Bemidji State University Hosts Local Tribes During Native Nations Night

By Kayla Duos

BEMIDJI – Bemidji State University has expanded their yearly Native Nations Night event from Hockey to Basketball. The second night of honoring tribes in the area took place Friday, January 9 at the John Glas Field House where the Beavers took on Minnesota State.

The event, which started in 2013 at the Sanford Center, has long since included an honor song, raising of the flag by the Leech Lake Honor Guard, and a ceremonial puck drop has now expanded to be a community and recruiting event. Saturday’s game which was free for students K-12 included a youth game during half-time, recruiting facts presented by announcers and four recruitment tables set up for any interested youth.

Bemidji State Associate Athletic Director for External Relations, Brad Folkestad says the event isn’t just about recruitment but both history and showcasing the community’s pride for youth athletes.

“We respect the history and tradition of Northern Minnesota and... understand the importance of recognizing that. BSU Athletics partnering with Bill Blackwell and the American Indian Resource Center on campus has allowed us to grow the
Native Voices

Bemidji State University's A.C. Clark Library held its final programming event for the Native Voices traveling library exhibition, Thursday February 7 at the American Indian Resource Center.

By Kayla Duoos

Thursday's final event was a panel discussion featuring Native faculty, students, and a Sanford health professional who covered several topics regarding health and wellness in Indian Country. Attendees were invited to join in the discussion that was raised to highlight topics covered in the library's exhibit including native healing techniques, power dynamics between patients and professionals as well as racial stereotyping within the healthcare system.

The exhibit which was developed through the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) explores "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." The exhibit has been on display at the A.C. Clark Library since January 9.

Sanford Bemidji Indian Health Advocate, Joseph Beadreau who is only one of two staff holding this title in Minnesota, says discussions between health professionals and community members should happen more often as they help break down walls between patients and doctors.

"In my role here at Sanford Health Bemidji I have discovered that this organization wants to collaborate with the communities it serves. My role here speaks to that. As a voice and conduit the conversations and discussions can bring about ways to better healthcare for native peoples. The conversations must continue and there is work to be done," said Beadreau.

Featured Panelist and Bemidji State University Assistant professor in the Nursing Department, Misty Wilkie says speaking on a panel like this was an easy decision for her to make because it gave her a chance to tie her profession to her culture in a new way.

Wilkie's program: Niganawe-nimaanaanig at Bemidji State, which translates to "we take care of them" does just that. The program funded by HRSA Nursing Workforce Diversity grant was implemented to increase the number of minority nurses to increase health equality and improve patient outcomes. Students in the program receive various channels of support.
through the program both academic and cultural based. Wilkie says spreading the word about the program was another reason having a panel discussion between community and health professionals was so important.

“I wanted the opportunity to share more about Niganawenimaanaanig, and have two of our students (Cindy Wilson and Raven Peltier) participate as well, in hopes that we can encourage more indigenous people to consider nursing. I also think it’s important to let the community see two of our students actively involved and doing their part to make improvements for our people. Sometimes we think we can’t create change as an individual but getting involved and sharing knowledge does create change,” said Wilkie.

Students interested in the Niganawenimaanaanig program can contact Mistie Wilkie through the Bemidji State University website and explore the Native Voices exhibit online at nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices

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**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe’s Quarterly Meeting**

BOIS FORTE – The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee members held their regular Quarterly Meeting February 20 on the Bois Forte Reservation.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence dedicated to Norm Deschampe, former President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Chairman of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa who passed away on February 9, 2019. A statewide day of remembrance for Deschampe was held February 26.

The committee approved previous meeting minutes, agenda and enrollment resolutions from all six tribes before voting for resolutions that were presented by subcommittees. Division heads from Administration, Finance Corporation, Economic Development, Human Services and Natural Resources presented their respective Quarterly Reports.

