Veterans Cemetery Groundbreaking

CASS LAKE, MN- Earlier this month, Tribal, State and Federal Officials along with Tribal Veterans and their families, gathered at the future site of the Tribal Veterans Cemetery for a groundbreaking and blessing event.

The ground blessing ceremony was performed by Leech Lake Elder Mike Smith and his son, Michael Smith Jr. The Leech Lake Honor Guard and the Cass Lake American Legion posted colors for the event.

The public ceremony continued at the Vets Building in Cass Lake with remarks delivered by George D. Eisenbach Jr., Director, Veterans Cemetery Grants program; Leroy Staples Fairbanks III, District III Representative; Rich Robinson, on behalf of the Robinson Family; Andrew Martin for Senator Amy Klobuchar; Pete Makowski for Senator Al Franken; Tom Whiteside for Congressman Rick Nolan and MN State Representative (5A) Matt Bliss. MN State Senator Justin Eichorn was also scheduled to speak but did not attend.

"All of us associated with the Veterans Cemetery Grants Program and your project, take genuine concern and pride in the establishment of the Tribal Veterans cemetery on Tribal Government lands. They offer a focal point for remembering those who have worn the cloth of the nation. Moreover, they provide a record for future generations to learn from. This land is where your warriors were born and where their stories begin to take shape and this cemetery is where they will return when life’s battles are done," said George D. Eisenbach Jr, Veterans Cemetery Grants program Director in his remarks. He continued "Each one of the headstones and markers is going to tell a story. That’s history for your youth, history to keep your culture alive. So make sure you bring your children and grandchildren, your sons and daughters, to teach them that freedom isn’t free".

Attendees enjoyed lunch and refreshments immediately following the program.

The Tribal Veterans Cemetery will be constructed at the Veterans Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake, MN. In 2012 the Rosebud Sioux tribe was the first sovereign tribal nation to receive grant funding from this program. In addition to Leech Lake, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was also awarded a grant to fund a veterans cemetery in North Dakota during this years funding cycle.

A $3.3 million federal grant received last month from the Veteran’s Administration Veterans Cemetery Grants Program will fund a main entrance, a combined administration and maintenance facility, roads, an assembly area, a committal shelter, 419 casketed sites, 32 cremains gravesites, 64 columbarium niches, a memorial wall, a memorial walk, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure. The project will develop nearly three acres of land and is expected to serve approximately 3,000 tribal veterans and their families.

More Pictures from the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Page 7.
Shingobee on the Bay Kicks Off Grand Opening Weekend With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Michael Chosa

WALKER, MN- Members of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Leech Lake Gaming, Shingobee on the Bay Staff and others gathered on Friday October 13 for the official Grand Opening.

Following a traditional pipe and drum ceremony, guests heard from Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr., District III Representative LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III, Gaming Director Mike Auger, Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Cindy Wannarka and Executive Chef Charles Adams.

"I want to thank our District II Rep. Steve (White), District I Rep. Penny (DeVault), District III Rep LeRoy (Staples Fairbanks III) and Secretary Treasurer Archie LaRose. We were all in full support of this project. It took awhile to come to life but it sure flourished once everyone came together," said Faron Jackson Sr., Leech Lake Tribal Chairman. He continued, "It stands a chance to be a good, prosperous business for Leech Lake and that’s what excites me, these opportunities”.

"It feels good to be a Leech Laker today. There was no development on this specific site for quite a few years, feedback from the community indicated that most people wanted something to be done with this building. Id like to say Migwech to the council for following through on this. We want to put our best foot forward and make this an asset to the community for years to come. Its going to provide jobs, and that is part of building our economy, to help increase the amount of job opportunities available in our area," said District III Representative Leroy Staples Fairbanks III in his remarks.

Shingobee on the Bay is the newest commercial business venture for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Shingobee on the Bay features a full restaurant, sports bar, convenience store, and off-sale liquor store -- everything you need for your day on the lake!

For more info visit http://www.shingobeeonthebay.com

NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2017 TAX REBATE

ALL LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS, 18 YEARS AND OLDER:

If you have moved in the past year, please make sure you update your address in Enrollment. You must send in a signed Enrollee Address Update Request and a Form W-9. Forms, mailing address, and fax number for Enrollment can be found on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe website under Administration, then click on Enrollment.

