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MINNEAPOLIS – The Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) based at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has welcomed five new members to its Leadership Council:
- Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Alaska Federation of Natives
- Shannon Edie, Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Organizations Association
- Leonard “Lenny” Fineday, Secretary/Treasurer, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Richard “Rico” Frias, Executive Director, NAFOA
- Jean Swift, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

CICD is a national research and policy institute working to advance the economic prosperity of Indigenous communities and Native nations through actionable research and community collaboration. In 2022 CICD announced an expansion to address research and data needs made clear by the pandemic and related economic impacts.

“Our new Leadership Council members bring important perspectives to inform our work to address research and data gaps in Indian Country,” said CICD Director Casey Lozar. “We are grateful to all of our Leadership Council members for the time and expertise they dedicate in service of the economic prosperity of Indigenous communities and Native nations.”

Newly appointed Leadership Council members join a 16-person advisory group that reflects key representatives from tribal nations, national organizations, federal agencies, higher education, and industry. Leadership Council members provide input into CICD’s applied research, data analysis, and policy development agenda by helping to uncover gaps in the knowledge base and identifying systemic impediments to economic opportunity and inclusive growth in tribal communities. Members are appointed by Minneapolis Fed President Neel Kashkari.

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Minnesota
COVID-19 Update:
September
By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – A new type of COVID-19 vaccine is now available in Minnesota.

The “bivalent” booster comes from both Moderna and Pfizer, and contains half of the original COVID-19 vaccine and half protection targeting the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 variants. The vaccine was cleared by the FDA and CDC the first week in September.

Americans will be eligible to get the new booster as little as two months after their last shot of a COVID-19 vaccine. Moderna’s new booster shots are authorized for Americans as young as 18, while Pfizer and BioNTech can be given down to age 12.

“Staying up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines is a crucial part of protecting our state in the months ahead,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm during the state’s announcement of the vaccine. “The bivalent boosters were shown to be safe and effective, and they will be a key tool in helping provide better protection against variants that are currently spreading. I would also encourage eligible Minnesotans who are seeking this updated booster to take this opportunity to ensure your whole family is up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations so you have the best protection possible as school starts and before end-of-year holidays.”

The Mall of America vaccination site will begin administering doses on Sept. 7. While sites throughout the state will start distributing the jabs the following week by appointment only.

“This new booster represents another step forward in fighting COVID-19,” said Governor Tim Walz. “This variant-specific formula will play an important role in helping keep Minnesotans safe this fall - especially when paired with testing and therapeutics.”

The booster will be free for all Minnesotans, regardless of insurance status.

Primary series of vaccines are still available for all Minnesotans age 6 months and older.

Minnesota Residents can find their nearest vaccine provider at mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/
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BEMIDJI – A new exhibit has arrived at Bemidji's Watermark Art Center, Miikinaan gallery.
The Miikinaan gallery which is home to the center's Traditional art exhibits will host Inaabandam – He Dreams In A Certain Way, August 26 – November 26, 2022.
The exhibit spotlights Red Lake artist Jonathan Thunder. Thunder is a multimedia artist who infuses his personal lens with real-time world experiences using a wide range of mediums. He is known for his surreal paintings, digitally animated films and installations in which he addresses subject matter of personal experience and social commentary.
Thunder attended the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, NM and studied Visual Effects and Motion Graphics in Minneapolis, MN at the Art Institute International. His work has been featured in many states, regional, and national exhibitions, as well as in local and international publications. Thunder is also the recipient of a 2020-21 Pollock – Krasner Foundation Award for his risk taking in painting.
Since his first solo exhibit in 2004, Thunder has won several awards for his short films in national and international competitions. His painting and digital work is in the permanent collections of multiple Museums and Universities.
Thunder describes his work as both deliberate and experimental, often mixing traditional imagery with modern pop culture.
Thunder’s "Inaabandam" exhibit will be on display at Watermark until November 26, 2022.

By KAYLA DUOOS

via WATERMARK ART CENTER

Above photo, “Head in the Clouds” mixed media on canvas. Below photo “Quarantine at Grammas House” acrylic on canvas. By Jonathan Thunder.
The First Native American Woman to Visit Space

By KAYLA DUOOS

FLORIDA – The first Native American Woman will visit space this fall.

Nicole Aunapu Mann (Wailaki of the Round Valley Indian Tribes in Northern California), will be aboard the SpaceX Crew-5 mission to go to the International Space Station later this fall. Mann will be the flight’s mission commander and be responsible for all phases of the flight from launch at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida to re-entering the Earth’s atmosphere.

She will also serve as the Expedition 68 flight engineer on the space station.

This is NASA’s fifth crew rotation flight as part of the agency’s Commercial Crew Program. Three other astronauts will also be on the Crew-5 mission: NASA astronaut Josh Cassada, JAXA astronaut Koichi Wakata, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Anna Kikina.

