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District II Representative Steve White takes the oath of office administered by his family members.

Secretary - Treasurer Lenny Fineday takes the oath of office administered by Rebekah Fineday.

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CASS LAKE — The Leech Lake days celebration returned to the reservation, Friday June 24. The celebration which began in 2018 is a 3 day community wide event followed by a weekend Powwow. This year’s event housed several booths from the bands various programs, a food tent, and childrens bouncy houses. The celebration also featured a community cleanup, traditional games, hand drum contests, cook-offs, bed races and a new event this year titled “the deadliest aunty and uncle.” An event that the band hopes other reservations pick up on, so they can continue to host the contest on an even larger scale.

In the late afternoon, Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson took to the main stage to talk to community members about how good it is to meet up and how these types of community gatherings are essential to creating a good environment.

“It’s a good thing what we’re doing today. It’s always been a part of our culture to be around community and to be together. Leech Lake days is all about this and having good energy together,” said Jackson.

Further coverage on Leech Lake Days and all the contest winners can be found on the official LLBO Facebook page.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, July Quarterly Meeting

The Band recently held a special Inauguration for newly elected and re-elected candidates and its Quarterly Meeting July 8, this quarter’s meeting was held at the Northern Lights Event Center

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Leech Lake Tribal Council was held at 1:00PM on Friday, July 8th at Northern Lights Casino. It was the first in-person quarterly meeting held since 2019.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. gave the opening remarks followed by a financial report from newly elected Secretary-Treasurer, Lenny Fineday. The report featured financial data from both government and gaming operations. You can read the full Secretary-Treasurer’s report at: https://www.leechlakenews.com/secretary-treasurer-financial-report/

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. For those who were unable to attend in person, a livestream of the event is available on the official Leech Lake Vimeo and Facebook 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 October 2022.

Quarterly Report Summaries

Twin Cities Office
- Office building is in need of repairs to meet safety and city ordinance.
- 159 food boxes were distributed through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 800 masks were distributed to band members through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 10 COVID antigen tests were distributed to band members through the Twin Cities office and curbside delivery for elders.
- 83 Tribal IDs were created during Tribal ID days June 9 and June 10.
- Sewing and Beading programming ran for 6 weeks.

Tribal Court
- There were 107 new cases filed between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.
- The court conducted 285 hearings the past quarter.
- The Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) group met April 8, May 13, and June 10, 2022.

Human Resources
- The remodel of the HR office continues, the new benefits office should be completed within the next quarter. This will free up the current benefits office to be modified and donated to MIS for expansion of their office space.
- In the last quarter HR has begun work with LL Gaming to create a universal policy regarding drug testing that would be applicable to all LL entities. HR will work with all divisions to determine which positions are safety sensitive and will require drug testing.
- LL Gaming will be transitioning to swab-testing as the primary method of drug testing with the UA process being retained as a secondary method of testing.
- Wage and salary schedule has been revised to reflect the new minimum wage ($15/hour.)
- The online portal for training modules is live and as of June 16, 2022 there is a 40% activity rate for current enrolled users.
- 35 new employees attended new employee orientation between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.
- 21 employees attended LL Civics with Levi Brown between April 1, 2022 and June 31, 2022.

Legal
- The process of updating all Tribal existing case files into a new software for staff will be completed by July 1st and Minnesota case files are expected to be completed by the end of next quarter.
- The work with DRM and special environmental council O’Gden Murphy Wallace on the St.Regis Superfund site towards settling Natural Resource Damages is progressing.
- The negotiations with the City of Cass Lake for potential settlement of NRD liability have reached an agreement. Details are being worked out and should be finalized within the next 6 months.
- The federal multistate opioid litigation is moving slowly but settlements are moving towards a final approval.
- The Legal department is actively working with DRM/Government relations in efforts to oppose the construction of a OSB manufacturing facility that would be located in Cohasset, MN, 1 mile east of the reservation boundary.

Education
- Education administration held the second of two Tribal consultations with CLB schools.
- The Education Director served as a research fellow on the TRUTH (Towards Recognition and University-Tribal Healing) project, which focused on sharing Tribal history through our own lens. More information on the project can be found on the UMN website.
- Post Secondary Education awarded 183 students funding for SY 21-22.

