Indigenous Peoples’ Movement March Held in Bemidji

By Kayla Duos

BEMIDJI – The Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center, Deer River High School Ogichiidaag Club and other allies joined together Friday, January 18 in Bemidji for the Indigenous Peoples Movement March.

Friday’s event was held simultaneously with a national march in Washington, DC. The march aimed to highlight problems affecting Indigenous communities across the world. Issues the movement hoped to bring awareness to include: voter suppression, divided families, environmental protection efforts and the Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement. The national march defined itself as a grassroots effort between coordinators at all levels from activists, influencers, youth, to state and tribal leaders.


February 22 is the Anniversary of 1855 Treaty Signing

The Treaty of Washington, commonly referred to as the 1855 Treaty, was signed on February 22 between the United States Government and representatives of the Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish and Mississippi bands of Ojibwe.

This treaty established a reservation at Leech Lake for the Pillager & Lake Winnibigoshish bands and a reservation at Mille Lacs for the Mississippi bands. These reservations were established a full three years before Minnesota was admitted to the Union and recognized as a State in 1858.

Much of the land in what would become Minnesota was acquired earlier through treaties with the Ojibwe in 1837 and 1854, and treaties with the Dakota in 1851 (see Left graphic).
“Madwewe – It Is Heard”

Sounds of Indigenous culture exhibit opens at Watermark Center

By Kayla Duoos

BEMIDJI – The Bemidji Watermark Art Center held an artist reception on Friday January 11, in the Miikanan gallery for their new exhibit “Madwewe – It Is Heard.”

The multimedia exhibit features work by Rod Northbird, Kent Estey, Angela Two Stars and Xilam Balam Ybarra. The exhibit looks at the way indigenous people make themselves heard through culture, songs, words and sounds.

The Madwewe exhibit has been under development for over a year according to Program Director Karen Goulet, who conceptualized the piece from her interest in the way culture is experienced through sound.

“I went into this exhibit thinking about the sounds of our culture. The music, the words, the images that represent sound. I knew what I wanted to see and I knew which artists fit this idea. I think the significance of this exhibit would be the idea that these things we’ve always had whether that be ours drums, our songs, or our music is very contemporary. It’s what carries us forward,” said Goulet.

Featured Artist and Leech Lake Band member Rod Northbird provided four distinct hand drums for the exhibit. Rod has been proudly making his own drums for years and says he learned to make drums through a lot of trial and error.

“Growing up I sang with Whitefish Bay, and other big name drums who traveled the Powwow circuit and I was always fascinated with the hand drums. I always wanted to make one and I’d spend hours looking at them, making diagrams, thinking how I would do it. Finally I went and bought materials and got what I needed. I went home and laced my first drum. It wasn’t the best drum appearance wise but it once it dried — it had the sound I wanted. I was really happy and proud. I took that drum with me everywhere. One of my friends even traded me drums because he liked the way it sounded. Then when I had his drum, I took it home and I took it apart. I took it apart to figure out how he put it together. Most cases if you can take something apart in good spirits, you should be able to put it back together and I did. So now when I lace a drum, I always try and incorporate what I learned from others,” said Northbird.

Northbird who also teaches drum and dance at Walker High School says his interest in sharing his techniques in drum-making came from family.

“Twenty years ago If I had been asked to do this exhibit, I would have never been able to share anything. I was young, and I wanted to be the one. The one who knew all of the songs, the one who had all of the knowledge, on how to make hand drums. It was my uncle, Louis Northbird who set me on a different path. He was always supportive of what I did. He told me when I was making a drum, “you’re going to show me how to do this one day” and I said no, I’ll just give you one and he told me “no, thats easy to give a drum,” said Northbird.

“When I brought him his drum in the hospital, he was alert and how I had laced the drum. It made me wonder how many times have I passed up someone who wants to learn, that wants to sing, or someone who can be inspired to do so. Your gift, you are given that for a reason. I had to learn how to use it and when to use it. Now, I teach drum and dance at the Walker High School and we make hand drums every year. In a way, its giving back to the things that got me where I needed to be,” said Northbird.

“When he got really sick, my mother told me he kept asking about a drum, so I started thinking about what he said. How things are always easy, how you can go to a store and everything’s there. So I went and made a frame and I traded a drum to get a hide for him and I made him his own drum”.

