QUARTERLY MEETING
Leech Lake Tribal Council and Division Directors recently hosted the Band’s Quarterly Meeting online via livestream.

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LLBO Food Distribution and SHIP Team Members offer up a delicious Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal recipe for January.

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S. Lake Community Center Completed, Grand Opening and Celebration Held

By KAYLA DUOOS

S. LAKE – The S. Lake community center is now open.

The center, which has been a community goal for a number of years, features the following amenities; a gym, sauna, kitchen, handi-capable restrooms, and two offices. Bringing the center up to date and similar to the semi-recent Onigum community center build was a goal for staff members who worked on the project.

The center which is still undergoing updates, will receive computers in the near future, as well as fiber optic internet installed throughout the building to ensure the community will have fast and reliable internet access.

The grand opening for the center took place January 7, 2022, and featured the Nut Hill drum group, invocation by Michael Smith Sr. and a number of speeches by Tribal and State officials, followed by a shared meal in celebration.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. opened the celebration with a speech focused on thanking those involved with the creation of the center, and sharing why community spaces like the center are important, especially to the reservations outer communities.

"It takes teamwork to make things like this center happen. It comes through advice of the elders, the local LIC, and staff members. Having a community so far from the hub, make updating this community center a priority. Distance has always been a barrier and this center is going to be able to address a lot of the communities’ needs that they’ve had for years," said Jackson.

LLBO Deputy Director Gordon Fineday who also spoke at the grand opening emphasized the importance of having a place to gather following the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

"The best thing we can do as leadership is hopefully create more opportunities for communities to gather in a safe place. In this day and age – where everyone had to stay home for two years, mental health is a priority. Getting out to a place like this, where it feels safe – is a great thing for everybody," said Fineday.

Community members looking to use the space for additional activities outside of regular use or seeking maintenance for the building are encouraged to visit the LLBO website and fill out a coordinating form.

The center is located at 59979 County Rd 4, S. Lake, MN, and is open M-F 8am-4:30pm.

With Tribal and State Officials present LLBO Band Members Gary Charwood and his aunt Helen Johnson, both of S. Lake, conclude the ribbon cutting ceremony on the newly built S. Lake Community Center.

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Give 2 The Max 2021, LLTC Donation Drive

The Leech Lake Tribal College exceeded its donation goals set for 2021, surpassing funds raised in the previous year

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE - Leech Lake Tribal College exceeded its donation goal during 2021’s Give to the Max day.

Giva to the Max Day is one of Minnesota’s and LLTC’s biggest days of online giving. Every year in November, GiveMN hosts thousands of organizations raising money online to improve the quality of life in Minnesota. In 2021, 6,457 nonprofits and educational institutions raised 34.3 million dollars total in 24 hours during Give to the Max day. LLTC themselves raised $120,923, placing them in the top 10 most donated educational institutions within the state.

The college nearly doubled their donations from the previous year, thanks in part to a $15,000 LLBO gaming match donation, as well as the Blandin foundation $60,000 match donation. The college held a number of events on campus to garner donations such as the pick a prize raffle, a silent auction and the LLTC Laker’s basketball taco sale. The taco sale remained one of the college’s biggest event turnouts, similar to years prior, selling out within an hour and a half.

LLTC Multimedia & Marketing Specialist Ryan White who oversees the event, said none of the goals they obtained would be possible without the help of the staff behind the scenes and those who donated raffle/auction items or provided monetary assistance.

“I just want to thank all of our staff who help out with this event every year and get everything together. The donations mean a lot to the college and help us achieve our goals,” said White.

Just because Give to the Max day is over, that doesn’t mean you can’t still donate. You can find ways to donate to the college online at www.lltc.edu/give or by mailing in a tax deductible check.

If you have questions about supporting LLTC or you’d like to tour the college, you can visit them at 6945 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8 am - 4:30 pm.

LLTC would like to say Miigwech (Thank You) to the following businesses that helped support LLTC Give to the Max Event.

Bemidji Miikinaan Gallery Featured Artist: David Ben White

By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – The Bemidji Watermark Art Center has a new exhibit in the Miikinaan Gallery.

The Miikinaan Gallery which is home to the center’s Traditional art exhibits is now displaying “Indigenous Expressions, Illustrations,” by David Ben White (Oglala Lakota).

Whites collection of illustrations explores indigenous art, culture and traditions and is influenced by stories passed forward from Anishinaabe, Lakota and other tribal nations. Whites artistic styles include acrylic painting, soft chalk pastels, drawing, sketching, cartooning, wood burning and leather work. He also designs unique wearable art and creates found object displays.

White lives in Ponemah on the Red Lake Reservation. He is Oglala Lakota and an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Reservation at Wolf Point, Montana. He is a survivor of the boarding school era.

White has been an artist for a number of years and has entered pieces in various exhibitions, community art fairs and contests.

He is a member of the Region 2 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Council and a former Grantee.