The crew will live on board for six months to complete their mission of conducting approximately 250 scientific experiments in the space station.

Mann graduated from Rancho Cotate High School in Rohnert Park, California, in 1995. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1999 from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. In 1999, she was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mann also holds a Master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University in 2001, and attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

Additional Assistance may be Available for Borrowers Among Tribal Workers in Biden Student Loan Forgiveness Plan

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The Biden Administration announced its long awaited student loan forgiveness plan August 24 with one policy that directly impacts Tribal Workers.

The administration’s plan to help working and middle-class federal student loan borrowers transition back to regular payment as pandemic-related support expires includes loan forgiveness of $10,000 for all borrowers whose individual income is less than $125,000 or $250,000 for households and up to $20,000 in forgiveness for Pell grant recipients.

In addition to the baseline forgiveness amount, borrowers who are employed by Tribal Governments, non-profits, the military, or federal, state, or local government may be eligible to have all of their student loans forgiven through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. The program allows borrowers who complete 120 payments while at their public service job to obtain partial loan forgiveness. The temporary change for the PSLF program for full forgiveness will expire on October 31, 2022. If you are interested in applying under the public loan service program, please visit PSLF.gov.

The final change in student loans is in the form of a new rule to create a new income-driven repayment plan that will substantially reduce future monthly payments for lower- and middle-income borrowers. The rule would require borrowers to pay no more than 5% of their discretionary income monthly on undergraduate loans. This is down from the 10% available under the most recent income-driven repayment plan. It would raise the amount of income that is considered non-discretionary income and therefore is protected from repayment, guaranteeing that no borrower earning under 225% of the federal poverty level—about the annual equivalent of a $15 minimum wage for a single borrower—will have to make a monthly payment. Forgive loan balances after 10 years of payments, instead of 20 years, for borrowers with loan balances of $12,000 or less. Cover the borrower’s unpaid monthly interest, so that unlike other existing income-driven repayment plans, no borrower’s loan balance will grow as long as they make their monthly payments—even when that monthly payment is $0 because their income is low.

The official application to apply for loan forgiveness can be found at the US Department of Education website and will be open sometime in October, applicants will have until Dec. 31, 2023 to apply for forgiveness.

District III Elder’s Gather for Picnic Event

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The District III Elders picnic took place August 24, at Cedar Lakes Casino.

The four hour event featured a live band, free lunch, pontoon rides, grocery distribution, gift cards, bingo and raffle prizes courtesy of District III representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks.

Staple-Fairbanks, who spoke at the event, shared how the event came together.

“There were a few elders who came into my office, who told me they wanted to gather. Not just at the casino, meetings, or funerals. They wanted to be together and visit. So something simple as that is all it takes to make events like this happen,” said Staples-Fairbanks.

Gifts handed out at the event included blankets, maple syrup, tool sets, and gift cards.
Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report

Secretary / Treasurer
Leonard Fineday

Governmental Activities
Secretary/Treasurer’s Summary

Monthly Report

Aaniin Leech Lake People! It is my honor to provide you with this report of my activities for the past month.

We are continuing to work on the FY 2020 Audit regarding our governmental activities. As I reported last month, this audit is two years past due. We have all information in that our external auditors have been requesting and are waiting for the final report. The last issue we are working on relates to the ransomware attack the Band suffered in 2020. We are still anticipating a final report for this audit by September 30, 2022. Once we receive the final report, we will immediately begin work on the Fiscal Year 2021 audit; that fiscal year ended on June 30, 2021.

We are also continuing to diligently work on our FY 2023 budget. As you know, FY 23 started on July 1, 2022 with no duly approved budget in place. The Continuing Resolution the RBC adopted expires on October 31, 2022. The Budget Team is meeting weekly to work on the many remaining issues within the budget in order to balance it. As of print time, we still have approximately three million dollars in General Fund spending requests in excess of available funds for this year. We are working together between our governmental and gaming operations to ensure that our spending levels across the board are reasonable and sustainable. We anticipate this budget to be completed and adopted before the October 31, 2022 expiration of the RBC Continuing Resolution.

Questions surrounding the Minor’s Trust have also arisen in the past month. In my conversations with Band members, some didn’t even know the trust was put into place or that the funds are managed by an investor on behalf of the Band. The Trust was created in 2012, and the Band switched financial managers in 2018. Currently, the funds are managed by First National Bank in Bemidji and invested by Raymond James.