For the 2017 Tax Rebate, updated address requests will be accepted through October 31, 2017.

If address change requests come in after October 31, 2017, there is no guarantee your address will be updated in Accounting. To ensure your check is forwarded to your new address, you must file a forwarding address with your local post office.

2017 rebate checks will be distributed at designated locations as in the past two years. Checks not distributed at the designated locations will be mailed.

Further information will follow regarding amount of the rebate check, distribution dates, and mail dates.
Cass Lake-Bena School District Hosts Community Meeting About Referendum

The public is invited to attend a community meeting to learn more about the Cass Lake-Bena School District’s $37.8 million bond referendum that will be on the ballot in the Tuesday, November 7, election.

The bond question will ask voters to approve the funding needed to construct a new intermediate grades 3-5 elementary school on the district’s current middle school and high school campus; renovate the existing elementary school into a PreK-2 school; upgrade and repair the Alternative Learning Center and District Resource Center; and make repairs and improvements at the middle school and high school.

The meeting will include refreshments beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation on the referendum at 6 p.m.

WHEN: Monday, October 30  
5:30 p.m. (program begins at 6 p.m.)  
WHERE: White Earth Community Center (former American Legion) 
217 2nd St. NE, Cass Lake

More information about the referendum is available at www.clbs.k12.mn.us, under District – Referendum. There you will find detailed information about what projects would be completed if the referendum is approved, the estimated tax impact for property owners, the facilities assessment process, and voting.

Voting Information for Cass Lake-Bena School District Referendum

$37.8 million bond referendum will be on the ballot November 7

The Cass Lake-Bena School District has a $37.8 million bond referendum to address the district’s facility needs on the ballot in the Tuesday, November 7, election. The bond question will ask voters to approve the funding needed to construct a new intermediate grades 3-5 elementary school on the district’s current middle school and high school campus; repurpose the existing elementary school into a PreK-2 school; replace the oldest section of the Alternative Learning Center (ALC)/District Resource Center (DRC) and make repairs and improvements to the ALC; and make repairs and improvements at the middle school and high school.

Polling locations and hours

Hours for voting on November 7, 2017, will be from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Voters in Bena and Winnie Portage will vote at the Bena Community Center. All other voters in the district will vote at the Pike Bay Town Hall. Voters living in precincts that vote by mail in statewide elections will not receive a ballot by mail for this election. To verify where you vote, visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

Voter registration

Voters not already registered may pre-register no later than October 17 by submitting a voter registration application to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office, online at mnvotes.org, or at the polling place on Election Day. If registering on Election Day, proof of residency in the precinct is required. To be eligible to register, voters of the district must be at least 18 years old on election day; a citizen of the United States; have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day; maintain residence at the address given on the registration form; cannot be under court-ordered guardianship in which the court has revoked the right to vote; cannot have been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote; and if convicted of a felony, the felony sentence has been completed or the sentence has been discharged.

Absentee voting – vote early at Leech Lake Tribal Headquarters

Any eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot through November 6. Absentee ballot applications are available on the Cass Lake-Bena School District website or online here. Upon application, an absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter. Absentee ballots may be applied for and cast in person at the Leech Lake Tribal Headquarters in Cass Lake, or the Auditor-Treasurer’s Office in Walker located at the Courthouse. In addition to normal business hours, extended hours for in-person absentee voting will be available on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, November 6, until 5 p.m. at both locations.

To vote by absentee ballot or register through the mail, voters should return completed voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer’s Office (PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484) or by email to cass.voter@co.cass.mn.us. Voters sending absentee ballot applications by regular mail are encouraged to mail their application by October 26 to allow for mail delivery time-frames. For more information, visit the Cass Lake-Bena School District website at www.clbs.k12.mn.us or call Cass County Elections 218-547-7260.

Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders October Birthdays

District I

Shari Bebeau  
Viola Bebeau  
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Francis Garbow  
Thomas Howard  
Steven Jackson  
Tami Jackson  
Wilfred Korpela  
Linda Nason

District II

Richard Johnson  
Clara Smith  
Diana Stangel  
Michael Tibbetts  
Leona Shaugobay  
Iolanthe Goose

Veteran's Day Powwow

November 10, 2017  
Grand Entry 1pm and 7pm  
Northern Lights Casino

Veterans Day Powwow

November 10, 2017  
Grand Entry 1:30pm

Holiday Celebration Contest Powwow

November 25, 2017  
Grand Entry 1pm

Drum Contest: $3000/$1500/$1000  
Golden Age: $300/$200/$100  
Combined Categories  
Adult: $300/$200/$100  
Teen: $150/$75/$50  
Mens: Traditional, Fancy, Grass  
Womens: Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl
These Tribal Members/Descendants maintain ownership in trust land or have money on deposit at the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. Those with an * by their name have Cobell funds that need to be claimed by November 27, 2017.

We would like to locate these Tribal Members/Descendants and get them to update their Individual Indian Money (IIM) account with a current address and telephone number. If your name appears on the list: Please call the Office of Special Trustees at (218) 751-4338 or 1-888-678-6836 to update your account.
Tribes slam Trump administration for adding hurdles to land-into-trust process

Tribal leaders are lashing out at the Trump administration again, this time over rule changes they said will make it all but impossible to restore their homelands.

At a crowded listening session in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 16, opposition was near unanimous. Tribal leaders repeatedly criticized the Bureau of Indian Affairs for seeking to add more hurdles to the land-into-trust process.

“We’re talking about doubling the burden on tribes in an already burdensome process,” said Yavapai-Apache Nation Vice Chair Larry Jackson, Sr., who noted that his people’s once broad land base has been whittled down to about 1,850 acres in Arizona. “It’s about creating a burden on the tribal nations.”

Brian Cladoosby, the outgoing president of the National Congress of American Indians, was equally critical. He said the proposal goes against the intent of the Indian Reorganization Act, the law passed by Congress in 1934 to reverse the disastrous effects of the allotment era, during which tribes lost 90 million acres of their territories.

“What I as a tribal leader am seeing is more burdens, more hoops to jump through,” asserted Cladoosby, who serves as chairman of the Swinomish Tribe. His community lost out on a huge economic development opportunity in Washington because it took the BIA 10 years to process one land-into-trust application, he said.

John Tahsuda, the “acting” Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, did little at the session to counteract the critiques. He was mostly there to listen to the concerns, though he took a dramatically different view of the changes being proposed.

“Tribes slam Trump administration for adding hurdles to land-into-trust process

Indian tribes to meet on retrieving more children's remains from Carlisle

Representatives from as many as 59 American Indian tribes will meet next month in Minnesota to discuss the next steps in the repatriation of children's remains from the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School, now the grounds of the Army War College.

A gathering of a large number of tribes would represent a significant broadening of a movement that so far has been intensely pursued by a handful of native nations. The conference follows the August return of the remains of two boys who died at the school, Little Chief and Horse, to their Northern Arapaho people on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming.

To tribes watching events at the cemetery, controlled by the U.S. Army, that repatriation proved the process could work. But the grave of a third boy, Little Plume, contained two sets of remains, neither of them his — a fresh example of the pain that the boarding-school system continues to inflict on native families. It also raised new questions surrounding the burial of nearly 200 native children in Carlisle, Pa.

“Tahsuda’s official title at the agency is Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, said the proposed rule would create a “two-phased” review for tribes seeking land away from existing reservations. They would be required to submit information about unemployment rates among their people, economic benefits of the potential acquisition to their people, evidence of “cooperative efforts” with nearby local governments and even whether the acquisition would have an economic impact on those communities.

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The Carlisle model spread throughout the United States and Canada, with tens of thousands of Indian children boarded at schools. Some scholars blame the legacy of broken family ties and lost languages for ills that plague modern tribes. American Indian leaders say a haphazard 1927 relocation of the school cemetery created hurtful doubt about who lies beneath the earth — and where.

“The goal is to reach all the 59 tribes who have children buried in the cemetery to present how the process went for the Arapaho, and start a dialogue for other tribes who may want to repatriate or who would like for their children to stay in the Army's cemetery,” Soldier Wolf said. “We need people to know what's going on at Carlisle.”

Judge allows Dakota Access pipeline to keep running

A federal judge ruled that the Dakota Access oil pipeline can continue operating while a study is completed to assess its environmental impact on an American Indian tribe.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg’s decision will come as a blow to the Standing Rock Sioux, who have argued that an oil spill from the pipeline under Lake Oahe — from which the tribe draws its water — could have a detrimental effect on the tribal community.