**FINANCIAL**
- $60,000.00 Transferred into Constitutional Reform budget, discussed travel expenses/leave for employees
- Authorized the advancement of funds for IHS/BIA in case of future Government shutdowns

**LEGAL**
- Support for Adoption Tax Credit bill introduced in house
- Authorized language for MCT to Band land title transfer legislation

**EDUCATION**
- Return of Indian Education Director, will report to Commissioner

**RESOLUTIONS**
- Recognizing Tuesday, February 26 as Norman W. Deschampe Day
- Rural Aging Initiative Program for Tribal
- Extend invitation to Governor’s tribal liaison to attend MCT-TEC meetings

Readers can also view the full meeting online on the “Bois Forte Tribal Government” YouTube channel.

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**Tribal Leaders Attend “Tribal Sovereignty Day” at MN State Capitol**

By Kayla Duoos

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota House of Representatives invited Tribal leaders and State officials to the House Chamber on Presidents Day, February 18, for a new event titled Sovereignty Day.

The day envisioned last year by House Speaker Melissa Hortman and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan sought to unite tribal leaders and MN officials by spending a day giving cultural training, tribal history education and a open floor for tribal leaders and state legislators to discuss issues as a group. This event marks the first time all eleven MN tribal leaders have been together in the House chambers.

Opening remarks were given by the Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Minority Leader Ryan Winkler, as well as Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan and all eleven tribal leaders. Leech Lake Tribal Chairman, Faron Jackson used his time at the podium to speak to those in attendance on the importance of unity and educating one another.

“Tribal Sovereignty Day also marks the inclusion of Tribal liaisons being introduced into the State departments, building upon a previously passed Dayton Administration executive order that was put into place to further develop tribal relationships. The inclusion of tribal officials input in upcoming decisions also follows Governor Tim Walz campaign promise of “One Minnesota” that sought to bring unity to the state.

Jackson continued, citing an elder within the tribe as someone whose words came to mind during this historical event.

“In the past, a lot of elders would come to us and talk with us and share the language with us. A lot of which we retained-a lot of their language was stripped from them through the boarding school era but there’s a special word they used to share, “minotaagwad” My own elder used to say that to me a lot when we would go out and do things. When we would go out hunting, when we would go out and gather berries. When we would go out with our families and go to the powwow. Finally I asked him one day, what does that really mean? And he said to me “Faron, it means it’s a good thing today what we’re doing.” I think that would apply here as well, as we educate each other and we work together to have a good working relationship,” said Jackson.

Sovereignty day also marks the promise of “One Minnesota” that sought to bring unity to the state.

The Walz Administration also announced during the meeting a newly created governor tribal liaison position, that is now open for applications. Tribal Leaders also extended an invitation to MCT Tribal Executive Committee Quarterly meetings for the incoming tribal liaison.
Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s Walk

By Kayla Duoos

The third annual Missing Murdered Indigenous Women’s walk was held Thursday February 14 in Bemidji.

The march which began at the NWIDIC and continued to the Beaux Arts Ballroom saw a record number of participants. The walk was held simultaneously with several other marches across the country to raise awareness for the rising number of Indigenous Women who have been victims of violence and have gone missing without data or media representation.

In a 2016 US Department of Justice study, it was determined that Native Women disproportionately are higher recorded victims of homicide and violence than peers of differing races. Murder is the third leading cause of death amongst Native American Women, and one in three Native American Women will be victims of assault or sexual violence at some point in their lifetime.

The MMIW movement which began in Canada in 2005 aims to combat these figures. The various groups who have pioneered this movement have gotten subcommittees put together and bills passed in Montana, Colorado, and Nevada to help our lost sisters. North Dakota also has legislation moving forward entitled “Savannahs Act” which was passed by the senate in late 2018 before being blocked by U.S. Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA). Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) reintroduced Savannah’s Act in early 2019 in hopes to get the bill passed. Savannah’s Act aims to increase collaboration and communication between local police departments and tribes on cases, while making data regarding MMIW more accessible. The bill itself is named after Savannah Lone-Greywind, a North Dakota woman who was murdered in 2017 and whose death captured national media attention.

Tamika-Jo Andy, a member of the Indigenous Environmental Network women’s leadership group Ogimaakwewiwin who was involved in organizing Bemidji’s first march, says the event is not only about raising awareness but also a creating safe space within the community to speak openly about the topic.

