DI Candidate Fairbanks, DII Incumbent White Win in Leech Lake Primary Election

LLBO Official Certified Primary Election Results – April 5, 2022.

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Election Board has certified the results of the 2022 Primary Election held April 5, 2022 on the Leech Lake Reservation.

In the contest for District I Representative, Kyle Fairbanks received 129 votes or 52.23% defeating Gary Charwood 42 votes (17.0%), Norma Jackson 39 votes (15.79%), Tana Robinson 22 votes (8.91%) and Tami Jackson 15 votes (6.07%).

In the contest for District II Representative, Incumbent Steve White received 115 votes or 83.94% defeating Terrance Mitchell and Theodore White Sr. who each received 11 votes (8.03%).

Both prevailing candidates received over 50% of the vote during this primary election, and keeping in line with the MCT election ordinance, they are declared the winners and no general election for either position will be held.

The June General Election will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. On the General Election ballot will be Secretary-Treasurer and an important referendum question regarding blood quantum from the MN Chippewa Tribe. Local level races including Local Indian Council, Housing Board and School Board will also take place on this date.

Elected candidates will serve a four year term beginning in July 2022 and ending in 2026.

Editor’s Note: We have witnessed some confusion over the circumstances regarding the Secretary-Treasurer election and we would like to reiterate some of the information we have previously shared on LeechLakeNews.com. For any of our MCT Tribal Elections, if two or fewer candidates file for a position there is no Primary Election held and the contest automatically moves forward to the General Election. The top two candidates in each Primary Election contest will also advance to the General Election, unless they are able to secure more than 50% of the votes cast. When this occurs, they are declared the winner and no General Election is held for those races.

The election for the Secretary-Treasurer position will be carried out as normal even though there is only one certified candidate who will appear on the ballot. This will include voting, polling places in all three districts and other election procedures as prescribed by the MCT Election Ordinance.

We have also received several inquiries on whether write-in options will be available for the Secretary-Treasurer race, the answer is no. All candidates seeking office must file during the filing period in January and must also be certified in order to run for and hold office.
Planning Process Begins for Redevelopment of Cass Lake St. Regis Superfund and Brownfield Sites

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASSELAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council met with the Cass Lake City Council February 16 to kick off the redevelopment planning of the St. Regis Superfund and City of Cass Lake brownfield sites.

This redevelopment project targets brownfield sites and the St. Regis superfund site in the City of Cass Lake. Brownfield sites are defined as potentially contaminated land parcels that may have contamination from business use, for example asbestos from previous construction. The St. Regis superfund site consists of areas within Cass Lake that have legacy hazardous waste contamination from the wood treatment facility that operated from the 1950s to 1980s. Redevelopment planning for these areas is broken into three phases. The first phase, Site Analysis & Community Planning, is to engage with the Cass Lake community to create an opportunity for people to voice their concerns with particular land parcels, identify potential brownfield sites, and share their vision for what the site should be for future generations. Following the initial phase and aggregating the Cass Lake community’s vision, the project moves into the second phase, Concept Planning. This phase examines what this community vision could be through urban design and illustrative planning. The third phase of Implementation Strategy looks to implement specific brownfield redevelopment plans, identified through the community outreach, for a final presentation and community celebration to conclude this planning effort.

Through this planning process Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the City of Cass Lake aspire to develop a plan to exhibit what the community would like to see the superfund and brownfield sites become once cleaned and once again become a part of the community. This planning effort will shape the future of the City of Cass Lake as our governments will be able to share this plan with local, state and federal agencies to implement. A plan driven by the people for the community. Proposed ideas for the land include shopping centers, playgrounds, homes and apartment complexes. Final plans for the land will be based on community feedback and leadership ideas. These plans can drive hazardous substance standards and timelines for the cleanup.

“Creating a long term vision for these sites through redevelopment is important as it gives our community hope…”

— Ben Benoit, Interim DRM Director

This planning effort by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in coordination with the City of Cass Lake, follows the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) announcement to clean the residential area of the St. Regis superfund site to Tribal environmental cleanup standards. This is a significant step forward in dealing with the environmental racism the Tribe and the City of Cass Lake have faced for decades regarding the former wood processing site. Interim Resource Management Division Director (DRM) Ben Benoit asked attendees of the kickoff meeting what justice would look like for the community when it came to developing the area.

“Creating a long term vision for these sites through redevelopment is important as it gives our community hope and it gives the Environmental Protection Agency and responsible parties an end goal they can strive for,” said Benoit.

Benoit has worked on the redevelopment plan alongside other staff from Leech Lake Band DRM, Planning, Legal, Government relations, City of Cass Lake, and Full Circle Indigenous Planning who are organizing the effort for the City and Tribe.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr., who was in attendance at the meeting, shared his appreciation for the proposal. “We can make this plan a reality as long as we work and keep these channels of community dialogue open. I’d really like to see it happen and to be able to envision a future for our children and what this area could be like 10 to 15 years in the future.”

An estimated timeline and further detail is provided in the illustrative timeline. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and City of Cass Lake invite everyone to participate in this continued planning effort. DRM will be holding a community public meeting May 9, 2022 and another in July for community feedback. We invite all community members to attend and share their insight.
Giant Mill Won’t be a Good Neighbor Up North

We can’t let outsiders profit at the expense of local resources.

By FARON JACKSON SR.

You may have read the news announcing a plan to build an enormous oriented strand board manufacturing facility in Cohasset, Minn. ("Environmental analysis updated for wood plant," Jan. 27.) At first glance, the project might sound pretty good. More jobs and building materials in our region. But the proposed site is one mile from our reservation in the area protected by treaty rights, so we are taking a closer look at the project proposal.

What kind of neighbor will this be?

A neighbor who starts by cutting down eagle nests and putting them into a woodchipper. We were surprised when we read about the plan to destroy bald eagle nests in the environmental assessment prepared by Huber Engineered Woods. Although bald eagles are protected by federal law and sacred to Ojibwe people, Huber wants to destroy eagle nests when they could easily avoid them.

The nests illustrate larger problems. The proposed site is 400 acres of forested wetlands on the bank of a portion of the Mississippi River that holds hundreds of acres of wild rice. Huber is seeking a permit from the Army Corps to drain and fill wetlands. Wetlands are critical to many species of fish and wildlife, for food production, spawning and nursery habitat, refuge and the reduction of harmful pollutants in water. Wetlands along the Mississippi River also store stormwater and reduce flooding downstream.

The proposed site is owned by Minnesota Power, which is the steward of a great deal of sensitive wetland habitat. These wetlands were set aside for a water-dependent public utility and should not be offered to recruit industrial customers.

Acid rain and air quality are also significant troubles. The Boswell coal plant is currently emitting 647 tons of sulfur dioxide annually, or about two tons per day. The Huber Mega Mill will diminish these rights and harm the environment that we all share. We urge everyone in Minnesota to take a closer look.

Kim Jackson Sr.
Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

LLBO Division of Resource Management & Tribal Council Seek Community Feedback on Solar Project Located in Cass Lake

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council and Division of Resource Management are seeking community feedback on a proposed solar project in Cass Lake.

