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Band Members gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Leech Lake Market.
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The History of Native American Heritage Month
By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – November marks not only election season and Thanksgiving, but also Native American Heritage Month. A celebration of all things Indigenous.

Native American Heritage month has been a recurring monthly event in November since April 3, 1990 when former President H.W. Bush signed a resolution declaring November “Native American Heritage Month.”

On November 1, 2021 Minnesota Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan marked the start of the month with an official proclamation recognizing Tribal Communities. Flanagan, who is celebrating her third year in office, said “Native American Heritage Month is when we acknowledge and honor the deep, rich Native American history in Minnesota and celebrate our continued existence and resistance as contemporary people. This month, and every month, I’m proud to be Indigenous.”

Timeline of events leading up to Native American Heritage Month as it is today

1912 Dr. Parker and Boy scouts of America set aside day in Honor of the first Americans.
1915 Lawrence, Kansas approves American Indian Day within the State.
1919 Several States follow suit with Kansas declaring days in early September honoring America’s first people.
1924 All Native Americans born in the U.S. are granted citizenship.
1986 President Reagan signs resolution designating November 23-30 American Indian Week.
1990 President George H.W. Bush approves resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.”

In Acknowledgement of Treaty Boundaries, Signs Installed Along Minnesota Roadsides by MNDOT
By Kayla Duoos

GRAND PORTAGE – The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) has placed road signs acknowledging 1854 treaty boundaries, with 11 more to follow.

The 1854 treaty signed by Grand Portage, Bois Forte Band, and Fond du Lac documented the transfer of ownership of the Tribes lands in northeastern Minnesota to the United States Government. In exchange for land, the tribes were given small cash payments and were guaranteed the right to continue to hunt, fish and gather on that ceded territory.

November 1, MNDOT installed sign along Highway 61 near Grand Portage. 11 more signs will be installed marking boundaries of the 1854 Treaty signed by Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac and Grand Portage with the U.S.

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LLBO Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Leech Lake Market, Formerly Teals in Cass Lake

By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has taken a huge step in ensuring food sovereignty for its members.

In a public ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday October 21, the band celebrated their takeover of Teals market.

Teals market has been a staple within the community for close to 80 years and remains the largest food supplier on the reservation. Prior to the sale, Teal’s Market operated ten grocery stores in three states (MN, SD and ND) and employed nearly 800 people, according to their website.

Approximately 80 employees within the Teal’s organization will now come on board under the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The grocery store will be rebranded as Leech Lake market moving forward.

The rebranded Leech Lake Market will operate under the Band’s business side, which includes three casinos (Northern Lights, Cedar Lakes and White Oak), Shingobee on the Bay, Leech Lake Express convenience stores and Leech Lake Supply Company. The 7.53 million acquisition further cements the Band’s position as one of the area’s top employers and economic driving forces.

The grocery store business will be a new venture for the tribe, and is in line with the Tribal Council’s goal of expanding Tribal business beyond gaming.

“Our family has been part of the Cass Lake community for 79 years, so the decision to sell Teals Market has been and was a very tough decision, but we have decided that it is time to pass the torch,” said Roger Teal, former owner of the Cass Lake store, “The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a natural fit to carry on. The Teal family would like to thank our loyal customers and dedicated associates for their support over all of these years which made our success possible.”

“Food Sovereignty is a movement. It’s a movement that’s thriving in Indian Country. It’s nowhere near where it needs to be, but we’re going to get there and today is a giant step forward in that movement,” said National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. who also spoke at the event.

Leech Lake Market will open for business at 7:00 am on Friday, October 22, 2021. Operating hours will be 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM, open 7 days a week.
LLBO Tribal Council Meets with Cass Lake City Council

By Kayla Duosos

CASS LAKE – For the first time in a long time, the Leech Lake RTC met with the Cass Lake City Council.

The meeting took place Monday, October 18, at Cedar Lakes event center. The groups met to discuss the Tribes' recent purchase of Leech Lake Market formerly the secretarial land transfer, the St. Regis Superfund site, and community needs.

In attendance was the entirety of the Cass Lake City council, various LLBO Division Directors, District 3 representative Leroy Staples-Fairbanks, Secretary-Treasurer Archie Larose, and Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson. Jackson who spoke at the event said, “This type of collaboration is what our communities need to thrive,” before opening the floor for council members to share community issues they’ve noticed.

The two councils are planning to meet again in the near future.

COVID VACCINE BOOSTERS NOW OFFERED AT CASS LAKE IHS

By Kayla Duosos

CASS LAKE – Booster shots for all vaccines are now available at the Cass Lake Indian hospital for LLBO employees and IHS eligible community members.

Community members who received a COVID vaccine shot six months prior are eligible.

The Moderna and Johnson/Johnson booster shots was approved by the FDA, October 21 following studies that showed the booster shots increased the immune response in trial participants who finished their primary series 6 months earlier. Pfizer shots were approved the month prior.