“This is something that’s affected the Native American community for a really long time and there’s limited awareness of this issue in the communities that we live in and work with. The marches have been done for a really long time on February 14 in Canada and now Bemidji is on their third annual one that is organized by native women who live in surrounding areas. Which I think is so powerful because this is giving women empowerment in our communities. It’s a time for us to heal together. It’s also a time for us to have a safe space to talk about how this issue affects us either directly or secondary because what’s being done is not enough at all,” said Andy.

In preparation for the event, the Ogimaakwewiwin group held several meetings for planning, as well as crafting nights dedicated to making signs, screen printing promotional items and creating red ribbon skirts for march participants. The Ogimaakwewiwin also provided rides during the event for elders or disabled community members who wished to participate.

Wenona Kingbird, Leech Lake Services Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator and event volunteer says this event is a good start in making strides for larger change in the future as those involved seek to bring change.

“I really commend people who are involved with this movement and coordinated this event the last three years because they’re always thinking more. They’re always wanting more and pushing for more. I think we need more people like that. Those missing are someone’s children, someone’s relatives, someone’s family and you don’t give up on your children or your family. So, why would we give up on them?“ said Kingbird.
Ethan Stute has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal Colleges February Student of the Month. LLTC’s student of the month honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance. Stute is a second year, liberal studies major who is expected to graduate in May 2019. Stute chose to attend Leech Lake Tribal college as he believed it would be the perfect place to start and his mother encouraged continuing his education. Following Graduation, Stute plans to attend North Dakota State University and earn a degree in journalism.

ST. PAUL – LLBO Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. and LLBO Secretary-Treasurer Archie LaRose pose with Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan at the 39th Annual MN Chippewa Tribe Legislative Dinner in St. Paul, Minnesota.

CASS LAKE – Steve White and Laurie Harper receive the annual Reinhardt rebate check from Mitch Knutson on behalf of Reinhardt foods. LLBO receives the check annually which then goes towards a Post-Secondary Scholarship Program within the tribe.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 2019 Pow Wow Schedule

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Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School News

Congratulations Bug O Nay Ge Shig Elementary and High School Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll Award Recipients for Second Quarter!

Several Bug O Nay Ge Shig students traveled to the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul to do research on their History Day projects. All students in grades 7 through 10 produced a History Day project. Then eight projects were chosen to go on to the regional History Day which will be at BSU on March 5. The students pictured are among those who were chosen to go on to the Regionals.

Photo: Students with a staff person in the microfilm library. Left to right: Cecilia Meat, Helainea Roybal, teacher Jodi Perrington, Katrina. Ducheneaux and Kyla Jourdain

Bug O Nay Ge Shig students in the Seasonal Activities class completed an Indigenous wooden hand drill for making fires. The fly wheel component adds inertia providing friction between the soft and hard wood. When the kindling point of the soft wood is reached, it produces an ember. Students also had a chance to hone their snowshoeing skills.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School students have been enjoying a number of after-school activities. A popular new choice (pictured) is “Hobby Club” with advisor Seth Weigele which includes building models and rockets, chess, checkers, and board games. Other extra-curricular activities include Gifted and Talented, Anishinaabe Knowledge Bowl, Tutoring, Varsity and JV Girls and Boys Basketball, and Elementary Basketball.
Children's Winterfest 2019 is an event facilitated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The event takes place across the three districts of the Leech Lake Reservation. This year's Winterfest locations were District I: Deer River High School / District II: Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School / District III: Cass Lake - Bena High School. The event takes place over three days and is open to everyone.
hockey event into something we feel is special. We also know the culture of basketball in this region and the pride that the Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Nations have for their high school players and teams. It just seemed like a perfect fit,” said Folkestad.

This is also an opportunity for Bemidji State to extend an invitation to youth in these areas to come to campus and experience a small part of campus life by attending an athletic event. We want each of them to develop a comfort level here and maybe even picture themselves as a BSU student some day. We’d love nothing more than to be the University they think of when they consider furthering their education.

The expansion of the event was co-led by the BSU’s athletics department and American Indian Resource Center Director Bill Blackwell, who has been advocating for Bemidji State to become a destination college for American Indian students. Blackwell says the idea to expand Native Nations Night was an easy one for the college to make.