Tribal Roads
- Cass Lake Bike Trail project is scheduled to be finished by 2022.
- Bena Bike trail project will be bid out in 2022, and construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

Health
- The Health Division is currently working on implementing a new work plan for the department.
- The Health Division organization chart has been redesigned and will be presented next quarter.
- Established monthly meetings with IHS to clear up community member billing issues.
- Hosted the Spirit Run across the Reservation in May 2022.
- There has been a steady increase rate of COVID 19 cases during the month of June.
- There is a large volume of home test kits, masks and sanitizing equipment available for community use and distribution when needed.

Housing
- Work on the Huber Frontier Project will continue for the next two quarters.
- BIA identified another 4,362 acres of secretarial land transfers in Cass County to add to the original listing. LL DRM staff are working to review lands that will be transferred.
- Brandy Toft was promoted from Environmental Deputy Director to Interim Environmental Director in December 2021. She has been intermittently serving as interim ED as appropriate.
- Environmental program hosted kickoff events for City of Cass Lake, St.Regis and Brownfield redevelopment work.

Tribal Development
- Housing initiative work continues, next Wilder Foundation survey regarding homelessness on reservations will take place in October 2022.
- In addition to expanding housing options on the Reservation, substandard homes need to be addressed. Only 3% of homes on the Reservation are newer housing. 1/3rd of all housing units are over 50 years old.
- Land use planning continues with the department currently looking for building sites in all three districts.
- The Capital Improvement Plan for the Reservation was passed by the Tribal Council May 24.
- Tribal Development website is currently nearing completion. Website will be Band Member login only that features basic demographics, various statistics, interactive maps and documents.
- Food security research and development continues.
- Tribal Development has launched a weekly newsletter, newsletter is distributed through employee email system.

Public Safety
- Pets for Life programing has been successful and care/rehoming of animals has been getting continuously easier for staff on project as connections are made with outside networks and veterinary staff.
- Land is expected to be broken in Fall 2022 for building of a veterinary clinic.

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Tr<br>ial Council Quarterly Reports

Secretary / Treasurer
Leonard Fineday

Introductory Monthly Update
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary

Amin Gaa-zagaskwaajimookanishinaag! Greetings Leech Lake people! I had the honor of being sworn in as Secretary/Treasurer for the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee on July 1, 2022, and we have been able to hit the ground running on a number of issues.

First, July 1 was the start of Fiscal Year 2023, which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. We should have had a budget for all of our operations in place prior to July 1, but we fell short of that goal on the government side. Realizing we wouldn’t have a duly adopted budget in place before the start of the fiscal year, the RBC adopted a resolution to authorize spending for the continuing operation of governmental functions through October 31, 2022. This Continuing Resolution authorizes governmental operations to spend 1/10th of FY22 expenditure levels per month through October 31, 2022. The Continuing Resolution was adopted before the start of the fiscal year and thus before I was sworn in. However, since I have assumed the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, I have been working diligently with our finance staff and division directors to finalize the governmental budget for RBC adoption. Completing this budget is a top priority for me and I will keep everyone updated as to the progress on that goal.

Regarding our General Fund financial status as of the end of FY22, we have approximately $14.2 million in reserve. However, our FY21 annual audit is still outstanding. FY21 ran from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and this audit should have been completed on or before September 30, 2021. Due to a number of mitigating factors, this audit is still outstanding and our finance staff is working very hard with outside auditors to finalize this audit. The final audit report could result in minor changes to the amount we have in our General Fund reserve. Again, completing this audit is a top priority for me, but also depends on the responsiveness from our outside auditors, so an exact goal for completion is outside our control. However, I will continue to keep everyone updated on this matter as we move forward.

We are also continuing the preparation work for the second round of pandemic-related individual financial assistance to our Band members 18 and over, with distribution set for some time in August 2022. Finance is working with RBC to set an exact date for distribution, so watch for future announcements regarding those specific details. The RBC has authorized this second round of individual assistance at $1,700.00 per adult band member. This individual assistance is for pandemic-related financial burdens and will come from American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds the Band received last year from the Federal government.

The RBC has also authorized a $250,000 payment to each account in the Minor’s Trust fund for our band members younger than 18. This payment will come from General Fund reserves as the ARPA does not allow State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be placed in a trust account.

