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Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Meeting Held



By Michael Chosa

More than 120 community members braved the frigid temperatures in early January to attend an informational meeting regarding the upcoming Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project.

The meeting was hosted by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) in conjunction with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT). It was held to offer community members a preliminary chance to discuss their concerns and seek answers to specific questions they had ahead of the upcoming official public hearing/ comment periods in February.

Enbridge's proposed 337-mile long route for the project would cross Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin and Carlton counties in Minnesota. The proposed project also includes upgrades

to existing pump stations at Clearbrook, Donaldson, Plummer and Viking; and construction of new pump stations at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade and Two Inlets. See map on Page 5.

Upon completion of the project, Enbridge proposes to permanently deactivate the existing Line 3 pipeline and leave it in place. This is a major concern for the tribe and community who would like to see the aging 1960's era pipeline removed and the land returned to its original condition.

In July of last year, the U.S. Department of Justice signed a consent decree with Enbridge Energy which resolved claims from oil spills in Michigan and Illinois in 2010. Enbridge agreed to pay \$177 million, improve pipeline safety and replace Line 3 "as expeditiously as practicable after receiving required regulatory approvals and

permits." If Line 3 isn't replaced by Dec. 31, 2017, Enbridge will be saddled with additional safety requirements, according to the settlement agreement.

The State of Minnesota announced in December that it was preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project which includes "Unique tribal concerns (e.g., cultural resources, treaty rights, wild rice areas)". The State's Draft EIS is scheduled to be issued April 3, 2017 and public meetings for review and commentary will be held in April and May 2017.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe initially elected to perform their own EIS after passing Resolution 30-17 at their November 3rd Meeting. This first, informal meeting was a direct result of that action.

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Community Skating Rink Set to Open in January



(L to R) Natalie Lovelace, LL Youth Division, Brian Brunelle, LLBO Health Director, Frank Schaaf, Construction Manager, Gary Charwood, LL Youth Division, Amanda Shongo, SHIP Coordinator and Mikele Finn, Health Division stop for a photo at the future site of the skating rink,

CASS LAKE, MN- A new outdoor skating rink in Cass Lake is scheduled to open by mid-January. Funding for the project was secured by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Youth Division through a grant with the MN Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP).

The money will be used to construct a 100 x 50 foot outdoor skating rink with perimeter boards, rink liner, warming house and lighting. A collection of ice skates will also be purchased and will be available for check out through the Youth Division and the Boys and Girls Club of Cass Lake. The skating rink will be located next to Dreamcatcher Park, in the same area that a former rink existed over 30 years ago.

The Youth Division also received funding for a Lacrosse project in this grant. They plan on purchasing sticks, helmets, pads and other safety gear for their summer activities. LLBO Health Director Brian Brunelle envisions using the rink site as a lacrosse and soccer area in the summer months.

The project was successful due to the successful collaborations between various entities. "We couldn't have done this without the assistance of everyone," Brunelle said. Levi Brown with the Land Management office at DRM was able to provide the land at the site for this to be built on. Natalie Lovelace from Youth Division was instrumental in doing the leg work along with Mikele Finn at Health Division. LLBO Construction Manager Frank Schaaf coordinated the site preparation, purchasing and upcoming assembly of the rink. SHIP Coordinator Amanda Shongo was very helpful throughout the entire process. LL Housing will also be constructing the warming house and installing the lighting. Cass Lake Fire Department has committed to filling the rink with water. Finally, the Boys and Girls Club of Cass Lake are and will continue to be a vital partner in this success. Miigwech to all involved!

MN Department of Health's SHIP is working to create healthier communities across Minnesota by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating and tobacco-free living. SHIP, at its core, is a locally driven effort. Communities choose strategies that are based on the latest science and focused on making long-term, sustainable changes in schools and child care facilities, communities, workplaces and health care settings.

Bad River Band Denies Renewal of Enbridge Line 5 Easement

Tribe calls for decommissioning and removal at Bad River, WI

ODANAH, WI- The Bad River Tribal Council passed a formal resolution Wednesday evening, January 4th that established the Tribes decision not to renew its interests in the grant of easement for rights-of-way of Enbridge Energy's Line 5 crude oil pipeline through the Bad River Reservation. Furthermore, it calls for the decommissioning, and removal of the pipeline from all Bad River lands and watershed.

Formerly known as Lakehead Pipeline Company, Enbridge sought renewal of rights of way with the Band for the existing line that is now 64 years old. 15 Individual grant of easement rights of way for Line 5 expired in 2013, however, Bad River had reacquired interests in 11 of the 15 parcels of land within the grant of easement rights of way. "As many other communities have experienced, even a minor spill could prove to be disastrous for our people. We depend upon everything that the creator put here before us to live mino-bimaadiziwin, a good and healthy life." said Bad River Tribal

Chairman Robert Blanchard. He remarks in the Tribal Council's decision, "We will work with our native and non-native communities to make sure that Line 5 does not threaten rights of people living in our region, and we will reach out to federal, state and local officials to evaluate how to remove Line 5, and we will work with the same communities and officials to continue developing a sustainable economy that doesn't marginalize indigenous people"

The Band has directed Tribal staff to begin planning for the Line 5 removal project development and the environmental issues/hazards that exist with removal of old pipelines including hazards response and health study, pipeline contents recycling and disposal, and surface restoration. "These environmental threats not only threaten our health, but they threaten our very way of life as Anishinaabe. We all need to be thinking of our future generations and what we leave behind for them." Says Tribal Council Member Dylan Jennings.

Mille Lacs Band Divests from Wells Fargo

ONAMIA, MN- The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians has ended its investment advisory services relationship with Wells Fargo. The decision, made unanimously by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians Band Assembly and Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin, is in response to Wells Fargo's unethical business practices and the financing the bank provides to Energy Transfer Partners. The Mille Lacs Band terminated the relationship effective January 6th, 2017.

"Wells Fargo has promoted initiatives that have hurt Native Americans across the country and the Mille Lacs Band will no longer associate ourselves with them," said Mille Lacs Band Secretary-Treasurer Carolyn Beaulieu. "In addition to preying on customers and other unethical business practices, Wells Fargo is actively financing the Dakota Access Pipeline proj-

ect where peaceful Native American protestors have been taunted and physically harmed. We will not do business with a company that finds these practices acceptable."

The proposed 1,100 mile pipeline would pump more than a half million barrels of crude oil per day across the Missouri River just upstream from the mouth of the Cannon Ball River, which flows through the Standing Rock Sioux reservation.

"Divesting from Wells Fargo is a meaningful step we can take to make it clear that this is unacceptable corporate behavior. The Mille Lacs Band understands the nature of finance and lending practices by U.S. banks. In many instances, banking relationships are unavoidable. However, the Band must work with financial institutions with much stronger social justice criteria," said Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin.

Native Nations Institute Hosts 2 Day Nation Building Seminar in Cass Lake



(L to R) Sec/Treas Archie LaRose, Danielle Hiraldo, NNI Tribal Outreach Specialist, Lindsey Riggs, NNI Program Coordinator, Joan Timeche, NNI Executive Director and Chairman Faron Jackson at the conclusion of the 2 Day Seminar.

By Michael Chosa

CASS LAKE, MN- Members of the Leech Lake Tribal Council and top administrative personnel attended a Native Nation Building Seminar at the Palace Casino last month.

Additionally, Tribal Council also attended a Nation Building Strategy Session, exclusively focused on Tribal Leaders in Fargo, ND. More information on that will be upcoming.

The seminar was presented by the Native Nations Institute (NNI) and sponsored by the Native Governance Center. NNI Executive Director Joan Timeche (Hopi), Outreach Specialist and Senior Researcher Danielle Hiraldo (Lumbee), and Program Coordinator for Tribal Services Lindsay Riggs (Diné) facilitated the discussion.

The seminar consisted of case studies featuring diverse nation building efforts underway throughout Indian Country, small group discussions and decision making exercises aimed at helping participants develop long term strategies for strengthening the Leech Lake Nation.

They also revisited and reviewed previous Nation Building Sessions and the Governance Analysis (GANN) which were held in 2013.