IHS is offering a number of venues for community members to get their booster shots, via drive thru/ community clinics or scheduling with your regular provider. To get more information on upcoming clinics or to talk to a provider please call (218) 335-3200.

PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINES APPROVED FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS

IHS eligible patients aged 5-11 years are now qualified to receive the Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine and a $50 gift card for up to $100 per person.

Available at your local tribal clinic

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Incentives are provided to those who receive their vaccine from Tribal Health ONLY. Those who choose to be vaccinated at IHS are not eligible to receive the incentive.

“Native American roots are deeply embedded in this land — a homeland loved, nurtured, strengthened, and fought for with honor and conviction. This month and every month, we honor the precious, strong, and enduring cultures and contributions of all Native Americans and recommit ourselves to fulfilling the full promise of our Nation together,” said President Biden.

Lectures and events celebrating this historic month are currently happening throughout the reservation and neighboring cities.
By Kayla Duoos

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting virtually Friday, October 22.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur LaRose. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations.

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 also introduced and welcomed at the meeting.

Last on the agenda were presentations from Division Directors in attendance on their activities over the past three months. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held online through video calls. For those who were unable to watch, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vine page.

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 January 2022.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Tribal Court
- There were 150 new cases filed between June 1, 2021 and September 2021.
- The court conducted 288 hearings the past quarter and returned to full time in person hearings. Everyone was notified via the band’s social media of this change.
- JDAl (juvenile detention alternative initiative) held its first in person meeting on September 10. Next meeting will be held October 15, then will be rescheduled on a quarterly basis.

Tribal Development
- Tribal development has begun work to develop a food system for LLBO.
- A master site plan for all LLBO owned properties is being developed to identify potential building sites.
- Application sent in collaboration with LLTC for US build back better plan to implement a training facility for construction/trades programs.

Tribal Roads
- Culvert has been cleaned on Oak Point Road.
- Stop ahead signs were placed on Oak Point Road entrance.
- Womack Road contract is going through approval process – project is expected to be completed in 2021.
- Cass Lake Bike Trail bid opening was held, and paperwork has started with the winning contractor. Project will begin this year and is scheduled to be finished by summer 2022.

Resource Management
- Fish and Wildlife staff have continued maintenance on winnie ponds and other impoundments.
- DRM’s wildlife biologist participated in state meetings on a new wolf management plan and meetings regarding chronic wasting disease in deer.
- Waterbird management has continued monitoring pelican island in Leech Lake.
- Wild rice worm surveys have been completed to learn about the prevalence and effects of rice worms.
- Waterfowl and Fisher den boxes were placed and continued to be monitored.
- Snowshoe hare study has entered the beginning phases of working on habitat creation and enhancement for Leech Lake, creation of habitats have been discussed over several meetings with different agencies including Chippewa national forest.
- DRM is working to develop an agriculture office related to food sustainability.
- Enbridge line 3 continues to be a large issue and will be for the foreseeable future as the routing decision to avoid Leech Lake is currently being challenged within court.
- Removal of old line 3 within reservation boundaries is being planned and expected to take place this fall and winter.
- The Chippewa National forest MOU is currently in the process of being implemented across agencies.
- Unilateral Administrative Order for operable unit 7 of the st. the Regis superfund site was issued in spring 2021. Remedial design is anticipated in late fall.
- Superfund Site and greater Cass Lake area plan is in development, to push EPA and responsible parties to clean up the site that is in the way of city and Tribal development.
- Secretarial land transfer bill that was approved in December 2020, continues to be worked on as land is being surveyed for return.

Human Services
- Leech Lake Behavioral Health staff returned to the offices July 1, 2021. Services have been provided previously in person and via tel- health due to client preference and safety issues.
- The LLBH team is advertising for an on-call mental health practitioner and has received a few applicants.
- The traditional healing grant has placed a billboard along HWY 2 promoting Indigenous wisdom.
- Tribal Referral program has helped with 145 medical gas vouchers, 150 medical assistance checks, 39 funeral benefit applications, 157 disability applications, 161 emergency assistance applications and 1598 elder applications.
- Veterans service has processed 257 veteran assistance checks to date.
- The veterans service program is also an on-going partner in the planning of a new nursing home in bemidji and a groundbreaking event was held August 26, 2021.

Education
- Youthbuild program is being revamped to incorporate Ojibwe language and cultural components.
- Education/Disability advisory committee for early childhood will meet November 16, 2021.
- Early childhood policies and procedures were reviewed and updated following a meeting at Northern Lights July 21, and 22. They have been sent to higher ups for full approval.
- Summer food program was able to provide bagged meals Tuesday and Thursday at each site. Families were able to pick up 5 meals each day per child, bags containing an assortment of breakfast/ lunch items.
- Maajigan center opened September 22 and is now looking for teachers and trainees.