He has displayed pieces at the Two Rivers Art Gallery and the Minneapolis American Indian Center in Minneapolis and locally at various art markets and expos including Region 2 events, Art From Within of the Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project, Red Lake Nation College, Leech Lake Tribal College, and Headwaters School of Music and Arts. He has also attended various art workshops learning about art resources from the First Peoples’ Fund and Springboard for the Arts.

The Indigenous Expressions exhibit will be on display at Watermark Miikinaan Gallery until February 25, 2022.
Cass Lake, Lake Winnie Fitted With New CD3 Stations Aimed to Combat AIS in Waters

By RAINING WHITE | LLBO DRM

In January, the LLBO Division of Resource Management Plants Department, with the help of LL Heavy Equipment, installed three new CD3 Stations located on Cass Lake and two on Lake Winnibigoshish. These stations were paid for through a state grant provided by LCCMR-lottery funds. These stations are a tool to be used in the fight against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that threaten our waters. All CD3 stations, including a fourth waiting to be installed, are solar powered and self-operated. Equipped with a shop vac, air blower, boat brushes, grabber, and plug wrench, the CD3 stations are meant to be a self-service boat cleaning station. Boaters willing to help would use the tools provided to remove all plant and animal material from their boats and trailers before moving on to their next location. Clean, Drain, Dry. Dispose for boats and other watercraft is immensely important to prevent the further spread of AIS. The DRM Plants Department also utilizes inspectors at landings with a decontamination unit during the warmer seasons, but with Leech Lake having so many bodies of water, it is unrealistic to cover every landing and boat launch. Starry Stonewort, an AIS, has been found in Cass Lake, Lake Winnie, and Leech Lake. Although effective management of this AIS is being assessed and utilized, it is extremely important to do our best to prevent further infestations of our many other lakes and rivers within the Reservation and surrounding area. It is unclear how Starry Stonewort and other aquatic invasive species will affect our natural resources, but the DRM is determined to preemptively protect our rice, fish and water from further AIS harm.

If you suspect an Invasive Species within the Reservation, please contact the DRM Plants Department at 218-335-7400 and ask for Kate or Raining. A full list of AIS affected lakes can be provided through the DRM along with materials to help identify AIS and terrestrial invasive species found within or near the Reservation.

FCC Announces Affordable Connectivity Program, Enrollment Now Open

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January 3, 2022 Paul Bunyan Communications announced it is working to help build awareness about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program. The new long-term benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

The $14 billion Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to a $30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a $100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:
- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in one of several Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard).

TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider’s existing low-income program.

Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment opened on December 31, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or by (1) going to ACPBenefit.org to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and (2) contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET any day of the week.

Who Is Eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program?

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines
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- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income program

Find out if you qualify and how to participate. Visit: fcc.gov/ACP
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, January Quarterly Meeting

The Band recently held its Quarterly Meeting January 14, this quarter’s meeting was held online via livestream

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held their Quarterly Meeting virtually Friday, January 14.

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 Facebook page and on LeechLakeNews.com

Quarterly Meetings are held every three months on a rotating schedule between each district on the reservation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held in April 2022.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Tribal Court
• There were 82 new cases filed between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
• The court conducted 211 hearings the past quarter.
• Chief Judge Paul Days judicial contract was renewed for another 3 years in October 2021.

Tribal Development
• Tribal Development in coordination with other divisions continues to work on the bands planning ordinance.
• Work with Wilder Foundation will continue in 2022 with a secondary homeless survey being planned for October 2022.
• American Recovery Build Back Better plan currently in developmental stages with LLTC to fund developmental training on band owned property.
• A land use planning committee was formed with the intention of putting together a formal document for land use and zoning to address community issues.
• Early design model being produced for potential ball club homeless shelter.

Tribal Roads
• Womack Road project has been completed.
• Cass Lake Bike Trail is expected to be finished by summer 2022.
• Bena Bike trail expected to begin 2022.

Resource Management
• Interim director named in December to oversee Department.
• Interim Director has begun developing a strategic plan of short term and long term goals of division that will be presented to leadership in 3rd qtr of FY22.
• Removal of starry stonewort invasive species in Steamboat Bay occurred during reporting period.
• Installation of pollinator gardens at LLTC, Family Spirit, Palace Casino, Prescott community Center, RTC building, Jackson Village took place during the reporting period.
• Beginning phases of working on snowshoe hare habitat creation have started.

Human Services
• Change in department leadership towards end of the quarter, with an interim leader placed 12/6/21.
• October-December all childhood welfare programs were fully operational.
• The need for mental health services continue to rise as the pandemic continues. In October 2021, referrals to the LLBO Behavioral Health appointments exceeded capacity. Exceeding capacity caused a mental health service informal waiting list to be created with appointments taking 1 to 2 months to be scheduled unless community members were in need of urgent help, in which they were referred out.
• The LLBO Behavioral Health Children Services (CTSS) successfully completed the MN DHS recertification process and was awarded a 3 year recertification.
• The LLBO Behavioral Health Crisis Response team is working with Itasca County first to call for help to contract their services. They will assist in screening and triaging mental health crisis calls for Leech Lake 24/7.
• The Cass Lake Emergency Shelter has taken in 68 singles and 12 families during this reporting period.