Finally, several action plans were drafted in major areas of concern as identified by the attendees. Chairman Faron Jackson expressed his interest in having NNI return and holding a larger session with more presence from tribal citizens.

The key for this initiative to be successful is participation and interest from all "levels" of the nation,

from the Tribal Council all the way to the individual citizen and all groups in between. The first step will be to educate all interested parties. We plan on running a series of articles in the coming months to better inform the community about Native Nation Building

There is a large amount of information and research behind this program. Fortunately for Leech Lake we have sixteen Native Nation Rebuilders, who have completed the Cohort program. They are:

- Henry Flocken
- Veronica Veaux
- Benay Fairbanks
- Esther Humphrey
- LeRoy Fairbanks III
- Leah Monroe
- Curt Buckananga
- Nicole Buckananga
- Jennifer Cross
- Gordon Fineday
- Leonard Fineday
- Laurie Harper
- Joseph Reggunti
- Melissa Bowstring
- Rebecca Graves
- James Jones

Leech Lake has made significant progress in some key areas but there is always room for improvement. We will look at some of the work that has been done and the continuing efforts on Leech Lake as we delve deeper into this subject in the coming year,

You can read more on the topic, "Standard Approach" versus the "Nation-Building Approach" as defined by NNI, in the February Issue.

National Native News Briefs

Interior Department Transfers Nearly \$8 Million to Cobell Education Scholarship Fund

The Department of the Interior recently announced that an additional \$7.9 million has been transferred to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund, bringing the total amount contributed so far to more than \$47 million. The Scholarship Fund – funded in part by the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations and authorized by the Cobell Settlement – provides financial assistance through scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students wishing to pursue post-secondary and graduate education and training.

The Cobell Board of Trustees has reported that to date, nearly 1,800 scholarships totaling more than \$5.25 million have been awarded to almost 1,000 Native American students for undergraduate and graduate study. The scholarship awards are \$5,000 per semester for undergraduates and \$10,000 per semester for graduate and doctoral students. Applications and information concerning scholarships can be found at www.cobellscholar.org.

Arizona Tribe Won't Allow Trump's Border Wall on Their Land

Tribal leadership of Tohono O'odham Nation in southern Arizona said they won't support a border wall project on their land. Their reservation extends into Mexico and covers 75 miles of the international border.

The tribe's chairman and vice chair said the plan was always to try to work with whoever holds the office of the United States President. But, they added, it's still too early to tell exactly how Donald Trump's administration will impact the tribe.

Vice Chairman Verlon Jose explained that tribal members have traversed their ancestral land since time immemorial, and a wall of any sort would not be supported by the community. Jose said he invites president elect Trump to come down to the reservation to see why a physical wall, in his opinion, would not be a good idea for the tribe or the country.

Native American Students Sue US Bureau of Indian Education

Nine schoolchildren from the Havasupai Indian Reservation in Supai, Arizona, filed a lawsuit against the United States federal government for providing them with an inferior education.

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) — the federal agency that operates the children's school, Havasupai Elementary — is required by federal law to give Native children educational opportunities that "equal or exceed those for all other students in the United States." The suit alleges that BIE has fallen woefully short of that goal.

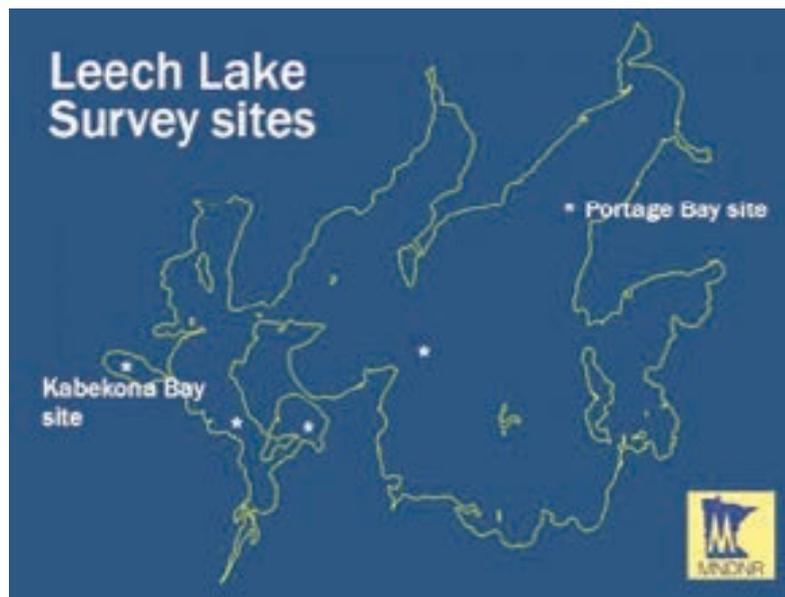
"Havasupai students and the Native American Disability Law Center ... bring this suit to hold the U.S. government accountable for these failures and to correct long-standing educational deprivations that have for years denied Havasupai children meaningful and equitable educational opportunity," the plaintiffs' complaint reads.

BIE schools are routinely among the worst-funded and lowest-performing in the nation. Students who attend these institutions graduate high school at rates nearly 20% lower than the overall Native American high school grad rate.

Zebra Mussel Larvae Confirmed in Leech Lake

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in their larval stage in two locations in Leech Lake in Cass County. The DNR has found no adult zebra mussels in the lake, but the locations and numbers of zebra mussel larvae, called veligers (VEL-uh-jers), indicate a reproducing population may be present.

The DNR confirmed more than 30 veligers from a sample collected in deep water off the shore of Portage Bay, on the northeast side of the 110,000-acre lake, and more than 40 veligers from a sample collected in the center of Kabekona Bay, on Leech Lake's western edge. No veligers were present in samples collected from three other sites between Portage and Kabekona bays. The two sites where veligers were confirmed are nearly 17 miles apart.



The DNR Fisheries section collected the samples as part of their Lake Survey Program, which proactively gathers and analyzes samples from the 11 largest lakes in Minnesota every year. Leech Lake is the third-largest lake in the state.

Portage Bay is within the Leech Lake Reservation; Kabekona Bay is not. The DNR will work with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Leech Lake Association, property owners and local governments to conduct a broader search and discuss options.

People should contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they've found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that has not already been confirmed in a lake.

The DNR recommends these steps for lake property owners:

- Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period.
- Hire DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses to install or remove boats, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment. These businesses have attended training on Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws and many have experience identifying and removing invasive species.
- It's especially important to keep docks and boat lifts out of the water for at least 21 days before putting them into another body of water. This state law is central to the training DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses receive. Anyone transporting a dock or lift from the adjacent shoreline property to another

location for storage or repair may need a permit, to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Zebra mussels are an invasive (non-native) species that can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes. Less than two percent of Minnesota's 11,842 lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels.

More information is available at www.mndnr.gov/AIS.



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MnDOT asks motorists' help for safer driving around snowplows

ST. PAUL, Minn. – There have been more than 30 crashes this season involving vehicles and snowplows, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation is urging motorists to use extra caution during plowing and snowing operations.

“Crashes typically happen because of inattentive drivers, motorists driving too close to the plow or motorists driving too fast for conditions,” said Steve Lund, state maintenance engineer. “Our snowplow drivers are well trained to drive their plows, but motorists should be patient and stay back from the plow. Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads.”

Lund said that operators' ability to see behind the truck is restricted so they must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and side of the truck.

“Their vision is also hampered by the snow clouds they create while plowing. So the safest place you can be is well behind the snowplow and away from the snow cloud it creates,” he said.

Last year in Minnesota, there were 48 crashes involving vehicles and snowplows.

Minnesota law requires motorists to turn on their headlights when it's snowing or at any other time when weather conditions impair visibility.

Here are some other recommendations for safer driving around snowplows:

- Stay back and stay alive. Stay back at least 10 car lengths behind the plow, far from the snow cloud. Don't drive into a snow cloud.

- Stay alert for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.

- Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions.

- Turn on your headlights and wear your seat belt.

- Turn off the cruise control.

