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MINNEAPOLIS – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County accepted the Local Government Leading Innovator award in the Native Nations Category, Friday December 13 at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School.

The award-winning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County now in its sixth year, was one of four government projects nominated for the award. Leech Lake and Cass County will each receive a $5,000 grant from the Bush Foundation and a professional video highlighting their ongoing project. The memorandum of understanding written by Leech Lake and Cass County provides a framework for multi-level communication and cooperation between the county and the band for natural resource management, community and economic development.

Cass County Administrator Josh Stevenson, who is one of the two main points of contact between the county and the tribe says, more than anything the MOU is about respect between the tribe and the county.

“The efforts towards a memorandum of understanding with Leech Lake started in 2012, and then the agreement itself got signed in 2014. The memorandum of understanding is basically a guideline as to how we’re going to talk to each other. When items come up that impact both of us, we’re both going to talk about it before making any decisions.”

MNDOT Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Special Advisor on the project, Levi Brown says the memorandum is more than just a piece of paper.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County win Local Government Innovation Award**

*By Kayla Duooos*

Give to the Max Day Brings in Large Donations for Leech Lake Tribal College

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Tribal College (LLTC) held its annual Give to the Max Day November 15 and set new records for their annual day of giving.

Give to the Max day is one of Minnesota’s and LLTC’s biggest days of online giving. Last year 5,300 nonprofits and educational institutions raised 20.6 million dollars during the 24 hour period, LLTC themselves raised $21,000.

This year LLTC’s goal was to raise $25,000. The college went above their goal and set a new record earning $27,000 in donations, including Leech Lake Gaming’s $10,000 matching gift. The college held a large number of events on campus to garner live donations such as a basketball team hosted taco sale, a student senate silent auction and live crafting demonstrations. The college also received non-monetary donations from local vendors such as Fozzies Smokin BBQ, Raphael’s Bakery, and Caribou Coffee.

Leech Lake Tribal College Multimedia & Marketing Specialist, Ryan White says the college hopes to aim for bigger and better every year.

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LLTC Professor Selected as NEH Grant Award Winner

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has announced Leech Lake Tribal College Faculty member Elaine Fleming as one of their 2018 grant award winners.

Fleming’s project “Women of Leech Lake Nation Stories: Historical Trauma and Colonization” has been given $60,000 to continue collection and publication of historical narratives by Ojibwe women of the Leech Lake Nation with a historical look at tribal history and trauma.

Fleming is one of the five award winners named in Minnesota, also accepting a grant is Red Lake Nation Colleges, Cassy Leepot for $97,350 for continued work on a student-driven podcast about Red Lake Ojibwe language, culture and history.

This is Fleming’s second time winning a NEH grant as she was named a winner previously in 2011 for her historical repatriation project. Fleming says NEH’s support helped both projects get off the ground.

Leech Lake Tribal College President Raymond Burns says Fleming’s previous and continued work in historical tribal documentation is necessary and brings large name recognition to the school.

“I think one of the issues that’s always been confronting tribal colleges is that they’re seen as less than other college institutions for whatever reason. I think her winning a grant like this shows that academically we’re able to compete with any college in the nation with what we can offer to students. So, it’s really important from a college stand point that she has received this recognition but I think too from a culture stand point it also shows how important it is that Elaine’s work preserving and enhancing the language and culture of our people is important. That it has validity not only for the tribal college but nationwide as well” said Burns.

Fleming began researching for her project in August of this year. She says as a native woman she has always seen a disconnect in the way women are described in traditional stories and the way they are treated now.

“When I first started work on my Masters of Fine Arts in creative writing, I wrote a manuscript and it was entitled “The Spirit Women of Leech Lake.” It was about the trauma we as women experience and how it’s a continual thing. It also had to do with our faith and how we would make it through that trauma, and how we survived. Now I teach history, and I teach the history of Leech Lake. All the materials for that course are focused on men. Women are generally omitted in history or are shadows in the background. You don’t learn about them” she said.

Fleming cited curiosity in her own family history as her inspiration for applying for publication through the grant.

“As I worked over my writing and I looked at it, I was thinking for me how so many things go back to my great grandmother; Marie Johnson. I always wanted to know her story. In my family, my mother knew my great grandmother, her great grandmother and her mom. So I thought well let me try to bring the women into the history. Let people know we were there, we are here. We’re a part of the nation building.”

Fleming plans to begin gathering stories in early January and finish her first draft in December of 2019.
BEMIDJI – Tuesday evening, University Sin Fronteras and Bemidji’s Rail River Folk School hosted an in depth lecture and discussion led by judicial scholar and co-coordinator of the Indigenous Law and Advocacy Project Michael Lane J.D. about the importance of tribal sovereignty.

The event titled ‘sovereignty under attack” gave attendees a crash course on indigenous treaty law and a look at why three state court cases could have a wider reaching effect on the status of tribal sovereignty than we realize.

The court cases highlighted in the two hour lecture were Brackeen v Zinke: a 2018 District 1 Texas court case which successfully classified the Indigenous and Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 as unconstitutional due to racial discrimination. A move courts previously have been unable to do, due to the classification of Native Americans not only as a racial identity but a political one as well due to tribal sovereignty and governance.

Lane also highlighted the 2018 North Dakota voter suppression case over a law that kept a number of Standing Rock tribal members from voting in the November midterm elections due to the structuring of reservation housing. The law which states that all North Dakota residents were required to present a street address and ID significantly impacted tribal members as street addresses are uncommon in the reservation. The law, signed by Republican Gov. Doug Burgum in 2017, had been blocked in U.S. District Court to start with but was later overturned by the 8th circuit.

The final court case Lane examined was the 2016 Land Trust Case that involved the Massachusetts Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. The U.S. Department of Interior began reconsidering its 2015 decision to place some 300 acres into trust for the tribe. A federal judge who sided with the tribe, began challenging the declaration and sent it back to the agency for reconsideration in the final months of President Obama’s administration in 2016. The US Department of Interior ruled in September that it could not keep land in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as the tribe itself was not under federal jurisdiction at the time of the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934. Therefore the tribe did not qualify under a definition of Indian used by the agency. The tribe hopes to reclaim their land rely through legislation that is currently pending in Congress.

Lane who has been studying tribal law for 40 years says a presentation on these three cases and tribal law was important to have not only for tribal members, but for allies that are wanting to make a difference. These cases hold real significance in the way of treaty law moving forward and all have lessons for us take from.