“Today’s decision is a disappointing continuation of a historic pattern: Other people get all the profits, and the tribes get all the risk and harm,” said Jan Hasselman, an Earthjustice attorney representing the tribe in an ongoing federal lawsuit through which Standing Rock and three other tribes still hope to shut down the pipeline.

Boasberg found that it is likely the Army Corps of Engineers will be able to justify previous decisions made while permitting the pipeline.

The Corps must simply connect the dots,” he said. “This, then, is not a case in which the agency must redo its analysis from the ground up.”

Boasberg also acknowledged that shutting down the pipeline would disrupt the energy industry, but said it wasn’t a major factor in his decision.

The $38 billion pipeline built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners has been operating since June 1, moving oil from North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution point in Illinois. From there it can be shipped to the Gulf Coast and potentially lucrative markets abroad. It has the capacity to move half of the oil produced daily in North Dakota, the nation’s second-leading producer behind Texas.

Boasberg in June said the Corps didn’t adequately consider how an oil spill under the Lake Oahe reservoir on the Missouri River in the Dakotas might affect the Standing Rock Sioux. The tribe is among four that have challenged the pipeline in court over environmental fears that ETP says are unfounded.

In its analysis of the Missouri River crossing, the Corps studied the mostly white demographics in a half-mile (0.8-kilometer) radius, which the agency maintains is standard. But if the agency had gone an additional 88 yards (80 meters) — about the length of a football field — the study would have included the Standing Rock Reservation.

The tribes had proposed a fallback plan if Boasberg decided against a shutdown. It includes increased public reporting of pipeline issues such as repairs, and implementation of a spill response plan — including equipment staging — at Lake Oahe. Boasberg said he will hear arguments on the matter. He scheduled a status conference for Oct. 18.

The House Committee on Natural Resources approved H.R.3990, the National Monument Creation and Protection Act, in early October without so much as a hearing. The markup came just five days after Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), the chairman of the panel, introduced the bill.

And like one of his prior efforts, Bishop failed to include Indian Country in the so-called CAP Act, which imposes limits on future national monuments and authorizes reductions in existing ones, like Bears Ears in Utah. While the bill recognizes the interests of state and local governments, it leaves out tribal nations altogether.

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Bears Ears remains in limbo as Republicans leave tribes out of monument bill

A bill being rushed through Congress is raising alarms in Indian Country about the future of the Bears Ears National Monument and other important places.

The bill is part of an ongoing Republican-led campaign against Bears Ears, leaders of the Navajo Nation said. The monument’s name comes from the buttes where Chief Manuelito, who signed the tribe’s treaty with the United States in 1868, was born.
Invasive Species Spotlight: Common Buckthorn

Submitted by Katie Zlonis, Botanist and Invasive Species Program Manager, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management

Common buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica) is a highly invasive tree that, in less than a few decades, has rapidly taken over the understory of many forested areas in southern Minnesota, outcompeting native plants and destroying habitat for wildlife species.

It has been found in a handful of areas on the reservation, including in White Oak.

However, common buckthorn is capable of spreading and rapidly invading numerous habitats including upland forest understories, old fields, stream and lake edges, roadsides, and neighborhoods.

Because common buckthorn leaves stay green during late fall and early winter, those seasons are an ideal time to keep an eye out for this species and control or report it.

How can you identify common buckthorn?

Common buckthorn is a shrub or small tree up to 20-30’ tall. The bark is brown with silvery corky projections. Plants produce round berries that eventually turn black when they ripen in late summer to early fall. The berries drop under the tree, eventually resulting in a dense understory of buckthorn seedlings. Birds also eat the berries, which aids in spread of this species to new areas. The berries are toxic to humans and animals, having a cathartic effect.

What can you do to help reduce or prevent the spread of buckthorn?

Early detection and control of this species is vital to keep it from spreading. Fall and early winter, when buckthorn is still holding onto its green leaves after other species’ have dropped, are the best times to locate plants. If you find common buckthorn on your property, there are several options for controlling it:

Pull: Small seedlings (less than ½” diameter) can be pulled directly from the soil. When pulling, try to minimize soil disturbance to prevent common buckthorn or other invasive species’ seeds from sprouting in the same area.