- Be patient, and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.

- Don't drive distracted.

Motorists should check road conditions at 511mn.org.



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However, at their most recent special meeting, held at Northern Lights Casino, the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) voted to rescind that resolution. Potential costs of conducting an EIS as well as the comprehensive scope required when conducting an EIS were cited as reasons for the motion to rescind. Alternatives such as an environmental impact assessment and environmental impact analysis were briefly discussed.

The MCT TEC will reconvene next month on February 8th at Fortune Bay Casino. The fate of this initiative will most likely be decided at that time.

Three Public Hearings / Comment Periods on Leech Lake

were scheduled and according to Leech Lake DRM, they will proceed as planned. The dates times and location for these meetings are as follows:

- **February 1st, 2017**
Facility Center
Cass Lake, MN
- **February 8th, 2017**
Community Center
Bena, MN
- **February 15th, 2017**
Community Center
Ball Club, MN

These meetings will allow tribal members to express their concerns with the project and provide testimony for the tribal record.

In a recent Q&A interview with the Grand Forks Herald Editorial Board in December, Paul Eberth, project director for Enbridge Energy had this to say regarding tribal participation:

Q. "The Fond du Lac and Leech Lake tribes, you mentioned that they asked for this pipeline to go around. So, are they now supportive of the project, because it's taking the new route?"

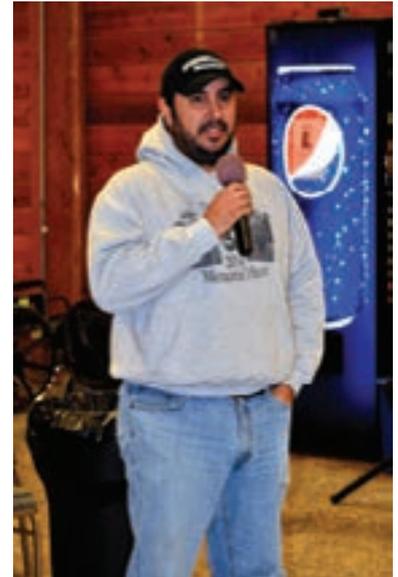
A. "I don't know. They haven't participated much, because they're not formal parties to the Line 3 case. That's because the construction doesn't go through the reservation."

Enbridge's proposed route (APR on the map below) very careful-

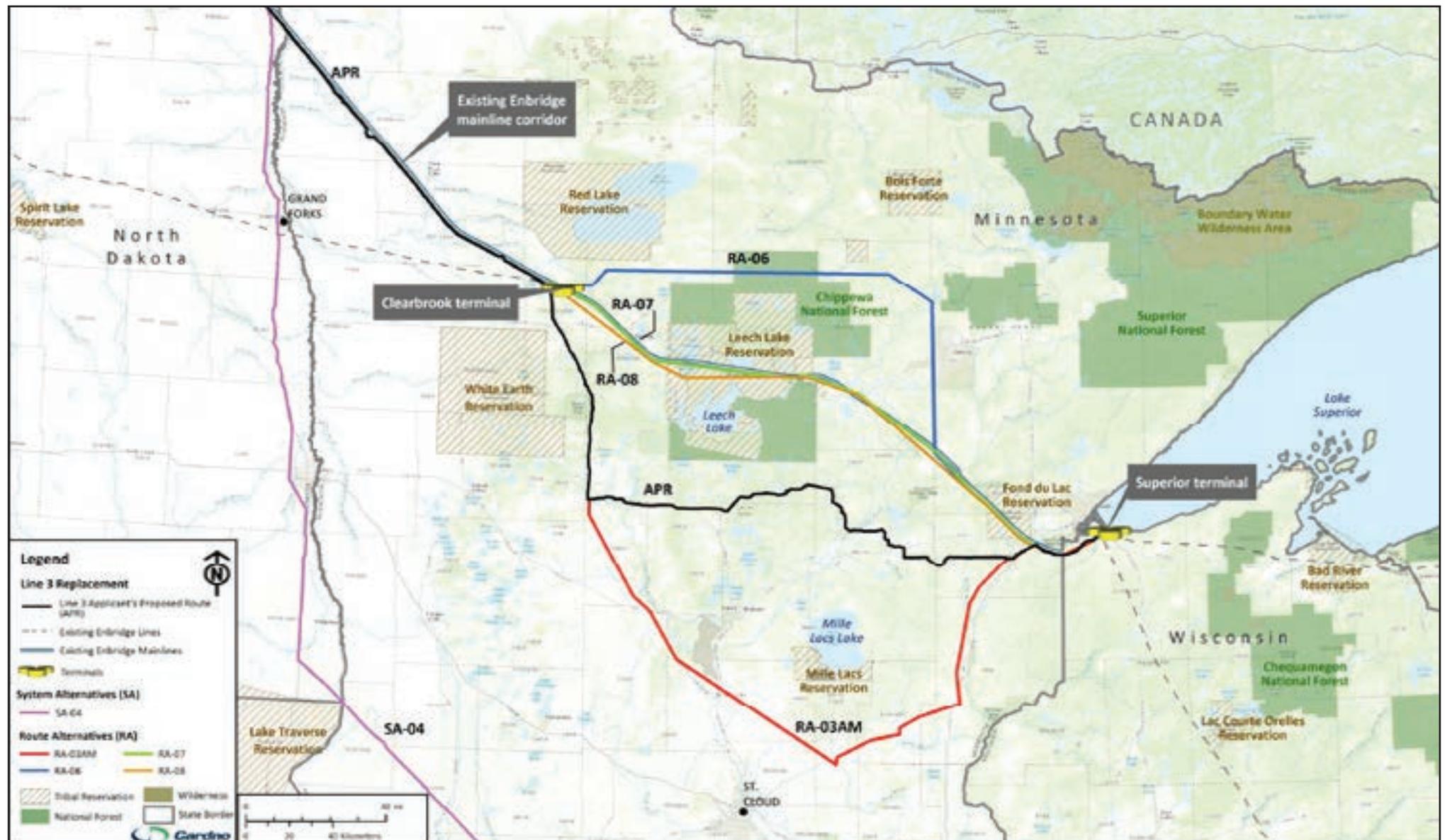
ly snakes around MCT member reservation boundaries.

Two of the proposed route alternatives being reviewed in the State of MN's EIS (RA-07 and RA-08 on map below) do bisect the reservation. It is somewhat comforting that they have come out and publicly stated they will not be seeking to cross the reservation directly.

However, it still crosses through our 1855 ceded territories where we retain our rights to hunt, fish and gather. Most concerning for tribal members is the potential for a spill or leak which will negatively impact water, wild rice and other resources.



Levi Brown from the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management fielded questions from those in attendance.



Wanted: Leech Lake Elders Fluent in Ojibwe

As part of an upcoming archive project focusing on the preservation of the Leech Lake Ojibwe dialect, we are seeking elders interested in sharing their knowledge. Participants will be videotaped either individually or as a group with other speakers. We are hoping to capture the conversational aspect and proper pronunciations of the language. Those who contribute their time to this important endeavor will be compensated for their time.

For more information on this project please contact Mike Chosa at 218-335-4483. Please call to add your name to the list of interested elders or to suggest possible participants from your community. Miigwetch!

Going into Business for Yourself?

Leech Lake Financial Services presents Business 101 Class

CASS LAKE, MN– Have you been thinking about being your own boss? Are you in business or thinking about starting your own business? Get a jumpstart by attending an inspiring and informative 3-hour Business 101 seminar. Learn the steps to starting your own business. Determine your personal financial readiness and test your business idea. Walk away with a plan of action to drive your business planning process. Classes are held the first Friday of every month from 1-4PM at the Leech Lake Financial Services offices downtown Cass Lake. Next class scheduled for February 3rd. Space is limited. Advance sign up required, first come first served. RSVP by email at info@llfinancial.org or by calling 218-339-3940.

Leech Lake Financial Services, a Certified Development Financial Institution (CDFI) was established in 2013. By resolution, the LLBO Reservation Business Committee approved the establishment of LLFS as a non-profit corporation created under Title 8 of the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Court Code.