“The threats to sovereignty are extremely real and they’re very recent. Many people aren’t aware at how serious these issues are-especially with Brackeen vs Zinke (ICWA Case). But people really have to start becoming aware-not just wait until something happens. We need to start talking about it now so we can start thinking about what we’re going to do.”

Lane also asked community members in attendance to ask themselves and each other what they’re doing to support tribal sovereignty and why in this day and age is it being challenged.

“Why are they doing this? Why are they looking for that loophole? Why are they trying to undermine tribal sovereignty? It’s very simple. It’s easy to say it’s a nefarious attack or genocidal maniacs - I’m sure there’s a few in there. But it really is about what they call resource development and uncertainty. They quite happy to recognize indigenous people and tribes but they’re not anti-indigenous per se - they’re anti indigenous that stand up for inherent indigenous sovereignty. When we talk about sovereignty - we’re not just talking about political policy. We’re talking about language, we’re talking about spirituality, and we’re talking about ceremony. Those are all aspects of sovereignty.”

For updates on upcoming University Sin Fronteras events, you can check their Facebook page and request lectures you’d like to hear in the future.
“Give to the Max” continued

In 2017, LLTC set the goal with $27,000, before that the greater community and businesses, LLTC raised $21,000, surpassing our target amount. For 2018 Give to the Max fundraiser, LLTC increased the goal to $25,000 and again with the wonderful kindness of LLTC supporters we broke it again this year with $21,000, before that the average amount LLTC raised online in a year was less than $5,000. Next year, LLTC’s Give to the Max goal is to raise $45,000. It’s a lofty goal but if the kindness and support for LLTC continues, I believe our goal is obtainable.”

Leech Lake Tribal College President Raymond Burns says Give to the Max Day is not only beneficial for the students but also the community.

“Give to the Max day instills a culture of giving not only on campus but within the community. This makes the college part of the community in a much more fundamental way. People get an actual tangible result for the money they donate. For instance, the people who contributed to the basketball team—they got to see the new uniforms. Students will be able to go on special trips because of the money that’s donated. What it really does too is allow us a little bit of flexibility in what we can offer to the students—we’re a cash strapped organization because of the way we’re funded and to have the ability to offer more things for the students that aren’t not only good for the students but represents the community’s interests as well. It’d be a nice in a society where education doesn’t need to have donated funds to operate but that’s the reality of the situation. So, Give to the Max really helps with that, helps us give and provide opportunities for students we wouldn’t normally be able to.”

Burns continued, saying how important a donation from the tribe is in instilling a sense of community pride. “I think it’s really important that we have something like this. It’s really important that we keep setting our goals higher and higher and it’s extremely satisfying when Gaming does the $10,000 dollar match because it shows they’re willing to be a part of the dream the college represents.”

Just because Give to the Max day is over, that doesn’t mean you can’t still donate. You can find ways to donate to the college online at www.lltc.edu/give or by mailing in a tax deductible check. If you have questions about supporting LLTC or you’d like to tour the college, you can visit them at 45 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8am-4:30pm.

LLTC would like to say Migwech (Thank You) to the following businesses that helped support the LLTC Give to the Max Event:
- Fozzie’s Smokin BBQ
- Caribou Coffee
- Raphaels Bakery
- Northwest Indian Community Development Center – NWICDC
- Leech Lake Gaming
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- LLBO District 2 Office
- LLBO District 3 Office
- L&M Fleet Supply
- Shooting Star Casino
- Squeaky Wheel Pottery
- Froytech LLC
- Minutes9 Mystery and Escape Rooms
- The Bunk House
- LLTC Printshop
- Garbow Law Office
- Green Mill Restaurant
- Lilly Paddy Designs
- Tires Plus
- Clem’s Hardware
- Em’s Threads
- Sparkling Waters Dining
- Screen Vision Media

We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are working to close what appear to be two separate cases involving the killing of four American bald eagles in Minnesota and we need your help.

In one incident, three dead bald eagles with gunshot wounds were discovered together in April 2018. The eagle carcasses were found close to the Itasca County line, along side a county highway near Cook, Minnesota. Evidence has been gathered from the scene and a criminal investigation is currently underway. In a second incident, a dead bald eagle was discovered in October 2018 at Mission Point, near the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. The dead eagle appeared to have been shot and is being sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon for analysis.

We are offering a reward of up to $2,500 for information which leads to the conviction of any responsible party. If you have any information relating to these or any other incidents, please contact Special Agent Ron Kramer at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement Duluth office at 218-720-5357. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Turn in a Poacher TIP line (800-652-9093) is assisting as well by providing concerned citizens a confidential way to share relevant information about the investigation.

Bald eagles are currently protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Killing a bald eagle is a violation of the Act and is punishable by imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of up to $100,000. Learn more about the protected status of bald eagles.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit http://www.fws.gov.

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CASS LAKE – The NCAA Final Four Fan Jam made a stop Friday December 7 at the Cass Lake-Bena High School. The Fan Jam is touring the state to promote the upcoming Final Four in Minneapolis and to spread their “something for everyone” message by bringing fun basketball-themed pop-up events to fans.

At Fan Jam tour stops, fans can learn more about the Final Four, practice their trick shot, take a selfie with the National Championship trophy, explore the NCAA tent and walk away with Final Four merchandise.
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School NEWS

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School students in grade K-4 showed their appreciation for the men and women serving our country away from their families this holiday season. They each designed a handmade card to send to a service member.

At Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, the 2nd graders were invited to make cookies for holiday celebrations with the 7th graders in FACS class. They used the brand new kitchen in the high school FACS classroom and the kids had a blast decorating and interacting with the older kids.
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Scoping for Little Winnie Project

The Forest Service is seeking scoping comments on Little Winnie. The project proposed activities would include timber harvest, tree planting, and wildlife habitat improvement, burning under pine harvest, and burning a wet meadow complex. The Proposed Action is available for review at the Deer River Ranger District, 1235 Division Street, Deer River, MN 56636; or, on-line at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/chippewa/landmanagement/projects.

We are accepting comments starting December 14, 2018 and ending on January 14, 2019. Input received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection.

Please include the following information with your comments:
1) Name, address, telephone number, organization represented and title (if applicable).
2) Title of document on which the comment is being submitted.
3) Specific facts and supporting reasons regarding your comments.