Last year, the Band received $81,734,349.88 in total State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and must spend them in accordance with the requirements outlined in the appropriating legislation and the regulations issued by the Department of Treasury. To date, the Band has spent approximately $24,466,959.00 of these funds in the areas of Premium Pay, Personal Leave Payout and Indirect Costs. This leaves approximately $57,267,390.88 remaining in our State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. We plan to utilize these funds to pay for the second-round of the pandemic-related individual assistance. The RBC and our communications and finance teams are working together to gather input from our Band members regarding the use of the remaining funds, so please continue to watch for updates from LLBO regarding ways you can have your voice heard in how these remaining funds are expended.

We are also working hard to resolve issues surrounding our third-party billing activities and the programs that bill for those services, such as Opiate Treatment, Behavioral Health, Chemical Dependency, Indian Child Welfare and Assisted Living. I will be working closely with our program managers, division directors and finance staff to develop work plans to ensure that we are providing top quality services to our Band members and receiving the appropriate reimbursements for those services. Of course, this will take some time to develop and implement, but we will follow through and continue to keep Band members informed of our progress.

I am also working with our Gaming Division to review our financial status in our gaming operations as well as the status of our loan with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. I want to ensure we are complying with all applicable terms and covenants in the loan. As in other areas, I will keep all Band members apprised of my findings and actions.

On July 11, 2022, I attended my first Tribal Executive Committee meeting. I was sworn in and was elected Treasurer for the TEC. At the meeting, we discussed the advisory referendum on enrollment, the ongoing efforts from the delegation regarding Constitutional Reform, adopted a resolution that recognized the original boundaries of the Sandy Lake Reservation, and had a brief discussion regarding the MCT land transfer issue. Additional follow-up will be held regarding the land transfer issue. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or any other MCT-related issues, please reach out to me and I’ll be happy to share what information I have.

In closing, I want to thank the people of Leech Lake for this opportunity. I am thankful to be serving in this capacity and look forward, with optimism, to the progress that we can make together. Miigwech!

Leonard Fineday
Secretary - Treasurer

The Inauguration of newly elected Candidates also brought about a return to in-person Quarterly Meetings

By KAYLA DUOOS

WALKER – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held its official inauguration ceremony, Friday July 8th at the Northern Lights events center.

The inauguration event featured the swearing in of all newly elected candidates for the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school board, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board members, and RBC District I Representative, District II Representative and Secretary-Treasurer.

The inauguration event was performed by Michael Smith Sr. and Michael Smith Jr., with posting of the colors done by the Leech Lake Color Guard.

Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson welcomed the newly elected officials and delivered a speech that reflected on the importance of unity and developing strong working relationships.

“The key to success is working together... it should never be us against them, I’ve always stated from day one, “we’re all in this together.” All of our families face the same issues everyday in the three districts and we need unity to overcome this. We need to remember our Grandfather Teachings and keep them at the forefront of everything we do, everyday” said Jackson.

Jackson’s speech was followed by short remarks from each of the RBC district representatives and secretary treasurer, who thanked community members for their votes and shared their hope for advancing the band throughout their terms.

Closing out the inauguration was the first Native American woman to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Associate Justice Anne K. McKeig who delivered remarks celebrating the reservations triumphs and instilled words of wisdom to all elected officials.

All officials sworn in will serve four year terms, and will serve the community in their respective positions, until 2026.

A livestream of the full inauguration ceremony is available on the Leech Lakes official Facebook and Vimeo page.
There's why Leech Lake is called that. And now they never see that Big Blood Sucker anymore. Tuesday, there were no cloud above the head. They [the Indians] made lots of Indian food. It was really loud there. And then the cloud was there in the middle of the lake, and it closed. They came right above the head.

Well, those Indians lived over there. They were by the lake. Then they saw a very small dark cloud coming from the north. It was coming very very.

Well, those Indians lived over there. They were by the lake. Mike Shuka was a very popular blank. Jullita also organized many special activities in the afternoons. Summer school reading and math skills and with outdoor learning activities in the mornings on improving reading and math skills and with outdoor learning activities in the afternoons. Summer school will continue until July 1.
Bison Chili with Black Beans

Ingredients
(*Commodity Foods)

- 1 tablespoon oil*
- 1 lb Bison/ground beef*  
- 2 cups canned corn*
- 1 15-ounce tomatoes (undrained)*
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans (drained & rinsed)*
- 1 15-ounce can black beans (drained & rinsed)*

- 1 medium onion*  
- 2 garlic cloves (minced)
- 1 red bell pepper  
- 1 green bell pepper*
- 1 yellow bell pepper  
- 1 4-ounce can green chilis
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt or to taste
- 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes (optional)
- ½ teaspoon black pepper  
- 1 ½ cups tomato juice*

Toppings: chopped fresh cilantro, sour cream, grated cheese.