Cut and cover the stump: For larger plants, cut the stump near the base and cover it entirely with a tin can or black plastic bag that is fanned out from the base of the tree. You can nail the can to the stump, or if using plastic, stake it to the ground or tie a zip-tie around the bagged stump. The bag or can must be kept in place for at least one year. Buckthorn will resprout vigorously from a cut stump, and this method prevents those sprouts from surviving and reproducing.

What should you do if you find common buckthorn?

If you think you have found common buckthorn on the reservation, please report this plant to the Division of Resource Management Plants Department 218-335-7442.

If you can provide specific information on location, that can help us identify and work to control new infestations as quickly as possible.

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LLTC Student & Faculty Spotlight

Bio for Curtis Engen:
Before attending school at Leech Lake Tribal College I lived in Minneapolis. After I moved to the Leech Lake area, I decided to attend college to improve my career opportunities. I had knowledge and skills but not the degree to prove it.

I started the Carpentry program at LLTC in 2015. It's been a real joy taking classes and working with the instructors. Of course, it was a joy for them, as well. The instructors have been very helpful as this college is more one-on-one oriented. Help was available to improve my math skills and to help me develop a direction for my career.

The skills and knowledge I have gained as a carpentry student will help me get a higher paying job in the field that I'm interested in pursuing.

For anyone interested in making a living in carpentry, or any other filed, I highly recommend LLTC. I'm sure they are going to miss my sense of humor when I graduate in December. It has been suggested that I continue my education here. I'm thinking, maybe, maybe not! I feel like the door is wide open, and I'm not sure which direction to run.

My family is from White Earth. My mother was very young and extremely poor when she had me; we lived mostly in the Bemidji and Cass Lake areas. My father was a carpenter, my step father was a carpenter and I totally resisted carpentry growing up. I went to college for graphic design and drafting. When I realized that graphic designing was all about pushing products via corporate agendas, I became disenchanted quickly.

I returned to the carpentry that I grew up with and started to make money by using my skills. After many, many mistakes and successes, I took my general contractor exam 20 years ago and started my own carpentry business in Minneapolis and Los Angeles. Again, I found myself disenchanted by “the rat race” pace of a big city and how I was locked in by concrete and exhaust fumes. Something was being lost and I was losing touch with my connection to nature. So, I left.

I was hired at Leech Lake Tribal College over 13 years ago. I mentored with Clem Nason and AC Northbird, who were the carpentry instructors at the time. I was very scared that I wouldn't be taken seriously since I am a woman. But, soon it became very clear that my love of research and the science behind building was coming through as my best asset. Information is key. All of us have different skills and abilities but the information doesn't discriminate.

I came to teach at a time in building history where energy concerns and building codes were changing drastically. The tools to test how building components worked as a system were new to all carpenters; devices such as blower doors, infrared cameras and moisture meters revolutionized our industry because it provided hard evidence that homes were being built without a systems approach.

We build houses with a Low Energy Design Plan in mind. That is, we value low energy consumption, passive solar orientation, low resource use and simple construction for the longevity of the structure and occupant’s health.

I joined the LLTC faculty team this fall semester.

I'm currently teaching four classes.

→ Framing Sustainable Design: This subject covers the rough framing of residential carpentry; from floor, wall, ceiling, and roof systems.

→ Footings And Foundation: This class entails the various foundation systems used in residential construction, from slab at grade to full basements. We also analyze the different soil composition and site conditions.

→ Weatherization: This course views the dwelling through the lens of Building Science. It analyzes the dynamics between the inhabitants, mechanical systems, and the environment, and how the elements influence the balance between them.

→ Welding: This class is offered to students through the collaboration of LLTC residential carpentry and the Red Lake Oshkiimaajitahdah Welding program. It's a weekend intensive class where students are exposed to the fundamentals of the welding world as part of the one year residential carpentry diploma.

I see teaching as a world of endless possibilities where someone can acquire a skill and forge a career, a future, and being part of that dream is priceless.

We are in the first stage of building a two bedroom home right on campus for a local resident.

In an attempt to apply building science, this house is planned to be an energy efficient dwelling. It will utilize weatherization techniques: air sealing, three pane high performance windows, double exterior wall to minimize thermal bridging and increase insulation levels, and passive solar design through building orientation to increase total energy efficiency.

