2022 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Get out the Vote Election Special

Get out the Vote Rally Hosted by LLBO in Cass Lake

CASS LAKE – “We’re not only voting for ourselves, we’re voting for our children, for the next generations to come, and setting the foundations for them to inherit a government that can work together,” said LLBO Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson.

Jackson, who gave the first of several speeches at Leech Lake’s Get out the Vote rally, focused on what the day’s event meant in context of the Seven Fires prophecy and how communities can work together across county lines to make a difference.

The rally held Thursday, November 3, introduced local candidates from November’s upcoming midterm election to band members. The event gave candidates the chance to directly address the band’s leaders and its voting population. Twelve bipartisan candidates participated in the event and were each given five minutes to speak to the room of attendees.

LLBO Secretary-Treasurer Lenny Fineday who also addressed the room, asked Leech Lake voters to listen and really interact with the candidates who were in attendance and find the candidate who best represented their values and hopes for the future.

The Fight for the Native American Right to Vote

CASS LAKE – The fight for Native Americans getting the right to vote has been a long and tumultuous journey and is one that continues to this day.

The fight for the Native American right to vote goes back over 156 years, beginning in 1866 with the fourteenth amendment. The Fourteenth Amendment, passed in 1866, sought to make all persons born in the United States–official US citizens. However, Native Americans were specifically excluded in this legislation.

Michigan Senator at the time Jacob Howard wrote, “I am not yet prepared to pass a sweeping act of naturalization by which all the Indian savages, wild or tame, belonging to a tribal relation, are to become my fellow-citizens and go to the polls and vote with me…” (Congressional Globe. May 30, 1866. page 2895).

The Fifteenth Amendment passed in 1869. declared that a citizen’s right to vote could not be denied on account of race. However, many states were able to find other reasons to deny Native Americans the right to vote, including: residing on a reservation, tribal enrollment, taxation, and incompetency.

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Election Results for MN Midterm and Indian Country

CASS LAKE – This November’s midterm election saw the state of Minnesota turn both the house and senate to a democratic majority, alongside the Governor’s office.

In the weeks leading up to Election Day, polling sites forecasted a “red wave” with Republicans taking both chambers of Congress by wide margins. However, that massive wave failed to materialize. Democratic candidates outperformed expectations due to independent voters’ support and high voter turnout. A movement that can be seen in Minnesota’s own results as the House and Senate have not been a full democrat majority since 2013.

Also re-elected were Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Peggy Flanagan who earned 57.6% of votes, running on their campaign motto, “One Minnesota.” Flanagan who celebrated her and Walz re-election, reiterated Walz celebratory statements by focusing on looking forward to the future.

“Minnesotans agree on a vision of our state that is compassionate, kind, and welcoming. Minnesotans believe that we need to move forward as One Minnesota – together.Let’s do this,” said Flanagan.

For more election results visit, sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/election-results.
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- Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman
- Leonard Fineday, Secretary-Treasurer
- Kyle Fairbanks, District I Representative
- Steve White, District II Representative
- LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III, District III Representative

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Leech Lake Hosts Climate Change Subcabinet Visit

By KAYLA DUOOOS

CASS LAKE – When it comes to advocating for the Tribe—it’s never us vs. them—it’s what’s best for the community. If the lands and waters aren’t clean—you can’t practice your culture,” said Brandy Toft, Interim DRM Director.

Toft’s strong words were delivered to the State of Minnesota’s Climate Subcabinet, who visited the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Wednesday, November 2.

The state’s subcabinet came about from the Climate Change Executive Order (19-37) to rally the resources of the state government and emphasize the urgent need for climate action.

The visiting subcabinet toured the tribe’s community solar garden, the St. Regis Superfund site, the Leech Lake Tribal Colleges’ integrated residential builder program, the Tribe’s EV charging stations, and heard about energy-saving projects and policies to further sustainability work.

DRM staff members who led the tour alongside Toft gave the subcabinet history lessons and detailed information on the large number of sustainability projects and changes the Band has made over the years. Updates mentioned to the subcabinet included the reuse of Tribal buildings and sustainability measures for new builds.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Deputy Commissioner Peter Tester, who was among the many visitors, spoke to the Tribes determination to develop strong working relationships with the state.

“This is now the third time that I’ve been up here in the course of a month, meeting with Brandy (Toft) and the Tribal Council and that just tells you their interest in working with state agencies on a whole variety of water quality, air quality, and natural resources. So, that collaboration is something we need to bring back to them. By merely showing up and showing interest at all levels, that means a huge thing to them, that we are not just wanting to give them money or to give them advice or to have them come to us. We want to learn from them and figure out how our two entities can work better together,” said Tester.

For more information on the Band’s sustainability measures, you can contact the Band’s Sustainability Coordinator Eugene Strowbridge at the Division of Resource Management at (218) 335-7400 or visit in person at 15756 State 371 NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

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Commissioner Jodi Harpstead presents Chairman Faron Jackson Sr. with needpoint artwork commemorating the resolution reached in regards to the overbilling issue.

During the visit the MN Climate Subcabinet toured the Tribe’s Solar Garden and the LLTC campus, among other areas alongside LLBO DRM Staff.