Scoping Comments may be: mailed to the Deer River Ranger District; Attn: Little Winnie project; 1235 Division Street, Deer River, MN 56636; delivered to the address shown above during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm); or submitted by FAX (218) 246-9743. Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: comments-eastern-chippewa-district@fs.fed.us with Subject: Little Winnie project. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

For further information or to provide comments regarding this project contact: USFS, Deer River Office, 1235 Division St., P.O. Box 308, Deer River, MN 56636, Attn: Barbara Knight, Project Leader or call (218) 246-2362.

Cass Lake Boys & Girls Club Career Day

Professionals from Cass Lake Indian Health Services visited the Cass Lake Unit to share their stories and information about possible careers in Indian Health Services or going on to a career in medical fields in general. Professionals including a pharmacist, physical therapist, nurse practitioner, medical engineer, medical coder, and a medical doctor were in attendance and were interviewed by Boys and Girls Club Staff. One of the questions asked was, “What is the career path to become a ____?” This question was answered with, “you must graduate from high school, study 4 years of general college taking especially more challenging math and science courses and earn a bachelor’s degree. Then one goes on to earn a medical degree, pass MCATS, and obtain a medical license through residency and licensure. So the path is long and not easy but the need for Native American individuals to enter these fields in medicine is highly needed.

Club members were asked to ask questions regarding IHS careers that piqued their interest or curiosity, and they were given an extra door prize ticket for that engagement.

Club members participating in the 3 Point Basketball Challenge, were given 60 seconds to make as many three point baskets as they could, with the winner receiving a FitBit Charge 2. Participants also received an additional door prize ticket. The winner Williams Jones made 11 three pointers to win the contest.

One hundred and fifty (150) young children, Club members ages 6-18, and adults were in attendance.

It was a fun and interactive evening, and we hope seeds were planted for young people to aspire to a career in a medical field!
I want to thank the voters of State House 5A for their support on November 6th. It is a great honor to represent our Northern Minnesota people and to be a voice for you and all Greater Minnesota communities in St. Paul. Your support over the years has been one of my proudest achievements. I again commit to you that I will represent you with the honor and dignity that the office demands.

Please feel free to contact me at 218-760-8110.
www.johnpersell.com
persells@paulbunyan.net

Sincerely,

John Persell
Minnesota House District 5-A
State Representative

THANK YOU CHI-MIIGWECH

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School

Thursdays 3:45 - 4:30 PM, beginning Jan. 3, 2019
Adults and teens welcome // No childcare provided
FOCUS: Everyday phrases to use with children and in daily conversation.
WHERE: Niigaane Classroom
Hosted by Niigaane Staff

15353 Silver Eagle Dr. NW Bena, MN 56626
(218) 665-3000 ext. 2023 or ext. 2108 for directions

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January 2019 | Debahjimon

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

TEACHINGS

with Richard Morrison Elder from Fort Frances, Ontario and Murphy Thomas Elder from Blackduck, Minnesota

SCHEDULE
Thursdays in January
1-3-19
Teachings with Richard Morrison
1-10-19
Teachings with Murphy Thomas
1-17-19
Sweat Lodge with Richard Morrison
1-24-19
Ceremony with Murphy Thomas
1-31-19
Teachings with Richard Morrison

6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Leech Lake Opioid Treatment Program Building 409 3rd Street, Cass Lake (East Entrance)

Questions? Contact Jess Headbird 218-335-3780 or 218-407-1571

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources
115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633
Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697
Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more info.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 25TH, 2019

Men's Halfway House Cook ~ MHWH/Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-126
Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-121
Counselor (2) ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-119

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 18TH, 2019

Receptionist ~ RTC Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-001
Compliance Training Officer ~ Education/TERO ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-002
Compliance Safety Officer ~ Education/TERO ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-003
Office Assistant ~ Human Resources ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-004
Driver Operator ~ Tribal Roads ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-161

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Construction Manager Assistant ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-181
Advocate (2) ~ Human Services/Family Violence Program ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-180
WHWH Technician (3) ~ Human Services/A&D ~ $12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-179
Chiropractor ~ Health ~ $40.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-178
Cook ~ Inger ~ Education ~ $12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-176
Compliance/Legal Officer ~ TERO/Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-173
SUD Maternal Support Specialist (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-165
SLID Maternal Support Specialist (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-165
Baseline Services Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-163
MHWH Technician (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-160
WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-159
Sugar Point Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-158
Maternal Child Health Nurse ~ Health ~ $28.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-157
Ball Club Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-155
Planner (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-154
Advanced Practice Provider (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-145
Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-140
Cass Lake Cook ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-139
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-138
Mental Health Professional (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-137
Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-136
Cass Lake Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-132
Crisis Coordinator ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-130
Cash Management Clerk ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-124
Cash Management Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-121
Counselor (2) ~ Human Services/MHWH ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-119
Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-118
Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-116
Data Coordinator ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-102
Cass Lake Pre School Team Leader (2) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-099
YouthBuild Construction Trainer ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-080
Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-079
Accounts Payable Team Leader ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-077
Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ $12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054
Claims Specialist ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-018

Top: Eileen Briggs presents the Innovation Award to LLBO representatives. Bottom: Chairman Faron Jackson gives award acceptance speech.

“It’s not some document we brush off every year. The MOU is a living, breathing, organic thing. Meaning that every time a county official interacts with a tribal official—that MOU is in play.”

The memorandum itself was selected as judges saw the communication model as one that could be replicated in other Native Nations and create a widespread impact among other demographically diverse communities. Accepting the award on behalf of both Cass County and the Leech Lake Reservation during the ceremony was Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson.

“We’re building a partnership, and what it is— is a memorandum of understanding and I know the members understand it. The DOC was there—they were on board with it. The probation, the wellness coordinators. We’re really happy that we’re involved with Cass County on this MOU (memorandum of understanding) and we’re honored to receive this and I’m honored to be here on behalf of Leech Lake.”

Fellow Native Nations Category Leading Innovator Nominees:

- Cass County and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe MOU — Cass County and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Leading Innovator)
- Mankato Association for Economic Development Commission and White Earth Nation
- Education Day with the Mahkato Wacipi — Mahkato Mdewakanton Association, Mankato Area Public Schools, and Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Program — Mdewakanton Public Safety and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Quarterly Meeting at Inger Community Center

INGER — Leech Lake Tribal Council held their annual Quarterly Meeting Friday January 11th at the Inger Community center.

First on the agenda was the quarterly report given by Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. followed by the financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose, which featured financial data from both government and gaming operations. Read Secretary-Treasurer Report on page 16.