Housing
- Inspectors conducted 190 Unit Inspections during this reporting period.
- Project VIII has 22 houses set on foundations and 6 foundations ready for houses.
- The Modernization Department renovated 12 homes during this reporting period.

Health
- The health dept. has provided 854 transportation rides for clients’ various medical appointments.
- The car seat program served 40 families and provided 51 car seats.
- A grant application was submitted for harm reduction in the amount of 1.4 million dollars and the grant was funded.
- Onigum grief support group has started back up again.
- Red Cedar assisted living facility received updated license to operate August 6.
- Cass Lake, Onigum, and Ball Club fitness centers have now all implemented mask mandates and holds dedicated morning hours to immunocompromised community members.
- The Environmental health program continues to complete building inspections across the Reservation.
- The environmental health program has been updating and evolving COVID-19 safety plan.
- The environmental health program is working with public works and IHS on a large community water project focused on assessing water quality across the reservation.
- The environmental health program also is a participating member of the climate adaptation team to prepare the band for climate changes.
- The Health department continues to work with Amish to pick up and distribute produce for band members, a contract is being finalized to continue to work with them next year.
- The Food distribution program has served 225 house-holds in the last quarter.
- Weekly COVID-19 updates have been provided to division directors and Tribal council.
- Vaccinated 186 band members against COVID-19 within the last quarter.

Public Safety
- Officers continue to assist in delivering food boxes.
- Public safety “pets for life” grant program coordinated with Walking Shield to provide animal care services including vaccination clinics in Inger, Bena, Ball Club, Sugar Point, Onigum and Cass Lake.
Secretary / Treasurer Arthur “Archie” LaRose

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary
Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on Friday, October 22, 2021

June 30 marked the end of our fiscal year. Our year-end financial projection is that we will end with a $7 million surplus in the General Fund. After our books are closed for year-end audit adjustments, we will have a definite number to report. The General Fund revenues were down due to the Casinos partial re-opening and recovery from the initial shut-down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to cover this shortfall, the General Fund reserves were utilized to maintain the programs and continue service for our Band Members.

There were some opinions and questions about the RBC Wage Adjustment and Hazard Pay.

RBC Wage Adjustment
In 2020, the Leech Lake RBC had approved a salary adjustment for the Tribal Council. The reasoning for the salary adjustment was because the Tribal Council had not seen a salary adjustment in 12 years. According to the MCT, individual Band(s), the Leech Lake RBC was one of the lowest paid Tribal Councils. LLRBC Member’s salaries were increased by $10.00 per hour across the board beginning September 2020. This is equivalent to a cost of living adjustment of .83 cents per hour over the past 12 years. This measure was passed around the same time that we approved a Salary/Wage Scale for all of our government employees which automatically increases wages for all employees each year.

Hazard Pay
Hazard pay was initially approved by the Federal and State of Minnesota governments for their critical essential workers that risked their lives to provide their citizens emergency services: such as health care, public safety, sanitation, emergency home repairs and other services provided or deemed critical by the individual Tribal governments. The Care Act had appropriated funding for hazard pay and personal protective equipment. In 2020, the Leech Lake Tribal Council approved the hazard pay for all employees that worked during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. All of the Leech Lake Tribal Council members also received the hazard pay.

Cares Act revenues were utilized for the stimulus payments that were distributed in August and December of last year. The second allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was received on August 16, 2021, bringing the total amount received to $81,734,350. Tribal Council agreed and approved that 30% of the ARPA funds that were received would be given back to Band Members in the form of direct economic stimulus payments. The first amount that was approved was $1,375.00. These payments started being distributed on August 2nd, 2021, and remain open for Band Members to apply for the payments. At the time that Tribal Council approved the 30% to be allocated as direct economic stimulus payments, we were only estimating on receiving about $72 million. After receiving around $10 million more than what was expected, Tribal Council is reviewing and potentially increasing the amount that will be distributed to Band Members in August 2022 to $1,700.00 total to make the 30% that was approved.

This past year we paid out approximately $510 thousand in payments to enrolled band members reaching the age of 18. We allocated the annual $250 contribution to the Minor’s Trust account in December 2020. An additional $250 was contributed to each Minor’s account in August 2021. These same contributions will take place in December 2021 and August 2022. These allocations come out of the Band’s General Fund as this is not an allowable expenditure for Care Act or ARPA funds. Statements were mailed out for each minor in August 2021. There have been about 400 statements returned due to incorrect addresses. To ensure that these statements are received please make sure to update addresses with the Enrollment office.