The proposed project will feature a 3.4 megawatt solar array built adjacent to the Enbridge Energy pump house in Cass Lake. The estimated cost for this project will be approximately $7.5 million and will be funded entirely by Line 3 mitigation funds.

The Line 3 mitigation funds are compensation provided to LLBO by Enbridge Energy through the Line 3 removal and deactivation agreement. More than 27 miles of Line 3 pipeline will be removed from the Leech Lake Reservation. In some environmentally concerning areas, the pipe will be capped on both ends and left in the ground in order to not disturb the local ecosystem.

Energy produced by the proposed project will be sold to Enbridge Energy to power the pumping station located near the site. All excess energy produced will be sold to Ottertail Power and distributed into the local power grid.

For a more in-depth look at the project, LLBO Community members are encouraged to watch the video presentation linked here: https://vimeo.com/691551792

LLBO Division of Resource Management & Tribal Council Approves New Minimum Wage for Employees

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal Council has approved a new minimum wage of $15.00 per hour for employees.

Among those seeing the raised wage increase include LLBO Gaming employees, LLBO Government employees, as well as TEP, who were actively employed with the Band as of March 15, 2022. In order to reduce wage compression and properly compensate employees at all wage levels, this measure includes an across the board wage increase for all employees.

Employees who currently make less than $12.25 per hour will receive an immediate raise that brings their pay rate to $15.00 hour. All other employees will receive a wage increase of $2.75 per hour.

The wage increase is retroactive to January 30, 2022 and applies to all wages earned during the period.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, April Quarterly Meeting

By KAYLA DUUOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting virtually Friday, April 15.

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 Video 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 July 2022.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Tribal Court
• There were 75 new cases filed between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021.
• The court conducted 285 hearings the past quarter.
• The Council selected members for the Judicial Committee, Interviews are set for March 25, 2022.
• The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) group met March 11, 2022.

Human Resources
• Wage and Salary schedule and minimum increase was passed.
• Online portal for training modules “Learning Management System” is live and as of March 16, 2022 there is a 65% activity for enrolled users and a 36% completion rate.
• 32 new employees attended new employee orientation.
• Investigations training and LL Civics training continue to occur monthly.
• Suicide prevention training will be offered monthly in the coming quarter.

Legal
• The work with DRM and special environmental counsel on the St. Regis Superfund site towards settling Natural Resource Damages is progressing.
• The potential NRD settlement with the City of Cass Lake includes conservation easement, restricting future development along the northwest shore of Pike Bay, the transfer of a beach parcel north of Saultstar Marina and continued assistance in natural resource damage restoration projects.
• The federal multidistrict opioid litigation is moving slowly but there are now Tribal Government settlements moving toward final approval. If approved Johnson and Johnson will provide approximately $2.3 million to LLBO for use in opioid addiction treatment. Once 95% of the participating Tribes agree then payments will begin.
• The Legal Department is actively engaged with DRM and Government relations in efforts to oppose the construction of a Oriented strand board(OSB) manufacturing facility in the City of Cohasset, 1 mile east of the LLBO reservation boundary. If constructed, the facility would be the largest OSB production facility in North America.

Education
• Work on the Leech Lake Leadership plan continues, currently identifying Tribal professional development needs.
• One additional head start classroom was opened in January following the hiring of two new teachers.
• Inclusion of an Ojibwe Language & Culture revitalization staff member has greatly improved programming areas.
• Began process of acquiring Rosetta Stone Ojibwe for all of Early Childhood division.

Tribal Roads
• Cass Lake Bike Trail project has begun this year and is scheduled to be finished by Summer 2022.
• Bena Bike trail project will be bid out in 2022, and construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

Human Services
• The 2021 legislature created new mental health uniform service standards that impact MN DHS certified programs and providers is expected to be implemented by July 1, 2022. This will impact LLBH providers, programs, policies and procedures.
• Traditional medicine and doctoring were offered at Leech Lake Behavioral health for the first time this quarter.
• In March, LLBO division directors began participating in Suicide prevention training.
• The LLBH crisis response team is working with Itasca county first for help to define operational requirements and protocols that are specific to LLBH to provide a more personalized crisis line service and triage.
• LLBH received Tribal Council approval for a new LLBH policy and procedure manual.

Health
• Rochelle Pemberton accepted role as Health Division director in November 2021.
• Implemented the “Baby and Me Tobacco” free program.
• CMS vaccine mandate policy was implemented, deadline was March 15, 2022.
• Family Spirit Program has a new a new home, the old gaming compliance building by the ARC program.
• Over 1,000 food boxes for the holidays were handed out in December with more food boxes delivered to Elders via the Elder program in early March.
• Community Healing Walk to take place in April.
• Over the past month of March there is a steady decline in Covid testing and positive cases reported by both IHS and Tribal Employee health.
• Health Emergency Response Team (HERT) and IHS have worked on providing home test kits to community members in the metro area as well as masks/sanitation. Masks/ Sanitizations are still in large quantities for use and distribution to community members when needed.
• Mask mandate was lifted for LLBO offices due to the decrease in positive cases in the community.

Public Safety
• Food Boxes have continued to be delivered as requested.
• Community Service Officer Rory Haaland continues with planning efforts for a new Veterinary clinic. Land for the clinic has been established and funding resources are being identified. Plans are to break ground fall 2022.

Resource Management
• Incumbent DRM director is still indisposable, Interim Division Director oversaw past quarter and drafted a strategic plan to set short term and long term goals for the division.
• The DRM has been engaging with Government Relations and Legal Department on the Huber issue and has participated in a series of consultations with Federal and State agencies regarding the project.
• Monthly consultations regarding USFS, Ketchum project and Highway 2 shading project have continue this quarter.
• DRM is working with communications division for public outreach on potential solar project.
• IDD has been engage in the LL restoration act implementation where the BIA in review of the parcels discovered an addition 4,200 acres in Cass County that were not initially included in the Secretarial land transfer bill estimate. It is unclear if these lands are eligible for inclusion in current legislation.
• Work continues on Chippewa National Forest MOU implementation.
• Water Treatment as state application was approved November 3, 2021. Water quality standards are being drafted and expected to be completed in spring/summer ‘22.
• The Leech Lake Heritage sites program has been conducting artifact analysis. Tens of thousands of items recovered at the greenside site of Mud lake.

Tribal Development
• Housing initiative work continues, next Wilder Foundation survey regarding homelessness on reservations will take place in October 2022.
• Land use for planning for band owned properties is being identified in all three districts.
• Acquisition of tax forfeited lots in the Cass Lake area is complete.
• The LLBO capital improvement plan is nearly ready for RBC adoption.
• The American Recovery Act Build Back Better plan grant is covering a joint effort between LLBO and LLTC to develop a training programing and training facility.
• The Food Sovereignty plan continues to be worked on through addressing food insecurity, production, processing, and waste.
• Food Cooperative Feasibility study is reaching out to gaining to garner information on the newly acquired Leech Lake Market and its role in developing a food system development in the future.