Education
• Education division has focused on developing the Leech Lake leadership plan to further professional development needs.
• The education administration held the first of two tribal consultations with CLB schools. They’ve also implemented regular meetings with WHA schools and held their first tribal consultation meeting in December. Deer River and Bemidji schools bypass Tribal Education department consultation.
• Post Secondary Education awarded 157 students during the reporting period and are still accepting new applications.
• YouthBuild program is currently being revamped to include more language and cultural components.
• Early Childhood met with LLTC to develop partnerships for workforce development.
• Ojibwe Language Program has visited each of the early childhood classrooms and provided enrichment tools / lessons. Further field trips and events are in planning stages.
• Leech Lake Tribal College provided 570 Ojibwe flashcards, books, and games for FFN support kits.
• Snap-Ed / Diabetes Prevention Program has begun collaborating.
• Snap-Ed reestablished partnership with Boys and Girls club for youth classes.
• Community cooking courses were started during the reporting period.

Housing
• Project VIII has 30 houses set on foundations with hopes of having half the units occupied by the end of January. 24 of these units have furnaces installed and operating.
• Radon Control Technician inspected 25 radon mitigation systems and tested 5 homes for radon.
• New roofs have been installed on 15 low rent homes.
• New air exchange / recovery ventilation systems have been changed out in 37 tax credit project homes.
• Inspectors conducted 98 unit inspections during the reporting period.
• The modernization department renovated 8 homes during the reporting period.

Health
• No reported outbreaks of COVID-19 at assisted living.
• Health division has provided 193 clients with rides to dialysis, medical transport, and covid support.
• Family Spirit program moved into a new building during the last month of the quarter, currently becoming situated.
• Car Seat program served 37 families and provided 44 car seats during the reporting period.
• Continued reporting weekly updates to Division Directors and RTC on health matters of importance.
• 186 COVID vaccines were given during the reporting period.
• Amish Produce Distribution continued through the reporting period.
• New Tobacco Cessation program for Pregnant mothers: “baby and tobacco free” to be launched 1/1/22.

Public Safety
• Program awarded 2021 “coordinated tribal assistance” funding grant for $840,000. Grant will aid the program with cars, uniforms, equipment and methamphetamine prevention project.
• Officers continue to assist in delivering food boxes.
• Public Safety has identified potential land and funding for a veterinary clinic with hopes to break ground in 2022.
• Public safety coordinated with MinSnap / S.I.R.V.I.S. to provide animal care services including vaccination clinics during the reporting period.
• Participated with shop with a cop in which gift cards were distributed to community members for holiday season.
Tribal Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer
Arthur “Archie” LaRose

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary

Remarks delivered at the Quarterly Meeting on January 14, 2022

Boozhoo, everyone. I hope that everyone had a good and safe Christmas and New Year’s holiday season. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a roller coaster ride and the number of cases has been rising in the recent months. We need to continue to keep our guard up and do what we can to continue to protect our elders, family and fellow Band Members. This past quarter has been a very busy and exciting time for Leech Lake. Leech Lake celebrated the Grand Opening and acquisition of Leech Lake Market (formerly Teal’s Market). This opportunity will assist us in achieving what Leech Lake is striving for in regards to food sovereignty. We also celebrated the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled S. Lake Community Center last week. This will provide the S. Lake Community with a beautiful and safe place for gathering. The annual Tax Rebate was distributed to all adult Band Members, the payment of $500 was mailed out in the beginning of December. If you have not received it as of yet, please reach out to our Accounting Department.

We are currently sitting at about a $13 million reserve in our General Fund. Our tax reimbursement amounts have remained fairly consistent throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic. Gaming revenues have rebounded after a temporary shutdown of the casinos at the beginning of the pandemic. Expenditures have been slowly growing to pre-pandemic levels now that all employees have been brought back to work as of July 1, 2021.

The Cares Act ended on December 31, 2021 and was fully expended. A breakdown on how the funding was utilized is provided at the end of this report. Management is continuing to work on a plan and budget for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. We will be reaching out for the Public’s input in the near future in regards to these funds.

The Health Division received an HRSA grant for $4.17 million at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was initially communicated to us by the agency that there was no deadline on spending these funds. It was later communicated to us that the deadline for spending these funds was actually June 30, 2021. We had to act quickly to ensure that we didn’t have to send these funds back to the agency. We ended up utilizing the HRSA funds to cover a portion of the network rebuild, the COVID homes in Cass Lake, vans for ENP and some PPE supplies. This in turn left us with unspent funds in our Cares Act program. We utilized these unspent funds from Cares Act to cover the Stimulus payments that were distributed to Band Members in August 2021.