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The History of Native American Heritage Month

By KAYLA DUOOS

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

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

On November 1, 2022 Minnesota Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan marked the start of the month with an official proclamation recognizing Tribal Communities.

“During Native American Heritage Month, the State of Minnesota recognizes the vibrant and diverse Native American cultures that form part of Minnesota today by renewing our commitment to government-to-government relationships and promoting appreciation, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all Minnesotans and the Native Peoples of this land.”

One of the earliest documented advocates of heritage month before it went to the government level, was a Seneca man named Dr. Arthur Parker who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y at the time. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs historical recollection, Parker convinced the “Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the First Americans” which they did for a running of three years from 1912 to 1915. Across the country at the same time Reverend Red Fox James also known as Red Fox Skiu Kushua began a 4,000-mile trek on horseback to Washington, D.C., to petition the United States for an “Indian Day.” James also travelled state-to-state seeking support for U.S. citizenship to be extended to American Indians which did not happen until nine years later in 1924. Later in 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association in Lawrence, Kansas formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day for the state. The American Indian Association president at the time Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapaho Minister, also issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as US citizens. Following Kansas’s lead several states followed suit in 1919 by declaring days in early September honoring America’s first people. Once heritage month reached the government level it was first presented as a day of observance, then a week in 1986 due to prompts from Congress. Both law and proclamations passed by Congress recognized American Indians as the first inhabitants of the lands as well as made mentions of their contributions to the United States.

Since that time as requested by Congress, Presidents have been making proclamations yearly honoring the achievements of the American Indians. The National Congress of American Indians says this “month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Native American Heritage Month is also an opportunity time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.”

Biden followed the yearly tradition by releasing his proclamation of Native American history month, November first.

“During National Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate Indigenous peoples past and present and rededicate ourselves to honoring Tribal sovereignty, promoting Tribal self-determination, and upholding the United States’ solemn trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations.

America has not always delivered on its promise of equal dignity and respect for Native Americans. For centuries, broken treaties, dispossession of ancestral lands, and policies of assimilation and termination sought to decimate Native populations and their ways of life. But despite this painful history, Indigenous peoples, their governments, and their communities have persevered and flourished,” said President Biden.

Lectures and events celebrating this historic month are currently happening throughout the reservation and neighboring cities. Check LeechLakeNews.com for more information.

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

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LLBO Hosts State Mandated Tribal-State Relations Training in Cass Lake

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe hosted a two day Tribal State Relations Training (TSRT), for 150 MN state employees at Cedar Lakes.

The TSRT training is required under Minnesota law for all state government employees who work with Tribes as directed by MN Executive Order 19-24. Since the start of the TSRT program 8 years ago, over 5,000 State employees have participated in the training.

The TSRT website states the training came about through the want of a better understanding between the two governments in the way they operate. The goal for the training is to educate state employees about Native American people / governments, create partnerships and build respectful relationships between the State and Tribe.

“The state has instituted Tribal-State government relations training, which is the foundation and basis of all other Tribal government relations training sources. All agencies must direct certain staff to complete available training to foster a collaborative relationship between the state of Minnesota and Minnesota Tribal governments, and to facilitate timely and meaningful consultation. In addition to all commissioners, deputy commissioners, and assistant commissioners, at a minimum all agency employees whose work is likely to include matters that have Tribal implications must attend Tribal-State relations training. Tribal liaisons must actively support and participate in the Tribal-state relations training.”

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“As Lieutenant Governor and a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, I often reflect on how our state government was not built by or for Native people. It was instead built to erase us, that history informs the way state employees interact with Tribal Nations...it’s hard to change the direction of the ship after so many years but that part of the work that happens here,” said Flanagan.

Leech Lake Tribal Council and staff played an active role during the training sessions, leading discussion panels and providing basic Ojibwe language lessons for those in attendance. District III Representative Leroy Staples-Fairbanks who spoke at the training, expressed his gratitude in being able to help facilitate this type of change within the state and the way this training will positively impact the communities served.

“The foundations of the relationships between the Tribes and the state of Minnesota goes back 150 plus years, only within the last 20 or so years—we’ve finally been able to change what that relationship has become. This training plays a large role in that, we’re talking about relationships with counties, townships, and on the state level, how to better serve Tribal members. Tribal members aren’t just Tribal citizens, they’re dual citizens of the state as well, and we need a relationship with our state government that reflects that,” said Staples-Fairbanks.

For more information on Tribal State Relations Training, visit www.dot.state.mn.us/tribal-training
Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report

Secretary / Treasurer
Leonard Pineday

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary
Monthly Report

Greetings Leech Lake people! It is my honor to humbly submit this report to you regarding my activities as Secretary/Treasurer for the past month.

First and foremost, work on our FY 2023 budget continues. The Budget Team has finalized a balanced proposal for RBC review. Once the full RBC reviews the budget the next step will be for the District Representatives to set meetings within each of the three districts to go over the proposal and receive input from Band members. We are still hoping to get a flat budget approved by December 31, 2022. Then work can commence shortly after that on the FY 2024 budget process.

Second, the RBC is in the process of selecting a new external auditor. An RFP went out last month and we are working with a firm who submitted a proposal to get us caught up with our audits (FY 21 and FY 22) by late spring/early summer. This would be a great result and I am hopeful that we will be able to get back on track with our external audits by then and then stay on top of our audits going forward.