The FY22 budget is currently being developed and the Tribal Council needed to pass a continuing spending resolution in order to comply with the Band’s Budget Ordinance. The Council also passed emergency spending allocations for ARPA revenues to fund Premium Pay for employees that worked during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Personal Leave Payouts for employees that were unable to utilize their vacation hours. These payments were distributed on September 2, 2021. We are planning on holding public hearings for the FY22 budget in the near future. These meetings will be held via zoom in order to allow for more participation and will be announced well in advance to ensure we have as much public input and comments as possible.

Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations
Quarter Ending September 2021

Revenue
Total revenue through August 2021 totaled $24.1 million compared to prior year which totaled $17 million. Revenue increased by approximately $7 million compared to the previous fiscal year. Although revenue had been impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic in fiscal year 2021, we have seen a significant increase in fiscal year 2022 to get us back to trending upwards in revenue.

Expenses
Total expenses through August 2021 were approximately $15.8 million, which is roughly an increase of $1.1 million compared to August 2020. Through August 2021, Cost of Sales equaled $3.8 million, Payroll totaled $6.1 million and Operating expenses were approximately $5.9 million. We are seeing an increase this fiscal year in Operating expenses and Cost of sales compared to previous year, which is to be expected as we closed operation for a period of time in 2020. While we see an increase in other expenses, we are seeing a decrease in Payroll expense, due to reduce operations and labor shortage.

Net Profit
Net profit for the period ending August 2021 totaled $8.3 million compared to the prior year of $2.3 million. That is an increase of approximately $6 million when comparing this year to last year.

Forecast
While revenues have seen a significant increase, it is expected to reach a point where revenues will no longer continue its trend upward due to reduced stimulus and inflationary economic pressures. Revenues are expected to start to level out or potentially decline due to the decrease in government stimulus. Expenses will be continually monitored, but with the expectation of revenue to eventually plateau or possibly return to normal levels, net profit will be proportionately affected.
New Cost Waiver Program at U of M Campuses
Available for Qualifying Indigenous Students

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – The University of Minnesota will offer free or reduced tuition to Native American students attending its five campuses starting next fall.

The cost waiver program which previously was offered only at the Morris campus, now will be expanded to all five campuses, to also include Duluth, Rochester, Crookston and the Twin Cities.

“For 170 years, our University has focused attentively on the needs of all Minnesotans. Today we are taking a positive step forward in addressing the needs of indigenous peoples with a history that pre-dates this state and institution—a step I sincerely hope will have a lasting impact on Tribal communities,” said University President Joan Gabel.

The program which is catered to state enrolled band members will provide a scholarship covering full U of M tuition at the Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester or Twin Cities campuses for first-year or Tribal college transfer undergraduate students with an annual family income under $75,000. Students from higher-earning families (up to $125,000 annually) will be eligible to receive highly discounted tuition through the program, as much as 80 to 90 percent.

In addition to being citizens of one of the 11 Tribal Nations, qualifying students must come to the University straight from high school or transfer from a Minnesota-based Tribal college. The program will support undergraduate, degree-seeking students who must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and maintain full-time enrollment, as well as a 2.0 or better cumulative grade-point average.

Community members interested in the program can visit the “Native American Promise Tuition” program webpage on the U of M website for more information.

Upcoming Holidays prompt
CDC to release updated Public Health Recommendations

By Kayla Duoos

WASHINGTON – The CDC has released new public health recommendations for celebrating Thanksgiving and Black Friday amidst the pandemic.

Here are safer ways to celebrate the holidays:

Generally:
- Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
- Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
- Outdoors is safer than indoors.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don’t host or attend a gathering.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Traveling:
If you are considering traveling for a holiday or event, visit CDC’s Travel page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. CDC still recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated.
- If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, follow CDC’s domestic travel or international travel recommendations for unvaccinated people.
- If you will be traveling in a group or family with unvaccinated people, choose safer travel options.
- Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is required to wear a mask on public transportation and follow international travel recommendations.

Special considerations:
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated and have received an additional dose. They should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
- If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.
- Do NOT put a mask on children younger than 2 years old.

If you participated in higher risk activities or think that you may have been exposed during your Thanksgiving celebration, take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to protect others, such as staying home as much as possible, avoid individuals who are more susceptible to infection or getting tested.

If you are notified that you were a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please quarantine, contact your nearest health provider and monitor for symptoms of coronavirus. Get information about COVID-19 testing if you feel sick.
Minnesota COVID-19 update: November

By Kayla Duoos

MINNEAPOLIS – A huge vaccine push has dominated this past month within the state.

As of October 21, vaccine boosters were approved for all 3 market vaccines, as well as initial shots for children aged 5-11. Parents can get their kids vaccinated at pharmacies and health care clinics.

State public health leaders continue to emphasize that Minnesota’s COVID-19 numbers are stuck at relatively high levels and another surge is possible due to the high number of unvaccinated residents particularly in the northern half of the state.

They continue to plead with Minnesotans to stay vigilant against the disease and get vaccinated if eligible as that remains the leading foundation in cutting covid numbers.