A number of resolutions concerning enrollment were passed at the meeting. These resolutions included new enrollments, ineligible enrollments, and transfers to and from the band. New employees hired in the past quarter were introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

Also on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months and time dedicated for audience members to address the council directly with their ideas and concerns for the band.

The Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in April. All band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Division Report Summaries

**Tribal Court**
- Interviews were conducted for the Baemenim Anishinabe Program Manager, Gary Charwood was selected to fill the position.
- Baemenim Anishinabe Program is a restorative justice program that will provide system-involved adults, youth and their families with court-supervised alternatives that emphasizes culturally appropriate restorative justice practices.
- Cass County continues to hold juvenile case hearings here at the Tribal Judicial Center every 4 weeks.

**Roads and Construction**
- Tribal Transit
  - Planning to purchase two new buses this year
- 61st Ave NW Access Road – Project is complete.
- Mission Road NE Project has been extended until Summer 2019

**Tribal Development**
- The Tribal Housing Initiative was developed to address the housing needs of the band in a strategic and cost effective manner with an initial focus on housing development within the City of Cass Lake due to the new casino development. The feasibility study for the new casino construction is predicted to create 100-150 new jobs and workers in need of housing.
- Wilder Foundation Reservation Homeless Survey held on October 25 to make sure we had as accurate a count as possible. Tribal Development took an active role. This survey is done every 3 years. 546 surveys were completed across Leech Lake.
- Veterans Cemetery Project Site selected and secured on the Veteran Memorial Grounds. This will be the first Tribal Veterans Cemetery that will be located on an Indian Reservation in Minnesota. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded a Tribal Veterans Cemetery Grant in the amount of $3.3 Million on...
Public Safety

- Public Safety awarded the B.I.A. Highway Safety Officer Grant, which employees three full time employees, 2 HSOS and a Project Coordinator.
- Awarded a new COPS Tribal Equipment Grant in the amount of $866,656.00, Crime Victim grant in the amount of $310,000.00 was renewed or 3 years, and the Bureau Justice Assistance grant in the amount of $744,375.00 that is shared with Tribal Court (Supplies LLTPD a narcotics investigator).

Leech Lake Tribal Police Department  
2018 Illegal Drug & Seizure Statistics  
Submitted by Ken Washington, Tribal Police Chief

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Prior year statistics provided for comparison where available.

Approximate total value of all drugs seized in 2018: $82,550.00
Total Search Warrants executed: 23

*Please note that this total is an estimated value and prices of illegal drugs commonly rise and fall throughout the year depending on supply and demand, quality, etc. The numbers above also do not reflect a total of illegal drugs that are collected for destruction only purposes nor does it reflect drug totals that are purchased by Agents throughout the year.

Resource Management
- The Division of Resource Management continues to work toward a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Reservation pertaining to the Desired Vegetative Conditions.
- The Division of Resource Management continues to communicate with the Bands lobbyist in regard to our Secretarial Transfer Project. The bill has now been passed by the Senate and it went to the House on December 19, 2018.
- The Division of Resource Management Environmental Director has negotiated a deactivation agreement between the Band and Enbridge Pipeline. Per the agreement Enbridge has agreed to remove all the existing old line 3 from the ground per the Bands request.
- The Division of Resource Management Fisheries Program is now incubating a couple million Whitefish Eggs which will hatch in the spring for introduction to area lakes.
- The Division of Resource Management Fisheries Program Director Steve Mortensen has submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for end of the year money for our Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program. The proposal is asking for 35,000 dollars of year-end monies.
- The Division of Resource Management Fisheries Director has submitted proposal to fund additional work in the Snow Shoe Hare project.
- The Division of Resource Management Director and Rebecca Felt, DRM Wild Rice Marketing Director are once again working to develop a proposal to fund a Wild Rice Processing plant.

Human Services
- The Wounded Warriors Family Support has awarded Veteran Services a new small Ford van to transport veterans to their medical appointments. The van will be used for Veterans that do not need the handicap accessible van. The van was delivered to Fleet in December.
- Energy Assistance processed 541 applications for assistance last quarter. Programs include Primary Heat, Crisis, and Energy Related Repair. Leech Lake has solar funds and LLBO Crisis dollars.

Health Services
- ENP provided 3,117 meals on site, and delivered 8,154 meals in the last quarter.
- Car Seat Program assisted 67 families, and 85 car seats were distributed.
- Red Cedar Assisted Living Facility proposed to open by February 15, 2019.
- The Food Distribution Program served 602 households for a total of 905 people.
- Mac/Naps served 133 elderly boxes this quarter.
- Cass Lake Food Shelf served 539 households.

Education
- Post Secondary Awarded 208 students funding
- The Native Employment Works program 18 employed full time, 18 part time, 2 in paid work experience, 56 in holding, meaning they are in-between activities, 28 are in job search, 02 are in training/education 13+ months, and 1 is in high school completion.
JAN

January 5th, 2018
LLBO State of the Band and Quarterly Report at Northern Lights Event Center

FEB

February 10th, 2018
Onigum Community Center Grand Opening

February 17th-19th, 2018
Children’s Winter Fest begins across three sites within Leech Lake: Cass Lake, Ball Club, and Bena

MAR

March 3rd, 2018
Kid’s Perch Jerk at Shingobee on the Bay

March 20th, 2018
Mijim Gosha Mashkiki Nutrition Expo at Cass Lake Facility Center

APR

April 3rd, 2018
Primary Elections held for Secretary-Treasurer, District I and District II Council Seats

April 27th, 2018
Opioid Awareness Walk / Run hosted by Leech Lake Human Services State Targeted Response Program

April 6th, 2018
LLBO Quarterly Meeting at Bena Community Center

MAY

May 24th, 2018
26th Annual Memorial Walk / Run hosted by Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center

JUNE

June 12th, 2018
General Election Secretary-Treasurer, District I and District II Council Seats

June 20th, 2018
Bringing Back the Baw: Leech Lake Addiction Prevention Healing Expo

June 22nd, 2018
Welcome Back to School! Takes place in MN at Veteran’s Grounds

June 28th, 2018
First Annual Leech Lake Days begins Clean Up Day

June 28th-29th, 2018
First Annual Baw Day Reassembled in Cass Lake
2018

- Election held for Treasurer, District II Council
- Back Hope Prevention and No begins in Ball
- Miss Ceremony in Cass Lake, Mens Memorial

2018

- Leech Lake with Community Day
- July 19th, 2018
  U.S. Army Reserve in partnership with LLBO
  Operation Walking Shield, No-cost health care services
  held at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

- July 27th, 2018
  Inauguration Ceremony inducting election winners
  for Secretary-Treasurer, District I and District II
  Tribal Council seats and Quarterly Meeting at
  Northern Lights Event Center

- August 14th, 2018
  Primary Election Day for Federal, State and Local
  Elections

- August 27th, 2018
  District II and III hold their annual Back to School
  Backpack Giveaways at Facility Center and Sugar
  Point Community Center

- August 29th, 2018
  District I holds their annual Back to School Backpack
  Giveaway at King Elementary School

- October 19th, 2018
  LLBO Quarterly Meeting takes place in Minneapolis,
  MN at the Phillip’s Community Center

- November 6th, 2018
  Election Day for Federal, State and Local Elections

- November 13th-14th, 2018
  Leech Lake Hosts Opioid Response Summit at
  Northern Lights Event Center

- December 10th, 2018
  2018 Leech Lake Elder Christmas Party takes place
  at Northern Lights Event Center

- December 19th, 2018
  District III holds Elder Christmas Party at the
  Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN

A look back to the events and important dates in
2018 for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation**

**Home Loan Program:** Regular, Moderate, Construction & Renovation Loans

Home loan applicants must be American Indian enrolled in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and must be owner occupied. Applicants must also meet other requirements such as; reasonable credit risk, have a stable employment history, and meet State and FHA credit underwriting guidelines.

**Business Loan Program:** Micro Loans $500-$5000, Business Loans $5000-$150,000 and Commercial Real Estate Loans $5,000 - $150,000

All loans will require security/collateral and personal guarantees for principals and /or third parties. The owner/borrower must have a minimum 10% equity in total business capitalization. Interest is based on risk rating of applications, rates will be between 4% - 7%. Borrowers are required to have a reasonable credit history and a written plan for repayment. All applicants with any type of loan must have a business plan detailing how the business will operate and perform. Technical assistance is available, personal assistance will be required.

**Applications:**

Applications are taken at our home office located at 15542 State Hwy 371 NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Or call for an appointment at 218.335.8582. You may visit our website at [www.mctfc.org](http://www.mctfc.org) to download application and requirements. We also provide home-buyer training, assist clients with home inspections and construction counseling.

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**Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Recruitment**

The Chippewa National Forest is recruiting nominees for the Chippewa Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The Chippewa RAC is an opportunity for local community collaboration with federal land managers in recommending projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands. RAC’s are four year appointments and are approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

For more information on the RAC process and program contact Todd Tisler: 218.335.8629 or [todd.tisler@usda.gov](mailto:todd.tisler@usda.gov)

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**LLBO Receives Rebate for New Solar Installation**

*By Kayla Duos*

CASS LAKE – In early January, Otter Tail Power Company awarded the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe $49,875.00 as a rebate for a solar project completed at the Tribal Headquarters last year.

The money comes from the Otter Tail Publicly Owned Property (POP) Solar Program, which incentivises publicly owned facilities to install solar energy systems. The solar installation is part of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP), an ongoing tribal project to install energy control measures in 22 buildings across the reservation.

Leech Lake is expected to earn up to $170,000 in rebates from multiple utilities serving Leech Lake for energy efficiency measures. Otter Tail Energy Management representative Roger Garton says this initiative is not only good for Otter Tail, but the Tribe as well.

“The energy generated by the solar panels outside the government center offsets electric usage inside the building, resulting in a cost savings for this facility’s electric bill. As a public building, these savings are passed directly back to the community in the form of lower operating costs for this facility. Passing these savings back to communities is the intent behind our POP Solar Program’s focus on public facilities,” said Garton.

While the GESP project is expected to be completed in late February, Leech Lakes Environmental Deputy Director, Brandy Toft says the projects end only signals bigger things on the way.

“This project has been the big kick off. The panels outside the government center are a showcase, to show in front of the government center, in front of the community. This is what the tribe is going for. It’s the start of something really innovative and great for us. Moving and progressing forward, you’ll see there’s more to come,” said Toft.
“Native Voices” Health Exhibition comes to Bemidji State University

By Kayla Duoos

BEMIDJI – Bemidji State University’s A.C. Clark Library will play host to the “Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness” traveling library exhibition starting January 9th and continuing through February 14.

The campus library was one of 104 grant recipients selected in a highly competitive process as a host. In addition to hosting, the library will also receive a $250 grant for programming, as well as access to training and publicity materials. The exhibit was developed through the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) to explore the “interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians as told through individual stories of the past and present”.

Bemidji State Assistant Professors of Library Services; Patrick Leeport and Dianne Narum say the project has been a long time coming. They began submitting their proposal to host the traveling exhibit in 2015, after hearing about it through the American Library Association. To them one of the biggest draws of hosting the exhibit was to foster a sense of place and region at the library and connect with the community around them.

“We wanted to increase community outreach, which is something as a library we hadn’t done before, and this exhibit is a way to do that. Not only in a way that’s educational but in a way that’s good for the Native people in our community to feel like they have a voice and for the rest of us to really listen to these lived experiences,” says Narum.

The exhibition’s is divided into five themes — individual, community, nature, tradition and healing. Leeport believes the exhibitions topics have only become more relevant to the universities current over time.

“It was 2015 at the time we applied for this and this exhibition seemed relevant then. We knew we had many different people and programs across campus, including the American Indian Resource Center — who were doing similar programming to this, and the library wanted to find a way to join these important conversations. Since then the exhibit has become even more relevant as BSU has developed a new strategic plan, courses, and programs that definitely tie to the themes presented in the exhibit,” says Leeport.

Bemidji State Psychology professor, Dr. John Gonzalez, who will be a featured panelist for the exhibit’s February 7 event, says making the distinction of health and wellness with culture is an important one not only for his students on campus, but for those in the community.

“One of the main reasons I think it’s important to have this exhibit in our community is that native people have always had views of health and wellness and what it means to be healthy and what it means to be well. Along with that they’ve always had ways of treating people who may be sick or dealing with health issues. So, there’s always been a way for native people to live and survive in the world we live in. What goes along with that really — is knowledge. There has always been Native ways of knowing about everything around us, and health, of course is just one of those aspects,” says Gonzalez.

“It’s important to bring awareness to that and to bring awareness to the general public at large, that native knowledge is very old knowledge and it’s always been with native people. We still continue to rely on that knowledge in terms of ceremonies, healing practices and medicines. Any time you can get native perspectives, native voices, or native representation in higher education or K-12 — the more likely native students are going to be able to relate to the topics and say that this university takes my perspective as being valued.”