The RBC has also authorized a December distribution to Band members, historically known as the tax rebate. Please watch for important updates and notices from the Band with more information regarding this disbursement. It is also imperative that Enrollment has your most recent address so you may receive these funds when available.

To make these disbursements easier on our Band members and our Accounting Department, we will be utilizing a disbursement method fully on debit cards this round. If a Band member desires cash instead, there are hundreds of ATMs in the debit card network to withdraw from that will not charge a fee. Furthermore, all three Leech Lake Gaming casinos will cash out debit cards at the cashier without charge. If you have any questions, please contact Accounting or my office and we can assist.

Recently, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held its regular Tribal Executive Committee meeting at Northern Lights Casino. This meeting was both eventful and productive. The TEC unanimously expressed its support for the Prairie Island Indian Community’s Land Settlement initiative, whereby they seek to obtain additional Reservation land more inland from the river on which they currently sit.

The TEC also approved joining the Chipewa Federation, a group of Ojibwe tribes in Wisconsin and Michigan who seek to come together as Anishinabe and share information and resources as needed. More information on the Chipewa Federation will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

The TEC also approved moving forward with Resolution No. 32-15, which was first adopted by the TEC back in February 2015. This resolution requests the Secretary of the Interior to call a Secretarial Election to amend the Revised MCT Constitution to include other Anishinabe/Ojibway/Chipewa blood in determining blood quantum. This resolution was adopted but never implemented. We will move forward with the Department of Interior to hope to have a Secretarial Election at some point in the future. Educational sessions will take place and more information will be available well before any election takes place. Please continue to watch for notices and updates.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you all. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or my office.

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Honoring Our Veterans

In celebration of Veterans Day, November 11, 2022.

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held its annual “Honoring our Veterans” Powwow, Saturday November 12, at the Northern Lights Casino and event center.

The powwow, which began at noon, offered a free meal to attendees and the first 100 Veterans in attendance received complimentary blankets from the Tribe in recognition for their years of service.

Leech Lake’s powwow was one of many events across the United States celebrating Veterans alongside Native American Heritage month. The most notable being the grand opening of the National Native American Veterans Memorial—the first national landmark located at the Smithsonian museum, which commemorates the military contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

Native Americans have served in the U.S. military in every major conflict for more than 200 years and the historically revered Navajo code-talkers have been credited with transferring sensitive information that helped the United States win World War II.

Current statistics also state that Native Americans serve at a higher rate than any other demographic in the entire country. Since September 11, almost 19% of all Native Americans have served in the Armed Forces – in comparison to an average of 14% of all other ethnicities.

Indigenous Americans’ history with the Armed forces is a long and complicated history but is one that deserves recognition. Veterans looking for more information on the Powwow or LLBO’s Veteran support programs can contact (218) 335-4481 or visit the Veterans service office at 115 Sixth Street NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

Thanksgiving Giveaway Info

Friday, November 18, 2022
10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION AREAS

District I Area
Ball Club Community Center and Inger Community Center

District II Area
Bena Community Center, Sugar Point Community Center and Kego Lake Community Center

District III Area
Old Palace Building and Onigum Community Center

Bemidji Area
NWICDC
1819 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601

Duluth Area
AICHO / GIMAAIII Building
202 W 2ND Street Duluth, MN 55802

Twin Cities Area
LLBO Twin Cities Office
2438 South 27TH AVE, Minneapolis, MN 55406

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GET OUT THE VOTE

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“It does matter who you vote for... vote for the candidate that shares your ideals, vote for the candidate that lays out a vision that you want to see for your government. These elections are the time for you to have your voice heard.”

Band members attending were given the chance to register to vote, enter to win door prizes by signing a pledge to vote, see a fashion show put on by Buckanaga Social Club, and view a drum & dance presentation.

The events invocation was provided by Spiritual Advisor Mike Smith, presenting of the colors by Leech Lake Honor Guard, and opening drum by Ojibwe Nation.

For more coverage on the Get out the Vote rally including a livestream of candidate speeches, visit “Leech Lake Votes” official Facebook page.

RIGHT TO VOTE

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One outcome of this form of voter discrimination was that thousands of Native veterans, including American Indian Code Talkers who were returning from World War II, were unable to participate in basic civil liberties—ones that they fought to protect on the land their ancestors resided on for hundred of years.

In 1924, Native Americans were given full citizenship when President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act, also known as the Snyder Act. The Snyder act however was not meant to give us equal rights but to break up Native nations and forcibly assimilate them into American society.

The Snyder Act still however did not give us the right to vote, Native Americans won the right to vote by fighting for it state by state.

In 1957, after a challenge by an Indigenous voter, Utah repealed a law that had denied Native Americans living on reservations the right to vote. In 1962, the Supreme Court of New Mexico struck down a challenge that claimed Navajos living on a reservation in the state should not have been allowed to vote in a 1960 election.

Despite these victories, Native people were still prevented from voting with poll taxes, literacy tests and intimidation—the same tactics used against Black voters. These discriminatory practices continued until The Voting Rights Act of 1965, which deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color, finally allowing Natives the right to exercise their inherent rights, others have had in this country since its inception.