Directions:
Heat oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add the bison/buffalo meat and brown, breaking into small pieces. If using ground beef, drain. Add the chopped onion, peppers, garlic, tomatoes, corn, beans, spices, and tomato juice. Stir to combine. Simmer, covered for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Serve with toppings.

Nutrition facts
Calories 429 kcal, Protein 26g, fat 23g, saturated fat 8g, cholesterol 79mg, sodium 1919mg, potassium 1073mg, fiber 6g, sugar 10g, Vitamin A 3210iu, Vitamin C 139.9mg, calcium 69mg, iron 5.7mg

Bison meat is high in Iron and has a lighter slightly sweeter, more delicate flavor than ground beef. It is also leaner & has fewer calories and more B12 & protein than the hamburger.

For more recipes and resources on this delicious recipe contact Chyrle or Josh Red Day at the Leech Lake Diabetes Clinic at 218-333-4511 or stop by.

August

District III Elder Birthdays

- Harlan Anderson
- Yvonne Armstrong
- Alice Averill
- Lenore Barsness
- Guy Beaulieu
- Heidi Bilyeu
- Delphine Bixby
- Janice Bongo
- Patricia Broker

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

- Bernard Brown
- Franklin Brown
- Harold Budreau
- Kim Burnette
- Edward Burns
- Linda Butcher
- Myron Cloud
- Shannon Cronquist
- Barbara Dubois
- Donna Fineday
- Mary Finn
- Leila Gogolleye
- Linda Gogolleye

- Benjamin Gotchie
- Laura Gould-Smith
- Gene Hanks
- James Harris
- Nancy Hawkins
- Donald Headbird
- Joseph Howard
- Stephen Howard
- Deborah Isham
- Beverly Jacobs
- George Jacobs
- Cherlene Jenkins
- Barbara Johnston

- Duwayne Jones
- Julie Jones
- Benjamin Jones
- Crystal Jones-Desjarlais
- Carol Kloeck
- Bonnie Knutson
- Elizabeth LeDoux
- Cheryl Littlewolf
- Leonard Losh
- Ronald Lowry
- Peter Maas
- Estelle Marotta
- William McCarter
- Pamela Mitchell
- Donna Morgan
- Harry Morris
- Timothy O’Brien

- Diane Osceola
- Valentina Pacheco
- Nancy Patterson
- Simone Pemberton
- Cynthia Reed
- Kelly Robinson
- Robert Robinson
- Valerie Robinson
- David Roy
- Loretta Sayers
- Kenneth Schwartz
- Scott Seelye
- Mark Stangel
- Cheryl Staples
- Susan Swanson
- Brenda Thomas

- Nancy Washington
- Gary White
- Randolph White
- Daniel Wilson
- Eva Wilson

ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.
The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is creating its first Climate Action Plan for our community! This plan will help those that live and work in Leech Lake imagine and achieve a future where the Earth and all who live on it thrive.

We want to hear from you!
Two ways to get involved:

1. CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY
Take the Leech Lake Climate Action Survey and help shape our climate action priorities. Please share the survey with your neighbors, friends, and family. Find the survey here: https://palebluedot.llc/llbo-climate-action-survey

2. CLIMATE STORIES PROJECT
Everyone has a climate change story and the Leech Lake Band wants to hear yours! Your climate stories will help give others a better understanding of how climate change is being experienced in our community.

You can share your story in writing, video, or even through art! To begin sharing your climate story go here: https://palebluedot.llc/llbo-climate-stories-project

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This plan can’t be successful without your input! Here’s how to get involved:

- Take the Climate Action Survey - help shape our climate action priorities. Share the survey with your neighbors, friends, and family. Enter the URL below into a search bar on your phone or computer to participate.
  
- Submit your Climate Story - everyone has one, from the stories your grandpa told you about how cold it used to get, to your own observations on the weather, animals, plants, and how they may have changed with the climate. Think about how climate change has affected your life, or those of your family members. Climate stories can be shared through writing, video, or art, and will help give others a better understanding of how climate change is being experienced in our communities. Enter the URL below into a search bar on your phone or computer to participate.

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With your help we can ensure that as the climate changes, we change along with it, and that we can continue to take care of our family, friends, and neighbors for the next seven generations.

The June 24 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the constitutional right to an abortion will adversely impact Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors of sexual violence in several ways. The ruling paves the way for national criminalization of abortion. A number of states, including Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, already have existing trigger laws that allow those states to ban abortion now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

“Native women and girls suffer the highest rates of stalking, rape and femicide in the nation,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “Abortion is not offered at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and having planned parenthood clinics is essential to the health and well-being of sexual assault victims. It’s a breach of trust responsibility and body sovereignty that goes back to colonization.”

In fact, the IHS (which provides health care on reservations) is prohibited under the 1976 Hyde Amendment from using federal monies for abortion services, except when the mother’s life is endangered and in instances of incest and rape.

Making it difficult for any woman to obtain an abortion or by criminalizing it in some, or even all, states won’t make abortions disappear. It makes them unsafe and potentially fatal. Those at most risk will be poor women and women of color, especially Native women who reside on tribal lands or in remote areas where abortion services are difficult to access.

Making abortion services inaccessible to Native women whether they live in an urban or rural area further exacerbates the enormous socio-economic and health disparities. For example, the poverty rate among Native women is the highest among racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. at 28.1 percent. Overall, one in three Native Americans live in poverty with an annual median income of $23,000. Complications during pregnancy or childbirth (or both) are three to four times more likely for Native women.

There are also barriers to acquiring emergency contraception outside of reservation communities and travel to obtain abortion services can require exorbitant travel and other expenses that Native women simply cannot afford. Financial abuse — a form of relationship abuse and an abuser may see the picture. An intimate partner who takes control of their partner’s finances ultimately has control over making financial decisions that undermine their partner’s well-being and, in cases such as these, make it difficult or even impossible for that partner to seek abortion services.

Native women in the United States suffer from the highest rates of sexual violence. In Indigenous communities, more than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women (56.1%) have experienced sexual violence in their lives and the vast majority (96%) are victimized by a non-Native perpetrator. Sexual violence is based on power and control and an abuser may see the unpredictability of pregnancy as an opportunity to increase power and control. Sexual violence robs Native women of the right to bodily sovereignty and the choice of reproductive autonomy.

Sexual violence is a tool and result of colonization, which has been responsible for the enslavement and genocide of Native peoples and the theft, occupation, resource extraction and exploitation of Native lands that began at contact. The same government infrastructure and its federal laws, policies and institutions has targeted and permitted sexual violence, abuse and harassment of Native women for centuries. The legacy of colonialism continues to exist in 2022 through this most recent action by the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Native — and all — women the right to bodily sovereignty.

ABOUT STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7/365 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at stronghearts helpline.org.
First Indigenous Person Appointed to the Minnesota Board of Regents

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – A Bois Forte member just became the first Native American to be appointed to the Minnesota Board of Regents.

Tadd Johnson was appointed by Governor Tim Walz, Wednesday July 11. Minnesota’s board of regents, established in 1851 at the founding of the University of Minnesota, is the university’s governing board. Regents articulate a vision for the University and work to ensure the University of Minnesota fulfills its mission of education, research, and outreach for the benefit of the people of Minnesota, the nation, and the world. Johnson will be the first Native American to serve on this Board before despite it being established more than 170 years ago.

Johnson, 65, is a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa who lives in Duluth. He recently retired as the University of Minnesota’s first senior director of American Indian Tribal Nations relations. He’s also a former professor, Tribal attorney and Tribal court judge. He also serves as senior advisor on government affairs for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

Johnson will represent the 8th Congressional District on the Board.

Johnson said it’s important for Native Americans to be represented on the governing board of a University that was built with funds generated from land taken from Native people.

“As a retired professor, I have first-hand knowledge of the struggles students face on a day-to-day basis, along with the faculty and staff who are devoted to teaching and nurturing them during their educational journey. I want to speak for the voices that are not heard often enough by the Regents; the students, the educators, Native Americans, rural Minnesotans and the working class. That’s where I come from and that’s who I am.”