Housing
• Project VII development applicants have been selected and pre qualified for vacancy. Homes are expected to be occupied by mid-May.
• 37 new HRV air exchangers in tax credit developments 1 & 2 were installed.
• Radon Control Technician inspected 6 radon mitigation systems and tested 60 homes for radon.
• New air exchange/recovery ventilation systems have been changed out in 37 tax credit project homes.
• Inspectors conducted 67 unit inspections during the reporting period.
• The modernization department renovated 12 homes during the reporting period.
Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer
Arthur “Archie” LaRose

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary

Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on April 15, 2022

Boozhoo, everyone. Spring is upon us and we are finally starting to get away from the extreme weather that we have been through this past winter. The Covid-19 Pandemic continues on but we have been seeing very low infection rates on the reservation as of lately so that is great news.

We are currently sitting at about a $20.6 million reserve in our General Fund. We have almost completed our fiscal year 2020 annual audit. The adjusting entries that will accompany this audit submittal may change the reserve amount slightly. In discussions with our auditing firm, there has been a lot of confusion and delays in receiving information from the Department of Treasury as far as the audit requirements for the Cares Act and American Rescue Plan Act funding. This has led to most tribes being late in their audit submittals and this does include the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The Cares Act officially ended on December 31, 2021 and the final financial report has now been submitted to the Department of the Treasury. The use of these funds remained unchanged from the summary that was provided on my last quarterly report. We are currently holding off on finalizing what the remaining ARPA funds will be used on as we explore all of the new available funding opportunities for projects that continue to come down from the Federal and State level. The items that have been paid for from these funds to date are the stimulus payments to all band members, premium pay for LLBO, Gaming, Housing and the Tribal College and a personal leave payout to LLBO employees that were unable to utilize their personal leave due to being short-staffed as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The second stimulus payment of $1,700 is still scheduled to be distributed in August of this year. There are still approximately 1,000 band members that have not submitted an application for the first ARPA stimulus payment. These band members can still submit an application to receive these funds if they haven’t already.

The country is seeing extraordinary inflation hikes due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We are seeing these effects in the grocery store, at the gas pump and everywhere for our basic needs. In an effort to help band members in this situation, Tribal Council has approved a 10% discount for all band members on Thursday of every week at Leech Lake Market. Another action to assist in this situation was raising the minimum wage for LLBO and Gaming to $15.00 per hour.

Since July 1, 2021 $448 thousand in payments to enrolled band citizens reaching the age of 18 have been made from the Minor’s Trust Program. This amount was paid out to 153 band members that have turned 18 since July 1, 2021. We will be allocating $250 to each minor in August 2022 and an additional $250 in December 2022. These allocations come out of the Band’s General Fund as this is not an allowable expenditure for Cares Act or ARPA funds. Statements were mailed out for each minor in August 2021. There have been about 404 statements returned due to incorrect addresses. To ensure that these statements are received please make sure to update addresses with the Enrollments office. There are also 45 adults that have not claimed their funds after turning 18. If you have not claimed these funds please reach out to the Accounting office for assistance in getting these funds claimed.

The Preliminary FY22 Budget was approved by Tribal Council. We are currently working on getting the Public Meetings scheduled to present the budget to the Public for input/comment. We will be hosting a meeting for each District and strongly encourage as many Band Members as possible to attend and provide comments and input. Please watch for the announcements coming out soon when the meetings are scheduled.

Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations
Quarter Ending March 2022

Revenue
For the period from July 2021 through February 2022, Leech Lake Gaming brought in revenue totaling $77.7 million. Revenue was approximately $60.4 million that same timeframe in fiscal year 2021, which is an increase in revenue by $17.2 million. This is a continuation of the upward trend that had been occurring prior to fiscal year 2021.

Expenses
The total of expenses from July 2021 through February 2022 was $62.3 million. Cost of sales totaled $16.1 million, payroll $25 million and operating expenses were approximately $21.2 million. The previous year total expenses were roughly $52.4 million, which is a $9.9 million increase from fiscal year 2021 to 2022.

Net Profit
Net profit for this period is $15.4 million. This is approximately a $7.3 million increase from fiscal year 2021. With the increase in revenue, while there was also an increase in expense, a good portion of revenue flowed through to the bottom line. Leech Lake Gaming is seeing a significant jump in net profit so far in fiscal year 2022.

Forecast
While Leech Lake Gaming has continued to see significant increases in revenues and profits this quarter, it is expected there will be a point where revenues and profits will no longer continue such a significant trend upward. Leech Lake Gaming expects that revenues will level out, or potentially decline, due to the decrease in government stimulus and inflation. Expenses will be continually monitored, but with the expectation of revenue to eventually plateau or possibly return to normal levels, net profit will be respectively affected.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

ARPA – US Treasury
(1st Payment – received on 3/3/2021) 47,000,213.00
ARPA – US Treasury
(2nd Payment – received on 8/16/2021) 34,734,136.88
Other ARPA programs
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Governor Walz to Visit Leech Lake Reservation for Fishing Opener Celebration

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – Governor Tim Walz announced his plans to spend the Minnesota Fishing opener around the Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe lands in north-central Minnesota.

Weekend events will culminate with a launch ceremony at Lake Winnibigoshish before anglers head out for the big day. Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will fish with Leech Lake fishing guide Rory Haaland.

The Governor’s Fishing Opener has been a tradition in Minnesota since 1948. The event was designed to promote the development of Minnesota’s $2.4 billion fishing industry, and in recent years, it has served as an iconic kick-off celebration for the summer tourism season. Prior to the pandemic, travel and tourism generated $16.6 billion in leisure and hospitality gross sales in Minnesota annually.

“The Governor’s Fishing Opener is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of the fishing tradition to Minnesotans and highlight its impact to our businesses, tourism, and outdoor economy,” said Governor Tim Walz.

“We are grateful to Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. and the Leech Lake Band for coming forward to support and collaborate with us so we could make this year’s event a successful celebration of our state’s traditions, tourism, and hospitality industry.”

The “Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act” Signed into Law

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – The “Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act” was signed into Minnesota law, March 24, 2022. The bill sponsored by Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) gives tribes the jurisdiction to prosecute crimes of sexual violence committed by non-Indian offenders and helps deter future crimes in Indian Country.

Specifically, the bill:

• Expands upon the special domestic violence jurisdiction granted to tribes during the 2013 Violence Against Women Act reauthorization to allow tribes to prosecute cases of sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking against non-Indian offenders.

• Eliminates the requirement that non-Indian offenders must have “sufficient ties” to the land, thereby ensuring that all non-Indian offenders can be prosecuted for their crimes.

• Over half of all Native American women will experience sexual violence in their lifetimes, but few ever see justice. A report by the National Institute of Justice found that: Fifty-six percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women — and more than one in four men — have experienced sexual violence. Among those, almost all — 96% of women and 89% of men — were victimized by an interracial — or non-Indian—offender. Native women are also more likely to be targeted by sex traffickers, in part because predators can exploit confusion over the complex jurisdictional issues, according to the state’s 2020 report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

• Despite these alarming statistics, offenders often go unpunished and unpunished. In 2013, Congress included an important provision in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to allow tribes to assert jurisdiction over crimes of domestic violence committed in Indian Country. Outside of this special domestic violence jurisdiction, Tribal governments do not have the authority to punish crimes of sexual violence committed by non-Indians. In most instances, a victim must rely on the federal government to seek justice. Yet, federal consideration of these cases rarely result in prosecution.

“For a long time we’ve known that an alarming number of Native people endure sexual violence, and we have the research to show the staggering rate of sexual violence committed by non-Native perpetrators in Indian Country. The federal government has failed Native survivors when it comes to prosecuting offenders,” said Sen. Smith.

“I am proud of our efforts to pass this bipartisan legislation and support survivors seeking the justice they deserve.”

This legislation is supported by the National Congress of American Indians, Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center, Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

The bill in full can be found on Tina Smith’s website, https://www.smith.senate.gov/

STAY SAFE MN

MN COVID-19 update: April

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – As Minnesota’s rolling average positivity rate for COVID-19 continues to decline, new state measures to make testing wildly available have been announced.

Now within the state, Minnesotans can order two test kits per home for a total of four tests via mn.gov/covid19.

The state has secured 500,000 of the test kits and will make them available until the supply runs out, the governor’s office said. Minnesota will use the program as a model for providing more access to rapid testing in the months ahead.

“Our goal has always been to ensure that when Minnesotans need a test, they can get one quickly and easily,” Gov. Tim Walz said in a statement. “Even as case numbers decline, it’s important that Minnesotans test for COVID-19 if they are feeling sick. That’s why we’re continuing to work to make tests easily accessible — now and in the future.”

Through the federal government, Minnesotans can also place 2 orders of free rapid at-home tests at CovidTests.gov. These tests are separate from the state’s stock, and US citizens are eligible to place orders through both sites.

A look at the numbers as of March 29:

The Minnesota Department of Health says the state’s total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 1,428,704. Of them, nearly 1,413,217 no longer require isolation.

The state’s death toll is now at 12,390 with 5,669 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities.

Health officials say approximately 19,291,163 tests have been taken for the virus so far in the state including 13,122 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 are 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.
Energy Grant Will Fund a New Solar Installation on Leech Lake

By KAYLA DUOO

WASHINGTON — The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been awarded funding for a new solar project.

The grant is courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), who announced Tuesday March 22 their plans to provide nearly $9 million in funding to 13 American Indian and Alaska Native communities for 14 projects that will harness their vast undeveloped solar, hydro and geothermal energy resources, reduce or stabilize energy costs, and increase energy security and resilience on tribal lands. This funding addresses President Biden’s goal of an equitable clean energy transition.

The Leech Lake Bands plan for the over 1 million with a $382k match to install 534 kilowatts of solar PV to power tribal buildings, saving over $2.5 million over the life of the systems. The grant was initially applied for in 2019, buildings included in the project are the Cedar Lakes Casino and Hotel, Leech Lake Justice Center and the Cass Lake Emergency Shelter.

“This is a success that shows when we work as a team at Leech Lake to pre-plan and promote energy conservation and energy sovereignty, things do come together. There’s a lot of work that went into this, and there's a lot of work to come, but the benefits to the band will be enormous,” said LLBO Interim Environmental Director Brandy Toft.

Collectively, the 14 selected projects awarded to 13 American Indian and Alaska Native communities are estimated to result in 3.3 megawatts of new clean energy generation, and over 3.6 megawatt-hours of battery storage, serve over 1,200 tribal buildings and provide a combined $48.5 million in savings over the life of the systems to these communities.

Since 2010, the DOE Office of Indian Energy has invested over $114 million in more than 200 tribal energy projects across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska, valued at nearly $200 million. Through these grants, DOE’s Office of Indian Energy continues its efforts, in partnership with Native communities, to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

You can find more information regarding LLBO’s solar plan and the other newly selected projects on the Office of Indian Energy’s website.

LLBO Division of Resource Management Notice to LLBO Members

By LAKOTA IRONBOY | LLBO DRM 218-335-7400 lakota.ironboy@ojibwe.net

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management has been working with the Chippewa National Forest to recognize the reserved treaty rights of Band Members to freely camp on federally managed campgrounds within the Leech Lake Reservation. The Forest Service in recognition of these rights has opened all Forest Service campgrounds within the Leech Lake Reservation for free use by all Band members and resident Indians. The Chippewa National Forest and Recreation.gov, a trip planning and reservation service portal, have improved the campground reservation process for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Tribal members for easier access.

Tribal members can now go to www.recreation.gov, type in the campground name, look at available campsites for the preferred dates, and reserve a campsite without paying a reservation fee. The tribal fee waiver applies only to LLBO members for camping on the Chippewa National Forest. Five other National Forests in the upper Midwest also offer treaty-based tribal fee waivers.

Online Reservations
Once a campsite has been select-

ed on recreation.gov, Tribal members should select “Tribal Fee Waiver”, and then select Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in the drop-down box. To discourage fraudulent use of the tribal fee waiver, Forest Service staff may ask campers to present their tribal ID as verification.

The Chippewa National Forest has 11 campgrounds accepting reservations. There are also five campgrounds with first-come first-serve, or non-reservable, sites that are available at no charge to LLBO members. When occupying a non-reservable site, LLBO campers should record their information on a fee envelope. Complete all fields on the envelope and tear-off tab, write LLBO member in the fee paid field, and add their tribal id number in the last box. Keep the tear off tab and deposit the envelope in the fee station receptacle.

Tribal members can camp without a fee at all Forest campgrounds, including those outside the Reservation boundary. Sites that can be reserved are available up to six months in advance of the first camping night. Reservations made online or through the toll-free number are limited to 14 days, ensuring all have the opportunity to use a campsite.

Current campground opening and closing dates can be found on the Chippewa National Forest webpage at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/

Internet/FSE/Documents/fseprd904023.pdf

The only federally managed campground that is exempt from this process currently is the Winnie Dam and Leech River campgrounds as they are managed through the Army Core of Engineers. Work is ongoing to allow the same opportunity at that campground as all the others within the Leech Lake Reservation. We hope to have a solution this summer.

Although use of the campsite is free we should behave responsibly and remember that responsible use of all our resources will keep these campsites clean and available for seven generations.

If you have questions or comments please contact the Leech Lake Environmental Director, Ben Benoit at (218) 335-7417.
The Senior Class at Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School was finally able to go on their first field trip since pre-covid two years ago. They used some of the money that they have raised through fundraising to go to Mount Itasca near Coleraine for tubing. They also invited the 11th graders since they have had no field trips either. In spite of the cold weather, everyone stayed out the entire two hours having a great time with their classmates.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Food Service is pleased to announce the return of a full daily salad bar and the use of trays rather than disposable take-out containers. Because of covid protocol, every measure was taken to keep students safe and that will continue to be a priority as these changes are implemented.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School was pleased to host students from Dartmouth University after a two year absence due to Covid. Their presentations focused on their paths to medical school and a discussion about the various careers in the health care fields. The students pictured are listening to a presentation about pharmacy careers.

Third grade students in Priscilla Smith's class at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School recently competed in the statewide reading challenge “Read to the Final Four”. This 9-week challenge is sponsored yearly by the NCAA, Women's Final Four and the Minnesota Local Organizing Committee as a way to "inspire and incentivize third graders across the state to develop their abilities". Students can win fun prizes by recording the number of minutes they read each week. A total of 140 schools across the state participated. In spite of suddenly going back to virtual learning, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig students earned wristbands for being in the top 68 schools.

Participants were, front row: Deeondra, Lillian, Tala, Jada. Back row: Tori, Priscilla Smith, Trindon, Aidan. Not pictured: Tayla, Misaabii and Matthew.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Cultural Department sponsored a Snow Snake (Shoshome) Competition this week. The event included three events: Distance Throw, Accuracy Throw and Hoop Throw. According to the oral tradition, the game of Snow Snake dates back more than 500 years, before the arrival of Europeans in North America. The throwing of “snow snakes” in a trough of snow developed into a competitive sport. The name snow snake, is said to have come from the serpentine wiggling motion of the poles as they slide down the icy track.
Gweyakakminow Wiisinidwaa!

Let’s eat the right foods!

Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

This recipe was inspired by Alyssa from “SimplyQuinoa.com”

Cilantro Lime, Black Bean Tacos with quinoa

Ingredients
(“Items that can be picked up at food distribution”)

- 2 cups of vegetable broth
- 1 cup of quinoa
- Juice and Zest of 2 limes
- 1 can of black beans, drained and rinsed*
- 2 avocados
- Juice of 1 lime
- ½ cup of chopped red onion*
- ½ cup of chopped cilantro
- Sliced red cabbage
- Chopped cilantro to garnish
- 10 corn tortillas*
- Salt and pepper to taste*

Serves: 5 Prep time: 10 min. Cook time: 15 min. Total Time: 25 minutes.

Directions:
1. Add Veggie broth, quinoa and lime juice to a small sauce pan. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce to simmer for 12-15 minutes until all the liquid has been absorbed.
2. Remove from the heat and let cool for 10-15 minutes. Stir in lime zest, ½ cup cilantro and season with salt & pepper.
3. In a separate bowl, mash avocado until almost smooth. Stir in onion, lime juice and ¼ cup cilantro. Season with salt and pepper.
4. To assemble tacos, place ¼ - ½ cup of quinoa mixture onto base of each tortilla. Top with black beans, cabbage and the guacamole. Garnish with cilantro (and/or hot sauce) and enjoy immediately.

Nutritional Notes: This month’s focus is the grain Quinoa, pronounced as KEEN-WAH. Quinoa comes from the country of Bolivia, and has many different varieties dating back 5,000 years. It also provides bountiful nutrients and is minimal in caloric density which is beneficial for weight loss! Quinoa provides key nutrients like fiber and phytochemicals (plant chemicals) but what separates Quinoa from other grains is, Quinoa provides a complete protein by itself. Because of the nutrient density this grain is beneficial for people with Diabetes and would be encouraged to eat daily and in abundance.

Quinoa, directly translating to “mother grain” in the Inca language, is native to the Andes Mountains of Bolivia, Chile and Peru. This has been a staple crop for the Inca people for an estimated 5,000 years or more. This grain is not only a staple crop for the Inca people but it also provides many uses such as; making flour, cereals, soups, and even alcohol.

Comparing quinoa to other grains, Quinoa is often times labeled as a “superfood”. Why is it so super? When compared to other whole grains we see today, Quinoa offers more; protein, antioxidants, minerals and fiber. Other nutrients this wonderful grain provides are; iron, lysine, magnesium, amino acids, and flavonoids. What truly separates quinoa from the other grains is that it offers, standing alone, a complete protein, one of the only grains to do so!

Quinoa and Diabetes management, because this grain offers so many nutrients at such a low caloric cost this would be encouraged to eat daily and in abundance for people wanting to control their blood sugar or aid in weight loss. Because of the abundance of fiber in Quinoa it will help you stay fuller longer, making cravings easier to fight off. The fiber and protein content also puts Quinoa lower on the glycemic index, offering a more balanced blood sugar level throughout the rest of the day. So, if you’re looking to manage your blood sugars in a tasty and healthful way. Try this quick taco Tuesday recipe out and enjoy.

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

Michael “Big Mike” LaRose

Michael Edward “Big Mike” LaRose, age 52, of Cass Lake, MN, and the Martin Clan started his spiritual journey on Monday, March 21, 2022, from the Cass Lake IHS. He was born on March 20, 1970, in Cass Lake, MN the son of Roxanne (LaRose) and Michael E. Jones.

Big Mike enjoyed spending time with family. He helped take care of his auntie Paula and would help anyone he could. He liked to cook, draw, go to the casinos, and play dominoes. He enjoyed lifting weights and working out, he also liked the outdoors and being on with nature. Big Mike was a very handy man, he had his boiler’s license and was a licensed barber, he cut everyone’s hair.

Those welcoming Big Mike to the spirit world are his parents, Roxanne and Michael E. Jones; grandma, Delores Clark, great-grandma, Julia Goodwin-Jones; great-nephew, Denzell Cloud; cousin, Daniel “Fudy” Wilson; and uncle, Franklin “Doc” LaRose.

Those left behind to cherish the memory of Big Mike are his sons, Dylan Stately, Michael Edward “Big Mike” LaRose, Jr., Damon LaRose, Charles “Chucky” Briski, Dominick LaRose, Josh Briski, Jr., Makhoa Martin, Archer Oothooldt and alternate Anthony “Tony” LaRose. Honorary pallbearers are Dean Senarighi, Dave Jones, Steve Humphrey, Robert Budreau, Jr., Alden Fairbanks, Amos Laduke, and all his family and friends. Internment will be in the LaRose Family Cemetery, Track 34, Cass Lake, MN.

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

Shannon Haugen

Shannon Eric Haugen, 48, went home on Saturday, March 19 at his home in Wilkinson, MN. He was born on July 13, 1973, in Rochester, MN, the son of Cecil Orrin Haugen and Fern Elizabeth Morgan.

Shannon lived with his brothers in Zumbrota, MN until moving to their Cass Lake home in 1976, where he was 3 years old, and he lived in the area until his passing. After high school he worked with his father and brothers building and repairing pipelines. He also worked many positions at Leech Lake Gaming and was a PCA for the last few years. Shannon loved hunting, fishing, setting traps, and about everything outdoors with his brothers and father. In recent years, he enjoyed joking around and spending time with family around the farm in Wilkinson.

The family that Shannon joins again are his parents Cecil, Sr. and mother Fern, brothers; Kelly Haugen, Gerald Haugen, Brian Haugen, Patrick Haugen and Robert Morgan; sister Deedee Haugen, great nephew; Miskwaadesi Roberts, and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Those who leaves behind are his son; Devin Smith-Haugen, siblings; Cecil, Jr. (“Tiny”), Thomas, Therese (Christopher) Konecne, and Faye Haugen, auntie; Cookie Cloud, grandson; Tristan Smith, nieces; Cathy (Trevor) Haugen, Carlie (Andrew) Cagle, Jessica (Joey) Carter, Tiffanni Haugen, and Anita Dunn nephews; Devin Smith, John Dunn, Jason Dunn, Jesse (Angie) Dunn, great nieces; Lyra, Danika, Maya, Jessica, and Graceelyn, Great Nephews; Cecil, Randy Jr, Spud, Lucas, Marvin, Calvin, and Benny, many cousins, and a lot of friends.

A wake for Shannon will begin at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN on Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m. and continue until his funeral on Friday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Pallbearers for Shannon are Devin Smith-Haugen, Christopher Konecne, Jesse Dunn, Cecil Haugen, Trevor Rosebear, and William Morgan. Alternate pallbearers are Richard Morgan and Thomas Haugen. His honorary pallbearers are all of his nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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

Sidney Whitebird

Sidney Glenn Whitebird, 58, of the Bear Clan and from Remer, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth, MN.

Sidney was born in Cass Lake, MN on September 11, 1963, the son of Leota (White) and Edmund Whitebird. His childhood years were spent mostly outdoors with friends and family playing baseball for his dad and Gordy Giffin in Federal Dam, MN. After graduating from high school, he attended trade school in Staples, MN where he received his certification in diesel mechanics. In 1984, Sidney enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1986. His adult years brought him to Minneapolis, MN where he started his laborer career roofing with Bobby Kangas. After returning to Boy Lake, he continued to work at Menards Construction and JP Concrete. When he wasn’t working, he liked to spend time with his dogs and his family.

He especially enjoyed when his great nieces and nephews came to visit and starting his mornings with coffee and TV, with his sister Myrna.

Family that greets Sidney in the spirit world are his parents, Leota and Edmund; sisters, Dorcus; brothers, Kenneth, Edmund, and Jeffrey and niece Ashley.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sister, Myrna Whitebird of Remer; sister-in-law, Deidre Whitebird of Wisconsin; uncles, Joseph (Lucille) White and Steve Bebeau, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

A Celebration of Sidney’s Life will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the Battle Point Community Center in Federal Dam, MN. His honorary pallbearers are Jim Purvis, Rodney Johnsons, Jamie Hare, Richard Bevins, Mike and Pat White, Ryan Whitebird and Kenneth Whitebird, Jr. Inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date.

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

Neil Cutbank

Neil Curtis Cutbank, age 44, of Pennington, MN, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Neil was born on September 21, 1977, in Bemidji, MN, and was raised by his mother, Beverly Cutbank and Gary Miettinen, Sr. He worked as an electrical apprentice for many years. Neil loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding. He liked collecting knives and was an excellent marksman with his bow. Neil loved family and looked forward to visiting with his nieces and nephews. Above all, he loved his daughters and grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughters: Memree (Filiberto Ramirez) Jones, Angeline (Thayne Thompson) Woundedfoot and Kelly Hough; his mother, Beverly Guernsey; father, Gary Miettinen, Sr.; grandchildren: Emiliano, Elaia and KaLea; siblings: Gary (Sheila) Miettinen, Jr., Christopher (Candice) Miettinen, Sr. and Scott Miettinen; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker.

Neil was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Richard and Angeline Cutbank; paternal grandmother, Shirley Bebeau and his uncle, Richard Cutbank, Jr.

The wake will begin at Noon on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Mission Community
Antoine James LaRose, "Manidoo Inini" which means "Spirit Boy", 2 ½ years old, unexpectedly began his journey to the spirit world on Thursday, March 10, 2022, from his home in Minneapolis, MN.

Antoine was born in Bemidji, MN on August 3, 2019, to Gerri LaRose and Frank Jones. He was very close with his brother Robert and was a "Big Grandma's Boy" who he prayed with every morning. Antoine loved powwow music, especially the Sidestep Jingle Dress song. His other favorite songs were Lose Control, Lose it by Missy Elliot and Family Affair by Mary J. Blige. Antoine loved being in the spotlight of attention, dancing, watching Paw Patrol, Sponge Bob, Peppa Pig and Luigi pillow and blanket with him and would not let anyone touch it. His happy and joyful spirit will forever be remembered and missed.

Family that will care for Antoine in the spirit world are his grandma, Evelyn Jones; aunties and uncles, Dimitri and his namesake Antoine S.; great uncle, Doc; cousin, Baby Boy; numerous cousins and several other family members.

Antoine’s spirit world are his grandma, Evelyn Jones; brothers, Robert Holstein, Jr. and Frank Hall; aunts and uncles, Larissa, Gordon (Shannon), Raymond, Allend, Chelsea, Vincent, Cody, Anara, James, Tanya, Timothy Jr., David, Cheryl and Paula (Brian), Special auntie, Paula; numerous cousins and several other family members.

An overnight wake for Baby Antoine will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. traditional services on Friday, March 18 all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Antoine will be Cody Hall, Darren Frazer, Jeremy Jones and Makhoa Martin. The alternate pallbearers are Charles Briski, Darron Wilson and Edmund Williams. His honorary pallbearers are all his loving family. Interment will be in the LaRose Family Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following his services on Friday.

Baby Antoine’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Thomas Joseph Roy, 74, of Cass Lake, MN passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Cass Lake, MN. A visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Cass Lake, MN, and from 9-11:00 a.m. before the service on Tuesday. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

He was born on June 14, 1947, in Ponemah, MN, the son of Morris and Josephine (Northbird) Roy. His family spent some time living on the Iron Range before moving to Cass Lake, MN. He graduated from Cass Lake High School in 1966. He married Susan Beaulieu in August of 1966. They started a family and together had three children. He attended Bemidji Vo-Tech and became certified as an Electrician. He worked as an Electrician for the Leech Lake Band, later he began a career with Leech Lake Gaming as a Surveillance Manager at the Palace Casino. Towards the end of his career, he worked a variety of jobs for the Leech Lake Band before his retirement in 2019. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, and going to the Casino. He loved to spend time with his family, especially the grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed attending their many sporting events.


He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Joel Roy Sr., brother Donald Roy, nephews Craig Pemberton, Todd Pemberton, Todd Roy, and niece Kathy Roy.

Active Casketbearers will be: William O’Neal, Dakoth Burnelle, Clifford Beaulieu, Kiel Roy, Scott Johnson, Vince Roy, with alternates: Chris Finn and Tim Beaulieu. Honorary Casketbearers: Thomas’ Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneral-home.com.

Trista Corine French, "Eisch-cab-nah-nahb-equay" or Strong Standing Woman, age 42, of Fargo, ND, started her journey on March 19, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 22, 1979, in Park Rapids, MN, to James TeJohn, Jr. and Valerie Jensen (French).

Trista went to Park Rapids Area Schools and graduated from Bemidji Youthbuild. She attended Leech Lake Tribal College and studied to become an EMT. She grew up in the Cass Lake and Park Rapids area, worked as a CNA, and at the local casinos. Trista was a strong woman who brightened the day of everyone she came across, her personality was vibrant. No matter where she went, she made friends with everybody and everyone loved her, she was truly one of a kind. She really lived life to the fullest and helped anyone who needed it. Trista also loved going to powwows, doing arts and crafts, and most of all just spending time with her friends and family. She loved her children with all her heart, they truly were the center of her world. She will be deeply and forever missed by all those who loved her.

Trista is survived by her children: Iroquoi, Naquoai, and Joaquin Anoka, of Fargo, ND. Her mother, Valerie Jensen, of Bemidji, MN. Her brothers: Jason French (Carla), Steve French (Stephanie), Lucas French (Jenny), James TeJohn III (Ailison), and Johnson TeJohn (Sunny). Her sisters: Justine and...
Obituaries Continued.