Indigenous Americans have only had the right to vote for less than 70 years and are still actively combating voter suppression to this day through laws restricting addresses on reservations, discrimination against Tribal LD’s, and voting polls located off reservations. All of these reasons make using your voice in elections crucial to let people know our voice still counts despite all their attempts to silence it.

ELECTION RESULTS

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Elections Impacting Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

State:
- Governor & Lieutenant Governor – Tim Walz & Peggy Flanagan re-elected
- Attorney General – Keith Ellison re-elected
- Secretary of State – Steve Simon re-elected
- State Auditor – Julie Blaha re-elected
- Senate District 2 – Steve Green elected
- House District 2b – Matt Bliss elected

Federal:
- Congressional District 8 – Pete Stauber re-elected

County:
- Cass County Sheriff – Bryan Welk elected
- Itasca County Sheriff – Joe Dasovich elected
- Beltrami County Sheriff – Jason Riggs elected
- Hubbard County Sheriff –

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District I Representative Kyle Fairbanks shares some words at the Leech Lake ‘Get out the Vote’ Rally in Cass Lake.

Congressional District 3 – Cory Smith elected
- Beltrami County Board of Commissioners District 1 – Craig Gaavig re-elected

Congratulations to the following candidates in Indian Country Minnesota:
- Peggy Flanagan (White Earth), MN Lieutenant Governor
- Heather Keebler (Yankton Sioux) MN House, District 4A
- Jamie Becker-Finn (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe descent) MN House, District 40B
- Mary Kunesh-Podein (Standing Rock Sioux descent) MN Senate, District 41
- Steve Green (White Earth), MN Senate, District 2B
- Audrey Thayer (White Earth), Beltrami County City Council
- Tim Summer (Red Lake), Beltrami County Commissioner District 4
- Sheila Lamb (Anishinaabe and Cherokee) Cloquet City Council Ward 2
- Alicia Kozlowski (Ojibwe and Mexican), MN House District 8B

Nationwide:
- Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk), US Representative, Kansas District 3
- Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee), US Senator, Oklahoma District 2
- Tom Cole (Chickasaw), US Representative, Oklahoma District 4
- Yvette Herrell (Cherokee), US Representative, New Mexico District 2
- Shawn Bourdeau (Rosebud Sioux), US Senator, South Dakota District 26A
- Kevin Stitt (Cherokee), US Governor Oklahoma

Dept. of Interior Proposed Revisions on Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

By KAYLA DUOOOS

WASHINGTON – Following extensive Tribal consultation and review, the Department of the Interior today announced that proposed revisions to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act’s (NAGPRA) regulations are now available for public comment.

NAGPRA regulations provide a systematic process for returning human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to Native American and Alaska Native Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. The proposed changes would streamline requirements for museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify human remains and cultural items in their collections.

“The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is an important law that helps us heal from some of the more painful times in our past by empowering Tribes to protect what is sacred to them. These changes to the Department’s NAGPRA regulations are long overdue and will strengthen our ability to enforce the law and help Tribes in the return of ancestors and sacred cultural objects,” said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

“Repatriation is a sacred responsibility for many Indigenous communities. After consulting with Tribal Nations across the United States, the National Park Service welcomes additional input on improvements to the NAGPRA regulations,” said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. “We hope these changes will make it easier for proper repatriation and rebury of Indigenous ancestors and cultural items.”

The Department of the Interior consulted with 71 Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations on the draft proposal and received more than 700 specific comments. Key feedback from these consultations is now reflected in the updated proposed revisions, including:
- Strengthening the authority and role of Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations in the repatriation process.
- Addressing barriers to timely and successful disposition and repatriation.
- Documenting and addressing requests of Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations when human remains or cultural items are discovered on federal or Tribal lands before items are further disturbed, and.
- Increasing transparency and reporting of holdings or collections.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to identify Native American human remains, funerary items, and objects of cultural significance in their collections and collaborate with Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to repatriate them.

The public can comment on the proposed rule until Jan. 12, 2023, at www.regulations.gov.

Visit the National Park Service’s NAGPRA website for more information.
Bug O Nay Ge Shig 10th graders Mareena T. (left) and Elias M. (right) have been selected to participate in a Government-to-Government Forum on Climate Change sponsored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. They will be working along with youth from several other Tribal Nations.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig’s Lacrosse Team hosted the Deer River Lacrosse Team on November 3. This was the first lacrosse event at the school for the newly formed team at Bug O Nay Ge Shig and it gave them a chance to play alongside many experienced players from Deer River. The ancient tradition is being revived thanks to coaches: Dan Ninham, Jerry Morgan, Andrew Jackson, Bruce White, Sherwin Obey and others. The players enjoyed the chance to scrimmage and improve during a beautiful Fall afternoon.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School’s 7th Grade Advisory sponsored a Halloween Carnival on October 31 for the elementary students. Each class was able to spend 30 minutes playing games and enjoying the music provided by Gil Applebee before leaving with a bag of goodies.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig students in the Seasonal Activities class took advantage of the pleasant weather last week and spent several hours in the woods picking Swamp Tea, Mashkiigobagwaaboo, also known as Labrador Tea. Mashkiigobagwaaboo is a traditional medicine of the Anishinaabe. The students will clean, dry, and package it and then offer it as a gift to elders in the community.
Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