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Leech Lake Tribal College’s Carpentry Program

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Leech Lake Tribal College offers a one year Carpentry Diploma and a two year Associate of Applied Science degree.

The Residential Carpentry diploma program is a two semester commitment in residential construction. LLTC faculty will prepare students in the process and methods used in the installation and maintenance of structures through project based learning.

The Integrated Residential Builder (IRB) A.A.S degree program is a holistic response to climate change, energy poverty and the disappearance of our natural resources. We train our students to use building science, renewable energy and a whole house systems approach to construction, while preserving our Ojibwe core values. The IRB program builds upon the Residential Carpentry diploma and is geared towards those who are interested in a multi-discipline approach to construction. Graduates of the IRB A.A.S. program will have working knowledge of a variety of sustainable energy technologies including solar, permaculture design, building envelope, and heating/cooling system alternatives.

2nd Annual Leo Jordan Fishing Event

September 30, 2017
Linda Croaker

Linda Marie “Toad” Croaker “Makoons” (Little Bear), born May 19, 1953 to Lawrence and Denice (Frazier) Croaker, Sr., in Grafton, ND, passed away on October 6, 2017 in Fargo, ND, surrounded by her family.

Linda grew up in Cass Lake, MN and graduated from Cass Lake – Bena Schools. She also attended United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, ND and Northwestern Technical College in Bemidji, MN. She held several jobs over the years, including working for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in Cass Lake, the Minneapolis American Indian Center in Minneapolis, Cass Lake – Bena Schools in Cass Lake in both Indian Education and Special Education. She also worked at Anishinabe Legal Services as a legal secretary where she began training to be a Paralegal.

She loved spending time with her family, siblings, children and grandchildren, dancing and life! She enjoyed playing her card games, Yahtzee, sewing quilts, and listening to music and bands.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Denice (Frazier) Croaker Sr.; brothers, Lawrence Croaker Jr. and John Woods Sr.; her sister, Judith Croaker; one nephew; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She is survived by her children: Deanna Croaker and Kelly (Caroline) Hart; grand-

Donald Smith Sr.

Donald Joseph Smith Sr. age 85 of Walker MN went home. Dad, also known by his Indian name “Muckwa”, “Grandpa”, “Papa”. Uncle “Duck” to his many nieces and nephews and “Duck” to his many relatives and friends. He was also known as “Donald Duck” “Rubber Duck”! Dad was born on August 2, 1932 to our grandparents, Joe and Mary Smith in Onigum MN and this is where he grew up with his brothers and sisters.

Dad went on to serve in the Army in the Military Police Unit while stationed in Korea. Dad was honorably discharged in 1956. Dad returned to civilian life and met Mary Lou Roberts and were married. They raised their 7 children, Maureen, Donald Jr. “Bud”, Ramona, Mary, Samuel, Anne and Paul, first in Bemidji MN, Ontario CA, and finally in Minneapolis MN. Dad worked as a laborer most of his life.

Dad took great pleasure in his growing number of grandchildren and later his great grandchildren, who knew him as Grandpa and “Papa”. He loved and cherished the growing number over the years.

When dad was younger, he hunted, fished and went ricing and enjoyed the outdoors while growing up with his siblings and his many cousins. Dad’s later interests were his children/grandchildren. He was great at fixing things from cars to other things; many have learned a lot from dad, as he educated us on how to do things. Always a sports watcher, he loved watching baseball the “Twins” when they were winning and other games on TV. His great interest was “Wrestling” or “Rassling” as he put it, never missing a match or a pay per view, he was a great fan!!! Never missed his nature shows either, he loved watching the animals.

Dad was a very religious man and made sure his kids were educated about the church and its meanings. He took the teachings and his faith seriously and would pray every day for my mom and his family. He took great comfort in his faith and it guided him during his life.