Johnson’s appointment fills a vacancy for former regent David McMillan, who resigned from the role. McMillan was appointed Wednesday to a two-year role as interim chancellor at UMD.

Johnson said he’ll likely seek an appointment for a full six-year term when this term expires next February.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Economic Assistance Payment

The Leech Lake RBC has approved $1700.00 as the amount for the upcoming August 2022 Economic Assistance payment. Full details on the distribution including eligibility, dates, time, locations and other important information will be released soon.

Visit LLOJIBWE.ORG for more info & miigwech for your continued patience!
Darlene (Tibbetts) Plumer, age 90, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Deer River to parents George and Katherine Goeller (Monte) of San Diego, CA; children, Carla Santosuosso, Lisa Plumer, Joseph Plumer Jr., and Maceo. Darlene is preceded in death by her husband Joseph; sisters, Lenora and Mabel; and brother Robert.

Darlene met and married her husband Joseph Plumer. Darlene was a dedicated homemaker who enjoyed being a homemaker, entertaining guests and summer travel to Ocean City, Maryland with her family and friends.

Darlene's love for travel began as a child when he and his mother would visit amusement parks Disney World and Universal Studios often. As an adult, he loved to visit Las Vegas, Kansas City, Albuquerque, and powwows.

He was an essential worker throughout the pandemic. Although the hospital was short-staffed, he persevered, remaining on the frontlines. He extended kindness and compassion to everyone who entered the hospital.

He was an endlessly devoted son and grandson. He enjoyed spending time at his Twin Cities home where he would can tomatoes and salsa every fall season, a skill taught to him by his Grandpa Truman.

Andy gave freely the same warmth and generosity to everyone he knew, whether he was feeding the neighborhood stray dogs, helping out a friend who sold beadwork, or cooking a big, hearty supper for his mom and granny. He loved animals and had a special place in his heart for his two small chihuahuas: a girl named Cal, and his little man Shorty. They will miss him dearly.

Andy loved to gather—powwows, dinners, barbecues, and evening conversations about everyday life with his loving mother. He enjoyed bringing his clients gifts and summer travel to Ocean City, Maryland with his family and friends.

Andrew “Scooby” Bongo

Andrew M. Bongo, affectionately known as “Scooby”, began his journey to the spirit world on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Red Lake Indian Health Service Hospital. His spirit name is Awan (Fog), and his namesake is the late Jim Jackson.

Andrew, a member of the Bear clan, was born on June 19, 1988, to devoted mother Sharon Norris in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He grew up in Walker and Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He earned his high school diploma in Walker. He began his post-secondary education at Red Lake Nation College, and later graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College with two degrees: one in Liberal Studies, and another in Indigenous Leadership.

Andy worked at the Red Lake Indian Health Service Hospital as an Administrative Support Specialist. He took pride in his work, serving patients and supporting co-workers. He loved his co-workers.

He was an essential worker throughout the pandemic. Although the hospital was short-staffed, he persevered, remaining on the frontlines. He extended kindness and compassion to everyone who entered the hospital.

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Andy loved to gather—powwows, dinners, barbecues, and evening conversations about everyday life with his loving mother. He enjoyed spending time at his Twin Cities home where he would can tomatoes and salsa every fall season, a skill taught to him by his Grandpa Truman.

Andy's love for travel began as a child when he and his mother would visit amusement parks Disney World and Universal Studios often. As an adult, he loved to visit Las Vegas, Kansas City, Albuquerque, and powwows.

Andy was a master at the grill. He loved the Minnesota State Fair, food trucks, collecting turtle figures, telling and hearing a good story, and doting on his two little dogs. He was an endlessly devoted son and grandson. His presence will be deeply missed.

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Harold “Tex” Kolkin

Harold “Tex” Elmer Kolkin, Jr., 61, of Cass Lake, MN died Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 5:30 pm Friday, June 24, 2022 at the old American Legion in Cass Lake, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji assisted the family.

Harold was born April 24, 1961 in Bemidji, MN, the son of Harold and Lavonne (Troxel) Kolkin. He was raised and educated in Cass Lake, where he graduated from Cass Lake High School. Harold was self-employed in carpentry, docking, roofing, and shingling. Tex met his Linda Treichel and were married July 17, 1998. They lived in Cass Lake. He looked forward to his weekly visits with his cousin Donna Kimmes. He loved to hunt, fish, golf, garden, and spend time with his grandchildren and friends.