**Slow Cooker Beef Stew**

**Ingredients**

(*Commodity Foods*)

- 2lbs beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces*
- ¼ cup flour*
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ cups beef broth
- 4 med carrots, sliced*
- 3 medium potatoes, diced*
- 1 stalk celery, chopped*
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground paprika
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 large bay leaf

**Directions:**

Place meat in slow cooker. Mix flour, salt, and pepper together pour over meat and stir until coated. Add beef broth, carrots, potatoes, onions, Worcestershire sauce, paprika, garlic & bay leaf, and stir to combine ingredients. Cover & cook until beef is tender enough to cut with a spoon. Cook on low for 8 to 12 hours or high 4 to 6 hours. Makes 6 servings.

**Nutrition facts**

Carrots are a particularly good source of beta carotene, fiber, vitamin K1, potassium, and antioxidants, weight-loss-friendly food and have been linked to lower cholesterol levels and improved eye health. What’s more, their carotene antioxidants have been linked to a reduced risk of cancer. Celery is a great source of important antioxidants. Celery reduces inflammation, supports digestion, is rich in vitamins and minerals with a low glycemic index, and has an alkalizing effect. Potatoes should be considered a nutritious vegetable, even though they contain a lot of starch. Their other healthful plant compounds make them a worthwhile part of a balanced diet. high in potassium, vitamin C, antioxidants, and dietary fiber. Nutrition facts: Calories 576, total fat 30g, saturated fat 12g, cholesterol 132mg, sodium 542mg, total carbohydrate 30g, dietary fiber 4g, total sugars 4g, protein 44g, vitamin c 26mg, calcium 57mg, iron 6mg, potassium 1187mg

(items with an asterisk behind them are commodity foods.)

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

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**December**

District III Elder Birthdays


ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.
Colin “Kenny” Hanson

Colin "Kenny" Kenneth Hanson, age 37, "Be ba'kum e goo naan" meaning "He Walks in the Woods, He's Hard to Catch and Hard to See" of the Bear Clan and from Cass Lake, Minnesota began his journey to the spirit world on Friday, October 28, 2022, from Cass Lake, MN.

Kenny was born in Bemidji, MN on February 25, 1985, to Kimberly (Brown) St. John and Marvin Hanson. He was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, and riding. Some of his more favorite things to do were playing cards and metal scrapping with his dad. Kenny had a kind heart and always had a smile on his face, which might explain why he was a baby magnet...even babies that didn’t like anyone else, loved him. He was a movie buff and could quote hundreds of movie lines. Kenny was a lover of ALL animals, but dogs were his favorite. He had a wealth of knowledge when it came to animals and loved sharing his random animal facts. Kenny enjoyed family gatherings, but he loved his babies more than anything else in the world. His smile will be missed but never forgotten.

Those who will be greeted by are his daughter, Nya Hanson; an infant child; grandparents, Daniel and Jeanette Brown and Joyce and Kenneth "Squince" Hanson; uncles, Gerald and Doug Hanson and Frank Brown; and aunties, Oras Smith.

He leaves behind his wife, Aundria Dunn-Hanson; daughters, Kaylani and Kalyana; son, Keiaun; parents, Kim (Edward "Pops") St. John, Marvin Hanson, Ernie Dunn and Val Smith; sisters, Nita and Marla Brown, brothers, Mark Hanson and Marty Smith; aunts, Ali (Russ) Budreau, Brenda (Hank) Hanson and Mary Lou Hanson; uncle, Terry (Tonya) O’Connor; We’ah Billy Blackwell; special friends, Adam Collins, Gregg LaFriniere and Brandi Beaulieu, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and a grandnephew.

A wake for Kenny will begin at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 31 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Wednesday, November 2, all to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Kenny will be Douglas Butcher, Richard Butcher, Dante Jackson, Daniel "Sun" Barrientez, Robert Fairbanks, Jr., James Baird, Jr. and Robert Budreau. His honorary pallbearers are Gerald Butcher, Riley Butcher, Dominic Butcher, Ernest Dunn, Henry Sutton, Edward St. John, Mark Hanson, Jr. and all of his family. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN.

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

Crystal Kangas

Crystal Rose Kangas, age 38, of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, MN. Crystal’s Spiritual Advisor will be Melvin Goodman. Those helping to lay Crystal to rest will be David “DJ” Paquette, George Fineday, Francis Kangas, Jr., William Kangas, James Kangas, and Devon Kangas. Honorary pallbearers are all Crystal’s family and friends. At Crystal’s request, her cremains will be cared for by her family.

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

Dale Bohn

Dale Rodderrick Bohn, “Me me guye se” meaning “Little People”, of the Bullhead Clan and of Cass Lake, MN journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji, MN. He was born March 24, 1968, in Big Fork, MN, the son of Mary Lou (Hardy) and Peter Bohn.