Sadly, Dad left us on September 18, 2017 after a long illness. He will join our mother Mary Lou, his son Donald “Bud”, his parents Joseph and Mary, brothers and sisters, Snuffy, Abbott, Shirley, Joanne and Mary Jo, and also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Dad leaves behind his children, Maureen (Robert) Headbird, Ramona (Gary) Fife, Mary R. (Chuck) Smith, Samuel (Terri) Smith, Anne Smith (Ernest) and Paul Smith, daughter in law Laura Gould Smith, his 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, his sister Dorothy (Gaylord) Walswick and brother Walter Smith, brothers and sisters in law, Larry Roberts, Dennis Campbell, Ruth Driggers, and Evangeline (Mike) Beaulieu, adopted grandson; D’Mario Jackson, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

We would like to thank the people who helped dad in his final days, Sanford Medical Center, Neilson Place in Bemidji MN, the Medical

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

Raymond Kraskey

Raymond Jon Kraskey, 19 years young, “Misko-Waagosh” which means “Red Fox” of Walker, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit...
Raymond spent his childhood growing up in Onigum, Walker and Cass Lake. Raymond was a very funny, strong, caring and thoughtful young man who loved to joke around and tease everyone. He was a very hard worker and actually enjoyed his work. Raymond liked to prioritize his many goals for the future. He was very smart and worked hard at trying to graduate from high school, and he almost made it. Raymond liked hanging out with all of his friends and all his friendship circles, he also like to play basketball and football. He enjoyed beating his friends at video games. His friends always talked about how good he was at video games and were amazed that they could never beat him. He had great love for his family and touched a lot of peoples heart in his short life. Raymond left us far too soon and we will miss him dearly.

Family that welcome Raymond to the spirit world are his father; Jeremee Kraskey, grandmother; Lillian Reese, grandpa; Tim St. John, Baba; Cubby Smith, uncles; Bill Major, Ron Staples and Rich Tanner, cousin; Lynette McDonald, Cubby Smith, uncles; Bill Major, Ron Staples, and his mother; Brenda Budreau. In his adult life, he loved listening to music of all kinds, watching sporting events, and actually enjoyed his work. Raymond liked to tease everyone. He was a very hard worker and always had some in her pocket. She would bring her dogs Socks and Mazzie to have coffee with her and her friends every morning. Susan also loved to visit her grandkids and visiting Duluth.

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

Robert Wayen Budreau, Sr. also known as “Wheat”, age 41 of Cass Lake, began his spiritual journey on Sunday, September 17, 2017. He was born on September 19, 1975 in Cass Lake, MN.

His mother, Brenda Budreau met the love of her life, Robert “Bob” Morgan while pregnant with Robert. When he was 5 to 6 years old many family members thought Robert resembled “Buck Wheat”, from the Little Rascals show, so his father Bob decided to dress him up as Buck Wheat for Halloween. He had a squirrel tail hat, white painted lips, and white painted rings around his eyes. His mother was upset when she saw him like this, but the name “Buck Wheat” stuck and later would become just “Wheat”. When Wheat was a young teen he decided to move into his aunt Elsie Budreau’s home. Elsie was an excellent mother to Wheat and they shared a strong bond. He also lived with his grandmother Loretta Jone-Budreau. In his adult life, he loved listening to music of all kinds, watching sporting events, boxing matches, and MMA. One of his favorite times was playing Texas hold-em with his late mother and father along with the family. He really enjoyed spending time with his family and doing family things.

Family that will cherish his memory are siblings; Lena Morgan (Anthony White), Eric Budreau, Donald Wind, Sr., James Raisch, long time special friend Bonita Earth, children; Robert W. Budreau, Jr., Faleisha Budreau, granddaughter; Amiyah Grace Baird, grandmother Nancy Whitebird, nieces and nephews; special nephew, Brendan Littlewolf, Gilbert Littlewolf, Jr., Deelia Littlewolf, James Raisch, Jr., Lucille Raisch, Kinsley Raisch, Shayne Wind, Kaydon Wind, Donald Wind, Jr., Mariah Roy, Donaiha Goodwin, other relatives and many friends.

Robert W Budreau

Susan Marie (Chambers) Robinson, age 52, of the Turtle Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, October 9, 2017 from her home. Susan was born in Duluth, MN on November 4, 1964 to Douglas Chambers and Sally Pete.

She grew up around Duluth Minnesota. Susan married Frank Robinson and moved to Cass Lake for more than 17 years. In her free time she liked to play bubble shooter and 3 Jewels. Her favorite candy was Bit ‘o Honey. Susan
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Salstar Dr NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
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Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court
Honorable Megan E. Treuer, Associate Judge of Tribal Court

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Dora Keezer (Deceased) and Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-19

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 24, 2017, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-19

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2017, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of: Dora Keezer and Bradley S. Cloud, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-14

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 24, 2017, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Harry E. Helps, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-14

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2017, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of: Kymberly M. Hare and Jerald L. Vos, Parents.