A look at the numbers as of November 8:
The Minnesota Department of Health says the state’s total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 815,008. Of them, nearly 781,378 no longer require isolation.

The state’s death toll is now at 8,828 with 4,795 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

Health officials say approximately 13,868,886 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 1268 on the reservation.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed, please call the Cass Lake IHS COVID hotline at 335-3426 or 335-3427 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are experiencing shortness of breath, please contact the Emergency Department at 335-3327 or dial 911.

IHS eligible community members 18 years and older are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine. If you are interested please call the COVID-19 Vaccine hotline and reserve your spot now at 218-368-4763.

Governor Walz Holds Ceremonial Bill Signing for Codification of Tribal Consultation

Submitted by Claire Lancaster, Walz Press Office

ST. PAUL – Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan today held a ceremonial bill signing with tribal leaders, community members, and legislators in honor of the Minnesota First Special Session Chapter 14, HF 9, Article 11, Section 5, affirming the Government-To-Government Relationship with Tribal Governments.

“We are working every day to ensure that state government works in a different, better way. A way that understands and honors tribal sovereignty. A way that allows more consistent and productive coordination and communication between state agencies and tribal nations,” said Governor Walz. “This bill codifies that vision into law, providing a path that fosters better results for all Minnesotans across the state for years to come.”

“For far too long, state government has not worked with or for Native people – the Governor and I are committed to changing that, for the long term,” said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. “I am filled with gratitude for the friendship and partnership – from tribal leaders, from legislators, and from community voices – that got this bill across the finish line and into state law. Today is a historic, important step for the future of tribal state relations in Minnesota.”

This bill codifies government to government relations and consultation in the spirit of Executive Order 19-24 into Minnesota state law. The law affirms tribal sovereignty; requires state agencies to appoint tribal-state liaisons and recognize the unique legal relationship between the State of Minnesota; and mandates tribal-state relations training for state leaders and employees.

All children 5 and older can now get vaccinated.
White House Issues Executive Order on Strengthening TCUs

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden issued an executive order today entitled “The White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities.” The order underscores the importance of respecting tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and the self-determination of Native nations. At the same time, the president recognized the federal government’s role in past assimilation policies—including boarding schools—and their adverse effects on Native peoples.

The executive order comes at a critical time, illuminating how the COVID-19 pandemic has “amplified long-standing educational inequities that disproportionately affect Native American communities and burden Native American students.” Accordingly, the president stressed the need to support educational opportunities, especially TCUs. “These institutions are integral and essential to tribal communities,” the order states. “Their foundation, tradition, and mission are unique, and their cultural grounding is invaluable to providing high-quality education and successful outcomes for Native American students.”

In section two of the executive order, the president outlines the goals of the initiative, including uncovering systemic causes of educational inequities, improving data collection, expanding educational access, supporting cultural preservation, consulting regularly with tribes and tribal educational leaders, and building partnerships, among several other goals. The order supersedes a 2011 executive order issued during the Obama administration.
By Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

The Three Sisters was an agricultural practice by Native Americans in North America. Corn, beans, and squash make up the 3 sisters and when planted together they support one another and thrive. The 3 sisters were staples amongst the Native American diet pre-westernization. Together when prepared as such, this meal provides a nutritionally adequate diet that is low in fat and calories, and high in fiber and nutrients; Corn (Grain), Beans (Protein), Squash (Vegetable) and Fruit (tomatoes).

Peppers are also a good source of vitamin A, C, and fiber. Bell peppers also have antioxidant properties, which may help to protect against diseases such as cardiovascular disease and some cancers.

Cited Sources:

For more recipes and resources on this delicious stew contact Chyrle or Josh at the Leech Lake Diabetes Clinic @ 218-335-4511 or stop by.

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F
2. Scrape out seeds and fibers from the squash, then cut the squash into 1½ dice. Evenly spread the diced squash in a single layer on the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle with the onion powder and paprika; then roast in the oven for about 45 minutes, or until just tender but not completely soft. (you should be able to pierce through a piece of squash with a knife and get a little resistance). Set aside.
3. Heat the light vegetable broth in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, bell pepper, and chile and continue to cook until the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes longer. Stir in the tomatoes with their liquid, pinto beans, corn, cumin, chili powder, and oregano. Season with ground black pepper to taste. Add the roasted squash and bring to a simmer. Cover and simmer gently until all the vegetables are tender and the flavors have developed, about 20 minutes. The stew should be thick, but if it thickens too much, add a little more broth or water. Just before serving stir in the cilantro. Taste and adjust the seasonings, if needed. Serve hot.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School News

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School was fortunate to host Dan Ninham to work with our students on various Indigenous games.

Shown in the photo on the left is the dreamcatcher activity. The image looks like a dreamcatcher and we talk about the good dreams going through the open spaces and not so good dreams getting caught in the ropes that are crossing. Students are pictured with their Phy. Ed. Teacher, George Jones. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig 12th graders provided a fun-filled hour for each of the elementary classes on Friday, October 29, with Halloween themed activities, a spooky maze, and treats. The high school students also had an hour of fun activities and treats provided by the H.S. staff.
Roberto "Bobby" Rodriguez

Roberto “Bobby” Rodriguez, age 76, formerly of Minneapolis, MN. Began his journey from Essentia Health- Miller Dwan Hospital in Duluth, MN on January 18, 2021. Bobby was born on February 7, 1944 in Minneapolis to Kenneth Jose Rodriguez and Betty Petra Moreno-Rodriguez. Bobby is survived by: Life-Partner of 39 years- Betty Petra Moreno-Rodriguez. Bobby was born of February 7, 1944 in Minneapolis to Kenneth Jose Rodriguez and Betty Petra Moreno-Rodriguez, Father-Kenneth Jose Rodriguez, Siblings- Kenneth Rodriguez Jr., Rudy Rodriguez, Estella Rodriguez, Granddaughters- Valerie Rae Brown, bzw. thận trọng có thể bị lạc và quay lại với người. Anh ta là một người mạnh mẽ và quyết định, luôn sẵn lòng giúp đỡ mọi người. Bobby was quick on his feet. His distinctive on-air presence, endearing sense of humor, intelligence and articulate voice allowed him to cross over into acting in television and film, and Mark moved to Southern California. Under the stage name Johnny West, he got his start from legendary comedian Jonathan Winters, and Mark’s TV credits include “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” “Barney Miller,” and “The Bob Newhart Show.” He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

As a savvy, seasoned broadcast journalist, and the older brother of American Indian Movement cofounder Dennis Banks, Mark delivered the true, behind-the-scenes stories of the Wounded Knee occupation of 1973 to the mainstream media, facilitating multicultural understanding, and celebrity support for the Native side of the story. Mark loved to enlighten and educate people on Native issues, and traveled to the United Kingdom, where he spoke in Parliament.

Mark loved singing with a big band, playing basketball, baseball and cribbage, and traveling. Most of all, Mark loved to make people laugh – and he was legendary at it. He is survived by daughters Lori Kuester (Charlie), and Wishelle Banks; a son, Todd Dale Banks; a sister, Charlotte Banks Wagner; three grandchildren: Dawn Roether; Ryan Roether (Dawn Willingham Roether); Gia Banks; and 3 great-grandchildren: Ashleigh; Andrew; and Jade; many beloved nieces and nephews, and his longtime love, Cherie Leni. He was also loved by those who knew him as “Papa Mark” – Jody, Wayne, Sunday, Lars, Cherie, Steve, Dion, Franco, Bremen, Jade, Jacyln, Mike, Tristian, Emma, Ean, McKenzie, Nathaniel, Elijah, Jason, Kevyon, Natalia, Gianna, Gabriel, Mia, Dion, Giovanni, Berlin, Alyla, and Wilder. Mark was a proud member of the Church of Christ, and loved Jesus, and the Bible.

Mark made his journey to the spirit world on Tues., August 24, 2021, in Deer River, Minn. A private burial service will be held August 28 at Battle Point Cemetery; at a later date, the family will gather for a celebration of Mark's life. He was a sweet, kind, intelligent, generous, highly-accomplished, hilarious and happy man. Mark will be forever missed by his family, friends, and sweetheart ... he has earned his Eternal Salvation, and rests in the arms of God.

Barbara Staples, 70, of Cass Lake, MN, the last of 11 brothers and sisters, died Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Sanford Bemidji Medical Center in Bemidji.

Funeral Services will be held at Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin 5:00p.m, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, and will continue until the time of the service. Interment will be at the Fairbank’s Mission Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

She was born on December 21, 1950, the baby of 11 children, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Charles Robert Staples Sr. from Onigum, MN, and Margaret Charwood Staples from Squaw Lake, MN. Barb grew up around the Mission area until her family moved to Minneapolis in 1970. Barbara had her daughter Mary Elizabeth in 1968, who gave her her only Grandson Marcus Staples. She had her son Jeremy in 1972, her only son. Barb was also Godmother to Karen Staples. Barb met Jim Crandall around 1980 and spent the rest of her life with him. Barb and Jim traveled a lot and had almost 40 years of blissful safety meetings together.

Barb leaves behind her only daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Johnny Rímer) Staples of Cass Lake, MN, God Daughter Karen “Hopper” (David Swanholm) Staples of Fargo, ND, Significant Other Jim Crandall of Cass Lake, MN, and her fur baby Daisy.