You can see the Native Voices exhibit at the A.C Clark library starting January 9th and check out the wellness programming that will be held on campus during the exhibit’s six week stay.

• Opening reception 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019
• Devery Fairbanks, a member of White Earth Nation and an indigenous studies teacher at Red Lake Nation College, will tell Wenebozo stories 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.
• A panel on American Indian Health is scheduled 4-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at BSU’s American Indian Resource Center. Scheduled panelists are John Gonzalez, a psychology professor at the university; Misty Wilke, an associate professor and director of the school’s Niganawenimaanaang nursing program; Cornelia Santos, an assistant professor of environmental studies; and Joe Beaudreau, an Indian health advocate at Sanford Health.
Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary
Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Friday January 11, 2019

The Financial condition of the Band as of September 30th, 2018 indicated a positive fund balance in the General Fund of $15 million dollars. The FY 2019 Budget projected $23 million in revenues with all being allocated to band programs, functions, activities, and services including distributing $2.4 million as a tax rebate to over 9600 Leech Lake enrolled members. The General Fund is projected to end the fiscal year with a $13 million fund balance. Revenue transfers from Gaming profit were budgeted at $12.8 million and State of Minnesota tax and license agreement funds of $10 million. The graph below represents where these revenue sources are allocated and spent.

Other activities are the bands Special Revenue funds of which consist of federal, state and other grants and program fees revenue generated from billing for services such Medicaid and Medicare. This funding category comprises 75 percent of the Band’s governmental activities total budget. The following graph represents the program, functions, activities and services funded by these revenues.

An issue that we are addressing is the Federal government partial shut-down. The Band receives over 50 percent of its budget from federal grants and billing revenue. The operation of the programs supported by those revenues will continue. However, a prolonged shut-down may result in the band utilizing other reserves to fund operations.

Leech Lake Gaming
Summary of Operations
Quarter Ending December 2018

Revenue
This quarter shows the continuation of the upward trend for revenue at Leech Lake Gaming. Compared to the previous fiscal year, Gaming saw an increase of $911 thousand. Total revenue for fiscal year 2019 through November was $44 million. Northern Lights and White Oak saw a combined increase of $963 thousand compared to prior year, while the Palace saw a decrease.

Expenses
Total expenses are continuing to increase over the years as well. Expenses through November 2018 total $36.4 million. The previous fiscal year totaled $35.5 million. Cost of sales and payrolls expenses both saw a slight decrease from prior year, while operating expense saw an increase.

Net Profit
Net profit has increased compared to the previous fiscal year, but is still down from fiscal year 2017. Total new profit through November 2018 was $7.6 million, which is a slight increase from previous year by approximately $51 thousand.

Forecast
Revenue and Expenses continue their upward trend with slight increase to Net Profit. Gaming will continue their efforts to monitor expenses in order to increase bottom line. Palace has seen a decrease in their net profit through the years, which has led to the construction of the Cedar Lakes Casino property in Cass Lake. It is exciting to see what future years bring with a new property opening.
District 3 Elder’s Christmas Party

December 19, 2018
Joseph Raisch

Joseph Patrick Raisch (Sonny), age 67, of Cass Lake Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN. Sonny was born in Minneapolis, MN on October 17, 1951 to Joseph and Dolores (Fairbanks) Raisch.

In his late teens Sonny joined the Army and was able to travel quite a bit. He enjoyed all the duty stations that the Army sent him, Germany being one of them. He was an avid pool player and ricer. Sonny is remembered for being funny and telling his stories. He enjoyed road trips and visiting various casinos along the way. He loved his grandchildren very much. Sonny was loved by all that knew him and will be truly missed.

Family welcoming Sonny to the spirit world are parents; Joseph and Dolores, brothers; Donald (Booty) Raisch, Maynard Raisch, Sheldon Raisch, brother-in-law; Frank Ortley and nephew; Brian (Guy) Wilson.

He leaves behind his daughters; Jeanette of Cass Lake and Belinda Chosa of Minneapolis and their mother Peggy Chosa of Minneapolis, sisters; Linda Wilson and Joanne Ortley both of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Ary’ana Chosa-Prax of Minneapolis, Jayciana Chosa-Machen of Cass Lake, Saint Cration, Kayne Anderson, Rayne Anderson all of Minneapolis, Mashkoke-biizhii Aaniimikii (Jason) Elias of Cass Lake, numerous nieces and nephews and special friend Majil Noisy Hawk who was his care taker during his illness. We are very grateful to her.

A wake for Joseph will begin at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18 and continue until his 12:00 p.m. traditional services on Thursday, December 20 all being held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers are Joe Burris, Curtis Ortley, Vicente Cerda-Romo, Marshall Villebrun, Donovan Villebrun, Matthew Villebrun and Bryant Cooper. Alternate pallbearers will be Jon Weyaas, Joel Ortley, Jimmy Brown, Darian Weyaas, Jared Allen, and Matt Villebrun. Honorary Pallbearers are, Norman Goggeleye, Lawrence Barrett, LeRoy “Puff” Whitebird, Faron Jackson, and Mike Dorr. Burial will be in the Morgan Cemetery in Cass Lake following his services.

Janice Hunt

Janice Hunt, 64 years young, of Old Agency, Minnesota went home on Saturday, December 8, 2018 to be with her Lord and Savior. She was born in Cass Lake, MN on September 15, 1954, the daughter of Phyllis (Chief) and James Hunt, Sr.

Janice grew up in Old Agency and graduated from Walker High School in 1972. She went on to further her education at Bemidji State University and graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. Janice began her employment with the Leech Lake Reservation in the Health Division in January of 1980 and worked there until March of 2014, when she took a medical leave of absence. Janice served many constituents through out the years and became close with her co-workers, Susie Roy Beaulieu, Sally Simone Pemberton, Brenda Dahl, Chris Finn and Tim Beaulieu, who became family. Janice was very committed, loving and devoted to all her family members, including the day to day care of her parents and niece-daughter Brenda “Miss Bitty” Hunt. Her and her brother Eli, whom she greatly missed, took great measures to ensure their entire family was well taken care of. They also ensured that all significant dates were all celebrated. Janice had very strong beliefs in her God and always wished well for all. She was the Matriarch of our large family, was very loved and will be greatly missed.

