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Five solar gardens have been installed and will benefit the Energy Assistance Program

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## MN Commerce Dept Says Enbridge Line 3 Not Needed

SAINT PAUL – The Minnesota Department of Commerce recently submitted testimony to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on Enbridge's certificate of need application for its proposed new Line 3 oil pipeline project.

Supplemented by an oil market analysis from an independent energy consultant and a study of potential insurance coverage issues from an insurance expert, the comprehensive 338-page testimony concludes that Enbridge has not established a need for the proposed project in Minnesota as required under state rules.

Ultimately the final decision on whether to approve the project will be issued by the MN PUC.

Minnesota rules define specific criteria required to demonstrate the need for a large energy project such as the proposed new Line 3 project. These criteria include whether the project is needed for the "future adequacy, reliability and efficiency

of energy supply." Among the factors to be considered is the accuracy of the applicant's forecast of demand for oil that would be supplied by the proposed pipeline, as well as the ability of current and planned facilities to meet future demand.

The oil market analysis prepared by London Economics International, a global energy economics consulting firm, finds that refineries in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest "have been operating at high levels of utilization, which indicates both they are not short of physical supplies of crude oil, and that they have little room to increase total crude runs." The analysis also notes that Enbridge did not provide a sufficient analysis of future demand, and independently finds that "Minnesota demand for refined products appears unlikely to increase in the long term."

Noting the recent expansions of Enbridge's Line 67 pipeline, the Commerce Department testimony also points out that the "increased

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## Leech Lake Receives \$3.3 Million to Build Tribal Veterans Cemetery

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration announced that it has awarded the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe a grant in the amount of nearly \$3.3M for the construction of the Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

"We are proud to work with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to provide burial options to tribal Veterans," said acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Ronald E. Walters.

The grant will fund the construction of a main entrance, a combined administration and maintenance facility, roads, an assembly area, a committal shelter, 419 casketed sites, 32 remains gravesites, 64 columbarium niches, a memorial wall, a memorial walk, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure. The project will develop approximately three acres, and serve 2,959 Tribal Veterans and their families.

A Groundbreaking and Blessing Ceremony for this project will be held on:

**Thursday October 5, 2017  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
at Veterans Memorial Grounds  
16599 99th Ave NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

All Veterans and their families are invited to attend the ceremony and also join us for lunch and refreshments immediately after.

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# Leech Lake Youth Attend 2017 National UNITY Conference in Denver

By Michael Chosa



DENVER, CO- More than 50 youth, ages 12 through 18, attended the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) conference in Denver, Colorado in early July.

The conference is a chance for Native youth from across the country to participate in a multitude of activities and network amongst themselves. The theme for this year's conference was "Finding Wellness & Healing Within our Cultures". With more than 1700 participants it was the largest Native youth gathering in the country.

On the drive to Denver, the Leech Lake youth made a stop at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, site of the Oceti Sakowin and other camps which formed in an effort to resist the Dakota Access Pipeline. Once at the conference they had a chance to hear from Dave Archambault III, Tribal Chairman at Standing Rock, who was one of many key note speakers at the event.

They also heard from several high profile guest speakers. Filmmaker, director, screenwriter and visual artist Steven Paul Judd as well as

award winning actor, comedian and motivational speaker Tatanka Means entertained and offered their knowledge and shared their life experiences with the audience.

Participation in this year's conference was made possible in part by a grant the Youth Division received from the Minnesota Juvenile Justice Advisory Council earlier this year (see inset photo).

The "Wellness Warriors" app was also unveiled at the conference. The mobile app is designed to help you track wellness from a cultural perspective – fitness through cultural dance, healthy eating with traditional Native foods, and more.

The UNITY Wellness Warrior app was made possible through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The app, developed with input from Native youth,

is free and available via the App Store and Play Store. Next year's National UNITY Conference will take place from July 5-9, 2018 in San Diego, California.

United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) is a non-profit, national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among American Indian/Alaska Native youth.

UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian/Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

Underpinning the UNITY philosophy is the belief that the most effective way to bring about positive and lasting change among American Indian/Alaska Native youth is to prepare them to become informed and contributing members of their tribes, villages, communities, States, and Nation.



**Earlier this summer, the MN Juvenile Justice Advisory Council presented a check for \$54,000 to the Leech Lake Youth Division and the Leech Lake Tribal Council. The grant funded six projects for the Youth Division including the trip to UNITY in Denver.**

# COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROJECT CELEBRATES BRIGHT FUTURE

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE, MN- Nearly 100 people gathered at the Prescott Community Center to celebrate a major step forward in the Leech Lake Band's push towards renewable energy.

The project began more than two years ago when the Band partnered with the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance (RREAL) to try and make energy more accessible to residents of the reservation.

The community solar garden at Prescott is one of five solar arrays that have been constructed as part of the project. Solar panels have also been installed at Leech Lake Tribal College, the Palace Casino, Jackson Village and at the RREAL offices near Pine River, MN.

The \$887,000 project was financed with the help of a \$490,000 State of MN grant and the generous donations of these groups: the McKnight Foundation, the Bush Foundation, the Carolyn Foundation, the Initiative Foundation, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the Headwaters Foundation for Justice.

The solar panels are expected generate more than \$20,000 in revenue



per year. All of these proceeds will be funneled into the Energy Assistance program at Tribal Assistance where it will help low income band members pay their heating bills.

This aspect makes the project truly unique and it has been recognized as the first in the nation to be formally integrated with the energy assistance program. Its also the first, 100 percent low-income community solar installation in the state, as well as the first in the U.S.

on tribal lands. The project earned a Clean Energy Community Award from the MN Dept of Commerce in 2016.

The project also benefited the Leech Lake Tribal College where students received hands on training working in the renewable energy industry and were able to obtain licenses in the field. Several graduates of the program were later hired by RREAL to help in the construction of the solar arrays.

Jason Edens, Director of the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance described how projects such as this play an important role in fighting against energy poverty.

"People around this area are starting to think about the heating season and about the choices they will make. Many people hear about the heating season, though and think about cross country skiing or snowmobiling," Edens said. "Those aren't the choices that I'm talking about. I'm talking about those people who have to choose between paying their home energy bill or their health care bill. Families with those choices are living in energy poverty.

"What we're advocating is that clean energy, like this solar ener-

gy, is a powerful tool in the fight against energy poverty and we can permanently address it by delivering solar power directly to low income communities."

Environmental Deputy Director Brandy Toft who emceed the event, noted this project is one of many that the Band has undertaken to promote a sustainable future that correlates with Anishinaabe values.

"Next to the solar array is a 300-tree apple grove; we have 17 solar panel furnaces on the reservation; we're working to become Styrofoam free; and we're involved in a guaranteed energy savings project that will decrease energy usage by 40 percent at 22 buildings," Toft said. "These are all little aspects of what we're doing. I know today is all about solar, but this is part of a complete package that we're doing."

Near the end of the festivities, Outgoing Division of Resource Management employee Matt Rogotzke was presented with a plaque in recognition of the outstanding contributions he has made towards this project and many others on the reservation. Matt will be leaving us to attend graduate school and we would like to wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours. Miigwech!

## Leech Lake Tribal College Named Best Community College in U.S.

The Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) received some stellar news to kick off this school year. WalletHub, a personal finance website, ranked LLTC the number one community college in the nation for overall quality.

The study rated more than 720 community and technical colleges on a variety of factors including price, student-teacher ratio, job placement and graduation rates.