...Jasmine Jourdain (Ken), and Shawna Semmens (David). Many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Trista is preceded in death by her father, James Tejoh, Jr.; grandparents: James Tejoh, Sr. and Anton “Sonny” Mountain; grandmothers: Elizabeth “Betty” Blakely and Florence Mountain (LaRose); uncles: Kenny and Kevin Tejoh, Arlen Mountain; aunt: Arlette “Angel” Mountain.

WAKE services for Trista will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. traditional service of Saturday, March 26 all to be held at the White Earth Family Center in Cass Lake, MN. Melvin Goodman will be her Spiritual Advisor. Helping to lay Trista to rest are Jordan Troy, Jace Hunt, Ronald Hunt, Lance Summers, Mike West and Lisa Johnson. Her honorary pallbearers are her children Iroquoi, Naquooi, Naquaooi, and Joaquin and all her nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the Chipewa Bible Church Cemetery.

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

Mary Beckett

Clara Louise Jackson, Ododinuminyashye. Shigog was an avid traveler, beadwork artist as well as regalia maker. She enjoyed creating things for people to wear, oftentimes she would give her creation to our youth to encourage them to keep dancing. She traveled across the United States and Canada to dance in her jingle dress with her sisters and niece. They were often known as the Jackson sisters, they had a van at one time that said Jingle Express. Everything she did was out of love for her friends and family.

She attended IAIA in Sante Fe NM, where she learned how to hone her skills as an artist. She also graduated from the Leech Lake Tribal College with her AA in early childhood education. From there she received a job offer at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, a dream job. She was able to teach our Ojibwe ways of life, where she taught children about our history and many traditions. She helped orchestrate the dance troupe there, where they raised funds for trips. One was to Yakima WA, Alaska and Germany. She also took a job for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe at their first Ojibwe Language Immersion camp. She had again taught many people everything that she knew about our ways of life, from how to hand tan hides, processing our manoomin from start to finish and sugar camp. There were so many things she accomplished, but her most memorable and cherished was being a loving daughter, sister, mama, aunty and grandma.

She will be joining her great grandparents, grandparents, her parents Murphy and Susan Jackson, her brothers Peter, Glen Sr. Steven. Her sister Ramona, adopted sister Bonnie Sam-White and other siblings as well as her nieces, nephews and relatives.

Mary’s family would like to send a special “Thank you” to Virginia Bunker for her compassion and continuous care of Mary, especially over the last few months.

The wake for Mary will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and continue until her 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass on Monday, April 4 all being held at the White Earth Family Center in Cass Lake, MN. Father Matthew Cobb will officiate.

Mary’s family would like to send a special “Thank you” to Virginia Bunker for her compassion and continuous care of Mary, especially over the last few months.

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

Clara Jackson

Rose Losh-White

Rose Mary (Marie) Losh - White, age 84, of Federal Dam passed away on January 22, 2022, at her home in Sugar Point, with her family by her side. Rose was born on November 23, 1937, the daughter of Walter Losh, Delia Morgan & Mary Reynolds who raised her from infancy.

Rose Mary (Marie) was a good woman who loved her family dearly and she is a lifetime member of the Native American Church. She met her lifelong companion Benny and together raised their children in Sugar Point. Rose Mary was employed with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division until February 2018 when she retired full time after 38 years. After Retirement she enjoyed playing bingo, going to thrift stores, rummage sales and attending family gatherings, birthday parties, graduations ceremonies and hosting Christmas eve dinner for all her family.

Rose was legendary for her skills in harvested wild rice; She went out on the rice beds with her grandsons until she was 81 years old. She would often find herself competing with all the ‘youngster’, when they heard she was out on the lake it became a competition to try and beat her. Majority of the time, she would put them to shame, but she never bragged she would just giggle and say, ‘if they went out before noon and stayed out on the lake longer, they could have done better.’

Family that Rose Mary reunites with are her parents, Walter Losh, Delia Morgan & Mary Reynolds; Adopted parents through the Native American Church; Pete and Lucy Rave, Jake Morgan and Daisy Woods; Husband, Benjamin ‘Benny’ White; Brothers, Walter Losh Jr., and William Losh; Sisters, Ramona White, Louella Anoka and Beatrice Norman; Children, Timothy W. Losh-White, Douglas F. White, Richard Losh and Marilyn Losh; four great grandchildren & 1 great-great grandchild.

Family she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her son Allen White, Ronald (Rita) White Sr. & adopted son, Dr. Thomas Faulkner; daughter, Diane Smith; thirty-five grandchildren, fifty-seven great-grandchildren and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

An overnight wake for Rose will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 27 Traditional Service all being held at the Battle Point Community Center in Battle Point, MN. Tony Jenkins will be the Native American Church Roadman. Those helping to lay Rose to rest are Dylan Hess, Jack Wilson, Donnie Harrison, Adam White, Ryan White, Timothy Smith, Kyle Gordon, Donald Geving, Aaron Boswell, Ronald White Jr., Dustin White Jr., and Joshua Boswell. Her honorary pallbearers are Rita Fairbanks, Evening Starr White, Ashley Combs, Betty Jenkins, Carol Jenkins, Tony Jenkins, Crystal Hanson, Dawn Jaspers, Sharon Burnette, Eva Mangum, Tonya Losh, Debbie White, Leeanne Nelson – White, Toby Losh, Stella Mitchell, All her Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great-Great Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Family & Friends. Interment will be in the Battle Point Cemetery at Battle Point, MN.

On behalf of the family of Rose Mary we would like to express our gratitude to St. Croix hospital for providing the care and compassion in our time of need.

Our mother / grandmother lived her life to the fullest, she led by example and often told us ‘there is no one way’ if you have faith in the almighty, he will show you the way. She made a promise to our father/grandfather before he traveled on that she would stay, take care of the family and keep us together until we were ready for her to leave this world, from that day forward she fulfilled her promise to the very end, she made sure she had everything in place and often told us what she wanted and expected from us during this time. While our hearts are heavy, we find comfort knowing she will reunite with those she has missed with all her heart. We would also like to thank each one of you for the prayers, words of encouragement and taking time out of your day to sit with our family in mourning during these uncertain times. Miigwech, The family of Rose Mary Losh.

Rose’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com
ELECTION NOTICE FOR LOCAL INDIAN COUNCIL (LIC),
LEECH LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS AND BUG O NAY GE SHIG SCHOOL BOARD

Elections for Local Indian Council seats, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board and Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board will take in place in conjunction with the Leech Lake MCT General Election on June 14, 2022. Precinct polling sites in all three districts and urban areas will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM on Election Day.

The filing period to sign up to run for any of these positions will be open from Monday, April 18, 2022 at 8:00AM through May 16, 2022 at 4:30PM.

Interested Candidates may sign up in person at the:
Election Board Office
Che We Building (SE Corner)
115 6th St. Ste. E
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Additionally, candidates for Local Indian Council can sign up via telephone by calling 218-335-7219.

OPEN POSITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH BOARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Local Indian Councils**
There are 17 Local Indian Councils in total. All current LIC member terms will end in June 2022. All elected LIC members will serve four-year terms beginning in July 2022.

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Urban areas have three LICs:
• Twin Cities
• Duluth
• Bemidji

The top five candidates in each LIC Election will be elected to the LIC.