Active Casketbearers will be: Jim Kingbird, Richard Smith Sr., Curtis “koolah” Brown, Rob Adams Sr., Dennis Staples, Thomas Adams, David Swanholm, with Alternates: Roger Davis, Christopher Cross, Justin Littlewolf Jr., Michael “Julio” Staples, and Dennis Staples Sr.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Deb Adams, Jim Crandall, Carol Kelly Staples, Karen “Hopper” Staples, Deanna Wind, Cheryl Staples, Patty Kingbird, Brenda Morrow, Kimberly Adams, and Jenna Adams.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Lisa Hively, April 16, 1966-October 23, 2021, Age 55, peacefully passed away on October 23rd, 2021 at her home with her family and fur baby Musschief, by her side. Lisa will forever be remembered by her mother, Kathleen Meyer; children, Alexandra Cox and Son-in-law Brandon, Halston Puett and his wife Jessy; 3 grandsons, Jacob, Blake, and Landyn; sister Tammy Cox and her husband Dale; brother Les Finstad and his wife Lorna.

Lisa was very proud of her Ojibwe heritage and truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; playing bingo, being an animal, shopping, going to the casinos and making new friends everywhere she went. She had a bubbly and friendly personality that always made people laugh with all her jokes. She will be deeply missed by all that knew her. She had a traditional Native American Traveling ceremony performed and her ashes will be scattered in Minnesota with private family ceremony at a later date.

Lisa Hively

The 2021 Annual RTC Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution will take place on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 for all on / near LLBO reservation sites

LLBO Minneapolis will take place on November 20
10am - 6pm

LLBO Duluth will take place on November 21
12pm - 4pm

Turkey Distribution for DI,DII,DIII: Wed, Nov.17 10am-6pm
Turkey Distribution for TCO: Sat, Nov.20 10am-6pm | Turkey Distribution for Duluth: Sun, Nov.21 12pm-4pm

D1 Distribution Areas:
Ball Club Community Center and Inger Community Center

D2 Distribution Areas:
Bena Community Center, Sugar Point Community Center and Kego Lake Community Center

D3 Distribution Areas:
Bemidji Rail River School, Onigum Community Center and Old Palace Building Cass Lake

TCO / Duluth: Twin Cities Office
2438 South 27th Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

AICHO/ Gimaajii Building
202 W 2nd St.
Duluth, MN 55802

Elders, if you need your turkeys delivered please contact your local LIC. Miigwech!

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Also be sure to “like” us on Facebook by visiting: www.facebook.com/LeechLakeBandofOjibwe

COMMUNITY NOTICE
Submitted by Jerry Morgan

“The Morgan Family Cemetery” is NOT a public place - cemetery. Area Funeral programs have been notified that families will be charged with trespassing. Families look elsewhere! Elmer Morgan, resident off Highway 371, Oak Point Rd.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Robyn Adams & Derrick Harper Jr
Court File No. CP-20-26

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for December 13th, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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 to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Marian Mae Molash, DOB: 06/14/1954, Decedent.
Court File No. CV-21-87

NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Marian Mae Molash, DOB: 06/14/1954, Decedent.
200 Sailstar Dr. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

Honorable Paul W. Day
Chief Judge of Tribal Court


Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Molash PO Box 575 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian Mae Molash, deceased.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative of the 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.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Petitioner Whether in Person, With or Through Other Persons, By Telephone, Letter, or Any Other Way.

Legal Notice

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: LizBeth Rose Bowstring, DOB: 12/18/1957, Decedent.

NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, LizBeth Rose Bowstring, died July 17, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. 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 20th, day of July, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Leslie A. Bowstring-Reece, surviving sister of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Colleen Frances Hess-Mitchell, died August 23, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. 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 25th, day of August, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Leslie A. Bowstring-Reece, surviving sister of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Colleen Frances Hess-Mitchell, died August 23, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. 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 25th, day of August, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Leslie A. Bowstring-Reece, surviving sister of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

IN THE MATTER OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN OF: ROBYN ADAMS & DERRICK HARPER JR.

PETITION, MOTION FOR EMERGENCY CUSTODY AND AFFIDAVIT

COURT FILE NO. CP-20-26

THE LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY noti fied that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for January 19th, 2022 at 11:30 AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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.

NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, A Temporary Restraining Order has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petitioner for Harassment/Restraining Order in this matter. You have 30 days to request a hearing from the date of this publication. Failure to do so will result in the Harassment/Restraining Order being in effect for 2 years.

Legal Notice

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Dakota Moses & Jaidlynn White Sr.