Pat Broker, Leech Lake's interim president, says the school stands out because of its "family feel" – its ability to be both a safe haven and a launching pad for students.

"They can come and build strong relationships in this very stimulating environment, whereby we present a number of opportunities for them to explore as they make decisions about their life on into the future," she states.

Leech Lake Tribal College offers nine (9) degree programs, a men's and women's basketball team, and classes in Ojibwemowin, Traditional Arts, Business, and Carpentry. Full registration information and course offerings can be viewed on the LLTC website [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu).

Leech Lake Tribal College was established via tribal resolution by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in 1990.



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capacity on Line 67 is equivalent to Enbridge's stated need to increase capacity on Line 3." The testimony states that "it appears that the increases in the capacity of Enbridge's Line 67, which were granted certificates of need, are already meeting that need."

The testimony also reviews other existing and planned pipelines in Canada and the U.S. and finds that they might be reasonable alternatives to a new Line 3, if a need is demonstrated.

The testimony goes on to say that, "in light of the serious risks and effects on the natural and socioeconomic environments of the existing Line 3 and the limited benefit that the existing Line 3 provides to Minnesota refineries, it is reasonable to conclude that Minnesota would be better off if Enbridge proposed to cease operations of the existing Line 3, without any new pipeline being built."

In addition, the testimony analyzes what conditions the PUC should require if it does issue a certificate of need. These include a stronger emergency response plan; a more secure backup control center; thicker pipe throughout the length of the route; back-up power for shut-off valves; and insurance coverage and financial protections for clean-up of a major release and for decommissioning the pipeline at the end of its useful life.

The testimony also recommends that if a certificate of need is issued, regardless of its decision about removal of the existing Line 3 for its entire right-of-way, the PUC should (where it has regulatory authority) require Enbridge to remove all 223 segments (8,496 feet) of exposed pipeline in Minnesota. The testimony draws on a wide range of information sources. These include Enbridge's own project application with expert testimony and responses to information requests, as well as the independent oil market analysis, the insurance study and the environmental impact statement prepared for the proposed project.

### Next Steps in Process

Minnesotans will have the opportunity to offer input on the proposed Line 3 project during a public comment period this fall, including a series of public hearings presided over by an administrative law judge (ALJ) from the Office of Administrative Hearings. At the public hearings, the public will be able

*"Oil market analysis indicates that Enbridge has not established a need for the proposed project; the pipeline would primarily benefit areas outside Minnesota; and serious environmental and socioeconomic risks and effects outweigh limited benefits"*

**-MN Dept of Commerce**

to submit comments, present evidence and ask questions about the proposed project.

In November, the ALJ will also hold an evidentiary hearing in Saint Paul for testimony and cross-examination of witnesses by the

official parties to the proceeding.

After these hearings, the ALJ will submit a report to the PUC with findings of facts, conclusions of law and recommendations about issuing a certificate of need and a route permit for the proposed project.

To issue the certificate of need, the PUC determines if the project is in the state's best interest. If the PUC grants the certificate of need, it then determines the most appropriate route for the project.

Based on its current schedule, the PUC is expected to decide on Enbridge's certificate of need and route permit applications in the spring of 2018.

Enbridge is also required to secure other permits from federal and state entities, as well as approvals from various tribal and local entities for activities, related to constructing and operating the project.

### How to Provide Comments on Line 3 Replacement:

Date	Time	Location
October 10, 2017	1-4pm, 6-9pm	IRA Civic Center 1401 NW 3rd Ave Grand Rapids, MN
October 12, 2017	1-4pm, 6-9pm	Grand Casino Hinckley 777 Lady Luck Drive Hinckley, MN
October 17, 2017	1-4pm, 6-9pm	Sanford Center 1111 Event Center Drive NE Bemidji, MN
October 18, 2017	1-4pm, 6-9pm	Duluth Entertainment Conv. Center 350 Harbor Drive Duluth, MN

A full list of Public Hearings is available at: <https://mn.gov/puc/line3/participate/calendar/>

A written comment period is open until Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Comments that are not delivered to the Commission by 4:30 p.m. on November 22nd may not be considered.

Interested persons may submit comments in the following ways:

Email: [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us)

Online: [mn.gov/puc/line3/participate/comment](https://mn.gov/puc/line3/participate/comment)

Fax: 651-297-7073

U.S. Mail: Scott Ek

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

## LET'S TALK! A DINNER CONVERSATION AT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO

On Wednesday, October 25, a dinner conversation called "Let'sTalk" will be held at the Northern Lights Casino. The talk will be about County Government and Tribal Government. Sponsors hope that both Tribal members and other County citizens will attend the complimentary dinner and participate in the conversation.

The speakers who will lead the conversation include Leslie Harper, Leech Lake Band Government Relations; Josh Stevenson, Cass County Administrator; Earl Robinson, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Director of Human Services; and Michele Piprude, Cass County Director of Human Services. Dr. Anton Treuer, Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji University, will open the discussion with a talk about Tribal Sovereignty.

The sponsors of this event are the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Union Congregational Church of Hackensack and its Justice Ministry Team, and the Fetzer Institute. The Fetzer Institute is a foundation whose goal is "Helping to Build the Spiritual Foundation for a Loving World." The Institute has provided funding that enables us to offer a free dinner to the first 100 persons who register to attend the program. The goal of the Justice Ministry Team is to become better neighbors to the Native Americans in our community.

In order to register for the dinner program, Tribal members are asked to call the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at 218-335-8200 Ext. 8246. All others are asked to call Union Congregational Church, Hackensack, at 218-675-6300. Be sure to leave the names of all members of your party who will be attending and your phone number. High school students who are interested in this discussion are welcome but the program is not suitable for younger children. Seating for the dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. People who are unable to attend the dinner are welcome to come for the program at about 6:45 p.m.

The sponsors of the program sincerely hope that attendees will be willing to sit down at table with people they do not know. The point of the effort is for Native Americans and Non-Native Americans to converse with each other. So Let's Talk!

## National Native News Briefs

### Tribal Sovereignty for sale? St. Regis Mohawk Tribe collaborates with drug company to avoid legal challenges

Allergan, a major pharmaceutical company, disclosed that it gave six patents covering its top-selling dry eye drug Restasis to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in Northern New York. The deal will provide the tribe with \$13.75 million immediately and an annual royalty of \$15 million as long as the patents are valid. The new deal was soon reported in both The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Allergan made the unprecedented move because it will prevent any meaningful challenge to the company's patents at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, or PTAB. Challenging patents at the PTAB in a process called "inter partes review" (IPR) was authorized by the America Invents Act of 2011, and the IPR process has significantly changed the patent landscape since then. While invalidating a patent in district court typically costs millions of dollars, invalidating a patent via IPR can happen for the relative bargain of a few hundred thousand dollars.

Lawyers for Allergan and the tribe expect that the concept of "sovereign immunity," which bars lawsuits against certain types of government entities, will protect patents owned by St. Regis from any IPR proceeding. In fact, university patents have already been found to be immune to IPR under the concept of sovereign immunity. That will give Allergan a major edge as it clashes with generic drug companies who are trying to knock out the patent so they can produce a cheaper generic version.

"The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and its counsel approached Allergan with a sophisticated opportunity to strengthen the defense of our RESTASIS intellectual property in the upcoming inter partes review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board," Allergan Chief Legal Officer Bob Bailey said in a statement.

### St. Croix Chippewa Tribe announces plan for cannabidiol business

The St. Croix Chippewa Tribe is moving forward with plans for a cannabidiol production and distribution business in Wisconsin.

The tribe just announced a comprehensive set of regulations to govern cannabidiol, which is typically derived from the cannabis plant. Elmer J. Emery, a council member, said the initiative will help citizens tap into the therapeutic and medicinal benefits of cannabidiol, also known as CBD, as well as provide jobs and revenues for the community.

"The control program adopted by St. Croix allows the tribe to move forward with production and distribution of cannabidiol on tribal lands in Wisconsin," Emery said in a press release on Wednesday. "It also authorizes the tribe to create a modern tribally owned and operated cannabidiol business which will not only provide medical cannabidiol to families and individuals in need, but also much needed jobs and industry in a county with one of the highest unemployment rates in the state."

Cannabidiol has been legalized in Wisconsin for medicinal purposes. That could help the tribe avoid the problems that forced the Menominee Nation to shut down its hemp operation in the state. Federal authorities otherwise consider cannabidiol to be illegal due to its connection to the cannabis plant, according to Drug Enforcement Administration. But the tribe is hoping a Department of Justice policy, as well as the state's stance, keeps its efforts in the clear despite a prior warning about producing CBD.

"The tribe has gone to great lengths to enact strict regulatory controls similar to regulatory programs utilized in other states legalizing cannabidiol, and ensure compliance with U.S. Department of Justice marijuana enforcement policies," said Jeff Cornell, the tribe's general

counsel.

Senate Bill 10, which Gov. Scott Walker (R) signed in April, updates what is known as Lydia's Law. The 2013 law was named for a young girl whose epilepsy was being treated with CBD prior to her death in 2014.

Preliminary studies have indicated that CBD can be used to treat epilepsy, according to CNN. A patent granted to the Department of Health and Human Services cited its ability to address the effects of stroke, trauma and other diseases and conditions.

"St. Croix's actions represent another major milestone in giving parents and children access to a potentially lifesaving treatment," said Carmen Bugg, an elder with a relative that suffers from epilepsy. "Families need a safe, reliable distributor of cannabidiol and the tribe's willingness to serve in that capacity is absolutely critical right now."

### Navajo Nation vows to sue Trump if he shrinks Bears Ears national monument

The Navajo Nation says it plans to sue the Trump administration if it tries to reduce the size of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.

"We are prepared to challenge immediately whatever official action is taken to modify the monument or restructure any aspect of that, such as the Bears Ears Commission," Ethel Branch, the attorney general of the Navajo Nation told Reuters Thursday.

The tribe argues changing the boundaries of Bears Ears would violate the Antiquities Act, a century-old law that permits presidents to unilaterally protect sacred sites, cultural artifacts and other historical objects. Some presidents have reduced the size of monuments, but only on a limited scale. The concept has never been tested in court.

Bears Ears is one of the most sacred centers for American Indian tribes, including the Navajo, Hopi, Uintah

and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Zuni. It has more than 100,000 Native American archeological and cultural sites, according to the Bears Ears Coalition.

The Trump administration and some congressional Republicans say recent presidents have abused the Antiquities Act by protecting larger swaths of land than the law allows for.

President Trump ordered the Interior Department to undertake a review of 27 national monuments shortly after his inauguration.

Bears Ears is perhaps the most contentious monument reviewed by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who issued a report to Trump last month with recommendations.

In a memo leaked to the media, Zinke recommends shrinking or changing the boundaries of six national monuments, including Bears Ears, and proposes management changes to four others that could reopen areas to logging, cattle grazing and commercial fishing.

Former President Barack Obama in December, just before he left office, established Bears Ears, a retreat of mesas and canyons in Utah's poorest county, as a national monument.

News reports have said Zinke may call for Trump reduce Bears Ears' 1.35 million acres by up to 88 percent.

The Navajo Nation has led a coalition of tribal leaders who supported the monument designation and are fighting efforts to undo it.

But some local tribes, and most local and national politicians in Utah, opposed Obama's move.

### Indian Country Today Media Network is shutting down

They say if you want something done right, do it yourself. But for Ray Halbritter, it was more a case of, "if you want something done at all."

Halbritter, the CEO of Oneida Nation Enterprises, wasn't seeing stories by or about Native Americans in mainstream media outlets, and on the rare occasion those places did try to write about indigenous people, the stories often got distorted.

So, in 2011, he acquired Indian Country Today — a 30-year old weekly newspaper that centered the voices of indigenous journalists. From there, he helped transform ICT into a multi-platform digital media network, which he says reached more than a million readers each month.

For the next six years, the journalists at ICTMN wrote about some of the most pressing issues rocking Indian Country, from the resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline to presidential politics to murdered and missing indigenous women. They also celebrated indigenous communities by profiling Native athletes, doctors and actors.

But on Sept. 4, Halbritter announced the network was ceasing active operations. The business model, he says, was too expensive to be sustainable.

When asked if there any stories/topics he wanted to cover but didn't get the chance to, he responded:

"I think no matter how much we would like certain stories to be done, it really is so important that a Native voice is heard. That the fire of the Native heart is able to be expressed in a way by Native people. And while it may not seem dramatically different than what else is happening, there is a difference. You can trust me, there is a difference."

"The critical issue to me, for Native America, I mean, they have highest teenage suicide rate in the world on Indian reservations. And that comes from, to me, a lack of self-esteem. A lack of even having an understanding, or a perception, or an image about themselves to see any hope for the future. What a hopeless statistic that is. And it is a statistic that says something very complex about our society, and about our problems that we have."

## News From

# Leech Lake Division of Resource Management

## 2017 Leech Lake Reservation

### Migratory Waterfowl Season Dates/Limits

#### DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER

Season Date: September 16, 2017 to December 31, 2017  
 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), all species, in any sex or combination.

#### GEESE – For Hunting Over Land or Water

Season Dates: September 2, 2017 to December 31, 2017  
 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*

#### 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 2017

### Hunting & Trapping Season Dates/Limits

#### BIG GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS

White Tailed Deer, Bucks or Does	September 1, 2017 to December 21, 2017
One (1) Deer Tag	Resident Non-Band Members
One (1) Deer Tag	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 avoid 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	September 1, 2017 to October 31, 2017
	One (1) per permittee

#### SMALL GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS

Rabbits and Squirrels	Continuous season – No limit
Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock, Common Snipe & Sora Rail	September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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

	<u>Season Dates</u>	<u>Seasonal Limits</u>
Beaver	October 7, 2017 to May 13, 2018	No Limit
Coyote	Continuous Season	No Limit
Fox	October 7, 2017 to February 28, 2018	No Limit
Mink/Muskrat	October 7, 2017 to February 28, 2018	No Limit
Raccoon	October 7, 2017 to February 28, 2018	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 11, 2017 to January 31, 2018	Limit: Five (5)
Fisher	November 11, 2017 to January 31, 2018	Limit: Three (3)
Pine Marten	November 4, 2017 to January 31, 2018	Limit: One (1)
River Otter	October 7, 2017 to April 30, 2018	Limit: Five (5)
Canada Lynx	NO SEASON	This is a federally protected animal, Please report sightings to the Leech Lake DRM Biologist at 218-335-7421.

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# News From Leech Lake Division of Resource Management

## To our Community Members,

Often in our contemporary lifestyles it is easy to forget about the things that are truly precious in the natural world and how unimportant things like the Kardashians or the new social media mobile applications are. It is the gifts from the creator that make Leech Lake an amazing place to live, raise a family, and be Anishinaabe. It is our ability to live this way that will define our future generations, "Mahnomiin Stronghold".

## Green Rice Price Increase

Each season brings a new gathering opportunity. The Leech Lake Band recently finished our ricing season. We saw a historic increase in the purchase price for green rice which effected the entire Great Lakes region. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe took unprecedented measures to increase the green wild rice purchase price for Community Members which hit a 30 year high of \$2.50 per pound. A total of \$477,644.50 entered the local economy, helping families and providing a boom to local businesses that receive the direct injection of funds into the local economy. Not only were local economies benefiting, LLBO's per pound price affected pricing state wide which helped off Reservation gathers who exercised their off Reservation gathering rights in the 1855 treaty area and beyond.

This year the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe used its exclusive jurisdiction over wild rice to ensure that the Band was able to reach a sustainable reserve of wild rice. This level of reserve ensures that if the trucks stopped coming to grocery stores, our government would be able to provide food sovereignty to our Community Members.

## 2017 Wild Rice Data

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management purchased wild rice for a total of 24 days ending with a total of 207,273 pounds purchased of green wild rice. Daily activity was up from 45 daily transactions in 2016 to an average of 54 daily transactions this year. This may seem insignificant, however after 10 years of decreasing ricing numbers, an increase in ricing is good news for our community.

Below are the numbers outlining Leech Lake's 2017 season:

- Total Days Buying: 24 Days
- Average of Daily Lbs. Purchased: 8,636 lbs
- Average Amount of Funds Spent Daily: \$19,901
- Average Sales per Day: 54 (Increase in daily sales)
- Average Amount per Boat (Daily): \$368.00 (Equivalent to a \$30.00 per hour wage)

## Wild Rice Restoration Projects

Leech Lake green wild rice is also being used in restoration projects on the following Reservations:

- Stockbridge Munsee (WI)
- Red Lake Nation
- Prairie Island Indian Community
- Little Traverse Band (MI)
- Lac Du Flambeau (WI)
- Fond Du Lac Band
- Lower Sioux Indian Community

These regional projects include Lake Superior restoration which Fond Du Lac DNR is spearheading using rice

from Leech Lake Reservation. Prairie Island DNR is seeding the Mississippi river, so wild rice harvested from the headwaters is now growing in the Mississippi over 200 miles away.



## Take a Kid Ricing

On September 9th, at Mud Lake on the eastern side of Leech Lake Reservation, the LLDRM hosted our Take a Kid Ricing Event where we had 58 participants learning about ricing and participating in harvesting. This annual event has reached its 9th year. As a success from this event, this year at the rice buying scale I saw a former youth participant who now, as an adult, is participating in this gathering activity. It's a great thing to be there when the seed is planted and also as the seed grows into a tree).



All these activities and economic booms start with one little seed that grows on the waters of Leech Lake "Mahoniin Stronghold". My final thought as we move into the next season is that I am proud of Leech Lake, not because we have so much, but more importantly our future generations have so much to be proud of.

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Levi Brown,  
Environmental-Land Department



Credit: Nicole Staudt, Prairie Island DNR

# Henry "Crock" Harper Inducted into NIAA Hall of Fame



Friends, family and athletes gathered at the Northern Lights Casino to honor Henry "Crock" Harper, a coach, mentor and friend to many native athletes throughout the region.

His induction ceremony into the National Indian Athletic Association took place at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN.

At the event hosted by Ernie Stevens Jr, Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association he was recognized for his years of dedication and leadership towards youth sports in Indian Country.

He played a vital role in many organizations including coach, manager, trainer and promoter at Leech Lake Boxing. Coach and manager of the Minnesota Chippis Softball team. He also coached and ran numerous basketball leagues and Little League baseball teams. He organized All-Indian tournaments in Boxing, Basketball and Softball as well. These are just a few of the activities he was involved in throughout his life.

The ceremony also recognized several other Native athletes from the area who recently passed away including Erv Sargent, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird and Don Cook. Family members were presented with a plaque memorializing their accomplishments.





# QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 13 • 10AM-3PM

**WHO: ALL LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**WHEN: OCTOBER 13TH, 2017 10AM - 3PM**

**WHERE: NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO EVENT CENTER**

***A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON***

## MN Chippewa Tribe Announces Schedule for Constitutional Convention Info Meetings

Attention MCT Enrolled Members:

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee has scheduled additional meetings at the remaining reservations as well as urban areas to discuss the current Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The meeting information is posted below.

The Constitutional Convention meeting will allow individuals to attend and express their concerns with the present Constitution as well to present their ideas for a new or revised Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution.

**Black Bear Hotel Casino & Event Center  
Carlton, Minnesota**

**November 20, 2017 – Noon -4:00 p.m.**

**November 21, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Sleeping rooms: Confirmation # MCT**

**Rate: \$ \$68.00 + tax. 1-888-771-0777**

**Cut-off date for making reservations: November 13, 2017**

**Transportation available for Duluth Area**

**Contact: To be determined**

**Minneapolis/St. Paul Area**

**Location to be determined**

**December 14, 2017 – Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

**December 15, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Northern Lights Casino Hotel & Event Center  
Walker, Minnesota**

**December 18, 2017 - Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

**December 19, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Sleeping rooms: Confirmation # Minnesota Chippewa Tribe**

**Rates: \$50.00 + tax**

**1-800-555-1714**

**Cut-off date for making reservations: December 11, 2017**

**Grand Portage Lodge & Casino  
Grand Portage, Minnesota**

**January 22, 2018 - Noon -4:00 p.m.**

**January 23, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sleeping rooms: Confirmation "MCT"**

**Rate: \$59.00 + tax (hillside) - \$69.00 + tax (lakeside)**

**1-800-543-1384**

**Cut-off date for making reservations: January 5, 2017**

If you are unable to attend any of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitutional Convention meetings, you may send you comments to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Attn: Jane Bruce, P.O. Box 217, Cass Lake, MN 56633, or email: [jbruce@mnchippewatribe.org](mailto:jbruce@mnchippewatribe.org)

The current Constitution, the original 1936 Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the 1972 Revised Constitution and Bylaws can be accessed on our website at: [mnchippewatribe.org](http://mnchippewatribe.org).

If you have any questions or have any trouble accessing our website, please call 218/335-8581 and ask for Joel or Jane.



# Obituaries



## Bonterry LaGou



Bonterry Edenfield LaGou, age 56, began his journey to the spirit world on Saturday, July 15, 2017 in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. He was born in Cass Lake, MN on January 6, 1961 to Joseph Sr. and Rosellen (Hill) LaGou.

Bonterry was born in Cass Lake and raised in Pine River after being adopted by a wonderful woman, Louise Boots. He grew up an athlete, playing football and competing in track. After high school he joined the United States Army and was honorably discharged. Bonterry became a father as a young man. He did the best job as a father as he knew how but he was always very proud of his son Matt and his achievements as a MMA Cage Fighter. Bonterry was always known as the life of the party and could talk both your ears off. He was a highly skilled carpenter and loved riding his motorcycles.

Bonterry is welcomed home by his parents; Joseph and Rosellen, daughters; Rose Ann and Rebecca LaGou, brother; Brian LaGou, Sr., sister; Damita Fedyn, many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his son; Matt LaGou of St. Cloud, daughter; Mary McCall of Fort Lauderdale, FL, brother; Joseph LaGou, Sr. of Brevik, sister; Candace LaGou of Red Lake, four grandchildren; Mila Lagou, Justine McCall Beto, Mariah McCall and Corey McCall, Jr., 2 great grandchildren;

Ethan and Emmett, his significant other; Kelly Goodwin, auntie; Gloria Neadeau, too many cousins to mention, numerous other family members and many friends.