LLFS offers funding to qualified business owners, making loans from \$5,000 to \$50,000 through a USDA revolving loan fund. To qualify the business project must be located on the Leech Lake Reservation or within 25 miles of the reservation boundaries. LLFS is committed to supporting private enterprise on and near the Leech Lake Reservation by providing comprehensive technical assistance and financial resources to guide new and existing entrepreneurs and build sustainable businesses. Personal financial education and credit building services are offered to prepare individuals and small business owners as responsible borrowers. The cost of business and financial education is supported by funding from USDA Rural Business Development, Bremer and Blandin Foundations and US Treasury Department.

"I've learned so much in this 3 hour class, it's all very helpful and useful information that I want to put to use immediately".-B.M.

Leech Lake Financial Services exists to promote economic well-being and community development for the Leech Lake Reservation community by providing financial and developmental products and services.

MN Dept of Human Services launches Native American Equity Pilot Project

Disproportionate number of Native American children in foster care

Minnesota has one of the highest rates of out-of-home care – primarily foster care – for Native American children in the country. Native Americans represent 1.9 percent of the Minnesota population and 19 percent of the 13,612 children in out-of-home care in 2015. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) is working to uncover the story behind those numbers so strategies can be developed to turn them around.

DHS recently launched Native American Equity Pilot Project to research the causes, at various decision points by social service agencies, for the disproportionate number of Native American children in the state's foster care system. The pilot project is being done in partnership with the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

"This disparity in outcomes for Minnesota children is unacceptable," said Minnesota Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper. "We have a responsibility to determine why this is occurring and make changes to help Native American families succeed."

Over the three-year pilot, the department and university will conduct research, prepare a report, develop curriculum, and train county and tribal social services agencies. The pilot will start in St. Louis County and involve Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Fond du Lac Band of Ojibwe and Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe. Once the pilot has concluded it is expected to expand across other regions of the state.

The department will spend \$134,000 annually for each year of the pilot.



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Obama appoints Native American leaders from ND, MN to Commission on Native Children

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) today announced that the first two members to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children – created by their legislation that was recently signed into law – were appointed by the president.

Signed into law in October, Heitkamp and Murkowski's bipartisan bill will create a new Commission to address the challenges facing Native children – including poverty, substance abuse, and domestic violence – and offer real solutions to address them. McDonald and Fineday will serve as two members of the 11-member Commission, which will be comprised of individuals specializing in juvenile justice, social work, as well as mental and physical health.

Russ McDonald serves as the current president of the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck. He previously served as the chairman of Spirit Lake Tribe in North Dakota, as well as the vice president of academic affairs at Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC). Anita Fineday is the managing director of Indian Child Welfare Program for the Casey Family Programs and previously served as the chief judge for the White Earth Tribal Nation in Minnesota for 14 years. She also previously served as an associate judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa.

"Every child in North Dakota and in remote towns across this country deserves the opportunity to succeed – but for so many Native young people, the struggle to overcome overwhelming obstacles often eclipses that opportunity," said Heitkamp. "Native children deserve a fighting chance. My bill to create a Commission on Native Children, which became law, will address challenges with poverty, abuse, and so much more that they and their communities face, and it's why I'm thrilled with the president's appointed the first two members to the Commission. I know Russ and Anita understand and have seen the deep scars too many Native children and communities bear, and I encourage more members to soon be appointed so the Commission can begin its important work of helping Native children thrive."

"I thank this administration for continuing the momentum on the Native children's commission that Senator Heitkamp and I established. I look forward to working

with Senate leadership to continue nominating qualified individuals to support Native American children across the nation," said Murkowski. "I simply cannot understate the importance of supporting our Native children, and this commission helps us with that mission."

"Senator Heitkamp's Commission on Native Children Act is critical to understanding the available resources available to help

address barriers that tribal communities face in child protection," said McDonald. "Senators Heitkamp sees and understands the huge need among all tribal nations to strengthen the coordination of social services, law enforcement, and judicial systems for the benefit of our children and future generations. By addressing these issues comprehensively through a Commission, as her bill which is now law will do, we can not only tackle persistent challenges like recognizing

tribal jurisdiction within interagency agreements and sustainable models of care, but also convene all available resources needed to make the safety of children within their home communities is a reality. I'm honored to be appointed to this Commission and hope this work improves the ability of federal, state, local, and tribal programs to serve Native children."

"Too often the poor outcomes that exist for American Indian and Alaska Native children in this country, especially those in foster care, are forgotten – but with this new Commission that Senator Heitkamp worked to create, we can take a great step toward changing those outcomes," said Fineday. "It's an honor to be chosen for this position and I look forward to working on this Commission to improve the lives of future generations of Native children."

Heitkamp and Murkowski's bill creating a Commission on Native Children will identify the complex challenges facing Native children in North Dakota, Alaska, and across the United States by conducting an intensive study on these issues – including high rates of poverty, staggering unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, crime, substance abuse, and dire economic opportunities – and making recommendations on how to make sure Native children get the protections, as well as economic and educational tools they need to thrive.

The president appoints three members to the Commission, as do each the U.S. Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Senate and House Minority Leaders get to appoint one member each to the commission. The Commission will also be advised by a Native Advisory Committee and a subcommittee made up of Native young people from each Bureau of Indian Affairs service area.

The Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, named for the former Chairwoman of Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation in North Dakota, and Alaska Native Elder and statesman, respectively, has been widely praised by a cross-section of tribal leaders and organizations from North Dakota, Alaska, and around the country. It has also been lauded by former Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Byron Dorgan, the National Congress of American Indians, and the National Indian Education Association, among others.

Conditions for young people in Indian Country are tragic.

- *More than one in three American Indian and Alaska Native children live in poverty.*
- *Suicide rates for Native children ages 15-24 years old are 2.5 times the national average and is the second-leading cause of death in that age group.*
- *While the overall rate of child mortality in the U.S. has decreased since 2000, the rate for Native children has increased 15 percent.*
- *At 67 percent, American Indian and Alaska Native students had the lowest four year high school graduation rate of any racial or ethnic group in the 2011-2012 school year.*
- *60 percent of American Indian schools do not have adequate high-speed internet or digital technology to meet the requirements of college and career ready standards.*
- *Tribal governments face numerous obstacles in responding to the needs of Native children. Existing programmatic rules and the volume of resources required to access grant opportunities stymie efforts of tribes to tackle these issues. At the same time, federal agencies lack clear guidance about the direction that should be taken to best address the needs of Native children to fulfill our trust responsibility to tribal nations.*

To help reverse these impacts, the Commission on Native Children will conduct a comprehensive study on the programs, grants, and supports available for Native children, both at government agencies and on the ground in Native communities, with the goal of developing a sustainable system that delivers wrap-around services to Native children. Then, the 11-member Commission will issue a report to address a series of challenges currently facing Native children.

BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Mary Trapp, Superintendent



The Staff of Bug O Nay Ge Shig School completed HealthCheck 360 Reviews on December 19 health insurance requirements. The checks are completed annually and assist the staff in their commitment to healthy nutrition and wellness needs.

Ben Bonga continues to offer the Teacher Roundtable Ojibwe Language classes for all interested staff. Approximately eighteen people have been attending on Wednesday afternoons. Ojibwe words are introduced and previous words are reviewed. Ojibwe words, phrases, and sentences helpful in providing directions to students or for classwork will eventually be identified and practiced by the staff, with anticipated use in the classroom.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School received Accreditation in the Spring, 2016. Our Site Leadership team has set four goals that will span the next two years. Our team will focus on establishing an early childhood program that will include a specific Child Find process, leading to the development of a Preschool program. Our work will center on analyzing data from summative and formative assessments to systematically monitor and adjust instruction; the development of a school wide report card aligned to Common Core Standards; and the development of a school improvement process.

We are prepared to move forward with the new high school and at this time, school and Tribal leadership await the confirmation that the design process will begin in the near future. We thank the Minnesota congressional delegations for their continued support of planning and design phases for the new high school. Our media specialist, Rodger Lindgren, and resource grant writer, Bev King, have begun to write grants that will provide support for an exceptional resource center in the new high school.