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Attendees can meet Northbird and the other featured artists during a February 7 lecture held at the Center as well as at a secondary reception March 1, that will feature a special presentation by Xilam Balam Ybarra.

The Madwewe exhibit will be on display until March 30.
Top State Education Officials Visit Leech Lake Tribal College

Minnesota Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker and Office of Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson visited Leech Lake Tribal College on Friday, February 1st.

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The newly appointed commissioners’ visit comes as part of an ongoing effort from the MN Department of Education to meet with teachers, parents, staff, students and community members across the state to learn how to better serve constituents.

Friday’s visit consisted of a lunch, tour of the campus, and meetings with students as well as staff to learn about the colleges on-going programs. A question and answer session was also held for Rickers and Olson to receive public input.

Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker, who previously held positions on the Education Minnesota Governing Board and Education Minnesota’s statewide Professional Advocacy members committee, says meeting with constituents is a priority to her as a former teacher and that meetings like this are apart of the new administration’s plans.

“Commissioner Olson and I were really excited to be able to visit together. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Flanagan’s administration believes in intentional work across all of their departments. They want commissioners to work together to solve problems for Minnesotans. Very often, as we heard on this tour today, an idea, a promise or an opportunity for our students in the pre K-12 system can just as easily become a promise, or opportunity for a student in higher education as well,” said Rickers.

Office of Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson says he has talked with both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the importance and uniqueness of tribal college systems. Olson previously served as executive director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and former director of Indian Education at the MN Department of Education.

“In early discussions with Governor Walz and Lieutenant Flanagan, they had asked me what I knew about tribal colleges, and the tribal college system and thankfully my previous work in Indian Country and in Indian Education prepared me to understand what’s really unique about the tribal college systems. I relayed to the governor and lieutenant governor, that tribal colleges are about community. It’s about being grounded and rooted in Native and Anishinabe values. When I come here, and when I realize I’m in Leech Lake on a tribal college campus – to me it feels like home. It feels natural. You see that culture in the reflections here. On the walls, in the name plates, to see “biindigen” on the front door. Come on in, welcome home and I think that’s what unique about tribal colleges, and certainly about Leech Lake,” said Olson.

Olson also emphasized his belief in the importance of community values that tribal colleges have and how he hopes other higher education systems can one day replicate those concepts.

“For many of the students here, they truly feel at home and like commissioner Rickers said for lot of the support services that we heard about here today. You’re not just looking at a segment of a student, you’re really understanding that the student has a family and other obligations and you’re taking care of that whole student here. It’s truly a community model. I think these are things here that I’ve seen today and that I know of tribal college systems that would be amazing to replicate in other higher ed settings,” said Olson.

During the hour long question and answer session, Rickers and Olson answered many questions about the integration of culture with education, how they plan to work with the tribal entities in Minnesota, and the need to expand support services for struggling students.

Many in attendance also stressed the importance of the commissioners returning and using the band and the Tribal College as resources moving forward when it comes to Indian Education.

Leech Lake Tribal College President, Raymond Burns who helped orchestrate the meeting believes the visit to the college reinforces the ideas Walz presented during his campaign trail of working closely with tribes in the state and is a successful first step in the right direction.

“To host an event like this, which is actually the first event they’ve done together, really validates the role of tribal colleges in Minnesota education. It really was an empowering moment for the college and I appreciate Governor Walz and Lieutenant Flanagan for pushing to have this event. We really want to work in getting more of our culture out to the overall community so that there’s more understanding and not so much strife between communities but at the same time we want to educate our own, get our people out there and this is a good step in that direction.”
1855 Treaty Continued.

The United States wanted further access to lucrative logging and mining opportunities in north-central Minnesota, the 1855 treaty fulfilled their desires.

Hoping to avoid a similar situation to 1854 treaty negotiations, in which thousands of Ojibwe traveled to La Pointe to voice their concerns, the U.S. Government invited a small number of Ojibwe leaders to Washington D.C. The true purpose of their visit was kept secret from them until their arrival in the nation’s Capitol.

Negotiations were held for three days, from February 17 to February 20, 1855. In the end, a majority of the land in this territory was ceded to the United States with the exception of the newly established Leech Lake and Mille Lacs reservations.

Treaty Rights

While both the 1837 and 1854 included stipulations that the Ojibwe would retain their hunting and fishing rights in the ceded territory, the 1855 did not explicitly state this. This led to legal battles that are still being decided in court cases between band members and various county and state agencies.

At issue, are the usufructuary rights of Ojibwe band Members to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded in the 1855 treaty.

In a highly publicized decision, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed these rights for the Mille Lacs band in their 1999 decision, see quote to the right.

Established in 2010, the 1855 Treaty Authority is leading the fight to have these rights legally recognized. The group includes members from the Ojibwe communities of East Lake, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Sandy Lake and White Earth. Twenty or so members meet monthly to work on strategies to force a legal decision on the matter and put the issue to rest once and for all.

Their most effective tactic to date, is public demonstrations of off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights throughout the ceded territory. These demonstrations have included setting net and harvesting wild rice. The participating tribal members hope to receive citations from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or county officials. The 1855 Treaty Authority then represents these Band members in state court, with the hope that a decision will be issued and elevated all the way to the United States Supreme Court in the same manner as the Mille Lacs Decision.

“The Anishinaabe-Ojibwe derive these rights from Gitchi Manidoo, the creator. These rights predate contact with the Europeans” says Bedonahkwaad, Dale Greene, 1855 Treaty Authority board member and enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. “The concept of land ownership was such a foreign idea to the Indians at that time, How can you own the land? Will you pick it up and bring it with you wherever you go?”

He further states; “We maintained the right of occupancy, the right to exist off of our resources. The right to hunt, fish, gather and travel were unalienable to the Indians. The 1855 is important because it does not state that we are giving up any of these rights in the ceded territories. That’s the bottom line. We’ve already won, we are just waiting for the decision.”

Another crucial factor in the interpretation of the 1855 treaty is what is known as the reserved rights doctrine, which holds that any rights that are not specifically addressed in a treaty are reserved to the tribe. In other words, treaties outline the specific rights that the tribes gave up, not those that they retained.

The courts have consistently interpreted treaties in this fashion, beginning with United States v. Winans (1905), in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a treaty is “not a grant of rights to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them.” Any right not explicitly extinguished by a treaty or a federal statute is considered to be “reserved” to the tribe.

“In 1837, the United States entered into a Treaty with several Bands of Chippewa Indians. Under terms of this Treaty, the Indians ceded land in present-day Wisconsin and Minnesota to the United States, and the United States guaranteed to the Indians certain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on the ceded land.

We must decide whether the Chippewa Indians retain these usufructuary rights today. The State of Minnesota argues that the Indians lost these rights through an Executive Order in 1850, and 1855 Treaty, and the admission of Minnesota into the Union in 1858.

After an examination of the historical record, we conclude that the Chippewa retain the usufructuary rights guaranteed to them under the 1837 Treaty”.

–Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, U.S Supreme Court, 1999

Indigenous Peoples’ March Continued.

The Bemidji march began at Paul and Babe and ended at the American Indian Resource Center on the Bemidji State University campus. Despite the freezing temperatures the walk had many participants—including many students from the surrounding high schools.

Bemidji State University Recruiter Sage Davis, who organized and coordinated the Bemidji event says bringing the march to Bemidji was a collaborative effort between the community and educational institutions in the area. Davis hopes the march will not only bring attention the issues but also will help show students how higher education can help them make a difference in their communities.

“I’m excited to be a part of this movement that’s happening, it was an idea that was brought to me by my sister and her students from the Deer River High-School. They wanted to participate in this moment that’s happening all across the nation. There are 12 other marches that are happening this week. I think it says a lot too that we’re here in Bemidji, Minnesota—a small town. That we’re to be able to come together and show our love and support for everyone,” says Davis.

Davis believes the issues that the march is aiming to highlight aren’t ones that many who are involved within the community are unfamiliar with, but they are issues that the wider population need to start taking an interest in.

“A lot of people know why we’re here today. It has to do with being a family. There are a lot issues happening right now
that are affecting Indigenous people. We have people at the border seeking asylum who are being met with violent forces, our waters are being poisoned by pipelines and oil companies are coming through our land wanting to dig up our mother earth. The MMIW Movement—we (Indigenous Women) are the most likely to be kidnapped or trafficked and one of the leading causes of Native American Women's death is murder. That is a call for help not only for Indigenous People but for our allies. We need everyone's help to call attention to these issues,”

Deer River High School Cultural Arts Teacher, Lavender Hunt who led her students in Friday’s march, says her students have been passionate about being involved in the movement and making their voices heard after hearing about the march from a guest lecturer at school.

“My friend Jen, who is one of the DC March organizers emailed me about this movement prior, and I asked her to come talk to my students about it. She talked about the different issues and the experiences she had during Standing Rock and my students were really inspired and motivated by it. They knew they didn't have the funds to go to Washington DC, so they were like, what can we do? How can we participate? She advised us to host a solidarity march. We’ve been busy working on signs, and our flag. We have over 550 Native American Students at our school now and our administrators have been really supportive about the cultural education and curriculum we've been teaching. What we've been finding is that the cultural education has been awakening our student's self-identity in being Anishinaabe and showing them how important learning your about culture and that way of life is.”

Hunt says it’s important for students to be given the chance to find their cultural identity and talk about these issues in an education setting. Even more so that administration and adults are supportive of students doing so.

“It says a lot to our children to be here today. There’s a lot of teachings in motion here. All of the schools and education programs that came forward to be here is really fantastic. As Anishinaabe people we don’t just walk in one world, and we want to come together today and show everyone what a beautiful red road we live as Anishinaabe people,” said Hunt.

Following the march, high school students from Remer, Deer River, Bagley, Trek North and Bemidji were given the chance to speak in front of attendees and share why they chose to walk. Xavier, a senior from Bemidji High School who is a member of the schools “Seventh Generation” group took the stand to represent his classmates.

“We chose to walk today to bring pride to our ancestors. I myself, come from Seminole-Lenape and Dakota people. We want to show those like my little brothers and my younger classmates that it’s okay to feel pride for your indigenous ancestors. It’s okay to feel empathy for those down south and for those who are cold and hungry.”

Many of the students who attended the march were accompanied by staff from their respective schools and all were given the opportunity to ask Native professors from the university questions directly about their programs while enjoying a meal provided by the American Indian Resource Center.

Bemidji State University AIRC Director Bill Blackwell says there was no hesitation about the AIRC’s involvement and that giving the students a platform to speak on issues in Indian Country is always a goal for the center.

“The AIRC gets asked to do a lot of different events and this was one we felt fit into our mission really well. Anything we can do to bring in potential students and community members is a good thing. We want even our current students to understand that when there are issues on the national scene as far as Indian Country is concerned—BSU and the AIRC will be reactive to it”

Blackwell says giving the students the chance to speak in front of their community is one of the ways the AIRC aims to meet goals regarding Native American student needs.

“One of the things we try hard to focus on is the recruitment and retention of Native American students. Recruitment events at the AIRC aren't just having students on campus to take a tour and have them see the facilities. It's about days like today, where it's an event that's close and personal to them. It's days like our quiz bowl—where we invite students to campus to compete in cultural and language questions. It's very meaningful to us. We want to be known as a school that's a destination college for American Indian students, and you don't get to that point without having events like today, where students are allowed to express themselves and are given a platform to talk about things in Indian Country.

To learn more about the Indigenous Peoples’ Movement Day March, you can visit: http://indigenouspeoplesmovement.com
Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Anishinaabe Knowledge Bowl Team has begun their season. Members are: Cecelia Meat, Nahnny Beaulieu-Banks, Hellenea Roybal, Jill Butcher, Hunter Jackson, Payton Goodman Thunder, and Ben Meat. The team will compete against approximately 18 teams from throughout Minnesota at meets during the school year.

**Three Pathways to Graduation Implemented at Bug O Nay Ge Shig**

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School is pleased to announce that it has begun implementation of the “Three Pathways to Graduation.” The three pathways are: The College Pathway, The Career / Vo-Tech Pathways and The Indigenous Pathway. Each has a number of choices specific to their chosen pathway. This gives students more classes that fit into their career goals while still gaining the credits needed for graduation. The Bug O Nay Ge Shig staff has worked for the last year to develop required courses and electives that fit into each pathway.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Middle School Youth Leaders sponsored a Holiday Store for the Elementary students. They solicited donations of new and gently used gifts that students could give to their loved ones. All gifts were 25 cents and were wrapped by the Youth Leaders.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig’s Family Fun Night on Thurs. 12/20 was a big success. Families enjoyed a ham dinner, family photos, games, sled dogs, crafts, a basketball tourney, information tables and of course, Santa. Gil Applebee provided that holiday music and Image Photography provided the family pictures.
Austin Loney has been selected as Leech Lake Tribal Colleges January Student of the Month. LLTC’s student of the month honorees are selected based on good grades and consistent attendance.

Loney is a 2nd year, Forest Ecology student who is expected to graduate May of 2019. Loney has kept consistent grades all 3 semesters he has attended, and has never earned below a B. Loney loves the outdoors and has worked with the forestry department for three summers. Following graduation, Loney hopes to transfer to Salish Kootenai College and earn a bachelor’s degree in Forestry Management.
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 to download application and requirements. We also provide home-buyer training, assist clients with home inspections and construction counseling.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation
First-Time Homebuyer Education Classes

Saturday, March 9, 2019
or
Saturday, April 20, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building
15542 State 371 NW
Cass Lake, Minnesota

First-time Homebuyer Education is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for qualified buyers.

Please reserve your spot in this free class with Cyndi Cwikla at 218-335-8582, extension 150 or ccwikla@mnchippewatribe.org
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**Leech Lake Tribal Police Department Tips**

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department would like to keep an open line of communication with community members and remind them there are numerous ways to provide anonymous information regarding the sales/use of illegal drugs, violent crime and Gangs in the area. Many times these anonymous tips can help steer law enforcement in the right direction on when and where to look for individuals. Below is a list of different resources to provide tips anonymously and/or with a name and contact number if willing to.

**Leech Lake Tribal Police Department**
Leech Lake Tribal Police Facebook Page-Private Message
*TIPS@LLPOLICE.ORG*
(218)-335-6315-Narcotics Investigator Olson

**Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force**
Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force Facebook Page-Private Message

**Crime Stoppers of Minnesota**
Hotline -1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
Submit a Tip Online
Sandra Houle

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Cody Houle, grandson William “Billy” Benson, brother Robert Browneagle, sister Lois Browneagle Fremont, nephews Anthony Browneagle, Robert Johnson Browneagle, Adrian Dunn, and Auntie Anna Blanchard Browneagle.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Gerald Browneagle, Bobby Joe Houle, Harvey Houle, Barb Haugen, Debbie Brown, Angela Browneagle, Anita Dunn, Bea Dunn, and Darlene Cloud.

Active Casketbearers will be: Jesse Dunn, Dana Sargent, Johnson Browneagle, Joe Brown, Dan White, Shane Roy, alternates: John Dunn, Jason Dunn, and Dallas Bringsthem.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Joaquin Capitaine

Joaquin Mendez Capitaine, young age of 28, “Makade Bines” which means “Black Thunder” of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, December 30, 2018 from his home. He was born on October 28, 1990.

Joaquin was born in Minneapolis, MN but was raised and went to school in Cass Lake. He was a strong soul who loved listening to his rap music and spending time with his nieces and nephews. Joaquin was a loving son, brother and uncle whose smile will be missed by all.

He is welcomed to the spirit world by his grandparents; Delores and Laverne Morrow, niece; Kree Kangas and nephew; Pablo Mosso.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his mother; Joan Capitaine, parents; Francis and Eileen Kangas, siblings; Jamie (Rodolfo) Tapia-Morrow of Minneapolis, Sergio (Brittany) Capitaine of Minneapolis, Angelina Capitaine of Minneapolis, Susana (Rodney) Capitaine of Red Lake, Jennifer (Derrick) Morrow of Montgomery, Miguel Kangas-Capitaine of Cass Lake, Victor Capitaine of Minneapolis, Alejandro Capitaine of Minneapolis and Juan Rojas of Minneapolis, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A wake for Joaquin will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 3 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. traditional services on Saturday, January 5 all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Mike Dahl will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Joaquin will be Sergio Capitaine, Miguel Kangas, Alix Capitaine, Juan “Choo Choo” Rojas, Rode Tapia, Raie Andrews and Antonio Morrow. His honorary pallbearers are Francis Kangas, Eileen Kangas, Brenda Morrow, DJ Kangas, Shirley Gomez, Jamie Tapia-Morrow, Angelina Capitaine, Alicia Morrow, Diego Tapia and Walter Tapia.

Interment will be in the Fairbanks Family Burial Grounds in Cass Lake, MN.

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

Ronald Staples Sr.

Ronald Joseph Staples, Sr., age 57, of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Ron was the son of Edna Marie (Sayers) and LeRoy Staples, Sr. He was born in Minneapolis, MN on May 23, 1961.

Ronald was a hard working man that loved to be surrounded by his family. He loved to play men’s league pool and enjoy the company of his close friends. Ronald gave 23 years of his life to Leech Lake Gaming as an IT Tech. He loved his children and grandchildren greatly. Ronald was known for his hard work and his outgoing personality. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Ron is welcomed to the spirit world by his father; LeRoy Staples, Sr., granddaughter; Maliyah Rose Jackson and many other relatives.

He leaves behind his sons; Ronald (Virginia) Staples, Jr. of Cass Lake, Andrew Staples of Cass Lake, Kevin (Nicole) Jackson of Inger, Shawn (Amanda) Staples, Sr. of Bemidji, Joshua LaDuke of Cass Lake and Nicholas (Maiingan) Staples of Cass Lake, brothers; LeRoy and Leon Staples, sisters; Carol Lee, Donna “Jeanie” and Mona Staples and Arlene (Rick) Haaland, 12 grandchildren; Rylea, Raynie, Baby Ron, Kenneth, Leondre, Lenny, Kane, Davon, Shawn Jr., Everett, Ezekiel and Oliver, auntie; Caroline Hulett, numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

A wake for Ron will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17 and continue until his 11:00 a.m. traditional service on Saturday, January 19 all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Ron will be his sons, Ronald Staples, Jr., Andrew Staples, Kevin Jackson, Shawn Staples, Sr., Joshua LaDuke and Nicholas Staples. Alternate pallbearer is LeRoy Staples, Jr. His honorary pallbearers are all his family. Inurnment will be in the Fairbanks Family Burial Grounds at a later date.

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

Norman Cloud


Norman graduated from Mankato High School and attended Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence Kansas where he obtained his Master’s Degree in
Anthropology. He joined the U.S. Navy and served for two years before returning home to Cass Lake. Norman, Jim Jones, Jr. and Joe Nadeau were very instrumental in starting and teaching Anthropology to the Leech Lake Reservation. Norman enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews who he cherished immensely. He liked spending time with his friends and family. Norman was a very quiet man who had a big heart. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

The family that Norman joins again are his parents; Silas and Rose, brothers; Richard and Walter Cloud, sisters; Fayette Cloud and Marilyn Cloud-Kingbird.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his sisters; Birdena (Mike Myers) Lyons of Cass Lake, Darlene Cloud of Marshall, MN, Phyllis (Jeff Hess) Cloud of Pequot Lakes, Janet Cloud of Bemidji, and Sharlene Cloud of St. Peter, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A wake for Norman will begin at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Thursday, January 17, all held at the Bena Community Center in Bena. Spiritual Advisor will be Mike Dahl. Pallbearers for Norman will be Art Jones, Andy Jones, Jim Jones, Jr., Joe Nadeau, Logan Cloud, and Landyn Cloud. Honorary pallbearers at all his nieces, nephews and his friends. Alternate pallbearer will be Steven Hardy. Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery in Bena following the service on Thursday.

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

Franklyn Sherman JR.

Franklyn Sherman, Jr. 35, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Winnie Dam, Minnesota.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, August 24, 2018, at the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, under the guidance of Officiate Steven Jackson of Inger. Interment is at the George Johnson Memorial Cemetery at Winnie Dam. Arrangements by Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River.

Frankie was born on May 21, 1983, to Frank Sherman, Sr. of Winnie Dam and Evelyn Howard whom now resides in Bemidji. He went to school in Deer River and later graduated from Cass Lake/Bena High School Class of 2001.

Frank precedes his infant son, Jordan Sherman and maternal grandparents Doris Mae and Ernest Howard, Jr. and paternal grandparents Katie and Thomas Sherman.

Frank’s work experience was as archeology technician - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Heritage Sites Program and Casino Security Manager - Leech Lake Gaming Division - both jobs of which Frank made close friendships. Frank’s cousins were very close to him and greeted him as “Sherm”. Frank enjoyed spending time outdoors and always looked forward to ricing season.

Frank adores his children: teenage son, Franklyn Sherman III, (Bobbi Jo), a younger son, Brandon Sherman and daughter, Jaymie Sherman (Ruth) and a younger daughter, Baylee Sherman (Jess). Frank’s sisters are: Lisa Ogimaakwe Kingfisher (Jo Nathan) and Jacklyn Faye Sherman. His special nieces include: Larissa Leigh Dunn, Mikayla Marie Jones and Waabigwan Kingfisher. Nephews that Frank also held close to his heart are: Lucias Anthony Herron and Aaddingokaa Kingfisher.

Pallbearers at Frank’s funeral were: Thor Olmanson, Brad White, Scott Whitebird, Anthony King, Perry Sherman and Thomas Sherman.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Ben Fairbanks, John Fairbanks, Rhonda Dick, Jeremy Gogglye, Derek Howard, Justin Howard, Jerod Howard, Doug Howard, Gin Howard, Freda Littlewolf, Jessica Connor, Carolyn Rice, Janelle Johnson, Stan Howard, Jr., Will Howard, Pat Howard, Robert Sherman, Michelle Grauman, Kelly Fisherman and Troy Bowstring.

Thomas Drumbeater

Thomas William Drumbeater, age 71, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, began his journey to the spirit world from his home on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Thomas was born on July 10, 1947 to William and Julia (Mitchell) Drumbeater in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Thomas grew up in Federal Dam and later moved with his family to Remer. Thomas attended elementary and high school in Cass Lake. When the family moved to Minneapolis, Thomas met and married Joyce Drumbeater, the mother of his two children Tammi and Thomas. He later met Elenor Jack, his special friend with whom he had two children Jamie and Thomas. Thomas worked as a factory worker and laborer. At age 32, Thomas was permanently disabled in an accident and lived his years in and out of rest homes in the Twin Cities area.

Thomas loved boxing, attending powwows, and playing pool. He volunteered at the Native American Indian Center in Minneapolis mentoring young boys in boxing. He is remembered as being fun-loving with a good sense of humor.

Thomas is welcomed to the spirit world by his mother and father; brothers Charles, Patrick and Joseph; and sister Caroline. He will be remembered by his children: sons Thomas Drumbeater and Thomas Jack and daughters Tammi Miller and Jamie Jack; grandchildren Kaaynen and Kaayllah Escobedo and Dominic Mike, great-granddaughter Kehlani Escobedo; sisters Marilyn (Bruce Anderson) Drumbeater and Roxanne Drumbeater; and special nephew David Drumbeater.

A wake for Thomas will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, at the Mission Community Center, Cass Lake, and continue until the service at 10:00am on Friday, January 18, also at the Community Center. Serving as spiritual leader will be Steve Jackson. Burial will follow at the Boy Lake Cemetery, Boy Lake. Pallbearers for Thomas will be Bruce Anderson, Jerome Anderson, Jeremy Drumbeater, Miles Drumbeater, Tyrell Mitchell, and David Drumbeater. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dallas Thompson, Kaaynen Escobedo, and Dominic Mike.

The Drumbeater family has entrusted arrangements to the Dennis Funeral Home, Walker, Minnesota.
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

**CASE NO. CV-19-03**

*In the Matter of: Kenneth Johnson Sr., Petitioner, And Dora M. White, Respondent*

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In the Matter of the Welfare of
find you in default and enter an
because you are a party to this
and time. The telephone num-
New, ext. 5774 to receive a copy of the petition and orders issued by the Court. If you fail to
for this hearing the Court may
you in default and enter an order
You are served with this notice
as a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear
for this hearing the Court may
you in default and enter an order
Leech
Lake Tribal Court regarding
the child(ren) of: Chantel No-
ak and Aaron Fairbanks, Par-

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified
that on January 28, 2019, a
Petition to Transfer Per-
manent Legal and Physical
 Custody was filed in Leech
Lake Tribal Court regarding
the children of the above-named
parents. Please contact Leech
Lake Tribal Court Administra-
tion for the next hearing date
and time. The telephone num-
ber is (218) 335-3682 or 3586.
You are served with this notice
because you are a party to this
proceeding. If you fail to appear
for this hearing the Court may
find you in default and enter an
order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of
Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of
the child(ren) of: Chantel No-
ak and Aaron Fairbanks, Par-

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified
that on January 3, 2019, an Amend-
ed Petition to Transfer Per-
manent Legal and Physical
 Custody was filed in Leech
Lake Tribal Court regarding
the child(ren) of the above-named
parents. Please contact Leech
Lake Tribal Court Administra-
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order against you.