Dale graduated from Mentor High School in 1986. He moved to Grand Forks, ND, and worked at Ryan Potato until the flood of 1998, when he moved to the Cass Lake area and started working at Leech Lake Gaming. He worked at Cedar Lakes Casino from 1998 until November 2020 when health issues forced him to slow down. He met the love of his life on New Year’s Eve of 1999. Dale and Shelly were later married in Turtle River on March 24, 2002. Dale loved riding his motorcycle, watching the MN Vikings, and Yellowstone. He was a self-taught guitar player, who enjoyed listening to and playing country music. Dale loved all the children, they were his pride and joy, he was just a big kid himself. His family was his everything. He especially loved watching his nephew play basketball and was so proud of him playing college basketball. If a baby was brought into a room with him, everything stopped, and the baby was given the attention in the room. He was ecstatic with his "new to him" Chevy Truck. He was known for raising hell and joking with everyone. He drew funny Caricatures drawings; they were most likely inappropriately hilarious. He grew up hunting, camping, and fishing. He enjoyed helping his wife, Shelly, and Dawn work in the garden and do yard work. He was not a shy guy and never needed anyone’s approval. He liked sitting outside and being outside in general. Dale's love and sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Those welcoming Dale to the spirit world are his parents, Mary Lou and Peter; brother, Randy Bohn; niece, Bobbie Jo Bohn; nephews, Aaron and Michael Bohn; grandma Hardy and grandma Bohn; brother-in-law, Frank Gibson; and mother-in-law, Theresa Losh. Those left behind to cherish Dale’s memory are his wife, Michelle “Shelly” Bohn of Cass Lake, MN; father-in-law, Toby Losh I; brothers, Don Bohn of Bemidji, Daryl (Amber) Bohn of Wilton, MN, Brian (Pam) Bohn of Perham, MN; sisters-in-law, Angelene (Mike) Losh, Tonya A. Losh-Gibson, Dawn (Donahue) Wittner; brothers-in-law, Toby (Teejay) Losh II, Joseph Losh; nieces, Brittney Strand, April (Calvin) Wilsey, Makayla Juenke, Alexis Losh, Sheyanne (Quannah "Q") Losh, Tehya (Blake) Losh, Kinley Bergeron; nephews, Randy Bohn, Jr., Devin Bohn, Darrion Bohn, Bryan Bohn, Cody Losh, Brayden Losh, Tyrell Losh; many more adopted nieces and nephews; and other
Leroy “Puff” Whitebird Jr.

Leroy “Puff” Whitebird, Jr., age 64, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Monday, October 24, 2022, in Cass Lake.

Puff was born on April 17, 1958, to Leroy and Elizabeth (Littlewolf) Whitebird, Sr., in Cass Lake, MN. He started out working as a logger, then as a custodian at Leech Lake Facility, and various gaming jobs at the casino before he found his dream job with Leech Lake Gaming providing shuttle services and transportation.

He had a passion for driving, deer hunting and wild rice. He raised five wonderful children with his significant other and life partner, Leota Hardy. Family meant everything to him. He was a good listener, helped others when he could, and enjoyed going to the casino.

He will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Beverly (Ed Dalton) Whitebird; aunt, Nancy Whitebird; his children: Kimberly (David Rosalez), Daryl Fisherman, David Whitebird, Leroy Whitebird, Trudell Whitebird; his significant other and mother of his children, Leota Hardy; as well as numerous other relatives and many friends.

Glenda Roberts

Glenda began her journey to the Spirit World surrounded by family on October 18, 2022. She was born on September 9, 1955, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Dennis Banks and Jeanette (Stately) Banks.

Glenda was enrolled in the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was the third generation in the family to work for the Northern Lights Casino for 19 years. Glenda, in her early years, enjoyed photography, quilting and ceramics.

Survived by her children: Muck-Wa (Rose) Roberts, Shana (Jad) Dardar, Beverly (Jake) Markfort, Randy (Cathy) Roberts, Nicole (Marcus) Roberts and Devin Smith; sisters: Beverly Baribeau, Pearl Blanchard, Darla Banks, Denise Banks and Deanna Banks; brothers: Dennis Banks Jr., Tatanka Banks and Minoh Banks; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Robert “Stink” Elmberg Jr.

Robert Lee Elmberg, Jr., “Stink”, 10 years old, made an unexpected journey to the spirit world on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from Onigum, Minnesota. Robert was born in Bemidji, MN on October 1, 2012, the son of Christina Doerr and Robert Elmberg, Sr.

Robert was a loving brother, great friend, the best son a parent could ask for, everyone loved him. He was a momma’s boy, the first-born son. Robert could light up any room...
Janice Bongo

Janice was born on August 26, 1948, in Onigum, MN, to Charles and Nancy Day (Bongo). She graduated from Grand Rapids High School and later went on to earn her BSW from the University of MN – Duluth. She worked as a receptionist for Anishinabe Longhouse and the Upper Midwest American Indian Center. In the early 1980’s she moved with her children to Arizona and began working for Human Services for the State of Arizona. She later began working for the Pima / Maricopa Tribe on the Salt River Reservation, known today as the Géwa O’odham People, their reservation surrounded by all major cities in Arizona. Being a single parent most of her life, Jan would supplement the family income with a second job. She spent years working as a clerk for Circle K Convenience Stores, and cleaning houses. She travelled throughout the year’s between her home in Minnesota and her children in Arizona. Upon her retirement, not one to be idle, she began working at the largest casino in Arizona, The Talking Stick Resort & Casino. It was a job she loved, enjoying interactions with people and was great at her job at the Players Club. She loved the energy of the casino.