Traditional services were held in July at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Helping to lay Bonterry to rest are Matt LaGou, Jeffrey LaGou, Joseph LaGou, Jr., Brian LaGou, Jr., Steve Whitefeather, Jr. and Keevin Whitefeather. Alternate pallbearers are Jonathan Kubik, Memphis Brown and Dennis. His honorary pallbearers are Gloria Neadeau, Candace LaGou, Taylor, LaGou, Denise LaGou, Tammi Cloud, Travis Raisch, Kelly Goodwin and Tami Cordell. Interment will be in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery at Onigum, MN following his Tuesday service.

Bonterry's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Danny Mitchell

Daniel (Danny) Mitchell, 63, of La Crosse passed away Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, at Gundersen Health System.

He was born in Cass Lake, Minn., Oct. 29, 1953, and was raised by Lee and Lela Reynolds in Backus, Minn. Daniel served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed in a paper mill in International Falls, then as a carpenter, but his career was spent working on railroads in construction and maintenance. He was a proud member of the Leech Lake band of the Ojibwe Tribe. Daniel loved the outdoors, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing year round. He was known for watching old westerns and reruns of MASH. And he also loved his Minnesota Vikings.

He is survived by his children, Patricia Chitwood, Jennifer (Joe) Scaccio, Katrina Danielson, Cameron Strain, Ryan Strain, and Robbie Danielson, all of La Crosse; sisters, Donna Holden, and Mitzi Kellar; and brother, Don Reynolds; and many grandchildren.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents; his son-in-law, David Chitwood; brother, Donald Page; sister-in-law, Jean Reynolds;

and brother-in-law, Tom Holden.

Friends and family would like to thank the Oncology department and staff of Gundersen Lutheran, and recognize the volunteers and friends Daniel Mitchell met through the La Crosse Salvation Army and local food pantries.

Those who knew him are invited to share a meal and memories at a celebration of life in Danny's honor from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the Copeland Park Shelter in La Crosse. A committal service will take place at Evergreen Cemetery in Backus, Minn., Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017.

The Dickinson Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please visit [www.dickinsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickinsonfuneralhome.com) to share online condolences.

## George Whipple Jr.



George Whipple, Jr., age 58, of Cass Lake, began his journey to the spirit world on August 31, 2017. He was born to George and Dorene Whipple on August 16, 1959 in Cass Lake, MN.

Juno spent his early years traveling to Chicago and going to concerts. He attended school in Chicago for Iron working. When he moved back to Cass Lake he became an assistant teacher at the Leech Lake Garage. Juno enjoyed crafting, spending time with his kids, and being in the outdoors with his friends. Most of his time was spent being

around his uncle Duane. He will be missed by all who knew him.

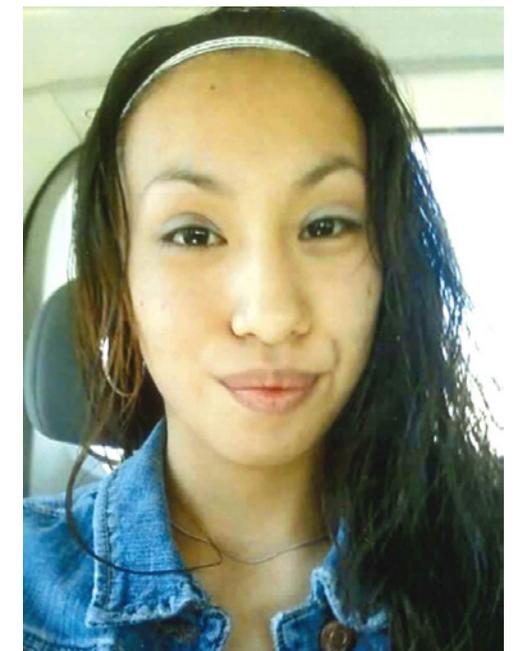
The family that Juno joins again are his parents; George and Dorene, daughter; Heather Casey, brothers; Douglas Whipple and Lowell Fisher, one uncle; Jimmy Whipple.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his sons; Samuel Casey, Simon Whipple, George Whipple III, daughters; Stevie Casey and Sammi Jo Casey, brothers; Robert Fisher and Louis Fisher, sister; Emily Munyer, one grandson Maxwell Tanner, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A wake for Juno will begin at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and will continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Friday, September 8, all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Steve Jackson will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Juno will be Fishy Fisher, Samuel Casey, Tony Novak, Jayme Finn, Moddy Rodrigues and Mark Munyer. Honorary pallbearers will be Duane Beaudreau, Tony Budreau, Harry Budreau, Beaker Budreau, Bob Whipple and Patrick Tibbetts. Interment will be held in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service.

Juno's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Heather Kingbird



Heather Rain Kingbird, age 25, of Duluth, MN began her spiritual journey on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. She was born on May 11, 1992 in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Jeffrey

“Joe” Kingbird and Sharon (White) St. John.

Heather was a very loving, sweet, shy young lady. She enjoyed her adult coloring books loved taking pictures watching movies and listening to music with her soul mate Michael Friedman Jr. She loved her daughter's Kira and Harmony with all her heart and soul not a day that went by she didn't talk or think about them. She cherished and loved spending time with her oldest niece Jordan Bush. Her child hood twin and best friend. Heather brought so much joy and love to everyone she knew and loved. She will forever be remembered by all who loved her so dearly.

The family that Heather joins again are her beloved angel; Kira rain, little cousin; Anthony Wayne, Jr., maternal grandparents; Darlene and Donald White, paternal grandparents; John and Agnes Kingbird.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her parents; Sharon St. John, Joe Kingbird, daughter; Harmony Mitchell, Her love of her life Michael Friedman Jr. brothers; Wesley White and John Dunn, sisters; Shannon, Holly, Sondra Kimberly White, and Danielle Raygoza, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many loved friends.

A wake for Heather will begin at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday, September 2, 2017 Sunday September 3, 2017 and Monday September 4, 2017 at 10:00 am all held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake. Spiritual advisor will be Anton Treuer. Pallbearers will be Aubreyaunn Seelye, Conrad, Jr., Billy Joe White, Bobby White, Jr., Donovan Hare, and Jesse Greene. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Kingbird, Wesley White, Michael Friedman, Jr., Robert Treuer, Caleb Treuer, and Conrad Robertson, Sr. Interment will be held in the Boy Lake Cemetery in Boy River, MN.

Heather's care had been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Mason Budreau

Baby Mason Jay Budreau, 28 weeks gestation, was born into the hands of the Creator on July 19, 2017 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is the son of Kylie Lindgren and Chad Budreau.

We thought of you with love today, but that's nothing new, we thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All

we have are memories and your picture in our minds. We know you can feel our tears and you don't want us to cry, yet our heart is still broken because we can't understand why, someone so precious had to die. We pray that the Creator will give us strength and somehow get us through, as we struggle with the heartache, that came when we lost you.

Baby Mason is survived by his parents; Kylie Lindgren and Chad Budreau of Cass Lake, grandparents; Melissa and Timothy Lindgren of Cass Lake, Beverly Jacobs of Cass Lake and Anthony Budreau of Cass Lake, numerous aunties and uncles, many cousins and other family members.

An overnight wake for Baby Mason will begin at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25th and continue until his traditional service at, 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 26th all being held at the facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. The urnbearer for Baby Mason will be Timothy Lindgren, Jr. His honorary urnbearers are Elias Budreau, Timothy Lindgren, Sr., Paul Lindgren, Sr., Marshall Villebrun, Jerell Jacobs, Frank Kingbird, James Baird, Makya Lindgren, Isaiah Lindgren, Frankie Lindgren, Derek Wind, Linzie Villebrun, Jasmine Lindgren and Nita Brown. Baby Mason's parents have chosen to continue cherishing him at home, as such there will be no burial.