In the Matter of the Welfare
of the child(ren) of: Mariza R.
Brown, Parent.

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified
that on November 28, 2018,
an Emergency Child/Family
Protection Petition was filed in
Leech Lake Tribal Court regard-
ing the child(ren) of the above-
named parents. Please con-
tact Leech Lake Tribal Court
Administration for the next
hearing date and time. The
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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of
Ojibwe in Tribal Court

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT
CHILDREN’S COURT

In the Matter of the Welfare of: JN, DOB: 07/22/2013,
TN, DOB: 09/01/2012 and DH III, DOB: 10/29/2015

And Concerning: Nicole Grace Jackson, Roger William Nett, and David Russell Hartland Jr.

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 suspending your
parental rights.

NOTICE: VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF
COURT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER VI OF THE WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA JUDICIAL
CODE. THE COURT MAY FIND THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IN CONTEMPT FOR
FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN PARTY TO THIS PROCEEDING HAS THE RIGHT TO
COUNSEL. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE YOUR OWN ATTORNEY THE COURT SHALL
APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU.

Dated: January 17, 2019
Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Attorney for the White Earth Band of Chippewa
Indian Child Welfare Department
MN I.D. 0388656

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Onigum Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 19-006
Construction Manager Assistant ~ Administration ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-163
Advocate (2) ~ Human Services/Family Violence Program ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-180
MHWH Technician (3) ~ Human Services/AED ~ $12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-179
Cook – Inger ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-174
Compliance/Legal Officer ~ TERO/Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-173
Child Care Specialist ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-171B
18-168
SLD Maternal Support Specialist (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-165
Baseline Services Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-163
Driver Operator ~ Tribal Roads ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-161B
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
Advance Practitioner (2) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-145
Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-140
Cash 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 Care Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-136
Cass Lake Infant Toddler Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-133
Cash Management Clerk ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-124
CD 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: 18-102C
Cass Lake Pre School Teacher (2) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-099
Pre School Teacher ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: Cass Lake: 18-095
YouthBuild Construction Trainer ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-080B
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-079
Youth Activities Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: Cass Lake
South: 18-064B, Mission 18-063, Sugar Point: 18-062B
Bena/Sugar Point Family Service Advocate ~ Education ~ $12.00/hr. ~ Job Code: 18-054
Claims Specialist ~ Finance ~ D.O.Q. ~ Job Code: 18-018B
LLTC Lakers Game Recap
January 12-13, 2019

By Kayla Duos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal College Lakers men's basketball team split a pair of wins and losses during Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13 games.

LLTC dominated their Saturday game but fell Sunday in their first conference loss (13-1) to the Red River College Rebels, after keeping a narrow lead over the Canadian team for the first three quarters of the two game series.

The Lakers came out ready to play during Saturday’s game, keeping a nearly even score for the first half of the game, ending the first quarter 41-40.

Second quarter started out shaky as the Lakers lost their narrow lead to the Rebels with 3 three-pointers right out the gate. Freshman Arnold Kingbird led the Lakers back from a small deficit, scoring 12 points in the 20 minute period, giving the Lakers the momentum to take back their lead.

Also making their way onto the score board were Seniors Nathan Howard, Alvin Wind and Freshman Javon Rogers.

LLTC went home with a victory ending the game 80-74, but came up short Sunday ending the series 74-72.

The Lakers will play the Canadian Mennonite University Blazers January 18 and 19 at the Cass Lake-Bena High School, beginning Friday at 8pm and continuing Saturday at 2pm.
District III Rep. Donates to CLB Athletics and Cass Lake Area Food Shelf

Cass Lake bena athletics: $2,000 | Cass Lake Area Food Shelf: $1,500

Donations made in December of 2018.
PRESIDENTS’ DAY
No Limit Hold’em
$20,000 PRIZE POOL
MONDAY, FEB. 18th
Registration: 10am**
Time: 12pm
(Late entry allowed through 1st break)
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- $1600 Tournament Chips
- Dealer Add-on: $10.
- 5000 Tournament Chips
- Free lunch 11am-1pm.
- One re-entry allowed.

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APRIL 12TH
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MMA MEET & GREET
MARCH 23RD
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WALKER, MN

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JOKES & POCKETS
TATTOO CONVENTION
NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO
MAY 17 (NOON-1AM)
MAY 18 (10AM-1AM)
MAY 19 (10AM-7PM)

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