The Minor’s Trust activity continues to make the “18” payments. Since July 1, 2021 $320 thousand in payments to enrolled band citizens reaching the age of 18 have been made. We allocated the annual $250 contribution to the Minor’s Trust account in December 2021. An additional $250 was contributed to each Minor’s account in August 2022. Another $250 contribution will be made in August 2023. 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 Enrollment office.

The FY22 budget is currently being developed and the Council needed to pass a continuing spending resolution in order to comply with the Band’s Budget Ordinance. We are getting closer to having the budget ready to present to the Public for comment. We will distribute this information as soon as possible. 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 see the inset list showing the projects, services, and activities that have been funded so far by the Cares Act revenue and ARPA.

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(ARPA – The Band’s administration is currently working on a budget for these revenues.)

Total ARPA – Revenues Only                      98,897,455.88

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Leech Lake Gaming Summary of Operations
Quarter Ending September 2021

Revenue

From July 2021 through November 2021, Leech Lake Gaming had revenue $53.5 million. Compared to that same timeframe in FY 2021, revenue was approximately $38 million, which is an increase of $15.6 million. Looking at the 5-year trend, you see that revenue has made a move back to an upward trend after fiscal year 2021.

Expenses

Total expenses for Leech Lake Gaming from July 2021 through November 2021 was $38.5 million. The previous year totaled roughly $33.4 million, which is a $5.2 million increase. Cost of sales accounted for much of the increase, $3.1 million, while operating expenses increased by about $2.2 million. Payroll expenses decreased by about $81 thousand, not including the Premium Pay to LLG employees that was funded by ARPA funds.

Net Profit

Net profit after expenses for this period is $15 million. This is approximately a $10.4 million increase from fiscal year 2021. When looking at the 5-year comparison, this is rather significant increase in net profit.

Forecast

While Leech Lake Gaming has seen significant increases in revenues and profits, it is expected there will be a point where revenues and profits will no longer continue such a trend upward. 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.

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Please see the inset list showing the projects, services, and activities that have been funded so far by the Cares Act revenue and ARPA.
The state is approaching 9 million vaccine doses administered, with variants which are highly contagious, the CDC has reduced the number of quarantine days down to 5 for both symptomatic and asymptomatic carriers of the virus. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after. The state's biggest problem with keeping numbers down remains not the updated isolation period, but the large number of unvaccinated residents. Currently 68% of the state's total population has been vaccinated, meaning anyone 5 and older will need to show proof of a negative test within 72 hours to enter. The rule will also apply to anyone going to see the Timberwolves at Target Center or the Wild at Xcel Energy Center.

In Minneapolis, the policy will apply to anyone who can be vaccinated, meaning anyone 5 and older. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 will need to show proof of a negative test. Children under 2 will be exempt. In St. Paul, the rules are slightly different: Children under 5 will be exempt. However, those who are older will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative test. The policies for both cities will go into effect on Jan. 19, and they’ll extend to cover ticketed events on Jan. 26.

This executive order comes a week after both cities reissued their mask mandates for public areas. Currently most Northern Minnesota cities have not reissued any public mandates despite the climbing number of cases.

A look at the numbers as of January 13:

The Minnesota Department of Health says the state’s total number of confirmed coronavirus cases is now at 1,126,697. Of them, nearly 1,054,656 no longer require isolation. The state’s death toll is now at 10,939 with 5,219 of those deaths involving cases in long-term care (LTC) facilities. Health officials say approximately 16,954,490 Minnesotans have been tested for the virus so far including 11,976 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.

**LLTC PRESIDENT**

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An LLTC staff member who is currently in the middle of this process is Helen Zaikina-Montgomery. Zaikina-Montgomery was the college's only presenting finalist, after her fellow candidates withdrew their applications. She has a long-standing history with the college, first serving two years as the college's Director of Assessment and Institutional Research prior to holding the interim position of president at the college in May 2021. Zaikina-Montgomery has a PhD in experimental psychology and a 20-year background working in higher education. During Zaikina-Montgomery’s 40-minute public presentation, she detailed a 5-year plan built on increasing enrollment, further incorporating cultural programming, staff benefits and student retention. Later answering community questions from those attending in person and via zoom.

If hired, Zaikina-Montgomery will oversee many of the college’s day to day processes and operations. The board of trustees is expected to do a final interview with Zaikina-Montgomery in the coming month.

If you have questions about the LLTC presidential search or if you’d like to tour the college, you can visit them at 6945 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN from 8am-4:30pm or call (218) 335-4200.

Free State Park and Rec Access Granted to All MN Tribal Enrollees

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS — All enrolled Minnesota Tribal members now have free access to Minnesota’s 75 state park and recreation areas.