“The success of Native Nations Night for hockey got us to really question, why couldn’t we do this with other sports as well? Basketball—being such a hot bed in the area got us to focus on that. We want to get to the point where we have representation between all the sports, each having American Indian athletes on it and then also the sports, having nights where we do something like this. I look forward to seeing Native Nations Night football, basketball, softball and volleyball. We have native kids in all of our communities who are playing these sports. Who unfortunately don’t get a chance to go watch collegiate teams play. The whole point is to get those students here, see that higher education exists, and that they belong here,” said Blackwell.

Blackwell says events like Native Nations Night are what make students feel at home on campuses and like they are connected to the wider community. “We really look at making Bemidji State a destination for American Indian students holistically. It’s not just academics, it’s not just student services, its campus life. It’s nights like this where students can go and feel a part of campus, where they can hear the flag song, see the colors presented by the Leech Lake Honor Guard. Its nights like this that I think really build community and partnership on our campus. We want every student who comes to Bemidji State to feel like they belong,” said Blackwell.

State of the Band Address

Friday March 29, 2019
10 am until 12 pm
Registration opens at 8 am
Northern Lights Casino
Event Center
Walker, Minnesota
LLTC Lakers Finish in Second Place at NIAC Tournament

Submitted By Damairay Birge

The Leech Lakers Men’s basketball team is coming off of a second place conference tournament finish after losing in the championship game against the number one seed, Sisseton Wahpeton Mustangs. President Raymond Burns states, “What an amazing end to an exciting conference season. Although I’m sure there’s some disappointment with the finish, Coach Fairbanks and the players have nothing to be disappointed about, they represented the Leech Lake Tribal College with an outstanding season and tournament and should hold their heads up high. Go Lakers!”

The Lakers played three tough games and were tested in each of the three matchups. The Lakers won their first game 96-85 at Turtle Mountain. In the second game, another hard fought win against Red River, the Lakers pulled out the two point win, 74-72 after trailing at the half. In the final game for the championship title, the Lakers came back from 17 points down and tied it at the half 45-45, but came up short as the Sisseton Wahpeton Mustangs pulled away late in the second half to win 103-85. When asked about the season, Coach Brady said “I felt like we had a good tournament run. We got into foul trouble and that made us change all of the things that we normally do. It’s the not the outcome we wanted, but we have another shot at a championship next month in AIHEC.”

At the end of the tournament, three of our Laker men received awards, Nathan Howard and Arnold Kingbird who were named to the first team All-Conference, while Alvin Wind was given All-Conference honorable mention.

The Lakers are now preparing for the AIHEC National Tournament being held March 20-24 in Crow Agency, MT.
Obituaries

Thomas Headbird

Thomas Hoss “Migizi” Headbird, age 55, of Cass Lake, began his spiritual journey on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN. He was born on October 7, 1963 in Cass Lake, the son of Emmanuel and Helen (Losh) Headbird.

Hoss grew up in Cass Lake and graduated from the Bug School in 1983. Following school, he became an Archeologist for the Leech Lake Reservation. He was an avid book reader and also a family man who loved being with his kids and grandkids. Hoss also liked spending time in the woods taking pictures of his grandkids and just being in nature. He lived life to the fullest and enjoyed pow-wows, riceing, fishing and being around his family. Hoss made the best fry bread and you could even buy one for a dollar. He will be sadly missed by all his relatives and many friends.

The family that Hoss joins again are his parents, Emmanuel and Helen; brothers, Randy, June, Gander, Birt and Kent Headbird; one sister, Endonis Baird, one grandson, Timothy (Ashley) Adams, Josh Senarighi and Brenton “Food Stamp” Adams; God son, David Dean Roper all of Cass Lake; daughters, Leech Lake Reservation. He was an avid book reader and also a family man who enjoyed pow-wows, riceing, fishing and being around his family. Hoss made the best fry bread and you could even buy one for a dollar. He will be sadly missed by all his relatives and many friends.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his sons, Thomas (Brittany) Adams, Timothy (Ashley) Adams, Josh Senarighi and Jimmy Roper all of Cass Lake; daughters, Tammi (Paul) Adams, Leann Dick and Jamie Roper all of Cass Lake; God son, David Dean of Cass Lake; fourteen grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Hoss will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019, and continue until the Traditional service, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 16, 2019 all held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Spiritual advisor will be Allen Hardy. Pallbearers for Hoss will be Thomas Adams, Timothy Adams, Jim Bellanger, Chuck Headbird, Paul Ortega, Marvin Hanson, Jordan Headbird and Dana Sargent-Dick. Honorary pallbearers will be “All his Grandkids.” Alternate pallbearers will be Josh Senarighi, Brenton “Food Stamp” Headbird, Donnie Harrison, Jim Harrison, Sr., Randy Needham, James Roper, Jr., and Brad Croaker. Interment will be held in the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service.

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

Elizabeth Sherman

Elizabeth “Sandy” Marie Sherman, age 67, “Ozhaawashkogizhig Equay” which means “Blue Sky Woman” of Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from the Sanford Hospital in Bemidji, MN. She was born on April 7, 1951 in Cass Lake, she was one of 13 children born to Thomas and Kate (Johnson) Sherman.

Sandy is welcomed home by her daughter; Lisa Lynn Kurschner, parents; Thomas and Kate Sherman, siblings; Joe, Lyman, Lucille, Mary, Lillian and Marion, great grandson; Ramon Gasca and numerous other family members.

She leaves behind her significant other of 28 years; Arnold Sam of Cass Lake, daughter; Julie (Jose) Kurschner-Pineda of Cass Lake, son; Brian Martin of Minneapolis, step-son; Byron (Sarah) Lunsman of Minneapolis, sisters; Melvina Sherman of Winnie Dam, Helen Smith of Cloquet, Shirley (Mike) Young and Gladys Chase both of Bena, brothers; Frank Sherman and Howard (Joyce) Sherman both of Winnie Dam, 10 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, her four fur babies, many other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Sandy’s Life will begin at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Prescott Community Center (a place she was instrumental in helping to name) in Cass Lake, MN. A meal will be served. Pallbearers for Sandy will be Miguel Carmona, Emilio Carmona, Diego Gasca, Robert Sherman, Amelia Gasca and JaMarcos Prince-Byington. Her honorary pallbearers are Nancy Beaulieu, Vicki Howard, Esther Howard, Nicole Beaulieu, the Line 3 Activists and all her nieces and nephews. Scattering of Sandy’s cremains will take place at a later date.

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

David Keithley

David Benjamin Keithley, age 38, of For Myers Florida, formerly of Grand Rapids, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 16, 2018.

David was born on October 8, 1980, in Newport News, VA, the son of Richard Keithley and Wendy Teal. He moved all over as a child, returning to Minnesota when he was 2, then to Charleston, SC, Lexington Park, MD, and then to Grand Rapids, MN. He attended high school in Grand Rapids and afterwards moved to Fort Myers, FL, where he lived and worked as a carpenter and artist for the past 15 years.

David is survived by his mother, Wendy (Ed Amiot) Garton of Isanti, MN; father; Richard (Kim) Keithley of Florida; stepfather, Don Hengel of Laporte, MN; brothers, Frederick (NICK) Keithley of Cass Lake, MN, and Robert Hengel of Grand Rapids, MN; special nephew, Josiah White; grandparents, Fred and Connie Teal; and aunts and uncles, Roger and Cheri Teal, Laurel Tierney, Marcia Teal, and Janet and Steve Zimney, and Mike Burton, and Judy Kiehtley; as well as many special cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Peter Hengel; nephew, Alex Keithley; grandparents, George and Pearl Teal and Arthur and Katherine Keithley.

Funeral Service will be 10:00 am on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Landmark Baptist Church in Cass Lake, MN, with a time for visitation one hour before the service. Pastor David Yates will be officiating. Burial will take place at Ferris Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN, immediately following the service.