Janice is welcomed home by her children; Nettla Leean, Gwezozanie and Abenogee Hunt, parents; Phyllis and James Hunt, Sr., sisters; Donna, Brenda, Helen, Alice and Louella Hunt and Judy Littlewolf, brothers; Roland, James Jr., Ronald, Ernest, Eli and Spencer Hunt, grandparents, special aunt; Florence Cloud and several other relatives.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her life long partner of 42 years; Darwin Kingbird of Old Agency, sister; Peggy Hunt of Old Agency, brothers; Melvin Hunt of Old Agency and Matthew (Ruthie) Hunt of Onigum, niece-daughter, Brenda “Bitty” Hunt; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family members and too many friends to list.

A wake for Janice will begin at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 12 at the Onigum Community Center and will continue until her 2:00 p.m. funeral service on Friday, December 14 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Onigum, MN. Reverend Matthew Cobb and Bill Butcher will officiate. Pallbearers for Janice will be Chris Finn, Tim Beaulieu, Jage Hunt, Ronald Hunt, Nathan Hunt, Keith Tucker, Jesse Hunt and Torrey Kingbird. Her honorary pallbearers are Brenda Hunt, Susie Roy, Sally Pemberton, Brenda Dahl, Cookie Cloud, Coleen Gullckson, Ronnie Gustafson, Carol “Ruthie” Wright, Nancy Kingbird, Faith Abram, Susan McMurrin, Shirley Dunn, Linda Jane Butler, Cindy Jackson Kingbird, all her nieces and nephews and all her friends and family of the Leech Lake Reservation. Interment will be in the St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency, MN.

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

Alexander Bellanger

Alexander “Alex” William Bellanger, age 26 of Minneapolis, MN, Journeyed to the Spirit World on Sunday, December 9, 2018. He was born on August 14, 1992 the son of William Bellanger and Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas. Alex had a very outgoing personality and was a positive person with a kind heart. He was a hugger, always willing to help out. He would volunteer with helping out the Elders. Alex had a love for life. He loved his family. He was very protective of them and cared deeply for his mother and daughter, Azariah Jackson. Azariah was his pride and joy. Alex liked to try new things, twice he went sky diving, saying it was the most amazing thing he had ever experienced, except for the birth of his daughter. He enjoyed making fry bread. Alex is very much loved and will truly be missed by many.

Survived by his mother: Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas; daughter: Azariah Jackson; mother of his daughter: Missy Jackson; grandmother: Gladys Sandland; adoptive grand-parents: Duaine Voas and Jo Kollemlyn; brothers: Brett Thorsen, and Michael Tanner; sister: Renae Tanner; uncles: Derek Bellanger Sr., Michael Grossoehme, Jeff Voas; aunts: Roxanne Blackbear and Gina Tanner; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceded in death by his father: William
Henry Chapman

Henry Lewis Chapman, age 54, of the Bear Clan and Pierre, South Dakota began his journey on Sunday, December 23, 2018 from Avera St. Mary’s Hospital in Pierre, SD. Henry was born on October 31, 1964 in Minneapolis, MN to Rena Chapman and Henry Reed.

On January 22, 1949, she married Joseph in Kingman, Arizona. The couple raised four children in Lawndale, California, where they continued to live until 1977. Upon retirement, they relocated to Onigum, east of Walker, MN. Rose was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and volunteered for the band in various capacities. She enjoyed going to casinos.

She is survived by sons, Joseph (Mary) James, Jr., Charles (Loretta) James; daughter, Celesta (Lavern) Nelson; 17 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for friends and family will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Dennis Funeral Home in Walker with a funeral service following at 11:00. Interment will be in Fort Ripley Cemetery in Little Falls, Minn. Arrangements are being made with Dennis Funeral Home of Walker.

(www.dennisfuneralhome.com)

James Bedeau

James David Bedeau, Sr., age 79, “Naazhakibines” which is about the “Bird That Flies Down to the Earth” of the Awaasisii Clan and Onigum, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, December 23, 2018 from his home. He was born on January 3, 1939 in Onigum, MN to Mary Jane Pell and Joseph Bedeau.

He leaves behind his wife; Pauline Bedeau of Onigum, daughters; Michelle Nickaboine of Mille Lacs, Josie (Shawn) Pederson of Gonvick, Jodi (Karl) Klammer of Bemidji, Maggie Rose (Denis) Bedeau of Superior, WI, Mary (Sharif ) Bedeau of Hopkins and Clarinda Waybens of Cass Lake, son; James “Jimmy Doo” Bedeau, Jr. of Onigum, Mike (Ashley) Chosa of Onigum and Matthew Chosa of Onigum, brother; Robert Bedeau, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many who knew him for their we’eh, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and family members.

A wake for James will begin at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 26 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday, December 27 all being held at the Onigum Community Center at Onigum, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for James will be Shawn Butcher, Robin Jordan, Jr., Jeremy Ince, Matthew Chosa, Jimmy Bedeau, Jr., Micah Londo, Ken Fox, Karl Klammer and Norman Lawrence. His honorary pallbearers are his Dance Group. Interment will be in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery at Old Agency, MN. In keeping with traditional ways, the family requests no cut flowers, live plants are ok.

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

Rose James

Rose Adams James, 96, of Walker, MN passed away Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Heritage Living Center in Park Rapids, MN.

Rose was born June 10, 1922 in Cass Lake, MN to Phillip and Frannie (Parshall) Adams. She was raised and attended school in Cass Lake. Rose was working as a waitress for Thrifty Drug when she met Joseph James.
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Ardith Pearl Morrow, DOB: 06/21/1940 Decedent

Court File No. CV-18-72

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ardith Pearl Morrow, died June 19, 2018. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 13, day of September, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sheena Morrow, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ardith Pearl Morrow, died June 19, 2018 in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ardith Morrow, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Amber Beaudreau, Petitioner, And Duane Beaudreau Jr., Respondent,

Case No. CV-18-109

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Order for Protection has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Order for Protection in this matter. If you fail to respond to this petition, judgement by default will be taken against you.

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 COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jessica S. Heinle and David J. Johnson, Jr., Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-06

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 25, 2018, 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. 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: Candice Rogers and Deontranelle Davis, Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-37

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 28, 2018, a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before February 28th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., the date of the Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CP-16-34; CP-17-40; CP-18-31

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 2, 2018, four (4) Petitions to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. 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: Carol J. Sailor and Gabriel D. Drumbeater, Parents.