Baby Mason's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Dawn “Bebe” Wind



Dawn “Bebe” Desiree (Harrison-Losh) Wind, 50 years old, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away on July 19, 2017 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota. She was born in San Diego, California on October 17, 1966, she was born to Donnie C. and Ruby Jean (Losh) Harrison.

Bebe was born in San Diego but grew up in Minneapolis until she and her family moved to Cass Lake in 1979. She lived the rest of her life and raised her children in Cass Lake. Bebe married Alvin (John) Wind, Jr. and three beautiful children, Jen, Mart and Alvin. Bebe worked in accounting for more than 20 years and most recently at T.E.P. She loved to play softball. Bebe played on several teams, such as Jerry's Girls, The Stars and The Upper Midwest; over the 30 years that she played. She was very closed to and loved to spend time with all her family. Bebe like to gamble, cook, clean and care for people. She really enjoyed going to Moondance with her friends and family. Bebe lived with and loved spending as much time with her grandbabies as she could. She will be forever missed by those who love her.

Dawn was welcome home by her parents; Don and Ruby, son; Derek “Deke” Brown, niece; Jami Headbird, Auntie Bea, special friend; Adrian “Age” Dunn, special friend and brother-in-law; Erv Sargent, many aunties, uncles and cousins.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her many memories are her sons; Martin (Jordan Kingbird) Wind, Alvin (Antonia Archambault) Wind III, Alvin “Roman” Brown, Darrin “Bill” Brown and special son; Brandon Wind all of Cass Lake, daughters; Jennifer (Cody Seelye) Wind, Kristin (Nate Seelye, Sr.) Brown and Monica Brown all of Cass Lake, brothers; Donnie Harrison, Sr. and Jimmie Harrison, Sr. both of Cass Lake, sisters; Tonya (Terry O'Connor) Losh, Marion Wind, Jody Wind, Glenda (Roger) Bryan and Jennie (Mark) Reyes all of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Nate Jr., Krisalyn, Davion, Derek B., Brandon M., Ayana, Aubrey, Dakota “Goobers”, Belladonna, Darrin Jr., Kobe, Jordince and Haven, stepdad; Michael Ware, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Dawn will begin at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 22nd and continue until her 11:00 a.m. service on Monday, July 24th all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pastor Mark R. Olson will officiate. Helping to lay Dawn to rest are Billy Joe Headbird, Ken Hough, Jr., Daniel Wind, Donnie Harrison, Jr., Nate Seelye, Sr., Ken Copenace, Darrin “Bill” Brown and Jimmie Harrison, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are Cody Seelye, Glen “Tuffy” Fisher, Elliot Gillis, Dennis “Snake” Copenace, Daniel “Boomer” Jackson, Brandon Wind, Nate Seelye, Jr., Jimmie Harrison, Sage Seelye and Jesse Ware. Her honorary pallbearers are Alvin John Wind, Jr., Donnie Harrison, Sr., Jimmie Harrison, Sr., Thomas Harrison, Charles Harrison, The Jerry Northbird's Girls, The Upper Midwest and The Stars

Softball Teams. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her Monday service.

Dawn's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## Miskwaadesi Gimah-jaad Roberts

Baby Miskwaadesi Gimah-jaad Roberts (Painted turtle who traveled on), aged 17 weeks gestation was born sleeping and within his creator's hands on August 9th, 2017 at Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, Minnesota to Catherine and Randy Roberts. We had only known you for a few weeks, but your presence will forever have an impact on us. A beautiful child with black hair, who is at peace before their life had a chance to begin. The family wishes to thank you all, for your love, and support while we comprehend this unfair, and tremendous loss.

He is preceded in death by his aunt; Lynda Joan Morrison, grandfather; Edward Roberts, great uncles; Kelly Haugen, Jerry Haugen, David Smith, Bart Jordan, Roland Blanchard, and Darrell Roberts. Great grandmother; Lynda Munstentieger, Frances Jordan, Jeanette Stately, and Fern Morgan-Haugen, great grandfather; Cecil Haugen, cousins; Tyrone Morgan, James Elmberg and Jason Howard, and step-grandma; Karen Wittner.

He is survived by his parents; Catherine and Randy Roberts, siblings; Cecil, Gracelyn, Randy Jr., and Christina, grandmothers; Fayleen Haugen (Kris), Glenda Roberts, and Kathy Frazer, grandfathers; Thomas Haugen, and Carl Frazer, aunts; Carlee (Andrew), Jacinta (Corey), Tiff (Curtis), Jessica (Joey), Beverly (Jake), Shana (Jad), Marie and Nicole, uncles; Matt (Johanna) Mukwa (Rose), and godparents; Dayna (Ed), and Adrian (Amanda), numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and special people who loved him.

Pallbearers for Miskwaadesi will be Randy Roberts, Sr. and Cecil Haugen Honorary pallbearers are Migizi Roberts, Amanda Morrison, his aunts and uncles, his siblings, his many cousins, and the Northern Lights Casino Family.

Funeral was held August 14th at 11:00, at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN. Burial will be in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery. Pastor Matt McWaters will officiate.

Miskwaadesi's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
(218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court  
Honorable Megan E. Treuer, Associate Judge of Tribal Court

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**In the Matter of:**  
**BeeJay T. Smith, Petitioner,**  
**And**  
**Maureen Moose, Respondent,**

**NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION**  
Court File No. CV-17-108

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT,  
A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:

- 1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT HARASS THE PETITIONER.
- 2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSONS, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.
- 3) RESPONDENT IS PROHIBITED FROM BEING WITHIN 500 FEET OF PETITIONER'S HOME. IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT

Dated: September 29, 2017

/s/ Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**In the Matter of the Guardianship of:**  
H.W., Minor Child, DOB: 11/11/2008

Paul Wakanabo, Petitioner, And  
Brennon Patterson & Larissa Smith, Respondents

Court File No. FA-17-116

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on June 27, 2017 a **Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor)** 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 file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before October 10th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

Dated: July 10, 2017

/s/ Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**In Re: Estate of:**  
**Arthur Bijah Chase Sr., Decedent**

Court File No. CV-17-30

**IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above-named decedent, Arthur Bijah Chase Sr., died 03/13/2017. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 21st day of April, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Laura Chase, personal representative of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on April 21st, 2017, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Laura Chase, 15060 Portage Lake Dr., Bena, MN 56626, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Arthur Bijah Chase Sr., 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.

**DATED this 26th day of April 2017,**

/s/ Amanda Richardson- COURT CLERK

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Dated: July 10, 2017

/s/ Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk

## Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders



### District I August

Wanda Evers      Irving Seelye Sr.  
Joseph Bibeau      Yvonne Wilson  
Donald White      Russell Bryan Jr.  
David Cloud      Norma Jackson  
Claudia Lyytinen      Cordelle Whitebird  
Linda Wilson      Ramona Jackson  
Paul Wakanabo      James Parks  
Irene Denasha

### September

Anthony Bebeau      Shirley Hardy  
Beatrice Bivens      Ernest Johnson  
Marella Dodson      James Michaud  
Harold Goggleye      Terry Robinson  
Leo Gotchie Jr.      Robert Schaaf  
Myrna Hardy      Diana Sherman

From the District I Office  
Penny, Sarah, & Sondra

### District III August

Yvonne Armstrong      George Jacobs  
Lenore Barsness      Cherlene Jenkins  
Janice Bongo      Barbara Johnson  
Patricia Broker      Earl Johnson  
Franklin Brown      Linda Johnston  
Roger Budreau Sr.      Julie Jones  
Harold Budreau      Franklin LaRose  
Linda Butcher      Cheryl Littlewolf  
Barbara Dubois      Kevin Locke  
John Fisherman      Leonard Losh  
Linda Goggleye      Donna Morgan  
Donald Headbird      Harry Morris  
Michael Howard      Nancy Patterson

### September

Besty Allen      Beverly Hensley  
Robert Beaudreau      John Howard  
Larry Beaulieu      Janice Hunt  
William Butcher Jr.      Helen Jacobs  
Patricia Cook      Della Kingbird  
Jimmy Day      Ruby Lowry  
John Dunn Jr.      Marcia Morgan  
Donald Finn Sr.      Dorothy Oakes  
Patsy Gordon      Robert Pemberton  
Margaret Hardy      Elizabeth Reese  
Thomas Hare      Victoria Reich

From the District III Office LeRoy & Toni

### District II August

Arnold Dahl  
Lyman Losh  
Debra Beaulieu  
Diane Hussing  
Robert Smith  
Paula White  
Allen Hiatt  
Anthony Mountain

### September

Melvin Losh  
Ruth White  
Robert Losh Sr.  
Terrance Hodder  
Lavina Marion

From the District II Office  
Steve, Amos, & Michelle

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Summary of Job Openings

[www.llojibwe.org](http://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 SEPT 29, 2017

*Electronic Records Clerk ~ Human Resources ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-161*

*Dispatcher ~ DPS ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-160*

*Sales & Marketing Manager ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-159*

*Early Childhood Ojibwemowin Mentor ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-158*

*Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-157*

*Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-156*

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON OCT 6, 2017

*S. Lake Custodian ~ DPW ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-163*

*Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-162*

*Cultural Coordinator ~ Human Service/OTP ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-138B*

*Women's Halfway House Technician (3) ~ Human Services ~ \$12.00/hr. Job Code: 17-124B*

*Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-098B*

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

*Sugar Point Cook ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-155*

*Ball Club Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ \$12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-154*

*Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-151*

*WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-150*

*Rover Driver (3) ~ DPW/EM ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-148*

*Work Force Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-147*

*Ball Club Fitness Assistant ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-140*

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# Tribal Liaison on Minnesota Pipeline Review is Sidelined After Oil Company Complains To Governor

A CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL for a tar sands oil pipeline has led indigenous leaders in Minnesota to threaten an uprising similar to the one near Standing Rock last fall. That conflict began with what tribes described as the federal government's failure to properly consult with nearby tribal communities prior to permitting the Dakota Access Pipeline project.

In July, Danielle Oxendine Molliver, the tribal liaison brought on by Minnesota's Department of Commerce to consult with indigenous leaders about Enbridge Energy's Line 3 pipeline, resigned in protest of what she called a flawed environmental review process that lacked transparency, professionalism, and fairness.

In a resignation letter submitted on July 24, Oxendine Molliver stated, "There are a multitude of reasons why I have come to this decision. The single most important one is the failure of the state of Minnesota to fulfill its obligations of good faith and fair dealing with the tribes in connection with the Line 3 project."

She added, "I feel as though my resignation is the only option to maintain my integrity, commitment, and standing with the tribal communities as both a liaison and indigenous woman."

In an interview, Oxendine Molliver told *The Intercept* that the department had not adequately responded to the concerns of tribal members and had marginalized her after Enbridge claimed she was being overly sympathetic to indigenous pipeline opponents.

A moment of clarity came as Oxendine Molliver packed her bag on June 5 to fly to rural Minnesota for the first of 22 public meetings on the draft environmental impact statement she helped write. A superior at the Commerce Department called to inform her that instead of being stationed at a table to field questions about the pipeline's impact on tribes, Oxendine Molliver would be directing guests

to the cookies and coffee.

"Enbridge found this video of you at [a meeting], and they went to the governor's office, and they're just really concerned that you're too sympathetic and that you might provoke more resistance," Oxendine Molliver recalled the department official telling her. "You can still go, and we still want you there, but you're going to be a greeter."

"I just kind of laughed," Oxendine Molliver said. "It means Enbridge has the authority to call the governor's office, who then has the authority to control the permitting process."

The governor's office declined to comment on a personnel matter. In a statement, Ross Corson, the director of communications for Minnesota's Commerce Department, told *The Intercept* that because Oxendine Molliver "has left state employment, she is not in a position to claim what specific concerns are, or are not, being addressed in the final EIS, which is still being prepared."

"In this process, the agencies do not advocate for a particular position, but must act as impartial fact-finders for the commission, which also extends to the role of the tribal liaison. Complaints about any possible bias are treated seriously," Corson added.

Enbridge spokesperson Shannon Gustafson stated, "We're committed to following the regulatory process for the Line 3 replacement project and only ask that it be a fair and equitable process for everyone involved."

On Wednesday, Gov. Mark Dayton extended by a week the deadline to publish the final environmental impact statement, to August 17, "in order to provide the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with the best possible information on which to base its decision." He noted that the EIS included more than 2,860 public comments. Additional hearings will follow its publication,



**Danielle Oxendine Molliver, pictured in Cloquet, Minn., on Aug. 10, 2017, resigned from her role as tribal liaison working on an environmental review for the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline.**

after which the Public Utilities Commission will use the statement to determine whether the pipeline can go forward.

"Don't pride yourself on being the state that is better than DAPL," Oxendine Molliver said. The process "is not transparent."

ENBRIDGE'S LINE 3 PIPELINE reaches from the center of Canada's tar sands region in Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin, with most of its 364-mile U.S. portion passing through Minnesota. Line 3 has ruptured multiple times since it was built in the 1960s, resulting in a 1.7-million-gallon spill in 1991 and a 252,000-gallon disaster in 2002, among other accidents. Today, it is corroded and cracked. Given its degraded state, by 2008 the pipeline's capacity had been reduced. As a penalty for another million-gallon spill in 2010 on a different corroded Enbridge pipeline, the company signed a consent decree with the federal government agreeing to replace Line 3 by December 2017 or undertake additional efforts to prevent ecological harm.

The decree happened to serve Enbridge's interests, providing a new argument in the company's efforts to pressure Minnesota's gov-

ernment to approve a proposal to replace Line 3 and greatly increase its capacity. The new line would expand the 34-inch pipe to 36 inches and increase its current capacity from 390,000 barrels per day to at least 760,000 barrels, closer to what it originally pumped. Meanwhile, the old line would remain in the ground, its combustible material removed and its ends sealed shut.

Five bands of Ojibwe have filed as intervenors in opposition to the Line 3 replacement plan. Affected tribes have expressed concern about leaving the decaying line, which passes through the Fond du Lac and Leech Lake reservations, in the ground. Although the proposed new route does not cross reservation boundaries, it cuts through wild ricing lakes, hunting grounds, and other sacred areas to which indigenous people also have legal rights. And given that tribal members are disproportionately low-income, impacts on their well-being require careful consideration in the environmental review process.

Oxendine Molliver, who previously worked as a tribal liaison in Minnesota's Human Rights Department, was recruited and loaned to the Commerce Department late in the process to

meet with the tribes and ensure their perspectives were included in the draft environmental impact statement. Her hiring was announced on March 28, a month and a half before the draft would be released, on May 15.

With only weeks to meet with 11 tribes and incorporate their concerns, Oxendine Molliver began flying to tribal areas around the state. "I thought better late than never. I came in thinking really optimistically," she said. "No one's going to be pro-pipeline, but how can we get it transparent, so their story is told in the document?"

The meeting that led Enbridge to report her to the governor's office was on May 31, with the Minnesota Chippewa tribe. Oxendine Molliver introduced herself as a member of the Lumbee tribe from North Carolina: "As a working mother and as an activist and as someone who wants to participate, I am honored to see you all make that happen for your families, and I am honored by the gentle way you have pushed the systems in which you have to work."

"Folks [have] said to me offline, 'I don't know how you do it. I don't know why as a native you even want to discuss the pipeline or be involved at any level on a project like that,'" she said. "You've got to infiltrate — you've got to be part of the system. We need more leaders, we need more people who are qualified who have the traditional knowledge, who have the sovereign knowledge, who have the language, culture — we need those folks to be in the systems with which we have to operate."

She told attendees that the draft environmental impact statement did not offer any opinions, only facts that could guide decisions. However, she assured the audience, "I think that there are conclusory comments there if we really listen." She read aloud a portion of the draft:

Any route, route segment, or system alternative would have a long-

term detrimental effect on tribal members and tribal resources. The impacts cannot be categorized by duration (short-term or permanent) or by extent (region of interest, construction work area, permanent right-of-way). It is also not possible to determine which alternative is better when each alternative affects tribal resources, tribal identity, and tribal health.

If Enbridge had had its way, there would be no environmental impact statement at all. The process is not always required for pipelines and is frequently controversial. In 2015, a Minnesota court sided with environmental groups and forced the state to undertake the impact statement process for both Line 3 and another controversial proposed Enbridge pipeline, Sandpiper, which would have transported oil obtained via fracking from North Dakota's Bakken region. After years of pushback from indigenous and environmental opponents, Enbridge axed the Sandpiper project in fall 2016.

Under the Obama administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers launched an environmental impact statement for the Dakota Access Pipeline, at the height of the NoDAPL movement. The process, which would have delayed construction, was effectively canceled by President Donald Trump when he took office in January.

AFTER BEING SIDELINED, Oxendine Molliver spent meeting after meeting ushering guests to the refreshments, but at a final meeting held just for tribal members, on June 27, she was struck by images presented by Sheila Lamb, who is Ojibwe and Cherokee and has long been involved in environmental activism. They showed long lines of pipe being transported by truck and rail, and stacked inside a fence.

"There are staging areas already," Lamb said, according to a transcript of the proceedings. "The newest one is between Kettle River and Rice. It is a huge fenced area with barbed wire on top, the whole nine yards, where they're taking the pipes to. We're talking trucks running every 10 to 15 minutes carrying in pipes. As of yesterday, there were 35 carloads of pipes just that we could count sitting right in



**By June, trains loaded with pipes began rolling into Minnesota. A final decision from the state about whether Enbridge's Line 3 replacement can be built isn't expected until April 2018.**

Carlton."

"Is this already a done deal?" Lamb asked the Commerce Department officials. Her question touched issues that extended beyond the scope of the environmental impact statement. Enbridge has already started construction in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, as well as on the 12-mile segment in Wisconsin. Minnesota is the last state that hasn't granted regulatory approval, giving it huge sway in determining the future of the pipeline.

Jamie MacAlister, a project manager for the Commerce Department, replied to Lamb, "[Decision-makers] don't know that there's pipes stacked up out here. In fact, I didn't know there was pipes stacked up out here until I came to this meeting." She added, "Enbridge does not have any permits. They're not allowed to do any construction until they receive those permits."

Indeed, Enbridge lacked any permit to begin building the pipeline. But that didn't mean the company couldn't start getting ready. It had received five construction storm-water permits from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2015 for Line 3 storage yards along the proposed routes.

But Oxendine Molliver says the Commerce Department avoided making that clear. A few weeks after the meeting, she arranged a sit-down with Lamb and the

department's commissioner, Mike Rothman, who expressed concern and told Lamb the department would look into the issue, according to Lamb and Oxendine Molliver. Shortly afterward, Oxendine Molliver said she was told by two Commerce Department officials that Enbridge did have permits, but the department was "keeping it on the down-low."

While construction of the pipeline itself still required the Public Utilities Commission's approval, Oxendine Molliver said she "was horrified" by the department's lack of transparency in response to questions from tribal members. She requested that the staging issue be noted in the EIS, but was rebuffed.

As the department began to finalize the text, she noticed other issues that tribal members had raised were missing from the document. In May, the Fond du Lac band of Lake Superior Chippewa contacted the Minnesota Department of Transportation after hearing that highway construction had begun on top of a native cemetery. After halting the project, the agency found human remains at the construction site. The burial site is not far from Enbridge's preferred pipeline route. Tribal members expressed concern about the adequacy of gravesite databases and the cumulative impact of seeing relatives' graves desecrated alongside construction of an unwanted pipeline. Oxendine Molliver asked that language be added to the text.

Other issues were described in ways that failed to convey why they were meaningful to communities near the pipeline route. The draft included a section on the history of the Sandy Lake Ojibwe community, for example, describing how in 1850, thousands of Ojibwe were forced to migrate from Wisconsin in order to receive the annual supplies promised to them in treaties; when only three days' worth of supplies arrived, hundreds of people died. The draft did not mention that the group's descendants still live in the area, many of them in poverty. And a reader would have to compare maps to understand that the pipeline would pass near Sandy Lake, cutting across the route native community members use to reach another Ojibwe community to the south.

And there were things left undone, Oxendine Molliver said. The June 27 meeting with tribal members had not been transcribed, and she said her communications with Commerce officials suggested comments collected there would not be reviewed or incorporated. Broader questions she raised were dismissed. Would the document address the cost to taxpayers of legal actions taken by environmental and indigenous groups related to the pipeline? Would it note that transporting new tar sands oil into the country conflicts with state initiatives, such as Dayton's membership in the U.S. Climate Alliance?

In her last days as tribal liaison, Oxendine Molliver began hearing complaints from Commerce Department management. She was asked to cancel a planned trip to visit a reservation. She was pulled into a meeting and told that they weren't sure it was working out. She saw all this as retaliation. As the final version of the EIS was sent to consultants to be finalized, without many of the changes she'd requested, she submitted her resignation letter.

"My best-case scenario was they were going to do this really awesome environmental impact statement, and the facts would be just so staggering," Oxendine Molliver said. "I thought if you have this document, and the tribes have intervened, you can't put your finger over your ears and be like lalalala for too long."

At the meeting that led Enbridge to complain about Oxendine Molliver, Winona LaDuke, a longtime environmental activist who played a key role in the movement to kill Sandpiper, described her takeaways from the draft environmental impact statement. "When you go all the way through it, it says, we heard you. We heard that your people are hurting. We heard that your people can barely hang on. We heard that this is the only land you have. We heard that this is the only wild rice you have. We heard that your communities are already under a lot of duress. We heard that your communities are already sick from contaminants," she said. "But mitigation is gonna be good."

"We don't want to throw down a camp like Standing Rock, but this is not Morton County — you're not getting another pipeline through here," she added. "And there are hundreds of Ojibwe people and thousands of other people that are going to stop that line if you approve a permit. So we'd just like to stop it before we get to that."

Opponents of Enbridge Line 3 publicly launched two camps on Wednesday, one on the White Earth reservation and another near the Fond du Lac reservation.

The final decision on the pipeline isn't expected until next April.



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