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

John Morrow

John Gene Morrow, “GIINIW”, which means Golden Eagle, age 66, of Bemidji, began his spiritual journey on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at his home with his family by his side. John was born on June 4, 1952 in Cass Lake, the son of Arthur and Mary (Mitchell) Morrow.

John grew up in Cass Lake, then moved to attend school in Boys Town, NE. From there
he attended Brigham Young University in Utah, before returning to Minneapolis where he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He moved to Cass Lake and attended Bemidji State University. John was a consultant for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and helped with a lot of grant writing. Some of the many things he accomplished were the Executive Director at RTC, Dean of Students for the Leech Lake Tribal College eventually becoming president and making the Leech Lake Tribal College an accredited college. He was also an active member of the DFL party and he sat on the ACLU board as Chairman. John was a smart, humorous, kind man who loved people. He had various interests. He enjoyed being an outdoorsman, reading, traveling old country roads, and carpentry work. He even helped build the Grand Casino Hotel in Mille Lacs. John enjoyed photography and used his passion as photographer and editor of the Debahjimon Newspaper in Cass Lake. He was an avid golfer who claimed he could beat anyone. John never looked down on anyone and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The family that John joins again are his parents, Arthur and Mary; sister, Ardith Morrow; brothers, Richard Kaiser, Timothy Simons of Bemidji, Danielle (Kirby) Morrow and Decline Olson; sisters, Marlene Poukka, Jane (Darryl) Bruce, Maria (Gary) Rea, Tracy (Ken) Morrow, Victoria Reich, Jacqueline Morrow, Roberta Morrow, and Elaine (Joe) Rea; grandchildren, Jeremy Morrow, Caleb Olson, Daniel Olson, Charles Leith, Luannadora Graves, Valerie Leith, Terra Matta and Natessa Morrison.

A wake for John will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 28 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, March 1 all to be held at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN. David Northbird will be the Drum Group. Pallbearers for Tom will be Arthur “Stink” Chase, Ronnie Joe Staples, Joe “Weasel” Chase, Ken White, Del Matthews, Rick O’Brien, Mike “Mongo” Allen and David Chase. His honorary pallbearers are all his family and friends. Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery at Bena, MN. Following his burial, all are welcome to Tom’s Farewell Party at the Big Winnie Bar in Bena, MN.

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

Steven Bruce

Steven David Bruce, Sr., age 40, “Nezhikeshimod” which means “He Who Dances Alone”, of Onigum, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, February 21, 2019. His humorous spirit was one of a kind and unforgettable. Steven had a heart of gold and was the most unselfish person you could ever meet. He would give you his last dollar or the shirt off his back to help, if you needed it. Steven was very comical and liked making people laugh. His humor was one of a kind and unforgettable. Steven’s favorite past times were going for long walks, swimming and playing basketball. He also enjoyed his beverages now and again. Steven enjoyed hanging out with his family and friends but he especially loved spending time with his kids.

A wake for Steven will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, February 24 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. traditional services on Tuesday, February 26 all being held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Mike Smith will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers will be Dennis Smith, Ron Counoyer, Anthony “Tony” Bushey, Andre Bell, Chase Johnson and Michael “Mikey” Rice. His honorary pallbearers are Andros, Andrea, DesMarie, Danny, Andre, Jayden, JaeMarie, Sphira, Arianna, Andreas, Brandon, Courtnay, Jasmine, Kyrie, Kiefer, Todd, Jay, Chaskan and Roger “Teets”. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

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

Cindy (Tibbetts) Bebeau

Cindy Lou (Tibbetts) Bebeau, age 59, of Deer River, Minnesota began her journey to the spirit world on Thursday, February 21, 2019...
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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Honorable Paul W. Day Chief Judge of Tribal Court
Honorable Amber Ahola Associate Judge of Tribal Court

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In re: Estate of Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., DOB: 05/23/1961 Decedent

Court File No. CV-19-07

NOTICE

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., died January 13, 2019. 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 5th day of February 2019 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Ronald Staples Jr., surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Emergency Probate Hearing held on February 5, 2019, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Ronald Staples Jr., PO Box 1372, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ronald Joseph Staples Sr., decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Brittany White (aka Littlewolf), and Travis Slack, Parents.