Court File No. CP-13-10

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 24, 2017, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CP-16-14

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 25, 2017, 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CP-17-26

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 8, 2017, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights 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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Brittany G. L. White (f.k.a. Littlewolf) and Jacob J. White, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-14

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Senoah A. Molash, Gregory A. Wind, and Harry E. Helps, Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-26

NOTICE
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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Larry White, Defendant, vs. Debahjimon

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

Case No. CN-17-06

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Default Hearing in the above entitled matter will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Tribal Justice Center, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of Tribal Court.

You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing. Violation of this Summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title I, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders. In addition, failure to appear may result in the relief requested being granted by default.

DATED: October 4, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of Tribal Court.

You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing. Violation of this Summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title I, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders. In addition, failure to appear may result in the relief requested being granted by default.

DATED: October 4, 2017
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Debra Bruce, Legal Custodian; Theresa Bruce, Non-Custodial Parent.

Court File No. CP-14-35
NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 10, 2017, a Petition for Long-Term Foster Care was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian/parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

CASE NO. FA-17-88
YOU, RESPONDENT Nicholas Sherman, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on January 11th, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courthouse located at the Leech Lake Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an adjudication against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing, at the date, time and place specified above.

DATED: October 5, 2017
/s/ Dynell Morris, Court Clerk

CASE NO. FA-17-116
YOU, RESPONDENT, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on January 11th, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courthouse located at the Leech Lake Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an adjudication against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing, at the date, time and place specified above.

DATED: October 5, 2017
/s/ Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk

CASE NO. FA-17-142
YOU, RESPONDENT Lloyde Dahl Jr., ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on January 11th, 2018, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courthouse located at the Leech Lake Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to an adjudication against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing, at the date, time and place specified above.

DATED: October 5, 2017
/s/ Dynell Morris, Court Clerk

CASE 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, 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.

/s/ Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk

CASE NO. CV-16-18

NOTICE TO ALL INTEREST-ED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Lyman William Lowry died 08/04/1969, Decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Lyman William Lowry died 08/04/1969, Decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative of the Estate of Lyman William Lowry, decedent.

DATED this 20th day of July 2017, Amanda Richardson, Court Clerk
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).

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Each additional member add $349

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

A. Address - must verify residency.
B. Income - most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
C. Social Security Number(s)
D. Tribal identification (if applicable)
E. Legal land description of residence (if not 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
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All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.
Correctly guess if your next card will be higher or lower and win.

**HIGHER OR LOWER**

**WEEKLY SWIPE & WIN**
Thursdays, Through Dec. 7
6pm-11pm
Fridays & Saturdays
Oct. 27 - Dec. 2
WIN UP TO $1,000!
10 WINNERS EACH NIGHT

**GRAND PRIZE NIGHT**
5pm-10pm
Sunday, Dec. 3
WIN UP TO $2,500!
10 LUCKY WINNERS

**WEEKLY DRAWINGS**
Thursdays, Through Dec. 7
6pm-10pm
Earn 1 entry for every 10 points earned.
Win $200-$500 in Free Play.
Win 1 Pair of Vikings Club Purple Couch Seats on designated Thursdays.
(See Players Club for complete schedule.)

**SUPER GAME GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS**
Thursday, Dec. 14, 6pm-10pm
Win a Deluxe Super Game Ticket Package valued at over $24,300 & other great prizes.

*Only the players that won a Super Game Grand Prize entry qualify to win.
See Players Club for rules and complete details. Management reserves all rights.

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**THE PERFECT GIRLS NIGHT OUT HUNKS**
The Show All Male Revue
Friday
Nov. 3rd
Tickets: $20

**KIM RUSSO**
The Happy Medium
Saturday
Nov. 11th
Tickets: $20/$34/$39

**LEE GREENWOOD**
Crystal Gayle
Friday
Dec. 15th
Tickets: $30/$37/$45

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3 CLIMATE CONTROLLED LOCATIONS

WALKER, MN
Event Center
(Northern Lights Casino)
4pm - 7pm

CASS LAKE, MN
Boys & Girls Club
4pm - 7pm

DEER RIVER, MN
Morse Town Hall
4pm - 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST