic Education Initiative

After the meeting, Governor Dayton, along with the tribal leaders held a press conference to announce $880,000 in funding for the Anishinaabe Basic Education Initiative. This program will provide an opportunity for Native Americans in the community to earn their diplomas, further their education and gain access to in-demand careers.

“Our goal is to create on-ramps for people to get an education to either continue it or join the workforce with living wage jobs” Said Tuleah Palmer, NWICDC Executive Director. “As we come here today, we’re really looking at the equity from appropriations as a starting point to address a series of disparities that are facing the American Indian community in this region.”

The Initiative is expected to help 150 Native Americans obtain their diploma or GED and access job training during its first year of implementation. An ongoing $250,000 grant will allow the initiative to grow in future years, expanding economic opportunity across the state.

“The Anishinaabe Basic Education Initiative will help American Indian Minnesotans attain the education they need for good careers,” said Governor Dayton. “I thank the Northwest Indian Community Development Center, the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center, and Minnesota’s Tribal Leaders for their stewardship of this initiative. Providing all Minnesotans access to educational opportunities will help build an economy that works better for all Minnesotans.”

During the 2016 Legislative Session, the American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center and the Northwest Indian Community Development Center advocated for the $880,000 grant. Interested parties will be able to access the program at the locations in Bemidji and Minneapolis. Contact AIOIC 612-341-3358 or NWICDC 218-759-2022 for more information.

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"Celebrating Native Women" Gathering Held

By Michael Chosa

More than 70 local women attended the gathering at the BSU American Indian Resource Center on August 2nd, 2016. The Blandin Foundation’s Office of Public Policy and Engagement hosted the event. Intended to serve as a celebration of the importance of Anishinaabe culture and values, the event also focused on instilling a stronger sense of self, identity, pride, hope and connection in the attendees. With these goals in mind, attendees heard presentations on a range of topics including traditional Anishinaabe moon teachings, healthy eating, self-respect, body image and Anishinaabe academic success.

“What we learned is that there are many different pathways of being an Anishinaabe woman,” said Dr. Kathy Annette, Blandin Foundation President, “Yet our culture is core to who we are, that it takes many types of information to live in the broader world, and education is a type of information that Anishinaabe women can bring into their lives.”

During lunch, the group honored and recognized four women who have shown leadership in the community:

- Helen Bryan Johnson – Helen’s stand for justice - all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court - against state taxes on her mobile home, called into question the intent of Public Law 280 and provided the legal bedrock that paved the way for sovereign tribal interest in economic self-sufficiency and self-determination, specifically gaming, in Indian Country.
- Margaret (Peg) Treuer – Peg broke the cycle of loss of traditional knowledge, teachings and practices for herself and her family, became one of the first female Native American attorneys in the United States and the first female native attorney in the state of Minnesota. Peg is quoted as saying, “there is nothing that can stop an Indian who knows who he or she is.”
- Elaine Fleming – Elaine’s life has been in the benefit of others, from her 10 years of service in the U.S. Army, as the first female, Native American mayor in the state of Minnesota, as a traditional storyteller, a community organizer, and through her dedication to preservation of culture as an educator.
- Carri Jones – The youngest person, and first woman, to serve as Tribal Chair of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Carri was honored as a strong Anishinaabe woman who has shown her commitment to caring not only for her family, but for her tribe as well.

In the afternoon, a panel discussion was held featuring several Leech Lake women including: Leah Monroe, Angela Nordman, Anne Dunn and Linda Lyons Aitkin. They spoke about their journeys as Anishinaabe women and answered questions from attendees.

“I'm so appreciative and grateful to all the women who took the initiative to lead us through this wonderful day,” said Dr. Annette. Attendees were also treated to a performance by LLBO band member and musician, Annie Humphrey.

This was the first time this particular event was hosted by the Blandin Foundation. Kathy Annette and staff plan to host a post event meeting to discuss what they saw, felt and learned from the gathering. “We’ll see what plans may be for the future after that” Kathy noted.

National Native News Briefs

President Obama Announces 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference

On Monday, September 26, President Obama will host the 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC. This will be the President’s eighth and final Tribal Nations Conference, providing tribal leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes with the opportunity to interact directly with high-level federal government officials and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

Each federally recognized tribe is invited to send one representative to the conference. This year’s conference will continue to build upon the President’s commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Additional details about the conference will be released at a later date.

STOP Act Introduced in U.S. Senate

Several U.S. Senators in the Southwestern United States have introduced a bill to halt international sales of Native American artifacts. Anyone caught smuggling the items out of the U.S. would face 10 years in prison along with fines. The bill would also create a group made up of tribal representatives to help federal officials determine the extent of worldwide artifact trafficking.

It comes after several high-profile auctions in Paris of Navajo and Hopi objects, and attempts by tribes and the U.S. Justice Department to halt the sales. French courts determined that the auctions could go forward. The STOP Act will go to the Committee on Indian Affairs before possible consideration by the full Senate.

New ICWA Rule to Take Effect in December

A new federal rule will require judges in every state to ask whether a child is a Native American during foster-care and adoption proceedings — especially when there’s reason to believe a child is a tribal member.

Under the rule announced by the Interior Department, judges also must ask about a child’s status as a tribal member during hearings to determine whether or not a mother or father’s parental rights will be terminated. The regulation is set to go into effect in December as part of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

First Ever Indigenous Comic Con to be Held

The organizers of the event are the Indigenous Narratives Collective, which describes itself on their Facebook page as “what it looks like when Native Americans are in charge of the comic book universe: no shamans, no trackers, just Native superheroes. ’Nuff said.”

Scheduled to take place November 18-20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the event is an effort by indigenous Americans to tell their own story, and reclaim from outsiders the stereotypical depictions of indigenous culture that are all too common in popular media. The Albuquerque convening will feature comic books, video games, tabletop games, graphic novels, film and television, sci-fi and fantasy, and anything else Indigenous.
Board of Directors Names Dr. Erma Vizenor as President of the Leech Lake Tribal College
Submitted by Amarin Chanthorn, LLTC Director of Advancement

The LLTC Board of Trustees announced Dr. Erma J. Vizenor as the new College president. A Bush Fellowship recipient, she possesses an undergraduate degree in elementary education, master’s degree guidance counseling, a specialist degree in education administration, and her doctorate in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University.

In 2014, Governor Mark Dayton appointed Dr. Vizenor to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System for a six-year term. Prior to being named the College’s next president, she served in White Earth Nation tribal government for the past 18 years and resigned from Chairwoman of the Tribal Council this past January.

The Board of Trustees decision was based on combined employment background, academic credentials, and tribal community relationships. The combined experience in these areas led Dr. Vizenor as the primary candidate for the leadership position at LLTC.

“This is such a wonderful opportunity to start the next 25-years with the College; I want to do all I can to ensure the College is financially stable, continuously thriving and growing to meet the needs of our students. I look forward to my tenure here at the College,” said Dr. Vizenor.

Dr. Vizenor replaces Dr. Ginny Carney, who came out of retirement to serve as the interim-president.

Formal presidential inauguration will be conducted at a later date at a private event. Dr. Vizenor formal start date was Monday, July 18, 2016.

The Leech Lake Tribal College is an accredited higher-education institution chartered by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in 1990. Visit www.lltc.edu for more information and news briefs.

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Standing Rock Support: A ruling on the pipeline construction by Sept. 9th.

For now, protestors have been successful in halting construction at the Cannon Ball, ND site. Their resistance efforts have garnered national attention with high profile actors such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Susan Sarandon and Shailene Woodley joining the protest.

For more information regarding the protest and how you can support their cause, visit: http://www.sacredstonecamp.org

District III Representative LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, traveled to North Dakota to hand deliver the letter along with water, wild rice and other supplies which were donated to help support the protestors. He met with the Standing Rock Tribal Council/Executive staff and visited the protest site where he placed the Leech Lake Band flag alongside the many other tribal nations flags adorning the site.

After his return from ND, LeRoy said: “Traveling to Standing Rock was both humbling and empowering. Seeing the amount of indigenous folks from across North America coming together was an unforgettable experience. The decision-making process out there is being framed by our value systems, how we as Native tribes would find answers: we pray. For all of the issues that we face as Native people, the elemental point: no one being on this earth can survive without the water and so we must protect it - the environmental issue unified us in a way that we have not seen in many years. I encourage anyone who is able, to travel out there and experience this firsthand, bring your families and children to support the protection of our water.”

“This is building momentum, whether people are true water champions or not, people want to be a part of this. This movement has brought to light more of the issues of racial tension in this country and the need to stand up for our rights as Native people,” LeRoy stated, “This is an important issue for tribes across the country. The government agencies must engage in consultations with tribes on a nation-to-nation basis. If we don’t resist this type of action and demand our right to consult and respect as sovereign nations, who knows, it could happen in our backyard next.”

The full text of Chairman Jackson’s Letter is as follows:

Dear Chairman Archambault and Citizens of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe:

We are writing to express our opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and to support your efforts in any way we can. We are honored with the position your nation has taken and you have our admiration for your dedication to protecting your sovereignty, treaty right and also the Mother we all share.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe believes that water is sacred and there is no life without clean water.

On behalf of my people, I would like to offer our Environmental staff’s expertise and our technical resources. We understand that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recommended further study on the effects of the construction of the pipeline, but that has been ignored, and a permit for construction was issued for the Dakota Access Pipeline. The materials related to the Dakota Access Pipeline support the assertion that the federal government, particularly the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, has failed in its responsibility to you. The impact of the proposed pipeline has not been adequately evaluated, the concerns and issues you have raised have not been respectfully addressed, and a true government-to-government consultation did not occur.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe stands with you to oppose the issuance of permit, construction and the location of the Dakota Access Pipeline. We urge the Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Lawrence Roberts to take any and all steps necessary to protect the environment and water resources of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and community.

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Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Reminder: New Law In Effect
MCT Band Members DO NOT need a State Wild Rice Harvesting Permit to harvest wild rice outside of reservation boundaries if they possess a VALID (non expired) Tribal ID.

However, Band Members are still required to obtain an ON Reservation Wild Rice (Manoomin) permit/license at DRM Headquarters.

If you have any questions please contact Dale Greene at 218-335-3702

2016 Leech Lake Reservation
Migratory Waterfowl Season Dates/Limits

DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER
Season Date: September 17, 2016 – December 31, 2016
Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions: Daily Limit may not contain more than Five (5) Pintails, Five (5) Canvasbacks, and Five (5) Blackducks.
Possession/Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions: Possession/transportation limit may not contain more than Ten (10) Pintails, Ten (10) Canvasbacks and Ten (10) Blackducks.

GEESE – For Hunting Over Land or Water
Season Dates: September 3, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10). All species, in any sex or combination.
Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) all species, in any sex or combination.

Leech Lake Reservation Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day
Saturday, September 10, 2016

General Regulations for the taking of migratory waterfowl
- The use/possession of lead shot loads when taking migratory game birds within the Leech Lake Reservation is prohibited.
- Shooting Hours – One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- The use of live decoys or baiting is prohibited.
- The commercial use of migratory game birds is prohibited.
- Waterfowl may not be taken from a watercraft while it is under motorized power.
- Hole in the Bog Lake and Drumbeater Lake are designated Wildlife Refuges and are restricted from any migratory game bird hunting.
- It is advised that all persons have a coast guard approved life saving device (PFD) on board while waterfowl hunting.

Leech Lake Reservation's 2016 - 2017
Hunting & Trapping Season Dates/Limits

BIG GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS
White Tailed Deer
Bucks or Does
One (1) Deer Tag
One (1) Deer Tag

Resident Non-Band Members
Leech Lake Enrolled Band Members

Note: The Leech Lake D.R.M. and the Minnesota D.N.R. are in the process of rebuilding the deer population after some tough winters a few years back. You can help speed this process by avoiding harvesting adult does this year. This is especially important in the interior and Third River areas of the reservation where deer numbers are lowest. Adult does are the most important deer in a population because they will usually have twins, and the survival rate of their fawns is higher. The faster we recover the deer population the sooner we can start issuing additional tags again. Thank you.

Black Bear

SMALL GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS
Rabbits and Squirrels
Continuous season – No limit
Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock,
Common Snipe & Sora Rail
Daily Bag Limit: Six (6)
Possession Limit: Twelve (12)

Hunters are encouraged to use bullets that do not contain lead to prevent poisoning in humans and wildlife.

TRAPPING

Season Dates
Seasonal Limits
Beaver
October 8, 2016 to May 14, 2017
No Limit
Coyote
Continuous Season
No Limit
Fox
October 8, 2016 to February 28, 2017
No Limit
Mink/Muskrat
October 8, 2016 to February 28, 2017
No Limit
Raccoon
October 8, 2016 to February 28, 2017
No Limit

The fur bearers listed below require LLR trappers to obtain state export tags from the DRM office in Cass Lake. There will be a three (3) day grace period for tagging furs after the end of the season date listed.

Bobcat
November 12, 2016 to January 31, 2017
Limit: Five (5)
Fisher
November 12, 2016 to January 31, 2017
Limit: Three (3)
Pine Marten
November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017
Limit: One (1)
River Otter
October 8, 2016 to April 30, 2017
Limit: Four (4)
Canada Lynx
NO SEASON.
This is a federally protected animal, please report sightings to the Leech Lake DRM Biologist at 218-335-7421.

Contact Us:
Leech Lake DRM Office
190 Sailstar Drive NE
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-7400 or 1-800-442-3942
Community Weighs in on Proposed Superfund Cleanup Plan
By Michael Chosa

The EPA held a public hearing in August to seek input on their upcoming cleanup actions at the St. Regis Superfund Site. Held at the Cass Lake-Bena Elementary School, community members heard a presentation from Leslie Patterson, EPA Remedial Project Manager, followed by a Q&A session and formal comment period.

Superfund Site History
A wood treatment facility operated at the site in Cass Lake from about 1958 until 1985. Ownership of the property has exchanged hands several times and along with that, the responsibility for cleanup. The current owner is International Paper, a Fortune 500 company, who touts its $22.4 billion 2015 net sales figures on their website.

According to the EPA’s June 2016 Factsheet, creosote and other chemicals were used to treat wood, and wastewater was occasionally used for irrigation. Sludge from the wood treatment process was disposed of on the eastern edge of the site and was also burned in a pit at the Cass Lake City dump.

Contaminants
The contaminants of concern (COCs) identified by the EPA, are present in the soil and have been classified as persistent, meaning they linger for long periods of time in the environment and can accumulate and pass from one species to the next through the food chain. The COCs at the St. Regis Site are Dioxin and PAHs. (See the infographic on the next page for info on how they affect humans.)

Dioxin was an impurity in PCP which was used at the site as a preservative and insecticide. PAHs are a group of chemicals formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gasoline, wood and garbage. They are also found in cigarette smoke, soot and creosote.

Cleanup Plan Presentation
The EPA considered six alternatives in regard to cleaning up the residential surface soil at the St. Regis site. These alternatives ranged from no action, up to full excavation of the site. Their plans only concern OU7 (residential areas) of the Superfund Site.

In previous meetings and consultations, the community along with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO), in an act of self determination, successfully lobbied the EPA to adopt the standards set forth in the LLBO’s Hazardous Substances Control Act (HSCA) for the site. This provides for a much more strict and healthier baseline for acceptable amounts of contamination (see infographic) as opposed to EPA’s normal guidelines.

The EPAs preferred option is titled S15B. It has a total cost of $18.5 million and entails removing all of the contaminated soil which exceeds LLBO HSCA recommendations from OU7 and placing it in an on site containment vault on the property. The areas would then be filled in with clean soil and vegetation.

The LLBO prefers alternative S15A, which costs an estimated $30 million and is identical except for one key detail. It calls for off site storage of the contaminated soil at an approved disposal facility.

Community Input
The consensus at the meeting was clear. Citizen after citizen stood up to express their thoughts on the proposed plan. Not a single person who spoke was in favor of storing the contaminated soil on site. Emotions ran high as residents pleaded for full cleanup of the site and removal of the contaminated soil from the community.

The public comment period ends on September 2nd, 2016. The EPA will evaluate public reaction to their preferred cleanup alternative and issue a Record of Decision this fall. This will be the final remedial action for OU7. The EPA plans to address the remainder of the St. Regis site at a later date. Once finalized it is expected that the OU7 cleanup will take 3 years, this will be in addition to a 1-2 year timetable for finalizing the plan with International Paper. We can only hope that our comments and the health of the community weigh heavier than the additional $11.5 million cost to the multi billion dollar corporation.
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Groundbreaking
18th Annual Onigum Powwow
Leech Lake Tribal College Interns Conduct Research on Wild Ginger Roots

Submitted by Amarin Chanthorn, LLTC Director of Advancement

Students from the Leech Lake Tribal College in partnership with the North Star STEM Alliance P2P Mentoring Program (Bemidji State University) – and with funding from NASA and the National Science Foundation, have been conducting research on climate change and its effects on the native species of Wild Ginger Roots, Namepin. The research is expected to continue for the upcoming years – June through August – to collect data about the plant’s ability to survive in today’s changing environment and ecosystems.

Leading the team is Sheila Northbird, an LLTC student who after graduating this fall, plans to continue to work on the project as she pursues her bachelor’s at a four-year university. Assisting Sheila are nine interns consisting of current, former, and future students. The grant funding allows for wages, equipment, and other associated costs throughout the ten-week research project.

The team is assisted and guided by Dr. Diana Dullbottton, UMN Science Department, Dr. Ren Robbins, UMN Cedar Creek Ecological Reserve Research Station, Dr. Ryan Anderson, Leech Lake Department of Resource Management, and Cate Bellevue, LLTC STEM Outreach Coordinator. Melinda Neville, LLTC science instructor also assisted with administrative processes.

There is a significant amount of research data on the climate change impact on plants; however, no major research exists pertaining to the Namepin. General knowledge indicates the plant can be found in areas of the northern United States east of the Mississippi River, but no studies have specified where the plant actually grows or what type of ecosystem it exists in. The study focuses on the impact of the plant within the Leech Lake Reservation. The imperial data to be collected will allow the team to measure the plant’s likelihood to survive. Current findings reveal the Namepin is very sensitive to changes in temperature and exposure to direct sunlight. It requires specific ecology variables to thrive, especially soil moisture. Based on the current observations, there is a major decline in plant population this season alone.

The team has made alarming discoveries specifically with invasive earthworm species. The Amynthus earthworm has been observed in areas of research within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries. Native to East Asia, these invasive earthworms are the cause of diminishing forest floors by creating soil erosion and leaching nutrients, turning healthy soil into grainy dry soil. This has a major impact on the forest ecology of northern Minnesota. More information can be found on the Minnesota DNR website.

The Namepin can be found in Ojibwe traditional stories being used as medicine and food. Part of the research is to identify the importance of this plant to the Ojibwe people, tying traditional stories with modern sciences. Traditional stories tell of how this plant was created, sustained, and consumed. The research will allow for discovery and comparison as imperial data is collected from the field and study the relations between stories and scientific observations.

“I want to let our interns understand both the traditional origin stories and the scientific explanations behind the Namepin. Furthermore, this research project will let our student interns prepare for the next level of academic rigor and reconnect them to their cultural roots as well (pun intended),” said Sheila Northbird.

The research project is expected to attract major funding for the current year. Sheila Northbird hopes the program will continue to be funded for the benefit of academic advancement, cultural understanding, and economic impact on students. NASA has committed to help fund the research project for another five years and there is potential for this research project to attract major funders for entirety of the project.

Individuals participating in the paid summer internship include: Anita Cloud, Mary Goggleye, Kristina Isham, and Vincent Morris. Not Pictured: Tori Jenkins and Kyle Pemberton.

“The specialists and professionals that are guiding these students are experts in their fields. This program allows them to not only understand what it takes to conduct this type of research, but prepare them to succeed as they advance further in their academic careers,” said Cate Bellevue.

The research project was granted funding for the current year. Sheila Northbird hopes the program will continue to be funded for the benefit of academic advancement, cultural understanding, and economic impact on students. NASA has committed to help fund the research project for another five years and there is potential for this research project to attract major funders for entirety of the project.

Leech Lake Tribal College has an articulation agreement with Bemidji State University, University of Minnesota Duluth and other accredited higher education institutions. The College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) based in Chicago Illinois. HLC is the major accrediting body in the Midwest region of the United States.

Other Internship Activities

Students from LLTC are participating in summer internship programs with local and regional entities. The following is a list of student interns for summer 2016:

- Adriana Kingbird – Native American into Medicine Program, University of Minnesota Duluth
- Thea Ogema – Sustainable Land and Water Resources, Salish Kootenai Tribal College, Montana
- LeAnn Charwood – Sustainable Land and Water Resources, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Michael Auginash – Library Assistant, LLTC
- Willow Miller – Wellness Program, Gardens, LLTC
- Mike Kohler – Leech Lake Heritage Sites, LLBO
- Chris Stauffer – MUS, LLBO
- Richard Wilson – Land Surveyor, LL Department of Resource Management

The Leech Lake Tribal College is an accredited higher-education institution awarding associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates in wide area of studies. For more information on our programs, please visit our website at www.lltc.edu
**2016 Election Information**

**Voter Participation**

Native American voting rates are among the lowest of all racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. Almost two out of five eligible Native Americans are not registered to vote. Even among registered Native voters, the turnout rate is 5 to 14 percentage points lower than that of other racial and ethnic groups.

It is imperative that we stand up and make our voices heard in local, state and federal elections!

**Voter Registration**

**Need Help? Call 1-877-600-VOTE**

**How to Register**

You must register by October 11th, 2016 or you will need to register on Election Day! To register in advance, you will need one of the following:

- ID with current name and address
- Photo ID and a document with current name and address

To register on Election Day, you will need one of the following:

- ID with current name and address
- Valid Minnesota ID or Valid Tribal ID with name, address and photo

*Voters who register in advance DO NOT need to show identification on Election Day*

**Absentee Voting Information**

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is proud to announce that the Tribal Headquarters has been designated as an official Absentee Ballot Location for the following precincts: Cass Lake, Pike Bay Township, Wilkinson Township, Bena*, Gould Township*, Ottertail Peninsula Township*, Sucker Lakes*, Winnie Portage Lakes*.

Voters in the mail ballot precincts, denoted with *, may also drop their ballots off here if they have not already returned their ballot by mail. For more information contact: Leslie Harper, 190 Sallstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau: Voting & Registration 2008, MN Secretary of State Website

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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**

**Summary of Job Openings**

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

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

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 9**

- Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-130
- FT Driver ~ Health/ENP ~ $10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-129
- Receptionist File Clerk ~ Human Services/Tribal Assistance ~ $11.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-127
- Administrative Assistant ~ Health/ENP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code:16-128
- Tribal Veteran Services Officer ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-126
- Property Assistant ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-073B
- Registered Nurse ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-047B

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

- Associate Tribal Attorney ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-114
- Cook – Sugar Point ~ Education ~ $10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-111
- Nutrition Education Assistant ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-099
- Bemidji Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ $10.25/hr. ~ Job Code:16-102
- Cass Lake Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ $10.25/hr. ~ Job Code:16-101
- Bena Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ $10.25/hr. ~ Job Code:16-100
- Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-098
- Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 16-097
- Data Entry – Emergency Medical Responder ~ Human Services ~ $11.50/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-096
- Training Officer – AEMT ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-095
- Air Quality Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-091
- Part-Time EMT Attendant (7) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-137B
- Environmental Specialist ~ Division of Resource Management ~ Code: 16-090
- Cook - Cass Lake ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-087D
- Mental Health Therapist ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-171
- AOB Infant/Toddler Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-032B
- Bena Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-133B
- Engine Boss ~ Division of Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-043B
- Program Accountant (3) ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120C
- Child Protection Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-018B
- Bemidji Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-014C
- Full-Time LPN (2) ~ Human Services/OTP ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097
- Cass Lake Special Needs Teacher Assistant (4) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-054
- Bena Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-051
- Sugar Point Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-050
- Onigum Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-048
- Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081
- Part-Time Bena Homeless Shelter Advocates (3) ~ Human Services ~ Code: 15-028

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS**

- Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ $10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-000
- Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ $10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 16-001
Allen George Cloud, age 61, of Oak Point and the Waabizheshii (Martin) Clan journeyed to the spirit world on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from Sanford Hospital in Bemidji with his family by his side. Allen was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota on December 6, 1954, the son of John and Mary (Burnette) Cloud.

Allen was a very caring and loving father and grandfather to all his children and grandchildren. He raised his five youngest children alone after separating from their mother. Allen had many hobbies such as hunting, fishing, hunting, and trapping. He had traveled widely and dreamed of someday living in his own place in Montana. He found comfort and strength in Traditional Spirituality, he was a pipe carrier, and ceremonies were important to him. He was always willing to help anybody and loved his family, especially his Grandmother Anna.

He is survived by: his Special friend Jessie Brown, nephew Gerald Browneagle, numerous cousins, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Grandmother Anna Browneagle-Blanchard, his beloved dog Buddy, close friend Jeanie Brown, and cousin Cody Houle.

Traditional native service was held on Wednesday, August 10th at the Oak Point Community Center in Oak Point. Mike Dahl was his spiritual advisor. Laying Allen to rest were Butch Johnson, Spencer Whitefeather, Douglas Dick, Jr., David Staples, Jr., Randy Cloud and Ron Cloud. The alternate pallbearer is Stan Chief. His honorary pallbearers are Jonathon Cloud, Peter Cloud, John Boy Whipple, Richard Schulman, Sr., Robert Whipple and Linda Cloud. Interment was in the Cloud Cemetery at Oak Point.

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

Michael Francis Anthony Wind

Michael Francis Anthony Wind, 64, of Cass Lake, MN died on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Traditional funeral services were held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the Oak Point Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Interment was at the Oak Point Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

He was born on September 2, 1951, in Minneapolis, MN. He was raised and educated in Minneapolis. He served in the US Armed Forces for a number of years and later worked as a mechanic. Being a mechanic, he was a big fan of NASCAR, he cheered for his favorite drivers Dale Jr., and Kyle Busch. He was also a Minnesota sports fan and followed the Vikings, Twins, Wild, and Timberwolves. He enjoyed the outdoors and spent time fishing, hunting, and trapping. He had traveled widely and dreamed of someday living in his own place in Montana. He found comfort and strength in Traditional Spirituality, he was a pipe carrier, and ceremonies were important to him. He was always willing to help anybody and loved his family, especially his Grandmother Anna.

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Gary Wayne Headbird, Sr.

Gary Wayne “Gander” Headbird, Sr., Beshigoogahbow (one who stands alone), age 58, of Cass Lake, began his journey into the spirit world on August 3, 2016, at the Cass Lake Hospital. He was born on January 23, 1958, in Cass Lake to Emmanuel Headbird Jr., Thomas Headbird, Jr., Bradley Croaker and Ben Cameron Jr. Alternate pallbearer will be Bill Croaker, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are all of his family and friends. Interment was at in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake.

Gander’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

Yvonne “Bonnie” Littlewolf

Yvonne was born July 8, 1936 in Onigum, MN. She was raised by her grandparents William and Josephine Budreau in Cass Lake. She was an adventurous young woman who worked in Los Angeles, CA, Chicago, IL, Clarksville, TN. Her travels came full circle back to Cass Lake. She was married to Robert Holstein for 14 years and John Littlewolf Sr. for 20 years. She worked part-time at the Chippewa National Forest and Cass Lake Library where she made many life long friends. She loved to read and was a pillar of her family.

Yvonne’s Anishinabe name was Giniw-gizhikwe, “Golden Eagle Woman”. She was third-degree Mide/wiwin and a member of the White Earth Band. Her kind presence was a fixture on the pow-wow trail. It truly was a sight to see her dance, carrying her staff with a hundred jingle dress dancers following. The drum was in her spirit, in her very being.

Those who knew Yvonne knew humor. Her quick wit and laughter were priceless facets of her life that are dearly missed. She had a quiet strength and a humble, caring spirit. Yvonne made it a point to never say goodbye, rather she said, “I will see you again.” It’s in her words and memory those of us here take comfort, for her time with us truly was a gift.

She is survived by her daughters Kim “Meigs” Hurst; Crystal Desjarlait, Darla Holmgren, Cynthia White and son John “Dusty” Littlewolf; 2 sisters Marie Thunder and Donna Oachs and 9 grandchildren, and many great-grand children. She was preceded in death by her husbands Robert and John, her brother William Budreau, and daughters Janice “Munchkin” Holstein and Donna Marie McDaniel. Honorary Casketbearers were her nieces Rose Lovelace, Sheryl Lovelace, Frances Butler, Anita Lovelace and all her friends and relatives. Active Casketbearers were Mike Robinson, Glen Wickner, Robert Lowry, Ben Lowry, Robert Jaspers, and David Villier.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.
Laura "Lottie B" Brown

Laura “Lottie B” Amelia Brown, “Waabigwan Ikwe” which means “Flower Woman”, 68 years old, of Bemidji and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation began her spiritual journey on Wednesday, August 17th, 2016 in Saint Paul with her family by her side. “Lopy” was born in Bena, Minnesota on February 14, 1948, she was one of 13 children born to Vera Emma (Chase) and Raymond (Wilson) Brown, Sr.

Laura liked to sew, knit, crochet, draw pictures, beading jewelry, baking, cooking (she used celery in all her favorite dishes), gardening, fishing, camping (especially at pow-wows), going to thrift stores, free church, dollar tree, rummage saling, she liked gambling at the casino, listening to music (oldies but goodies), watching TV, decorating for the kids’s holidays and birthdays, jig saw and cross word puzzles, studying the Bible and visiting with her family and friends. She enjoyed humor and was always helping others and loved to learn new things.

Laura has been reunited with her mom; Vera Emma (Chase), dad; Raymond (Wilson) Brown, Sr., brother; Ronnie Brown, sisters; Bobbie Ann and Marcella Kay Brown and niece; Mary Brown.

Jami “Dolly” Jo-Ann Headbird, age 29, “Mide Nibi Ikwe” which means “Sacred Water Woman” began her spiritual journey on Friday, August 19th, 2016 from her home in Cass Lake. She was born on March 6th, 1987 in Bemidji, Minnesota to Shari Headbird-Archambault and Donnie Harrison, Sr.

Jami was born in Bemidji, MN but later moved to Minneapolis where she attended grade school and graduated from 4 Directions High School. After high school she attended Culinary Arts School at MCTC. Shortly after Culinary School she moved back up north and attended the Leech Lake Tribal College graduating with an Associate’s degree.

Jami loved her girls to the moon and back. She worked hard every day, at various jobs, to provide for them. There wasn’t anything she wouldn’t do to make a better life for her babies. They were her world! Jami had a special and unique relationship with every member of her family, especially her sisters; Sherri and Niibin. The bonds she made with her nieces, nephews and cousins will never be broken. Jami was everyone’s keeper, always taking care of everyone before taking care of herself. She was the brave one when everyone else was scared. Jami wasn’t afraid to put other people’s safety before her own and was never shy about speaking her mind.

Welcoming Jami to the spirit world are her infant brother; Justin Harrison, grandmas; Shirley Raish and Ruby Losh, special auntie; Roberta “Boona” Headbird and cousin; Conrad Buckanaga.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughters; Ninde’ Armstrong-Headbird and Nin’ Zaagi’ iwin Onizhishi Armstrong-Headbird, her special friend; James Armstrong, her mother; Shari (Blaine) Headbird-Archambault of Cass Lake, her father; DONNIE (Tina) Harrison, Sr. of Cass Lake, brothers; Billy (Maggie) Headbird of Cass Lake, Elliot (Jade) Gillis of Deer River, Donnie Harrison, Jr. of Deer River and James Robinson of Cass Lake, sisters; Sherri Seelye of Cass Lake, Ashley (Mike) Harrison of Onigum, Kate Lynn (Tyler) Harrison of Bemidji, Lynette Archambault of Minneapolis and Valerie (Michael) McGee of Minneapolis, grandpa; Donnie Harrison, numerous other auntsies, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Traditional service was held on Tuesday, August 23rd at the Mission Community Center in Mission/Cass Lake. Melvin Goodwin and Allen Hardy were her Spiritual Advisors. Pallbearers for Jami were Billy Headbird, Donnie Harrison, Jr., Elliot Gillis, James Robinson, Sage Seelye, Daniel Wind, Kenny Hough, Jr. and Kenneth Copenace. Her honorary pallbearers were Jami Archambault, Blaine Archambault, Jr., Bobby Headbird, Zack McCormack, Flora White, Ryan Buckanaga, Joe Buckanaga, Martin Alvin Wind, Jen Wind, Jim Harrison, Jim Harrison, Jr., Leona OneFeather, Barabara Armstrong, Niibin Headbird, Shadow Seelye, Russell Wind, Tony Wind and all her aunts and uncles. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake following her Tuesday service.

Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

Remembering “Chibenashi”

Jim Northrup

Celebrated Ojibwe author, columnist, playwright, poet, performer and commentator Jim Northrup passed away August 1st in Sawyer, MN following a battle with cancer. He was 73.

“I used to be known as a bullshit-ter but that didn’t pay anything. I began calling myself a storyteller - a little better, more prestige - but it still didn’t pay anything. I became a freelance writer. At first it was more free than lance, then I started getting money for my words” (Rez Road Follies).

He was well known for writing a column called “Fond du Lac Follies” which was syndicated in several newspapers across Indian Country. “It’s easy to complain about what we don’t have on the reservation, like jobs,” he wrote in one column. But, he continued, “let’s look at what else we don’t have.” He went on to list poisonous snakes, street gangs, traffic lights, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, “wire cages around our bald eagles” and locked doors.

His books included Touchwood, Walking the Rez Road, Dirty Copper, Anishinaabe Syndicated: A View from the Rez and Rez Road Follies: Canoes, Casinos, Computers and Birch Bark Basket.

He was 73.

“Someone says we begin to die the minute we’re born. Death is a part of life. Who knows why the Creator thins the herd. Another old saying says we must all be prepared to give up those we love or die first. Take time to mourn.”

-Jim Northrup, Walking the Rez Road.
LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

In Re: Estate of:
Willard Lausche a/k/a
William Gerald Lausche,
DOB: 09/17/1946, Decedent

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Willard Lausche, a/k/a William Gerald Lausche died 06/25/2016. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, in Cass Lake, MN 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 Jennie Reyes, surviving daughter 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 Representative 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 the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

In Re the Custody of:
J.R.T., Minor Child, DOB: 10/27/2014

Theresa Jordan,
Petitioner,
And
Jill Thompson & Michael Reese,
Respondents

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 8th, 2016, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court immediately. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3599. Failure to contact the Court may result in a default judgement being entered against you, the respondent, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

Dated: August 11, 2016
/\ Amanda Richardson- Court Clerk
ANNOUNCEMENT
LEECH LAKE TRIBAL UTILITY COMMISSION
REQUESTS CITIZEN COMMENTS ABOUT THE UPDATED UTILITY ORDINANCE:

TITLE 14: REGULATION OF UTILITIES

Citizens residing within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake reservation lands are asked to submit written public comment during the comment period.

SEPTEMBER 1ST—31ST, 2016

YOU MAY VIEW THE ORDINANCE BY...
1. Visiting the www.llojibwe.org website
2. Visiting the Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Headquarters, 190 Sailstar Drive, Cass Lake 56633
3. Contacting the Commissioners by calling 218-335-3090.

Free Event
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center • Saturday, Oct. 1
Registration: 9–10 a.m.
Walk starts: 10 a.m.
Memorial service: Following the walk
Silent auction: 9–11:30 a.m.

9th Annual
Walk to Remember

We walk for the steps they will never take
Join Sanford Bemidji Medical Center as we remember all babies lost in early pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death and SIDS. All proceeds from the walk will benefit the PETAL (Parents Embracing Time After Loss) program, which provides mementos and support information to every parent that experiences a loss.

To register, go to SanfordBemidji.org and click on the Walk to Remember link. You can also pick up a registration form at the hospital east or west front desk. Please register by Sept. 16 to have your baby’s name included in the memorial booklet or to order a T-shirt. If you are unable to make it to the walk, you are invited to make a donation.

For more information or to register, call Sanford Bemidji Medical Center at (218) 333-5755 or visit SanfordBemidji.org/bemidji.

Wishing District II Elders a
Happy Birthday!

August
Arnold Dahl
Lyman Losh
John G. White
Debra Beaulieu
Diane Hussing
Scott Seelye
Roberta Smith
Paula White
Allen Hiatt
Anthony Mountain

September
Melvin Losh
Ruth White
Cheryl Chalich
Robert Losh Sr.
Terrance Hodder
Lavina Marion
Delbert Molash
Leech Lake Tribal College Extension Program

will be providing a variety of Workshops in an effort to help our community to reconnect, reunify and support strong family systems

Classes will be held at LLTC

MONTHLY

Workshop Schedule

Beading Circle –
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5-7pm

Ribbon Skirt Making –
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6-8pm

Variety of Workshops –
3rd Saturday 12pm-5pm

Sewing Group –
Last Sunday 10am-5pm

Making Medicines with Plants
Last Sunday 10am-12pm

Community members will teach and share their knowledge and gifts. A healthy, organic or traditional meal will be provided to participants.

Free and open to the community
These events are POTLUCK. Let’s practice “Gaween Plastic”, feast bundles are encouraged.
No bottled water, beverages will be provided

Any questions contact Esther at 335-4247