Court File No. CP-17-31

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on February 20, 2019, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child 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-16-18

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 23, 2018, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of: Amanda Lussier and Lawrence Hart, Jr., 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: Vanessa W. White, Parent.

Court File No. CP-17-21

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 3, 2019, an Amended 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


Court File No. CP-18-07

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 17, 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.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child: Chantel Nolvak and Aaron Fairbanks, Parents.

Court File No. CP-18-12

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CP-17-50

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 28, 2019, 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


Court File No. CP-18-18

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on November 15, 2018, an Order for the removal of the child(ren) was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of: Chantel Nolvak and Aaron Fairbanks, 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-15-05

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 6, 2017, a Petition to Suspend Parental
Cindy (Tibbetts) Bebeau

...from St. Mary’s Medical Center in Duluth, MN. She was born on March 20, 1959 in Glendale, CA, the daughter of June (Donnell) and Franklin Tibbetts, Sr.

Family that Cindy is reunited with are her parents; June and Franklin Tibbetts, Sr., brothers; Brian and Franklin Jr., sister; Diane and many more family members.

Cindy leaves behind her husband; Greg Bebeau of Deer River, children; Marcus and Christina Crandall both of Minneapolis and Angela Crandall of Deer River, brothers; Michael (Lindsay Wilson) Tibbetts, Sr. and Richard (Patricia) Wilson, Sr., sisters; Brenda (Freddy) Tibbetts and Crystal (Mark) Tibbetts, three grandsons, one granddaughter and numerous relatives and friends.

An overnight wake for Cindy will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23 and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional services all to be held at the Ball Club Community Center in Ball Club, MN. Waa-majaa’iwed is Steve Jackson. Helping to lay Cindy to rest are Waylon Wilson, Marlon Wilson, Michael Tibbetts, Jr., Nicholas Tibbetts, James Tibbetts and Evan Tibbetts. Her honorary pallbearers are her grandsons Christopher and Alejandro. Interment will be in the Fairbanks Cemetery at Winnie Dam, MN following her Sunday service.

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

Shirley (Tibbetts) Dunn

Shirley Mae (Tibbetts) Dunn, 80, of Cass Lake, Minnesota was surrounded by her family when she went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, February 25, 2019. She was born to Irene (Thompson) and Elmer Tibbetts, Sr. on June 24, 1938 in Cass Lake, MN.

Shirley was born and raised in Cass Lake. In her younger years, she was named the Leech Lake Princess. She was a great provider for her kids by ricing and netting. Shirley cleaned cabins for years before working at the Leech Lake Federal Credit Union. She eventually retired from the Cass Lake IHS as the Dietician. Shirley loved cooking, baking and going to the Palace. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her kids and grandkids. Shirley was known for the great and wise advice she gave to anyone that came to her. She was loved and honored by her family and friends.

Family that she is reunited with again are her daughter; Carla Lynn Dunn, her parents; Irene (Thompson) and Elmer Tibbetts, Sr., siblings; Clarice Murphy, Elmer “Gene” Tibbetts, Barbara Maas, Patricia Tibbetts and Warren Tibbetts and several other family members.

She is survived by her children: Jane (Fisher) Valencia, Glen “Tuffy” Fisher, Jr. and Patsy Kay Fisher, ex-husband; John Dunn, very special friend; Stanley Chief, siblings; Norma (Wayne) Knaczyk, Kenneth, Clyde and Roscoe Tibbetts, 23 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A wake for Shirley will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1 and continue until her 1:00 a.m. funeral on Sunday, March 3 all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Shirley will be Kirby Finn, Pete Maas, Marvin Littlewolf, Tim Connor, Umsy Tibbetts and Rob Finn. Alternate pallbearers are Randy Cloud, Matt Tibbetts, Troy Tibbetts, Travis Tibbetts and Paul Maas. Her honorary pallbearers are Cheryl Dunn, Shirley Fisher-Royal, Donald Wind, Donnie Headbird, Coco Fosstrom, Stan Chief, Sandra Littlewolf, Marion Wind, Karen Wind, Robert Pemberton, Linda Cloud and all of Leech Lake. Interment will be in the Thompson Family Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her Sunday service.

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

Land Owners Workshop


WHEN? 2 Sessions to pick from April 10, 2019 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

WHERE? Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Office 15542 State 371 NW, Cass Lake MN

HOW? Seating is limited. Call now to reserve your seat. 1-218-755-6741

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We are excited that the Healing Pathways project has started again in Leech Lake. If you remember being interviewed and participating in the Healing Pathways study when you were young, the study organizers would like to hear from you now so that a project interviewer can connect with you to tell you more about the project.

To update your contact information, please go to the website:

z.umn.edu/healingpathways

OR

contact Carol Jenkins at: 218-308-3256

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Job Openings: Survey Interviewer

About the Project: “Healing Pathways” is a grant funded research project. This project is a collaborative effort between several American Indian Communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin, First Nations communities in Canada, and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus. The study involves survey interview procedures that will be used to help us better understand wellbeing in early adulthood. This project is an extension of the original Healing Pathways project. All young adults that will be invited to participate were participants in the original project when they were young children.

We are currently looking for more Survey Interviewers in the Leech Lake Area.

Qualifications:
- Understand and be willing to maintain the flexible, part-time nature of the position (needing availability during afternoons, evenings, weekends and mornings)
- Understand the importance of participant confidentiality
- Maintain accurate record-keeping / tracking
- Keep all project materials secure and organized
- Have reliable transportation with valid driver’s license and insurance
- Be comfortable approaching, calling and visiting participant homes for recruitment and data collection
- Be comfortable following written instruction in paper surveys
- Must be able to attend ALL interviewer trainings. Trainings are usually held in the Duluth area. Mileage reimbursement and training payments are included
- Be willing to commit to the project for its duration – data collection started in Summer of 2017 and will continue through 2020
- Be comfortable explaining instructions to participants and answering questions as needed
- Be able to maintain regular communication with UMD project coordinator via email and phone
- Preferably a member of an Ojibwe / Anishinaabe Tribe or Nation
- Must adhere to Leech Lake Reservation drug and alcohol policy

Pay Information:
- Pay rate is $15.50/hour (recorded and submitted on timesheets)
- Mileage will be reimbursed at a rate of 0.58/mile (or current UMN reimbursement rate)
- Timesheets will be processed every 2 weeks (faxed or emailed to UMD staff for processing)
- Check payments will be mailed from University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus

To Apply:
- Email a letter of intent and / or resume to Carol Jenkins at cjenkins@paulbunyan.net
- Deadline to apply is Friday, March 2019
- Any questions may be directed to Carol Jenkins at 218-308-3256
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MARCH 19TH 2019
11:00AM - 2:00PM

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Contact: Rita Schuldt - 218-335-4546
Amanda Shongo - 218-335-4524

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THIRD PARTY COMMENTS
Leech Lake Tribal College announces that the Higher Learning Commission will be hosting a comprehensive evaluation of its accreditation status on April 29 – 30, 2019.

This evaluation will seek to insure that the college has rectified those issues which placed it on Probation through the Higher Learning Commission. As part of the Evaluation, the Higher Learning Commission provides the opportunity for Third-Parties to provide written comments on Leech Lake Tribal College. These comments are then shared with the Higher Learning Commission’s Evaluation Team and the College. The comments should be on substantive matters related to the academic programs offered by the College.

If you would like to leave a comment, you can do so by mailing directly to the following address:
Third-Party Comment on Leech Lake Tribal College
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

Or by going to their website at (copy and paste the URL):
https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/third-party-comment.html

Or go to the Higher Learning Commission website (www.hlcommission.org) and enter Third-Party Comments into the Search box.

Deadline for submitting comments is April 1, 2019.
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Correctly guess if your next card will be higher or lower and win.

**HIGHER OR LOWER**

**WEEKLY**
6pm-11pm
Fridays & Saturdays
THROUGH MARCH 9

WIN UP TO $1,000
10 WINNERS EACH NIGHT!

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MARCH 14

WIN UP TO $2,500
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MARCH 14

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2PM–6:30PM

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