Court File No. CP-16-38

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 5, 2018, 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.
LEECH LAKE AREA SPORTS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY ’19

Cass Lake - Bena High School Basketball

Boys
02.01.19 Blackduck HOME
02.06.19 Mahnomen/Waubun HOME
02.08.19 Kelliher/Northome HOME
02.14.19 Walker-Hackensack-Akeley HOME
02.15.19 Red Lake HOME
02.16.19 Northern Freeze co-op AWAY
02.19.19 Bagley AWAY
02.21.19 Nevis AWAY

Girls
02.01.19 Blackduck HOME
02.02.19 Warroad HOME
02.04.19 Clearbrook Convick HOME
02.05.19 Mahnomen/Waubun HOME
02.08.19 Kelliher/Northome AWAY
02.11.19 Red Lake AWAY
02.19.19 Lake of the Woods HOME

LLTC Lakers Basketball

Mens
02.02.19 Providence AWAY
02.03.19 Providence AWAY
02.06.19 Oak Hills HOME
02.15.19 NIAC Conference TBD
02.16.19 NIAC Conference TBD
02.17.19 NIAC Conference TBD

Girls
02.07.19 Circle of Life HOME
02.19.19 Circle of Life AWAY

Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School Basketball

Boys
02.12.19 Lake of the Woods AWAY

Girls
02.07.19 Circle of Life HOME
02.19.19 Circle of Life AWAY
Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

December Birthdays

**District I**
- Delores Lindberg
- Donna Tibbetts
- Margaret Greenside
- Sandra Fairbanks
- Howard Sherman
- Larry Fairbanks
- Darrell Wilson Sr.
- Joseph Warner
- Donald Wayne White
- Burton Alger
- Barbara Bellanger
- Dorothy Robinson
- Joel Bebeau
- Brian Howard
- William Bowstring

From the District I Office
- Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiw

**District III**
- James Baker
- Wallace Storbekken
- Vernon Barsness
- Kevin TelJohn
- Sharon Brown
- Randolph White
- Rowa Donovan
-22 Bonnie White
- Kathryn Fairbanks
- Victoria White
- Louis Fisher
- Nancy Whitebird
- Claircy Gonzales
- Gloria Wilson
- Howard Hardy
- Gregory Wright
- Ronald Hare
- Rick Wuori
- Gary Howard
- Wallace Humphrey
- Patricia Jackson
- Helen Lindemann
- Larry Madigan
- Betty McCormack
- Vernon Northbird
- Jacqueline Peltier
- Jerry Reyes
- Bernard Rock
- Eugene Rock
- John Smith
- Priscilla Smith
- Samuel Smith
- Patrick Staples

From the District III Office
- LeRoy & Toni

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**District I**
- Corinne Nason
- Alvina Omer
- Marilyn Roybal
- Hope Thompson
- Lorna Urrutia
- Thea Wakanabo
- Myrna Gotchie
- Lewis Bowstring
- Sharon Wakanabo
- Marc Grauman
- Micheal Cronin
- Kevin Fairbanks Sr.

From the District I Office
- Robbie, Stephanie, & Zagajiw

**District II**
- James Campbell
- Richard Losh
- Walter “Butch” Chase III
- Bonnie Fairbanks-Stangel

From the District II Office
- Steve, Amos, & Michelle

**District III**
- Anna Starr
- Ernest Dunn
- James TelJohn
- Bonita Earth
- Alice Town
- Mary Ann Eckman
- La Verne Wakanbo
- John Fairbanks
- Nancy White
- Brian Funk
- Donald Wind
- Sylvia Gale
- Leonard Headbird
- Cheryl Holk
- Gary Johnson
- Geneva Lawrence
- Toby Losh
- Louise Masten
- Gloria Mellado
- Julian Molash
- LeRoy Aitken
- Linda Morris
- Susan Anderson
- Paula Morris
- Kenneth Bedeau
- Hazel Nordmarken
- Darlene Bellanger
- Patrick Northbird
- Elizabeth Brown
- Margaret Papsadora
- Larry Bryan
- Angela Reyes
- Deborah Chase
- Lila Robinson
- Leona Cloud
- Carol Roy
- Mary Cloud
- Brenda Smith
- Alice Donovan

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January is National Radon Action Month!

Even though we cannot see it, Radon is real! It is an Invisible, odorless radioactive gas, so we cannot see or smell it. Radon gas causes lung cancer, and there is no known safe level. Radon is responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths from lung cancer each year. In the U.S. Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. Radon can build up to high levels in a home and become a problem. No matter what type of home you live in. Brand new and airtight, or old and drafty radon isn’t Picky. Harm to our lungs can be prevented, we just have to test!

**Leech Lake Radon Program**

*offers 1 free test kit per household.*

Contact
Radon Technician | 218-335-3716
E-mail | radonjohnny15@outlook.com
http://www.llojibwe.org/drm/environmental/radon.html
WALKER — Leech Lake held their annual Elders Christmas party December 10 at the Northern Lights Casino. Elders in attendance were treated to a holiday meal, door prizes, gift bags, holiday activities and time to visit friends and family. Leech Lake transit also provided rides to the event for those in need.
HOT SEAT HAVEN
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
JAN. 4-26
6pm-11pm
2 Drawings Every Hour
10 Winners Each Night

6pm-7pm $100
7pm-8pm $150
8pm-9pm $200
9pm-10pm $400
10pm-11pm $300

WEEKEND OF WINNERS
NEW YEAR’S WEEKEND
Friday-Monday, Dec. 28th-31st

CASH HOT SEATS
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
5pm-10pm
WIN UP TO $1,000
MONDAY
2pm-2am
WIN UP TO $2,019

$50 FREE PLAY HOT SEATS
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
8am-12am
2 (each hour)
32 WINNERS EACH DAY!

SWIPE & WIN
FRIDAY-MONDAY
6am-12pm
WIN UP TO $400
IN FREE PLAY
FOR EVERY 50 POINTS EARNED.

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The only automated gelatin shot machine in the region.

PROMOTIONS & EVENTS
MARCH
8
TICKETS: $31/$36/$41

FEB.
15
TICKETS: $19/$24/$29

JAN.
25
FREE SHOW

GET A GIFT SUNDAY
JAN. 6, 13, 20, 27
EARN 50 POINTS (2am-11pm) AND RECEIVE A FEATURED GIFT OF THE WEEK.

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HOTEL SPECIAL
Through May 31, 2019

$60 STANDARD ROOM RATE*
INCLUDES:
2—$20 Free Play Offers
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