He was preceded in death by his mother Ruth Johnson, father Mike Brown, daughter Michelle Brown, and son Mike “Sonny” Brown.

He leaves behind his wife Josephine Brown, his sons Scott Brown(Kristina Watson), Derrick Brown, and daughters Tamara Brown, Lois Bowstring(Ken Keezer), and Lisa Hemachandra(Rob Thibert), and his sister Nancy Brown. He also leaves behind numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family members, and many friends.

Patricia “Tater” Wade

Patricia Lynn Wade “Tater” Her Spirit name is Asigniaak (Blackbird) of the Ajijaak (Crane) Clan.


Pallbearers: Chris Stauffer, Sammy Cleveland, Alvin Wilson, Ralph Wakanabo Jr., Mike Hill, Pat O’shea, Corey Applebee, and Scott Fairbanks Jr.


Patricia was born to Beatrice Bivens and Michea Wade Sr. on August 27, 1967 in St. Paul, Mn. She started her journey to the spirit world surrounded by her four children, family and friends. Tater is survived by her lifelong significant other Bryan Finn, her father Micheal Wade Sr. Her four Children Nicole Wade (Danny), Stuart Wade (Brandi), Myra Robinson (Keith) Dawn Wilson, here eight grandchildren, Antown Wade, Jordan Nason, Eli Nason, Sunny Rae Wade, Lulu Deegan, Brayan Deegan, and Rebel Robinson. Her siblings Calvin Goggeley, Phyllis Wade, Michael “Ode” Wade, Lori Wade, Christine Leith. Pat was known to many as “Tater”. Growing up around the cities, and even the Duluth area, Tater’s favorite place was living in Cha Cha with her grandma Maggie, uncles, and brother.

Tater loved to spend time with her grand kids. She graduated from Bugonaygeshig, and Leech Lake Tribal College. Like every Minnesotaan, she loved spending time on the lake, fishing, or in the woods exploring, trapping or just spending time with her family. When Pat wasn’t outdoors, she would be at home gardening, spending time in her she-shed, or out with her many friends whom she adored. If there was ever a celebration to be had, you could count on Tater, to decorate for the occasion. She enjoyed making everyone happy no matter where she was. During the summers, you would find Tater at yard sales finding craft supplies, collecting knick knacks, patty wacks, or giving them a home. She lived for all the animals she loved and had throughout her life. Tater was a mother figure to many in the communities. Working within the community for 16 years at LL Youth Division. Where she made the biggest impact by providing youth with a summer filled with safe activities. Wake and Funeral service will be held at Inger Community Center.

Wake, Sunday July 10, 2022 at 6:00pm. Funeral, Monday July 11, 2022 at 10:00am.

Thea Wakanabo

Thea Louise Wakanabo – Aan Watin Oo Kwe (Misty Calm Water) 83 of Inger, MN went to the spirit world on June 6, 2022 with loved ones by her side.

Thea was born & raise in Inger, MN, she attended school in Inger until the 8th grade, later obtaining her GED. Thea worked as CHR, at the Bug School, bus monitor, head start she was also a homemaker.

Preceded in death by her father Joe, mother Cecilia, husband Henry, sons Roger, Joe & Dick, siblings Arnie, Joe & Leona.


Thea’s wake will start on June 10, 2022 after 4:00 P.M. and will continue until her service on June 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. all at the Inger Community Center.

Pallbearers will be Mark Jackson, Patrick Fairbanks, Derrick Beaulieu, Brad Bowstring, Cat Bowstring & Anthony Bellanger. Officiating the service will be Chief Jay Saros.
LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., DOB: 08/28/1967, De-

ceedent.

Judge of the above-named
decedent, Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., died De-

cember 30, 2021.

A hearing

was held before the Hon-

orable Paul W. Day, Chief

Judge of Tribal Court

in the Leech Lake Tribal Court

located in the

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Tribal Court

was appointed to act as Per-

sonal Representative by

surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hear-

ing held on June 9, 2022, in

Leech Lake Tribal Court, 1144 Porcupine

Rd. SE Cass Lake, MN 56633,

was appointed to act as Per-

sonal Representative of the Es-

tate of Leonard Bruce Parks Sr.,

decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a

claim against the estate are

required to present the same to the Personal Representative

or the Clerk of the Leech Lake

Tribal Court within ninety days

(90) days from the date of the

first publication of the notice or

claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program, by As-

signment of Lakisha R. Curry, Petitioners,

vs. Robert E. Keezer Jr., Re-

spondent.