**Eligibility Requirements**
All enrolled Leech Lake Band members who live within the communities/areas named above are eligible to serve on their respective Local Indian Council. You must also be at least 18 years of age and have resided within the specified community/area for at least 30 days prior to the election.

**Housing Commissioner Board**
- District I has 1 open position(s)
- District II has 1 open position(s)
- District III has 1 open position(s)

**Eligibility Requirements**
From Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council Ordinance Number 79-9 amended 03/24/22.

**Article IV - Board of Commissioners**
In order to run for election to the board, a person must have reached their twenty-first birthday on or before the election date, and must be a member of the Leech Lake Reservation Band or other Tribal member, recognized by the United States Government, who has resided on the Reservation for at least twelve months prior to the election.

A. Shall be in good financial standing with the Housing Authority; and
B. Shall not be an employee of the Housing Authority; or
   a. Must resign their position with the Housing Authority to serve on the Board; and
C. Shall not have a felony conviction within the ten-year period prior to running for election for the following crimes:
   a. Felony sale or possession of a controlled substance or an equivalent conviction from a different jurisdiction.
   b. Felony criminal sexual conduct or an equivalent conviction from a different jurisdiction.
   c. Crimes of violence as defined in MN Statute 624.712 subdivision 5, or an equivalent conviction from a different jurisdiction.
   D. Shall pass a standard drug test. Cannabis exempt.

**Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board**
- District I has 1 open position(s)
- District II has 1 open position(s)
- District III has 2 open position(s)

**Eligibility Requirements**
From Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board By-Laws revised on 6/09/16, Page 5.

**Section 1: Eligibility**
In order to be eligible to run for election to the Board:
1. A person must have reached their eighteenth birthday by the election date and must be a member of the Leech Lake Band.
2. Has resided in their respective district on the Reservation for at least twelve months prior to the election.
3. Must have a minimum of an Associate’s degree and experience working in a school is required.
4. Currently enrolled students and faculty and staff of the School system are not eligible to run for election.
5. Board members must pass a yearly background check and must continue to reside in their respective districts while serving on the board.
6. A school employee who has been terminated by the School Board is not eligible to run or hold office on Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board.
7. Any individual who has been removed from the school board for nonfeasance, misfeasance, or malfeasance, as well as any individual who has any felony or 2 misdemeanor or offenses under Federal or State law as verified by a background check; crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children is not eligible to run or hold office.
8. Annual state background check and random drug testing will be completed.

**Bids Wanted for 2022 Royalty Items**

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking bids for Princess and Brave crowns and ties needed for each community Pow Wow. Submit separate bids for each Royalty item listed below.

**Bids are being sought for:**
- Leech Lake Princess and Brave (Sr. and Jr.) Beaded Crowns and Neckties with community and year.
- Miigwech Manoomin Princess and Brave Beaded Crown and Necktie with community and year.
- Onigum Princess and Brave (Sr., Jr., and Tiny-tot) Beaded Crowns and Neckties with community and year.
- Cha Cha Bah NIng Princess and Brave Beaded Crown and Necktie with community and year.
- Battle Point Princess and Brave Beaded Crown and Necktie with community and year.

**How to submit your sealed bid:**
- State bid amount, royalty item(s) that bid is being put in for and affix signature. Place document in envelope and seal.
- Name and address of the bidder must be shown in the upper left corner of the envelope.
- The phrase “SEALED BID ENCLOSED: POWWOW NAME” must be shown in the lower left corner of the envelope.

**MAIL TO**
LLBO Purchasing
Attn: Adam Nason
190 Sail Star Dr NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Any questions related to the royalty items can be directed to the Pow Wow Coordinator at 218-335-3637. Questions related to the sealed bidding process can be directed to LLBO Purchasing at 218-335-8200.

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And of course our many volunteers throughout Leech Lake. Miigwech!
Is your address up to date?

If you need to update your address, please send in a completed and signed W9 for an address change to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Accounting office.

The W9 can be found at www.irs.gov

Mail to:

“Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Attn: Accounting
PO Box 60, Cass Lake, MN 56633”

Or fax to the accounting office at: 218-335-3781
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418

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

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Juanita Claire White; f/k/a Juanita Claire Morris, f/k/a Juanita Claire Finn, DOB: 09/11/1947, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-75

NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Juanita Claire White, died April 15, 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 22nd, day of July, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Tony L. Morris, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 22, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tony Morris, PO Box 1338 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Juanita Claire White, 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: Heather TeJohn and Any Man As Father

Court File No. CP-19-96

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing will be scheduled for Thursday May 19 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


Court File No. CV-21-122

NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Della Mae Kingbird, died January 12th, 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 21st, day of October, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Diane Kingbird, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on October 21st, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Jordan Wind, 16757 69th Ave. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as 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: Heather TeJohn and Any Man As Father

Court File No. CP-19-19

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing will be 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.

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Leech Lake Health Division
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The Ojibwe word list in the March edition of the Debahjimon (Vol. XXXVIII No. 9) the Ojibwemowin word “Maple Sugar” was incorrectly listed as “Anishinaa-zinzibaakwad.” The correct wordage is “Anishinaabe-zinzibaakwad.”

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Summary of Job Openings

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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 1-800-631-5521 for more info

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Surveyor ~ Tribal Roads ~ Job Code: 22-057
Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018
Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023
Cook (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-024
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 Compliant Professional for Health ~ Job Code: 21-040
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
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
Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-105
Registered Nurse (Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-111
Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115
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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
Driver (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-137
Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141
Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-157
Driver (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-167
Accounting Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-168
ARC Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-170
Accounts Payable Clerk (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-003
Registered Dietitian ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-008
Adolescent & Maternal Child Health Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-009
Long Term Care (LTC) Case Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-010
Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-011
Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-012
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Facility & Grounds Keeper ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-015
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Office Manager ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-019
Network Associate ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-020
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Family Skills Worker (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-027
Program Manager (Urban Office) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-028
Administrative Assistant ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-030
Family Violence Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-032
Driver (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-033

Intake Worker ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-034
Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-035
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Assistant Manager ~ Purchasing ~ Job Code: 22-038
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Person In Charge Cook ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-043
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CNA/IHA ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-045
Sports Coordinator/Driver ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-046
Intake Liaison ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-047
Homeless Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-048
Watercraft Inspector ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 22-049
Seasonal Invasive Species Crewmember ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 22-050
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Office Manager (Tribal Clinics ~ 1 Bena & 1 Ball Club) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-052
Clinic LPN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-053
Nutrition Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-054
Cook ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-055
Education Program Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-056

Antwon William Joseph Michael Wade and Rebel Sue Robinson gave their mother Myra Faith in marriage to their father Keith Robinson on 02/22/2022 at 2:22 PM.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judge Harrington (and friend) for coming out to Bena on a blustery cold windy day.
I would like to thank Scott and Reichen Anwiler owners of the Big Winnie Bar and Café for donating the venue and Donald Sherman and Andrea Dolney (Bigfoot Entertainment) for doing Karaoke for the night.
I would also like to thank Amanda Richardson and Laqueline Wright for working so diligently on getting this event together from behind the scenes. I would also like to take this time to thank all of our friends and family that came out to help celebrate the union of Myra and Keith. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.
Once again miigwech for all that attended and helped make it happen.

-Patricia Lynn Wade