The Minnesota DNR worked with the Governor’s office and the State Legislature during the 2020 season to change laws so Tribal members can obtain a state park vehicle permit at no charge. The change ensures open access for Tribal members to ancestral lands. Each of Minnesota’s 11 Federally recognized Tribes participated in coordination meetings with DNR staff to determine how Tribal membership is defined, and the kind of identification needed for members to receive a permit.

To receive a state park vehicle permit, Tribal members have a number of ways to self-identify for free parking. Tribal members can show Tribal identification at the park office. If the office is closed, self-payment envelopes can be used at the park entrance with “Tribal Permit” written over the payment section.

Vehicles with a Tribal license plate are also allowed free access without the pass as your license plate signals the driver as an identifiable member of a federally recognized Tribe. Other forms of identification accepted include a certificate of Indian blood or an 1854 Treaty Authority Window Cling or ID Card.

LLBO is working with DNR to have these available at the DRM office in Cass Lake in the near future.
Nutritional notes: Starting the new year off we are also going to be focusing on starting our day off right! Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! What’s more important is the composition of our breakfasts. So, what would a healthy breakfast be composed of? Take this study for example, 1. Columbia University randomized individuals into one of three breakfast conditions: oatmeal made from quick oats, the same number of calories in Frosted Flakes, or just plain water. They then measured how many calories people took in at lunch three hours later... Overweight participants who had eaten oatmeal for breakfast consumed less than half as many calories at lunch, about four hundred fewer calories, which is more than the oatmeal itself had contained. So, in effect, the oatmeal provided “negative” calories.

In our last article (Debahjimon Vol. XXXXVIII No. 6, Dec. 2021) we mentioned that fiber creates short chain fatty acids, which in turn, helps regulate our appetite. Curbing those cravings later on. It makes sense that oatmeal, which offers an abundance of fiber, would help us feel fuller longer, and therefore tends to reduce our caloric intake later on in the day.

A quick note in oatmeal types, we want to encourage minimally process grains, in the example above they highlight quick oats. Other types of oatmeal like the microwave variety although do offer fiber, when they’re processed they often times added unwanted sugars and sodium so be mindful of the variety of oatmeal you’re choosing. We would encourage using the “old fashioned” oatmeal if available.

CITED SOURCES

Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)
gweyakmino wiisinidaa! (Let’s eat the right foods!)

Directions
1. Combine the water, apple juice, and apples in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat, and stir in the rolled oats and cinnamon. Return to a boil, then reduce the heat to low, and simmer until thick, about 3 minutes. Spoon into serving bowls, and pour milk over servings along with maple syrup.

This recipe was inspired by a recipe from DOUGSMAMI on Allrecipes.com

Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal

1 cup of water
¼ cup of apple juice
1 apple, cored and chopped
½ cup of rolled oats
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup of non-dairy milk or milk of your choice
Maple Syrup to taste

ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.
A look back to the events and important dates in the year 2021 for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

**FEB**

- **1.15.21**
  LLBO Quarterly Meeting held virtually online and broadcast via livestream.

- **2.22.21**
  Anniversary of the 1855 Treaty signing which lead to the formation of Leech Lake and Mille Lacs Reservations.

- **2.25.21**
  LLBO expands COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Extending vaccine eligibility to Band members 18 and older.

**MAR**

- **3.11.21**
  LLBO expands COVID-19 vaccination plans to include all persons 18 and older in neighboring communities of the reservation.

- **3.26.21**
  LLBO State of the Band Address held at the Cedar Lakes Event Center in Cass Lake, MN and broadcast online via livestream.

**APR**

- **4.9.21**
  LLBO Quarterly Meeting held virtually online and broadcast via livestream.

- **4.13.21**
  LLBO pauses all J&J vaccinations amid investigations into potentially harmful side effects.

- **4.14.21**
  Via CARES Act support, LLBO Health Division purchased upgraded machinery and equipment. Among them were new handicap transportation vans and mobile clinic trailers.

- **4.15.21**
  LLTC holds virtual conference dealing with post-pandemic online and distance learning at Tribal Colleges.

**JUN**

- **5.15.21**
  LL TC holds outdoor ceremony on Campus for the 2021 Spring Graduation.

- **6.25.21**
  The Annual Leech Lake Days celebration returned after a 2020 hiatus due to COVID-19. The event was held at the Veterans Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake. Apart of the celebrations was the first pow wow held in over a year on Leech Lake and a community clean up day.

- **6.3.21**
  LLBO Tribal Council lifts mandatory portion of mask mandate across Tribal businesses, offices and other properties.

- **6.14.21**
  Anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bryan v. Itasca.

- **6.22.21**
  MCT Tribal Executive Committee holds a special meeting on the Bois Forte Reservation to discuss amending blood quantum requirements for enrollment.

- **6.25.21**
  Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery receives Blue Star Memorial Marker.
**JULY**

- **7.9.21**
  LLBO Quarterly Meeting held in person at Cedar Lakes Event Center in Cass Lake, MN.