Case No. FA-22-29
SUMMONS & NOTICE
OF CHILD SUPPORT ACTION
YOU, RESPONDENT, Robert
E. Keezer Jr., ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to appear
before the Judge of this Court
for an Initial Hear-
ing on August 11th, 2022
at 2:30 p.m., in the Tribal
Courtroom located at the Trib-
al Justice Center, 200 Sailstar
Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Min-
nesota, then and there to an-
swer and appear for the Initial
Hearing, at the date, time and
place specified above.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Matter of the Welfare
of the Child(ren) of: Kymberly
Hare and Jerald Vos.

Court File No. CP-13-10

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Motion to Review and Revoke
Final Order for Suspension of Parental Rights has been filed
in the Leech Lake Tribal Court
regarding the children of the
above-named parents: A hear-
ing has been scheduled for
August 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
in the Leech Lake Tribal
Court. Please Contact LL TC
Administration for any further
questions and/or a copy of the
documents. Telephone num-
ber is 218-335-3682/3586. You
are served with this notice be-
cause you are a party to this
proceeding. If you fail to appear
for this hearing the Court may
find you in default and enter a
judgement against you.

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July 22, 23 & 24, 2022

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Emcees
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Gary Charwood

Arena Directors
Reuben Crowfeather Jr.
Roman Outhoudt

Spiritual Advisor
Darrell Kingbird

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DANCE SPECIALS
• Golden Age Men and
Women 55+
Each: 400 // 300 // 200

• Men’s Fancy WTA 1000

• George Earth Memorial
Men’s Traditional Special
400 // 300 // 200

• Team Dance 400 // 300 // 200

• Youth Dance Specials
Boys and Girls
Each: 150 // 100 // 50

• Hand Drum Contest
400 // 300 // 200

SCHEDULE
Friday
Warm-ups 7PM
Royalty Contest 8PM

Saturday
Flag Raising 10AM
Registration 12PM
Grand Entry 1PM
Dinner Break 5PM

Sunday
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September 5th, 2022 at 6 pm

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- Louis Boyd
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- Edwin Gogleye
- Donald Gotchie
- Terri Gullickson
- Geraldine Howard
- Betty Jenkins
- Kathyrn Laplante
- Betty Motter
- Alvin Nason
- Teri Perrington
- Spencer Shotley
- Doreen Whitebird
- Ronald Wilson

From the District I Office
Kyle, Amanda & Jenelle

**District II**
- Stella Mitchell
- Connie Wheeler
- Marlene Mitchell
- Gordon Giffen
- Terrance Mitchell
- Robert Mitchell
- Robert Johnson

From the District II Office
Steve, Lindsey, & Michelle

**District III**
- Aileen Allen
- Brenda Anderson
- Laurine Beaulieu
- Shelly Bebeau
- James Bellanger
- Deborah Brown
- Earlene Buffalo
- Pamela Burnett
- Nancy Cameron
- Hazel Calse-Zimpel
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- Bernadette Gotchie
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- Thomas Johnson
- William Johnson
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- Michael Libby
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- Gerald Northbird
- Lois Northbird
- Bernice Pemberton
- Shirley Preston
- John Raisch
- Marlys Rausch
- Paula Savage
- Richard Smith
- Stacey Smith
- Deborah Staples
- Margaret Steensland
- Joseph Stish
- Nona Wade
- Vivian Washington
- Delina White
- Melissa Wilson

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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
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 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
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: 21-109
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
Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115
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 (Ball Club) ~ 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
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
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-014
Administrative Assistant/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-017
Training Coordinator/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-018
Network Associate ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-020
Help Desk T1 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-021
Help Desk T2 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-022
Family Skills Worker (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-027
Driver (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-033
Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-035
Cook (ENP) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-036
Youth Programs Manager ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-037
Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-040
Cook ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-042

For a full list of employment opportunities with LLBO please visit:
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The 2022 return is for those who were a member of the cooperative in 2003 and/or 2021 and accrued more than $10 in total capital credit allocations.

For current members with a distribution amount of $100 or less, a credit has been applied to your July bill. Checks have been mailed out for distributions of more than $100.