Our high school staff has restructured our math curriculum that includes a math pre-assessment for students in grades 7-12 in order to identify strengths and individual student needs. Chapter tests are administered at the end of each chapter to determine student growth and overall progress. Our students also have access to Khan Academy and Acellus for additional intervention strategies and reteaching. High school teachers will begin to review the draft of new high school graduation pathways and define courses and specific instructional content beginning this month. We expect this work to prepare our staff for transitioning into the new high school next year.

We invite the community to the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Pow Wow scheduled for January 20. We welcome our visitors to participate in an exceptional cultural experience. Please call ahead (218-665-3000) to confirm that the pow wow will be held as planned. We hope to see you!

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe

Senator Udall Offers Amendment to Protect Health Care for Indian Country

Measure would block cuts to Indian health care from GOP Affordable Care Act repeal effort

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Tom Udall, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, will offer an amendment to protect against cuts to health care for Indian Country as a result of the Republican effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and roll back Medicaid funding.

Among the many serious problems with repealing the ACA are that it would result in severe cuts to Medicaid and have a serious impact on the Indian Health Service (IHS). Udall opposes repealing the ACA, and his amendment would protect health care for Indian Country by effectively exempting the Indian Health Service and other Tribal health providers from Medicaid cuts if Republicans succeed in repeal.

The measure will be voted on as part of the so-called "vote-a-rama" as the Senate debates numerous amendments in the effort to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. It is cosponsored by Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). The amendment is also supported by the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Health Board, and the National Council of Urban Indian Health.

"The Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act has helped to fulfill our federal government's trust responsibility to provide health care to Tribes," Udall said. "Any reduction in federal payments to the Indian health system would jeopardize the lives and well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives, as most health care facilities that serve Native Americans are already woefully underfunded. The Medicaid expansion has enabled IHS to provide critical, life-saving services like surgeries and preventative care, and attempts to strip away these services from Tribal communities by repealing the Affordable Care Act are unconscionable. My amendment is essential for protecting the health care of American Indians and Alaska Natives against reckless repeal efforts."

"The expansion of Medicaid, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, has made a tremendous impact in New Mexico and across Indian Country. If Republicans go forward with their 'Repeal and Run' maneuver, Native Americans who have some of the greatest barriers to consistent access to preventative and emergency medical care would pay the price," Heinrich said. "I continue to hear from New Mexicans about how access to health care coverage has helped their families and even saved their lives. A reckless repeal would quickly throw our state's health care system into chaos and strip critical funding from Indian Health Service and other Tribal health providers, which are already severely underfunded. I am proud to join Senator Udall in this effort to stand up for our Tribal communities who depend on this lifesaving coverage."

The Indian Health Service is a federally funded health care system that serves as a primary source of health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Yet the IHS is persistently and severely underfunded, with current federal funding covering less than half of the operational costs of IHS care facilities, and IHS spending per patient less than 38 percent of the national average. As a result of inadequate federal support for IHS, a large percentage of Tribal members rely on Medicaid to fulfill their health care needs - including 132,000 Tribal members who are enrolled in Medicaid in New Mexico. The expansion of Medicaid under the ACA has provided the IHS, Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations with crucial revenue to support expanded access to care across Indian Country.

In a letter to Udall, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, which represents all 19 New Mexico Pueblos, strongly opposed any attempt to roll back the Medicaid expansion and repeal the historic protections of the Affordable Care Act. As Chairman of the All Pueblo Council of Governors E. Paul Torres wrote, "Pueblo leaders are concerned that a number of the ACA-related proposals would sunset Medicaid expansion, which has provided desperately needed funding to supplement inadequate Indian Health Service budgets."

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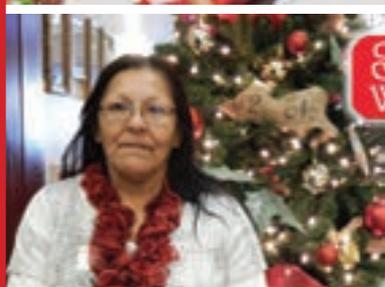
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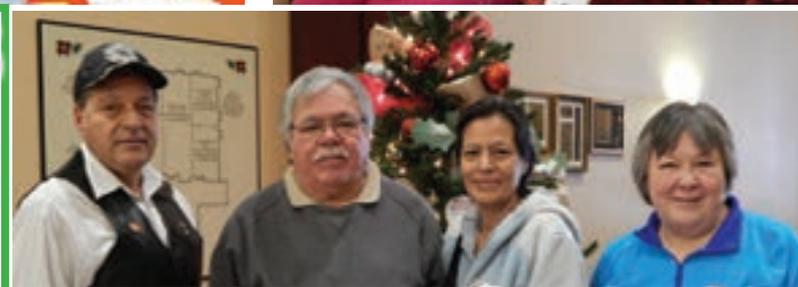
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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

2016 Elder's Christmas Party

Santa Portraits, Cookie decorating, and Fashion Show



2016 Year In Review

Winter Carnivals

A celebration offering respite from cabin fever was held in each of the three districts. Attendees enjoyed food, fun, kids activities and a variety games at each site.



Perch Jerk Draws Huge Crowd

The annual Perch Jerk on Lake Winnie brought together almost 1000 community members for a day of fun on the lake.



Leech Lake Tribal College Graduation

The Tribal College boasted more than 40 graduates at this year's commencement.



Leech Lake Tribal College Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Tribal College celebrated its 25th year of existence this month.

More than 250 guests celebrated the anniversary held at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. Larry Aitken received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the event.

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Leech Lake Early Childhood Honored

Leech Lake's Early Childhood Program received a four-star rating from the Parent Aware Organization, the highest possible rating. Parent Aware is a tracking and quality reference for childcare in Minnesota.

Primary Election Held

In the Chairman race, Faron Jackson Sr. defeated Carri Jones, 52.72% to 30.89%. Leroy Staples Fairbanks III received 77.68% of votes cast, securing his second consecutive term as District III Representative.

State of MN Changes Stance on Wild Rice Harvest

New Legislation was passed which no longer requires MN Chippewa Tribe Members to possess a State License while harvesting Wild Rice outside of reservation boundaries.

2016 Year In Review

New Tribal Council Inauguration

Chairman Faron Jackson Sr and Dist III Rep Leroy Staples Fairbanks III were officially sworn into office.



Shingobee Project Moves Forward

The new business venture will feature a sports bar and gaming area. It is set to open Memorial Day 2017.



Leech Lake Supports Standing Rock

The Tribal Council sent donations of wild rice, water, firewood and more to the water protectors in North Dakota.



Wellness Court Celebrates 10th Year

Formed in 2006, the Leech Lake - Cass County Wellness Court was the first tribal-state joint jurisdiction Wellness Court in the nation.

The new Tribal Justice Center officially opened its doors as well.

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Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Groundbreaking

Members of Congress Betty McCollum and Rick Nolan along with Senator Al Franken headlined the celebratory event in Bena, MN



MCT TEC Elections Held

Tribal Executive Committee Election Results:
President- Kevin Dupuis
Vice President- Ferdinand Martineau
Secretary- Melanie Benjamin
Treasurer- Dave Morrison

Federal Election Cycle Completed

Donald Trump and the Republican Party capture wins across the country. Locally, Congressman Nolan retains his position in a close race and State Rep. John Persell lost his seat in a hard fought contest.

LLTC Student & Faculty Spotlight

Academic Honors Fall Semester 2016



President's List

4.0 Term GPA

Full-Time Students

Bethany Quaderer
Anthony DuBois
Christopher Stauffer
Sadie Cooper

Racheal Jorgenson
Maggi Jordan
Alicia Bowstring
Tori Kingbird

Brandi Dahmen
Anthony Fair
Polly Aitken

Dean's List

3.0-3.9 Term GPA

Full-Time Students

Jon Schneider
Brandon Masten
LuAnn Robinson
Joshua Singleton
Rebecca Tibbetts
Brett Brun
Dennis Collins
Branden Bowstring
Matthew Connor

Joseph Strong
Adriana Kingbird
Curtis Engen
David Headbird
Daniel Fredrickson
Molly Tibbetts
Chelsea Bush
Joshua Hare
Ciara Fineday

Mara Folstrom
Andrew Oquest
Jacob Wiley
Robert Longo
Nathaniel Shotley
Danica Staples
Nakita Nicazio
Malina Favela

Honorable Mention

3.0+ Term GPA

Part-Time Students

Alicia Croaker
Maria Lahr
Michael Masten
Janel O'Brien
Desirae Goose
Theo Liberty

Carol Chico
Diane Sevenich
Vanessa Peralta
Petra Rodriguez

Audrey Thayer



Audrey has been at the Leech Lake Tribal College for 5 plus years engaging students in Leadership, History, Philosophy, and Speech and Communications. She has lived on and near the Leech Lake Reservation for over twenty-five years.

Ms. Thayer is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe but truly has felt that Leech Lake has been the closest to calling a place home with many extended family from Leech Lake.

She has raised eight children, has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Audrey has happily raised her family as a single-parent, working or attending school, during these many years of child-raising. Her children have worked for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in different capacities and many of her grandchildren are now living on Leech Lake.

Audrey graduated from University of Minnesota-Minneapolis campus with her Liberal Education Degree - Native American Studies. Her Masters Degree is in Education Counseling/Psychology from Cambridge College. She is currently going full-time on weekends to obtain her Doctorate in Education in Leadership and Organization from St. Thomas University.

Prior to coming to the Leech Lake Tribal College, Audrey served as a Community Organizer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota (ACLU-MN) for ten years. She worked in the seven-county area in northern Minnesota serving individuals and organizations on or near all three of the reservations of Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth.

Some will remember her working for Leech Lake Indian Health Service Hospital as acting Administrative Officer under Luella Brown. Audrey was the Contract Health Service Officer for U.S. Indian Health Service at the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service office for eleven years.

When asked, Audrey will tell you she has a passion for social justice, community, and engaging students. She provides much thought, commitment and laughter to the Leech Lake Tribal College.

Congratulations Students!



Food Distribution Eligibility

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

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

Eligibility requirements: Updated Jan 2017

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,147
2	\$1,492
3	\$1,837
4	\$2,193
5	\$2,567
6	\$2,941
7	\$3,287
8	\$3,634

Each additional member add \$347

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

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

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

**Dependent care deduction are allowed for actual costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Legally required child support payments to non-households members, documentation required.

**Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).

**Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense paid in excess of \$35.

**Shelter/utility standard deduction of \$400 for households that incur at least one monthly shelter/utility expense.

A 20% deduction from gross monthly income is given for all households with earned income.

Home care meal related deduction for households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Distribution hours: Mon-Thurs
9–11am & 12:30 – 2pm**

No distribution on Friday's & last 2 days of the month (Inventory)

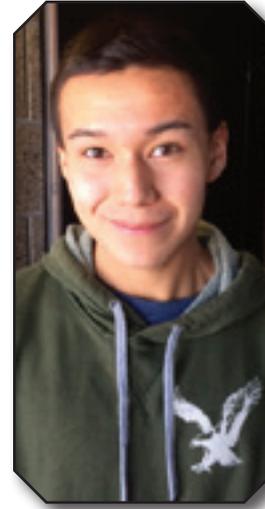
Phone: (218)-335-2676 Toll Free 1-866-330-2576

Fax: 218-335-2152

All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.

District 1 Youth Spotlight

TARAN HOWARD



Taran is a 9th grade student at Deer River High School from Ball Club. He has been involved in FFA and represented Deer River at World Youth Institute this past summer, Track and Cross Country Letter Winner in 7th Grade, volunteer at Deer River Hospital

"I get my inspiration from my grandparents Tom and Sharon Howard of Ball Club, they support me in everything I do. I would like to make life easier for them, thats the reason I strive for excellence in what I do. I am currently on the A honor roll with a 3.92 GPA."

His goal is to be an optometrist which takes 8 years and is the reason he took the Accuplacer and will start on his first college degree next year while he is in 10th grade.

OWEESTA SURVEY WINNERS

Che We Express \$15 Certificates Date: November 15 Drawing

Dolly Bowstring
Damien (No last name on the ticket)
Eugene Peterson
Danielle Sutherland

Tony Hare
Ernie Robinson
Brenda Fairbanks

Che We Express \$15 Certificates Date: December 15 Drawing

Craig Cloud
Deb Rico
Robin Windom Sr.
Cheryl White
Mark Banks

Ila Senn
Sam Smith
Denise Ellis
Tony Henke
Carol Wittner

STAY & PLAY WINNERS – NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO PACKAGE

Connie Nason
Delores Rodriguez
Gloria Wilson

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time by filling out a survey. The information you have provided is critical to successful planning and will be used to help serve our communities better and more efficiently. Miigwech!

For More information contact Tribal Development at 218-335-3791



Obituaries



Dorothy Dora Whipple

Me-zi-naa-shi-ikwe



Dorothy Whipple started her spiritual journey on December 19, 2016. She was born the ninth child to Charles and Emma Mitchell on November 9, 1919. She had 12 siblings and grew up in the Boy Lake area. Dorothy met and married John Whipple. Later, Dorothy moved her family to Remer, MN where five (5) of her children graduated from high school. She lived off the land and hunted, harvested wild rice, fished, traded and bartered with local farmers. She was also a deer guide. She then moved her family to Minneapolis, MN in the 1970's where she lived the majority of her life. She enjoyed going to garage sales and casinos barely waiting for the car to stop to jump out and start. Dorothy lived a great life with enjoyment of all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had many kids and relatives surrounding her constantly including many "Weh-ehs".

Excerpt from the Anishinaabeg Today newspaper: The events of Dorothy's life resonate with Ojibwe culture through the twentieth century, from tales of grow-

ing up among the Anishinaabeg in the 1920's and 1930's to watching an American Indian Movement in the 1970's.

Dorothy was a fluent speaker of the Ojibwe Language all her life. She worked on numerous Ojibwe language revitalization projects, including the University of Minnesota's Ojibwe Language CD-Rom Project.

Dorothy had a power of speech which she used to relay stories of our Leech Lake people. Her stories were compiled into a book called "Chi-Mewisza" (meaning 'long ago'). This book contains many stories from Leech Lake Reservation.

Family members that preceded Dorothy in death are her parents, brothers and sisters, son Perry Whipple, daughters Anna Mae Burnette and Debra Sayers, special granddaughter Becky Anderson and many other relatives.

Dorothy is survived by one (1) son Fred Whipple, three (3) daughters Shirley Laymon, Betty McCormack and Arlene Larsen, special great grandson Anthony Whipple (whom she raised as her own), special granddaughters Brenda Schaaf, Loreen Estey, Elisa Whipple, Tania Gamboa, Rheanna Larsen, Mary and Casey Anderson, Corinna and Doreen Burnette, many more granddaughters, grandsons, great granddaughters, great grandsons, grandkids! (Too many to list). As we all know, our mother raised many, many children. Everyone called her "Ma" and "Grandma".

Pallbearers will be: Ahsinees Larsen, Anthony Whipple, Christian McCormack, Johnathan Reich, Nick Lufkins Jr., Jerry Mitchell

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Special friends Bungi and Makoonce, all her relations that knew and loved her.

Gerald "Jerry" Duane Morrow



Gerald "Jerry" Duane Morrow, 61 years old, of North Branch, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on November 30, 2016 from the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jerry was born on November 26, 1955 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Max and Gladys Jane (Cloud) Morrow, Sr.