When Janice wasn’t working, she had many hobbies and interests. She loved traveling to pow wows, especially when her kids were little and they would camp out. Janice discovered sewing in 2010 and was instructed by her wēheh, Dorothy Sam, to start making blankets and encouraged her to go to the Mide’ Lodge. She hand sewed her first blanket and was hooked. She bought a sewing machine and also made dance regalia and ribbon skirts.

Jan took parenting her children seriously, teaching them about their culture and spirituality as well as the day to day life skills they needed to become productive adults and then set them free to travel their own path in life. Janice’s life and love were her children. She expressed her gratitude in the way they cared for her during her hardest times with her health.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Carrie Bongo, Jesse Neadeau, and Justin Neadeau. Grandchildren: Nicole Buckanaga, Connor Hurst Neadeau and 4 great grandchildren.

She will be greeted in the spirit world by her parents: Nancy Day Bongo and Charles W. Bongo; her son, Jason Bongo; grandsons, Bryan Oray Frazier; great granddaughter, Cedar Miigiizii Buckanaga; brother, Charles W. Bongo II aka Tony, (Doris Lepinski); three sisters: Louise Bongo Geving (Sap), Rose Bongo Smith (Abbott), and Karen Breuer Mellott (Frank).

The wake will begin at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 28, 2022, at the Mission Community Center and continue until the service on 10:00 A.M., Saturday, October 29, 2022. The spiritual leader will be Naabekwa Liberty. Active pallbearers will be: Justin Neadeau, Jesse Neadeau, Lucas Headbird, Dennis Smith, Ron Conoyouer, Clyde Morgan, Lenny Ruschmier and Zach Staples. Burial will be at Morgan’s Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack www.whispering-pinesnorth.com.
November is National Caregiver Month

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If you are a caregiver - miį-gwetch! You are very important to someone! Whether you are caring for someone with dementia or someone with another type of disability you are providing a service to that person by helping them get along in their life which most often is very challenging - for them and for you.

As a caregiver, you likely have experienced a wide range of challenges with the person you are caring for. Perhaps that person may be easily agitated and have other troubling behaviors, may be difficult to communicate with, has trouble asking for what they need, may have erratic sleeping patterns, paranoia and other fears, perhaps they are in pain and become combative. There are many other issues that you might be facing in providing adequate and loving care to the person who needs it.

As a caregiver though, you must remember to take care of yourself. When you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed you must take the time for your own needs and not put your own health at risk.

Plan for taking time away to do something relaxing and enjoyable for yourself. Arrange for someone else to be your back-up caregiver during this time. Learn to recognize the physical problems you might be experiencing due to stress. These problems could show up as stomach irritation, high blood pressure, lack of concentration or focus, tired eyes and blurred vision, general body aches and irritability. Whatever you are feeling due to stress, don’t let your responses get out of hand.

Talk with your doctor about the stress you are feeling, ask others for help - especially family members and close friends. Become familiar with resources available in your community and call on them. For caregivers of people with dementia, call the Alzheimer's help line at 800-272-3900 or visit their website at alz.org.

You may also contact Karen Holstein Bdeau or Jenn Cole of Northwoods Caregivers at 218-333-8264 to learn about local area caregiver support groups and classes for dealing with caregiver stress.

2022 Tax Rebate Information

By MICHAEL CHOSA

CASS LAKE — Starting the week of December 5, 2022, the Tax Rebate for the amount of $250.00 will be distributed to all enrolled Leech Lake Band Members Rapid Paycards. The recipient needs to be enrolled as of October 28th, 2022, and 18 years of age as of December 4, 2022. Those who are 18 years of age as of or after December 5 will have their funds deposited into Minor’s Trust. If a LL Band Member is incarcerated at the time of payment and is unable to receive the cards.

What if I lost or misplaced my card?
For those who have lost or misplaced their Rapid Paycard, please call Rapid Customer Service, 1-888-727-4314 to report it lost/stolen and request a new card to be mailed to you.

What if I don’t have a card or I chose check for the 2022 Stimulus Payment?
For those who have not received their Rapid Paycard already, they will be registered and issued a Rapid Paycard.

In-person distribution events for these Rapid Paycards will be held on December 8, 2022 from 9:00AM – 6:00PM at the following locations:
- Cedar Lakes Casino
- Leech Lake Twin Cities Office
- Duluth Area Office
- Bena Community Center
- Ball Club Community Center

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Niigane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for November

**OJIBWEMOWIN** | **ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN**
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Aaniin ezhiichigiyayan? | What are you doing?
Gaawiin gego. | Nothing.
Ninjibaakwe. | I am cooking.
Nindojojaaamiz. | I am busy.
Ninanaa’idaabaane. | I am repairing my car.
Niniquiise. | I am hunting.
Nindaqjindaas. | I am reading.

**OJIBWEMOWIN** | **ZHAAGANAASHIIMOWIN**
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Nindanweb. | I am resting.
Ninqaqwe-gikendaas. | I am studying.
Nimawadiishiwe. | I am visiting.
Nindanokii. | I am working.
Ninaboobile. | I am making soup.
Nimbaqida’waa. | I am netting fish.
Gin dash? Aaniin ezhiichigiyayan? | And you? What are you doing?