Court File No. CP-20-27

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY noti fied that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for December 13th, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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 to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative of the Estate of Della Mae Kingbird, 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: Vanessa White

Court File No. CP-21-17

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled for November 29 at 11:30AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Heather Ta-John, parent and Any Man As Father

Court File No. CP-19-19

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent and any man holding himself out to be the father. A trial has been scheduled for February 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The Court’s telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

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

Court File No. CP-21-16

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Emergency Child Protection Petition, Motion for Emergency Custody and Affidavit has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. An admit/deny hearing has been scheduled in the next sixty (60) days in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. 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.
Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders

November Birthdays

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Gerald Bowstring
Gary Charwood Sr.
Donna Cloud
William Evers Jr.
Candace Gotchie
Edward Gotchie
Charles Grauman
Lorayne Harper
Selma Jackson
Simon Jackson
Mabel Roy
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Elizabeth Wakanobu
Lucille White
Shannon White
Donald Wilson
Mary Wilson
From the District I Office
Steve, Lindsey, & Michelle

District II
Bruce Bobolink
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Franklin Bowstring
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Evelyn Campbell
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John Fairbanks
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Glen Fisher
Mary Gogbleye
Russell Gogbleye

District III
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From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari
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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 NOVEMBER 12, 2021
Training Manager – Human Resources – Job Code: 21-116
TERO Director – TERO – Job Code: 21-149
Legal Director – Legal – Job Code: 21-150
Controller – Finance – Job Code: 21-151

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021
Program Accountant (2) – Finance – Job Code: 21-155

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Tribal Planner (2) – Tribal Development – Job Code: 21-005
Public Materntal Child Health Nurse (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-015
Mental Health Professional (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-018
Pre School Teacher (Sugar Point/Remer) – Education – Job Code: 21-020
Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) – Education – Job Code: 21-023
Cook (Cass Lake) (2) – Education – Job Code: 21-024
Recreation & Fitness Assistant – Health – Job Code: 21-032
Demographer Research Manager – Tribal Development – Job Code: 21-033
Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) – Education – Job Code: 21-036
Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-037
WIC Competent Professional Authority – Health – Job Code: 21-040
Nutritionist – Health – Job Code: 21-041
Associate Tribal Attorney III – Legal – Job Code: 21-051
On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-062
On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-063
Pre School Teacher (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-076
Pre School Team Leader (Cass Lake) – Education – Job Code: 21-077
Practice Base Coach Coordinator – Education – Job Code: 21-078
Training Officer/Emergency Medical Technician – Health – Job Code: 21-080
Transfer Station(s) Yard Supervisor – Public Works – Job Code: 21-083
Cass Lake Solid Waste Attendant – Public Works – Job Code: 21-084
Field Director – DRM – Job Code: 21-085
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner – Human Services – Job Code: 21-095
ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner – Human Services – Job Code: 21-096
Mental Health Targeted Case Manager – Human Services – Job Code: 21-097
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-099
Naagooziiid Gekinwaa’amaaged (Lead) (2) – Education – Job Code: 21-101
Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse – Health – Job Code: 21-105
Driver (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-107
Registered Nurse (Assisted Living) – Health – Job Code: 21-111
Mid-Level Provider (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-114
Gekinwaa’amaaged (Teacher) (5) – Education – Job Code: 21-118
Cook (Inger) – Education – Job Code: 21-119
Home Healthcare LPN (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-122
Cook (Ball Club) – Education – Job Code: 21-124
Pre School Teacher (Onigum) – Education – Job Code: 21-125
Community Health Representative (2) – Health – Job Code: 21-129
Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate – Education – Job Code: 21-130
Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Service Advocate – Education – Job Code: 21-131
Police Officer (4) – DPS – Job Code: 21-133
Case Manager – Human Services – Job Code: 21-135
Urban Case Manager – Human Services – Job Code: 21-136
Driver (Part Time) – Human Services – Job Code: 21-137
Home Healthcare RN – Health – Job Code: 21-139
Allotment Specialist – DRM – Job Code: 21-140
Pre School Teacher (4) (Part Time) – Education – Job Code: 21-141
Crime Victim Advocate – DPS – Job Code: 21-146
Crime Victim Advocate (Part Time) – DPS – Job Code: 21-147
Health & Nutrition Assistant – Education – Job Code: 21-152
Foster Care Specialist – Human Services – Job Code: 21-153
Environmental Specialist – DRM – Job Code: 21-154

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### CONCLUSION

2021 marked the highest buying price of $4 per pound of green rice ever paid for our community! In general, this was a far below average year for pounds purchased due to low water tables across the region related to the drought. This low water made it difficult to access rice beds for gathering of Manoomin. We had one person placed on the wall of shame for putting ice in the bag of rice. This year in response to the COVID pandemic we utilized an alternate system for payments, with ricers collecting their payment in voucher form redeemable at Cedar Lakes Casino or White Oak Casino when LLDRM was purchasing rice in District I. This was an effort to reduce people congregating. We are happy to report that no COVID-19 infections were documented as a result of our Manoomin purchasing program. In closing we had to cancel the Annual “Take a Kid Ricing” event but hope next year we will be able to make the event bigger and better than ever!