- **7.12.21**
  Onigum holds its 22nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow in Onigum, MN.

- **7.13.21**
  First portion of American Rescue Plan Act funding received. LLBO establishes new much needed economic assistance program for enrolled members.

- **7.16.21**
  The 58th Annual Mísgwa’ish Míshicho Pow Wow takes place in Ball Club, MN.

**AUG**

- **8.3.21**
  Operation Walking Shield returns to Leech Lake, offering zero cost health care and services to Leech Lake and surrounding communities.

- **8.19.21**
  Leech Lake DRM opens lakes for beginning of 2020 fishing season.

- **8.27.21**
  The 40th Annual Cha Cha Bah Ning Pow Wow takes place in Inger, MN.

**SEP**

- **9.2.21**
  District I hosts meet & greet with local State Candidates for upcoming U.S. General Election.

- **9.10.21**
  LLBO holds the Inaugural Sagaswe’iiwe Traditional Pow Wow in Cass Lake, MN.

- **9.13.21**
  Leech Lake DRM concludes the 2021 fishing season.

- **9.22.21**
  LLBO holds ribbon cutting ceremony and Grand Opening for Maajiigin, a newly constructed child care center in Cass Lake, MN.

**OCT**

- **10.5.21**
  Anniversary of the Battle of Sugar Point.

- **10.7.21**
  LLBO begins offering COVID-19 Pfizer vaccination booster shots at Cass Lake IHS.

- **10.21.21**
  LLBO holds ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Leech Lake Market, formerly Teals, in Cass Lake, MN.

- **10.22.21**
  LLBO Quarterly Meeting held virtually online and broadcast via livestream.

- **10.31.21**
  LLBO holds Treats for Tots drive-thru events for Leech Lake across four sites, Walker, Cass Lake, Deer River and Bena, MN.

**NOV**

- **11.8.21**
  LLBO offers COVID-19 vaccination boosters for Moderna, Pfizer and J&J at Cass Lake IHS.

- **11.11.21**
  The Leech Lake “Honoring our Veterans” Pow Wow takes place at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN.

- **11.17.21**
  LLBO holds the Annual turkey and wild rice distribution for Band members across the three Districts and urban offices.

- **11.18.21**
  LLTC celebrates Give to the Max Day with online auctions and donation drive.

**DEC**

- **12.22.21**
  LLBO holds Annual Toys for Tots Program supplying area families with gifts for the Holiday Season.
Giwiwedin Biindige peacefully began his spirit journey on December 13, 2021. He is survived by his wife Erma, children Debra (Brent), Jon (Melissa), Melanie (Desmond), and Joe. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and countless family and friends whom he loved very much.

Giwiwedin was born in Federal Dam to Guy and Rachel on February 12, 1940. He spent almost his entire life living near his beloved Leech Lake. As a young man he developed a passion for working with horses and playing guitar. Giwiwedin spent his life fostering these passions and became a world class horse breeder and trainer and a professional musician. He was a talented artist and loved drawing and carving antlers.

More than anything, Giwiwedin loved his connection to his cultural beliefs and his practice of becoming a respected member of his Madewewin Lodge. He loved practicing and sharing the teachings of his Anishinaabe people. He spent the majority of his time engaging in the native traditions of hunting and netting. More than the activities, he enjoyed sharing his harvest with friends and family.

Giwiwedin will be missed for his sense of humor, generosity, kindness and delicious hoboob (soup). His love for music, art and Anishinaabe culture will never be forgotten.

Donald Vizenor, 82 of Pengelly MN went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Donnie “DJ” was born on April 3rd, 1939, in White Earth, MN to Maynard Sr. and Elsie Vizenor. He was the fourth child out of a family of six children. He was an enrolled member of White Earth Tribal Nation. The Vizenor Family moved from Little Sugar Bush to the Iron Range in 1950. Donnie attended and graduated from Greenway High School in 1957. He married Carol Marie Hudson on September 2, 1961, in Goodland, MN. Together they raised six children and lived in various locations around Minnesota, eventually moving back to the Iron Range in the early 90’s.

He always had a passion for cars and was self-employed most of his life doing auto body work. He was an avid outdoors man and loved fishing, hunting, woodworking, restoring furniture, and making fishing lures. He also had a lifelong passion for his roots of Native American Culture. He spent years working on White Earth Constitution Reform Efforts and one of his lifelong dreams was to see a Native American Culture Center built on the Iron Range. He established and led the White Earth Nation Iron Range Council representing White Earth Nation and area Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Members.

Donnie is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Carol; his parents Maynard Sr. and Elsie, his oldest brother Irvin, his sister Ruby, and brother Leonard.