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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


Case No. FA-22-37

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Case No. FA-22-35

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You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues (Leech Lake Judicial Code, title 2, Part II, Rule 5, Section C(5)) because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In Re Estate of: Joseph Wayne Howard, DOB: 08/25/1964, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-01

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Joseph Wayne Howard, died November 12, 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 Saislar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 11th, day of August, 2022 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 Rana Maria Goode, surviving significant other of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 11th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Rana Goode, 8770 Traders Bay Road NW, Walker, MN 56484 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph Wayne Howard, 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, with 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: Robert Allen Matthews, DOB: 06/29/1946, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-50

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Robert Allen Matthews, died April 23, 2019. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saislar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of July, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Phyllis Ann Gotchie, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 12th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Melinda M. Matthews, 31346 Wild Wing Dr., Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Allen Matthews, decedent.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

In Re Estate of: Phyllis Ann Gotchie, DOB: 06/08/1938, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-54

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Phyllis Ann Gotchie, died February 6, 2022. A hearing was held before the Honorable David Harrington, Deputy Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saislar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of July, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs, and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Milton Lee Gotchie, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 12th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Milton L. Gotchie, 40279 Jackson Village Rd., Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Phyllis Ann Gotchie, decedent.

NOTE 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, with 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: Ruby Jane Rogers, DOB: 06/18/1938, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-69
NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ruby Jane Rogers, died April 3, 2022. 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 11th, day of August, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Candice Lee Rogers, surviving granddaughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 11th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Candice Rogers, 36542 State Highway 6, Dear River, MN 56636 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruby Jane Rogers, deceased.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In Re: Estate of: Ruby Jane Rogers, DOB: 10/21/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-93

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ruby Jane Rogers, died March 3, 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 13th, day of July 2022 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 LaVae Oothoudt, surviving granddaughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Co-Personal Representatives or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In Re: Estate of Ruby Jane Rogers, DOB: 10/21/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-94

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ray Charles Oothoudt, died September 27, 2016. 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 13th, day of July 2022 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 LaVae Oothoudt, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Emergency Probate Hearing held on July 13th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, LaVae Oothoudt, 8456 Old Agency Trail NW, Walker, MN 56484, and Stephen Howard, PO Box 1056, Cass Lake, MN 56633 were appointed to act as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Frieda Marie Oothoudt, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Emergency Probate Hearing held on July 13th, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, LaVae Oothoudt, 8456 Old Agency Trail NW, Walker, MN 56484, and Stephen Howard, PO Box 1056, Cass Lake, MN 56633 were appointed to act as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Ruby Jane Rogers, decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In Re: Estate of Frieda Marie Oothoudt, DOB: 05/27/1943, Decedent.

ORDERED AND NOTICE CREDITORS IT IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Co-Personal Representatives 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
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Darlene Autio
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Lucille White
Shannon White
Bradley Bowstring Sr.
Sandra Armstrong
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Simon Jackson
Lorayne Harper
June Drift
Donna Cloud
Stuart Smith
Selma Jackson
Gerald Bowstring
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Kyle, Amanda & Jenelle

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Clarice Rockboy-White
Franklin Bowstring
Winona Richardson
James Samuelson
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Sharon Bebeau-Cavitt
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Dean Elmberg
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John Fairbanks
Jerome Finn
Glen Fisher
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Debra Jackson
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Roselyn Loeken
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Peter Morris
Terrence Morris
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115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633
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Driver (Veteran’s Services) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-143

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Mental Health Professional (6) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-018
Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-023
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
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-095
ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-096
Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-097
Mental Health Clinical Trainee (4) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-099
Gekinwaawaanged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-118
Home Healthcare LPN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-122
Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125
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
Pre School Teacher (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-141
Registered Dietitian ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-008
Adolescent & Maternal Child Health Manager ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-009
Infant Toddler Teacher (Cass Lake) (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-011
Pre School Teacher/Family Service Advocate (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-012
Administrative Assistant/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-017
Training Center Coordinator/Emergency Medical Technician ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-018
Network Associate ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-020
Help Desk T2 ~ MIS ~ Job Code: 22-022
Cook (ENP) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-036
Driver ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-041
SHIP Program Coordinator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-065
Emergency Medical Responder (5) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-071
Billing Specialist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-072
Heavy Equipment Driver/Operator (2) ~ Transportation ~ Job Code: 22-073
Associate Tribal Attorney III ~ Legal ~ Job Code: 22-078
Driver/Operator (4)- Tribal Roads ~ Job Code: 22-087
Field Director ~ DRM ~ Job Code: 22-094
Community Food Systems Coordinator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-095
Delivery Driver/Food Distribution Support ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-096
Home Healthcare RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-098
Mental Health Consultant ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-099
DRM Director ~ RTC Administration ~ Job Code: 22-105
Driver (OTP) (Part time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-109
Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-113
Police Dispatcher ~ DPS ~ Job Code: 22-115
Truancy Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-118
Disease Intervention Specialist ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-121
Security (ARC) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-124
Security (ARC) (Part Time) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-125

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