Jerry grew up in a foster family home and worked on their dairy farm. He attended school in Pine River, graduating in 1974. Jerry excelled in football. He made the WCCO Team of the Week a few times and also the Team of the Year once. He earned a few dollars helping neighbors in and around Bungo Township, picking rocks off fields, bailing hay and harvesting crops. After high school Jerry attended welding school in Minneapolis. He worked for Home and Hearth Fireplaces and for Metro Paper for many years but enjoyed his cleaning job at the 24 Bar on Hennepin Avenue. Jerry moved out to Sunrise, MN with Ken and Amy Ries. He spent more than 25 years on their farm. The farm was his delight and he loved the Ries family like his own. His greatest joy was keeping cats. His last two remain in Ken and Amy's care. Amigo and Emily were his "kids". Susie, a stray cat that Jerry was adopting, meant the world to him. Jerry loved to go fishing and took Matthew several times. He spent time with Carlotta's family. The more he visited the more his nieces became accustomed to his size and his hairy appearance. Jerry loved football, especially the Vikings and many other sports. He

was extremely versed on a lot of subjects, such as sports statistics. Jerry and Teddie enjoyed riding into the woods looking at nature and hunting "Big Foot". He liked going to the casino and recently won \$2000., all of which he donated to a young native family that was passing by. Jerry's was very loved by his family, his co-workers, his farm family and his beloved furry "kids".

Jerry is being welcomed home by his Mom; Gladys (Cloud) Morrow, brothers; Reuben and Darrel Morrow and Raymond Cloud, aunts; Josephine Morgan and Maggie Garbow, uncles; David Morgan, Silas Cloud, Harrison Cloud, Mike Cloud and Ernest Cloud, nephew; Baby Croaker, cousin; Karin Morgan and many other relatives.

Those he leaves behind are his Dad; Max Morrow of Bemidji, brothers; Glen Joe Cloud, Max Morrow, Jr. and Ken Morrow of Minneapolis, sister; Theodora "Teddie" Redwing of Cass Lake, aunts; Leona Shaugobay and Janice Morrow, uncle; Jack Morrow, Nieces; Maxina Devork, Carlotta Redwing, Kari and Lisa Cloud, nephews; Matthew Wing, Eric Cloud and Doug Cloud, Jr., cousins; Pat, Dawn, Clyde, Kerry, David and Doreen, numerous other great nieces, one great nephew and other family members.

An overnight wake for Jerry will begin at 4:00 p.m., December 2nd and continue until his 10:00 a.m. service on Saturday, December 3rd all being held at the David Morgan Community Center in Bena. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Jerry are Clifford Croaker, Sr., Matthew Wing, David Morgan, Jr., Clyde Morgan, Kerry Morgan and Dave Bismarck. Honorary pallbearers are Ken Ries, his friends at Metro Paper and all his friends from the farm. Inurnment will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Bena at a later date.

Jerry's family would like to thank Father Ross and the Ojibwe Singers for their time and help.

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

Jessie Marie Brown



Jessie Marie Brown, age 33, of Minneapolis, began her spiritual journey on Sunday, December 25, 2016 at her home. She was born on December 25, 1983 in Minneapolis the daughter of Barbara (Brown) Little Eagle and Stanley Hare.

Jessie was a special person who loved being involved with children. She enjoyed taking care of them and babysitting. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

The family that Jessie joins are her mother; Barbara (Jeanie Brown) Little Eagle, grandmothers; Rose Brown and Hazel Hare, uncles; Richard Brown, Kenneth Hare, Raymond Hare, Richard Hare and Daniel Kingbird, Jr., numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her father; Stanley Hare of Cass Lake, step father; Cecil Little Eagle, Jr. of Minneapolis, son; Nate Boswell of Minneapolis, daughters; Shaina Boswell and Rose Brown both of Minneapolis, brothers; Charles Headbird of Cass Lake, and Sheldon Brown of Sisseton, SD, sisters; Sheila and Kelly Brown both of Minneapolis, Kimberly Raisch, Tara Hare and Francis Fisherman all of Cass Lake, grandfather; Daniel Kingbird, Sr. of Minneapolis, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Jessie was on December 29, 2016 and continue until Saturday, December 31, held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, Cass Lake, Mn. Father George Ross and Rev. Mark

R. Olson officiated. Pallbearers was Charles Headbird, Sheldon Brown, Nate Boswell, Cecil Little Eagle, Jr., Jordan Miettinen, Sr. and Kenny Hare. Alternate pallbearer are Aaron Hare. Honorary pallbearers will be Landry Goodwin, Benny Hodges, Lola Hodges, Casey Johnson, Robert Hatcher and Kirsten Brown. Interment held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service.

Jessie's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

Patricia "Patty" Ann Gale



Patricia "Patty" Ann Gale, age 53, "Zhoomingweni Neniibowa" which means "She Smiles a Lot" of Federal Dam, Minnesota began her spiritual journey from St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth Minnesota on Monday, January 9, 2017. Patty was born on August 10, 1963 in Cass Lake, MN to Ronald and Della Ann (Robinson) Gale.

Patty was raised in Federal Dam and attended Remer schools. She graduated from Northland High School, Remer in 1982. After high school, Patty went to Staples AVTI to become an Administrative Assistant. She went on to work various administrative jobs. She was an administrative assistant in Germantown, MD from 1983 to 1986, from 1986-1991 Patty worked for the LLBO Food Distribution Division, then she worked for the Cass Lake IHS from 1991-1994, she then moved to and worked in Rockville, Maryland from 1994-1998 before returning home to C.L. in 1999 to work as the Patient

Benefits Advisor for the C.L. IHS. When she wasn't working she loved playing softball for "Leech Lake Rez" team. She was an avid softball player, being team mates with her sister, nieces and friends. She was the #4 batter and the best left fielder, who could throw them out at first base. Above all else, she loved spending quality time with her family and friends.

Patty is welcomed to the spirit world by her husband; Samuel Kevin Goose; her parents; Ronald and Della, sister; Tracy Gale, brother; Ronald Gale, uncle; Kenneth Gale, nephews; Michael Gale, Markell Morris, Jeremy Jones, Jr. and Baby Chase, and several relatives.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughters; Desirae Goose and Vanessa Mendoza both of Federal Dam, Dawn (Adrian) and Dawnita Budreau both of Maryland and Sierra Mendoza and Gabrielle Budreau both of California, sisters; Lori Gale and Janice (Scott) Dahman both of Federal Dam, brothers; Troy Bowstring of Deer River and Travis (Jamie Lee Staples) Gale of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Alexia, Makayla, Dakota, Adrian, Adrianna, Veronica, Angela and Ricco, aunties; Lavina (Frank) Marion and Stella Mitchell, uncle; Darrell (Karmen) Gale, step mother; Marilyn Bowstring of Deer River and numerous other family members and many many friends.

An overnight wake for Patty was on Friday, January 13th and continue until her traditional service on Saturday, January 14th all being held at the Sugar Point Community Center in Federal Dam. Steve Jackson will be her Spiritual Advisor. Leech Lake Nation Drum Group will be providing traditional music. Pallbearers for Patty will be Steve White, Richard Parker, James Mitchell, Tony "Boz" Boswell, Donald Geving, Shawn Monroe, Steve Dahman, Matthew Gale and Earl Machart. Her honorary pallbearers are Jewell Desjarlait, Bev Beaulieu, Julie Tucker, Sheri Finn, Hope True, Rena Campbell and Karmen Uecker. Interment will be in the Battle Point Cemetery at Federal Dam following her service.

Patty's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home.

Monica Johnston



Monica, 61, of Cass Lake, went to be with her lord on Monday, December 5, 2016. Monica was born on April 26, 1955 to Charles and Theresa Johnston.

Monica had many gifts and lived her life sharing those gifts with her family and community. She was best known for the traditional Anishinaabe moccasins, an art she learned from her mother and grandmother, Emma Bear.

She has a piece of her beadwork exhibited in the Smithsonian and also had an article written about her work in Native People magazine. She taught adult and baby moccasin making at the Leech Lake Tribal College as well as exhibiting her work at many community events at Red Lake, the Beltrami County fairs, and Art Festivals. She was a patient teacher and loved to show others how to make moccasins. She would explain why she used certain colors and materials and told stories while she taught about her own teachers. Her trademark was a yellow center in all her Woodland beaded flowers. Photos of her beadwork have been used on a CD cover for a drum group and for greeting cards.

Monica attended the University of Minnesota where she excelled in business and math, and was accepted into a competitive upper division program at the Carlson school of Management.

She will be missed greatly by her community for not only her traditional talents but for her generosity and her big smile. She

is now dancing to the greatest heartbeat of all, Mother Earth.

Family that Monica joins again are her parents; Charles and Theresa, maternal grandparents; Levi Wind, Sr. and Emma Bear, paternal grandparents; George and Katherine Johnston, brother; William Johnston, sisters; Katherine and Corrine Johnston, granddaughter; Rhonda Fairbanks and many aunts and uncles.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her sons; Peter Cloud and Charles (Happy) Fairbanks both of Cass Lake, daughters; Ann Cloud, Amy Fairbanks and Penny Fairbanks all of Cass Lake, sisters; Caroline (Terry) Stangel of Grand Rapids, Charlene (Robert) Kirchner of Brewster, Linda (Joe Thomas) Johnston of Cass Lake, Pauline Johnston of Cass Lake and Maxine Johnston of Cass Lake, 16 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous others family members and friends.

An overnight wake was held on December 8th and continue until her 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial December 9th, held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Father Steven Daigle officiated. Those helping to lay Monica to rest were Aaron Fairbanks, Brian Fairbanks, Mish Cloud, Hunter Pemberton, Winter Cloud and Michael Cloud.

Alternate pallbearer was Derek Harper. Her honorary pallbearers are all of Monica's grandchildren, Vinny Lowry, Darwin Kingbird and Lisa Monroe. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery following her service. Monica's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home.

Thank You from the Johnston Family

The family of Monica Johnston would like to thank those who attended services, those who gave gifts, and those who assisted at the wake and funeral. We are so grateful for the venison and fish that was donated. Miigwech to all of you who called, visited, and sent your sympathy. We would especially like to thank the Leech Lake Band, Leech Lake Housing Authority, Father Steve Daigle, Nielsen Place, MCT, Leech Lake Early Childhood, Elder Division, and Women's Division.

Monica is now dancing to the greatest heartbeat of all and celebrating with those loved ones who have gone before her.

Miigwech from the family of Monica Johnston.



Cass Lake Grief Support Talking Circle

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Time: 5pm-6pm Where: HD2 Building

312 1st Street (Cass Lake)

Light Meal Provided

"Join us for a talking circle to come together with others experiencing grief. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing."



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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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 the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Nicole M. Taylor,**

Warren J. L. J. Beaulieu, Lloyd A. Dahl, Jr.,

and Nicholas B. Sherman, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-34

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 19, 2016, **an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Michelle TeJohn,** Custodian;

Heather TeJohn and Darryl Johnson, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-09

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 12, 2017, **a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian/parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Crystal Fisherman and Richard Laroque, Parents.**

Court File No. CP-16-26

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 9, 2016, **an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Michelle Hunt,** Parent.

Court File No. CP-16-42

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on December 21, 2016, **an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: **Ashley J. Robinson, Joseph J. Bedeau,**

and Terrance L. Jones, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-33

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 7, 2016, **an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:

Carolee Geving and Andre Flowers, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-37

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 31, 2016, **an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court** regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In Re the Marriage of:

Angela Carol Jacobs, Petitioner,

Kyle George Jacobs, Respondent.

CASE NO. FA-16-100

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, Kyle George Jacobs asking **for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief.** Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW Cass Lake, MN. A Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner. You are served with this notice via publication in the DaBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: July 21, 2016.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

In Re the Marriage of:

Fred K. Jackson Sr., Petitioner,

Sharon E. Raisch-Jackson, Respondent.

CASE NO. FA-16-220

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above has filed a legal action against you, Sharon Raisch-Jackson asking **for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief.** Unless you file a response or otherwise file your answer in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW Cass Lake, MN. A Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as requested for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via publication in the DaBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: December 12, 2016.

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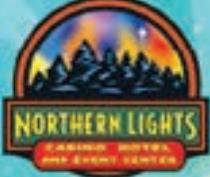
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	Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls		Boys	Girls
1st	\$100	\$100	1st	\$120	\$120	1st	\$140	\$140
2nd	\$80	\$80	2nd	\$100	\$100	2nd	\$120	\$120
3rd	\$60	\$60	3rd	\$80	\$80	3rd	\$100	\$100

Tom (Bow) Bowstring, Jr.
BIGGEST FISH CONTEST
\$100 each age group
Any species except Perch

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
LLBO EVENTS (218) 335-8351
DISTRICT II OFFICE (218) 335-8341

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 JANUARY 27TH, 2017
Parent Engagement Coordinator ~ Education ~ \$14.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-011
Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education/Bena Site ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-010
Kitchen Helper ~ Health/Cass Lake Site ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-009
Behavioral Health Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-006

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2017
Cass Lake Cook (2) ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-016
Human Services Director ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-015
GIS Specialist/Database Manager ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-014
Registered Nurse ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-013
Botanist/Invasive Species Program Manager ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-012
MnTRECC Program Manager ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-181B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Practice Base Coaching Coordinator ~ Education/ECD ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-008
CD Counselor ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 17-004
Inger Cook ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-180
RN MN Choice Assessor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-176
Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-162
Bena Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-157
Child & Teen Checkup Outreach LPN ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-149
Mid-Level Provider ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-145
Internal Audit Director ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-133
Child Welfare Attorney ~ Legal/Twin Cities Office ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-115
Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-104B
Budget Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-098
Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-097
Cass Lake Special Needs Teacher Assistant (4) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-054
Ball Club Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-052B
Registered Nurse ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 16-047C
AOB Infant/Toddler Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ 16-032B
Ball Club Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 16-026B
Child Protection Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-018B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS
Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-000
Pt Cashier/NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr. ~ Job Code: 17-001

Contact the DRM Air Quality Program

if you answer YES to the following:



- *Do you burn wood to heat your home?*
- *Is your wood stove old?*
- *Does it burn a lot of wood?*
- *Would you be interested in upgrading stoves?*

There is an upcoming cost share program to assist with potential wood stove change outs. We want to get the word out to Tribal Members and be apart of this upgrade opportunity.

Contact the DRM Air Quality Program at 218-335-7429 air@lldrm.org to get more information. We are looking for both immediate and future projects.

Attention

We are seeking to build a resource directory of vendors that are available to the tribe and community. We are especially interested in:

- **Arts and Crafts Vendors**
- **Skilled Tradesmen**
- **Entrepreneurs**
- **Small Businesses**

If you are interested in doing business with the tribe and/or advertising in a classified ads section (print and online), Please contact us with your info at
218-335-8225 or debahjimon@llojibwe.org or
190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Foster Homes Needed

On the Leech Lake Reservation

Leech Lake Foster Care is in need of loving foster homes within our reservation's boundaries. Please consider opening your hearts and your homes to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Residence on/near Leech Lake Reservation,
Member of Federally Recognized Tribe App.,
Home Safety Assessment, Physical Exam,
Background Check, & Drug Screening



TYPES OF FOSTER HOMES NEEDED:

- **Regular **Relative *Emergency
- **Therapeutic **Medically Fragile
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Cass Lake, MN 56633
Main Office: 218-335-8270



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For More Information Contact:

Julie Gordon
Youthbuild Coordinator

218-335-3775 OR 218-368-2329

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Northland Community Schools Drum & Dance Competition



Saturday February 18th, 2017

School Registration Open 11:00am

(parents-please contact your student's school drum & dance program to register)

PreK-12th grade

MC: Frankie Graves AD/Advisor: Darrell Kingbird

Grand Entry 1:00pm

**Location: Northland Community Schools,
316 Main Street East, Remer, Mn 56672**

**Competition Info: Leah Monroe-Indian Education Department
(218)566-2352 ext. 2021/(218)760-3127/lmonroe@isd118.org
<http://www.isd118.k12.mn.us/page/2495>**

HONORING & CELEBRATING DISTRICT ELDERS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Lorna Urrutia	Corinne Nason	Sharon Wakonabo
Thea Wakanabo	Alvina Omer	Marc Grauman
Myrna Gotchie	Marilyn Roybal	Micheal Cronin
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