He is survived by his brother Maynard Ir (Wanda) Vizenor of Lake Park MN, sister Norma Haggenmiller of Hibbing MN, his six children, Gloria (Larry) Day, Walker MN, Dan (Andrea) Vizenor, Bemidji MN, Julie (Jim) Peacock, Cass Lake MN, Laurie Troumbly Bovey, MN, Bryan Vizenor, Bovey MN, 12 Grandchildren, and 9 Great-Grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, in the Peterson Funeral Chapel of Coleraine.

To leave an online message of condolence please visit our website at www.petersonfuneralchapelofcoleraine.com.

Mark Banks was born on July 19, 1932 in Onigum, Minnesota, on the Leech Lake Reservation, in Anishinabe Territory. The son of Frank Dick and Annie Banks, Mark's traditional Ojibwe name was Ogemahwajwewabe, and he was a proud member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. He endured Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools in Pipestone, Minn., and Flandreau, South Dakota, then served in the United States Air Force.

Mark attended Brown Institute in Minneapolis and became a successful disc jockey, opening radio stations across the Midwest. His distinctive on-air presence, endless 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 Roethler; Ryan Roethler (Dawn Willingham Roethler); Gia Banks; and 3 great-grandchildren: Ashleigh; Andrew; and Jude; many beloved nieces and nephews, and his longtime love, Cherie Leni. He was also loved by those who knew him as “Papa Mark” – Judy, Wayne, Sunday, Lars, Cherie, Steve, Dion, Franco, Brennen, Jade, Jaclyn, Mike, Tristian, Emma, Ean, McKenzie, Nathaniel, Elijah, Jason, Keyvon, Natalia, Gianna, Gabriel, Mia, Dion, Giovanni, Berlin, Alya, 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, MN. A private burial service was 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.

Steven Andrew Jackson "Wa bish gib be naise", (meaning white thunderbird) aged 75 passed away on December 11, 2021 at his home in Inger MN.

Born in Cass Lake, MN Steve is survived by: son (Mark Jackson), daughters (Stephanie Jackson, Susan Hart), sisters (Sarah Jackson, Beverly DeVault, Norma Jackson, Selma Jackson, Clara Jackson, Helen Jackson) various grandkids and nieces and nephews.

Steve is preceded by: Father Murphy Jackson, Mother Susan Jackson, brothers and sister, step son and other family members who have passed on.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Inger Hall. Burial will take place at Inger Cemetery.

Steve loved to joke around and be around family / friends, he worked for Leech Lake for many years. Steve liked to go hunting, fishing, watching sports and going to cultural events, being around his grand kids, always helping everyone and anyone he could.
1.6 (A). Judging Qualifications.
Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6 (B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.
Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within the district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6 (C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.
Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within the district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.
LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Case No. FA-21-111
SUMMONS & NOTICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACTION

YOU, RESPONDENT Elizabeth Danielson, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on March 10, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to any pleadings and to make any and all other proper appearances according to law. You may also appear in person or by attorney. Failure to answer may result in the issuance of a Warrant for your arrest.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Dianne Therriault, DOB: 09/30/1955, Decedent.

Frances Hess-Mitchell, decedent.

Therriault, 3900 Avion Ln. NW Unit E Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian Mae Molash, decedent.

GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 6, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Wahkuna Therriault, surviving daughter of the decedent, Laura Ann Therriault, died March 4, 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 6th, day of July, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Wahkuna Therriault, surviving daughter of the decedent.

GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Marian Mae Molash, died July 30, 2020. 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 12th, day of August, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Donna Mae Beaulieu, died August 9, 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 23rd, day of November, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

GIVEN that all creditors of the above-named decedent and all persons and creditors entitled to do so are notified, are ordered, and are hereby notified that they must present their claims, or satisfy the claims, or settle the same to 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 Re: Estate of: Marian Mae Molash, DOB: 06/14/1954, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-87

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Marian Mae Molash, died July 30, 2020. 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 12th, day of August, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Wahkuna Therriault, surviving daughter of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Donna Mae Beaulieu, DOB: 03/28/1947, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-120

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Donna Mae Beaulieu, died August 9, 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 23rd, day of November, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CV-21-121

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 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Senoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

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-21-62

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Laura Ann Therriault, died March 4, 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 6th, day of July, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Wahkuna Therriault, surviving daughter of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CV-21-120

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Police

2021 Illegal Drug Statistics

SUBMITTED BY KEN WASHINGTON | TRIBAL POLICE CHIEF

In 2021 Leech Lake Tribal Police Officers executed seventeen (17) drug related search warrants specific to residences and vehicles. Officers seized twelve (12) firearms, consisting of both handguns and long guns. Approximately $1,672.00 of US cash currency was seized, which investigators believe is tied directly to the sales and distribution of illegal drug sales.

Approximate total of seized drugs in 2021

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The approximate street value of the above listed drugs is roughly $337,118.00. “Please note this is a rough estimate broken down to “Street Values” and that the prices on illegal drugs can fluctuate up or down on a daily basis depending on supply and demand in the local area.

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department will continue its proactive approach to protecting the community and continues to seek the public’s help with obtaining information to crimes in the area.

If anyone has information related to the sales or possession of illegal drugs within the Leech Lake Reservation, please contact the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department Narcotic Investigator(s) at (218) 335-7118, or via tips@llpolice.org.

The following drugs were seized in 2021:

- Crystal Methamphetamine
- Processed Marijuana
- Fentanyl
- Powder Cocaine
- Gabapentin Prescription Pills

Leech Lake Tribal Police • 200 Sailstar Drive • PO Box 187 • Cass Lake, MN 56633

(218) 335-8277 Phone | 888-622-9225 Toll Free | (218) 335-8297 Fax

Debahjimon can be found at the following locations:

**District I**
- Ball Club Comm. Center
- White Oak Casino
- Conex Station
- Max Mart
- Inger Comm. Center
- Deer River School

**District II**
- Bug O Nay Ge Shig School
- Bena Community Center
- Bena Store
- Sugar Point Comm. Center
- Kego Lake Comm. Center

**District III**
- Cass Lake Rest Area
- Che We Station
- Leech Lake RTC

Leech Lake Second Language Program

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The Debahjimon is a free, monthly publication.
January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

This last few years have been difficult for everyone but moving into 2022, remember that there are victims out there that are in need. In 2020, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department opened 4 human trafficking cases, and investigated multiple Criminal Sexual Contact, Child Welfare reports, and runaways for possible trafficking ties. We look to you, the Leech Lake Tribal Community, to assist us in helping keep our reservation safe and free of this and all criminal activity.

If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, call 911 or you can report directly to our offices at 218-335-8277 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact the Your Call Minnesota hotline at 877-966-6222, or text “Help” to 233733, or go to the following website for more information: https://yourcallmn.org/

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can enter your home through cracks in the foundation. Just like air, radon is invisible and has no odor. Radon could be in your home, and no known safe level of radon. Radon Technician at

Contact: Radon Technician at 218-335-3716 or DRM Air Quality Specialist at 218-335-7441

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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 1-800-631-5521 for more info

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Trailer Planner (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-005
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Attendant (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-009
Transportation Dispatcher (Part Time) ~ Fleet Management ~ Job Code: 21-011
Mental Health Professional (9) ~ 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
Demographer Research Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ Job Code: 21-033
Infant Toddler Teacher (Bena) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-036
WIC Competent Professional Authority ~ 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
Training Officer/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-080
Field Director ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-085
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-095
ARMC 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
Driver (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-107
Registered Nurse (Assisted Living) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-111
Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115
Nenda-Gikenjiged (Trainee) (1) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-117
Gekinwaa’amaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ 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
Security Guard (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-126
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
Driver (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-137
Allotment Specialist ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-140
Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141
Legal Director ~ Legal ~ Job Code: 21-150
Controller ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-151
Environmental Specialist ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 21-154
Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-155
Accounts Receivable Clerk I ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 21-157
Infant Toddler Teacher (Tribe College) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-158
Director of Nursing ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-166
Driver (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-167
Accounting Assistant ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-168
Security Guard (Part Time) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-169
ARC Program Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-170
Family & Community Partnership Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-171
Child Care Assistant ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-001
Miziwegin Engagement Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-002
Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-003
Operations Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-004
Cook (A.R.C) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-005

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
Job / Contract Opportunity

POSITION TITLE: Full Time Associate Judge

SUMMARY:
The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking a Full Time Associate Judge. Applicants must possess a Juris Doctorate from an accredited Law School and be admitted to practice in the state of Minnesota or any other state. Successful applicants will have well-rounded litigation experience and a thorough understanding of Indian law, especially jurisdiction. Salary is DOQ.

Please submit a cover letter with a resume and a copy of current attorney License to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Jacquelyn Wright
Court Administrator
190 Sailstar Drive NE
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Or email to: jackie.wright@llojibwe.net

CLOSING DATE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 4:30PM

Leech Lake Tribal College
Job Opening

POSITION TITLE: Wellness COVID Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: Administration

REPORTS TO: Interim President

STATUS: Non-exempt

LICENSE / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Valid MN Driver’s License, current insurance or be insurable.

SUMMARY:
This position is funded by the COVID-19 Cares Act, with continuation dependent on available funding. All duties will be focused toward the preparation and safety management of all students and staff. The Wellness COVID Coordinator will be the key resource and central point of contact for all matters concerning COVID-19 for the LLTC campus community. In addition, the Coordinator is responsible for implementing all applicable procedures adopted by LLTC in response to the pandemic. Also, the Coordinator is in charge of maintaining workplace safety by limiting potential environmental hazard risks to students, employees, and visitors. The main task is to ensure the LLTC follows safety standards and government regulation, including designing and implementing safety processes and procedures and maintaining documentation and records.

APPLY AT: https://www.lltc.edu/about-us/employment/