Since 2012, the Band has contributed a total of $3,750.00 for each minor. The funds are invested in a conservative portfolio of 80% in fixed income instruments (bonds, CDs, money markets, etc.) and 20% publicly traded equities (stocks). Since 2018, the average annual return under this conservative approach has yielded an increase of 2.78% in each minor’s account (versus a 0.75% growth if solely invested in a Certificate of Deposit). While 2022 has been a difficult year for both publicly traded equities and fixed income instruments due to national and global inflationary trends, the long term forecast for this type of investment portfolio remains positive and strong. Furthermore, had the RBC not placed these funds in any investment and simply let them sit in a bank account, the return for each minor would have been substantially less, even with the short term losses the Minor’s Trust Fund has encountered in 2022.

The performance of our Minor’s Trust is reported on a quarterly basis in the financial report, but usually is not highlighted due to the other areas such as Gaming and General Fund activities. However, I want to ensure that our people know and understand what is happening and why the decisions are made concerning all our funds, and especially the funds belonging to our children.

In closing, I want to extend a “chi-miigwech” to our Accounting Division staff. I feel they have gone above and beyond in the last several weeks in preparing for and performing the pandemic economic relief distribution we completed last month. They have all worked very hard to ensure our people had their funds and not always under the best conditions. Their work is appreciated and I am thankful. I also ask all Band members to join me in thanking them for their hard work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to my office. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and represent each of you!

Academy Formally Apologizes to Sacheen Littlefeather for Past Abuse and Inaction

By KAYLA DUOOS

CALIFORNIA – Nearly 50 years after Sacheen Littlefeather went to the Oscars to decline the award for Marlon Brando due to the mistreatment / misrepresentation of Native Americans in the film industry – the academy has released a formal apology to the activist for the hate she received.

In 1973, Sacheen Littlefeather (Apache / Yaqui/AZ), a member of the Screen Actors Guild, became the first Native woman to stand onstage at the Academy Awards ceremony, on behalf of Marlon Brando. Sacheen did not accept his Best Actor award for The Godfather.

She instead gave a passionate speech regarding the stereotypes of Native Americans in the entertainment industry. She brought attention to the 1973 Wounded Knee South Dakota protest. As a result of Sacheens speech, she was professionally boycotted, personally harassed and attacked, and discriminated against for the last fifty years.

In their apology the Academy admitted Littlefeather endured “unwarranted and unjustified” abuse on stage and off. Littlefeather has publicly spoken about “tomahawk chops” being directed to her while leaving the stage, verbal threats, threats of physical violence, including one from actor John Wayne, who had to be restrained from storming the stage to physically attack her. Later, sharing that her Tribal status had also been called into question.

“The emotional burden you have lived through and the cost to your own career in our industry are irreparable. For too long the courage you showed has been unacknowledged. For this, we offer both our deepest apologies and our sincere admiration.” -The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures

“Regarding the Academy’s apology to me, Indians are very patient people—it’s only been 50 years! We need to keep our sense of humor about this at all times. It’s our method of survival.” -Sacheen Littlefeather

The statement of apology will be read in full at the Sept. 17 Academy Museum event honoring Littlefeather. Littlefeather will talk about her appearance at the 1973 Oscars and the future of indigenous representation on screen. The event will be online for viewing at the Academy’s website.
Lifetime Mohegan Chief Malerba, First Native American U.S. Treasurer Sworn in

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – Marilynn Malerba (Mohegan Tribe) became the first Native American U.S. Treasurer, September 12, 2022.

Her signature will now appear on U.S. Treasury currency. Malerba was sworn into the position on September 12, 2022.


The advisory council will enable Tribal leaders to advise the Secretary on homeland security policies and practices that affect Indian Country and Indigenous communities, including emergency management, law enforcement, cyber security, domestic terrorism and targeted violence, and border security.

The inaugural Tribal Homeland Security Advisory Council is a result of sustained engagement to improve nation-to-nation relationships and comes at a time of critical importance, said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “I look forward to building a new Council that will provide timely advice and recommendations directly from Indian Country regarding how we can better work together to improve homeland security.”

The Council will engage with DHS agencies and offices and produce recommendations and reports for the Secretary. The Council will be charged with collaborating on all matters of homeland security as they relate to Tribal Nations and indigenous communities, including but not limited to:

- Implementation of Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments and the President’s January 26, 2021 Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships;
- Implementation of Executive Order 14053, Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People;
- Implementation of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government;
- Implementation of Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 13990, Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis;
- Implementation and execution of the DHS’s Tribal Consultation Policy; and
- The responsibility to uphold the Federal Government’s and the Department’s trust and treaty responsibility to Tribal Nations.

The Council’s membership is currently open to nominations and members will be decided upon based on their qualifications to serve as representatives of a Tribal Nation or tribal organization.

To learn more about the Council and how to apply, please visit www.dhs.gov/tribal-advisory-council.

Thank You

To all of our family, friends and acquaintances in the recent passing of our beloved, Stacy Dorvinen.

We want to thank each person and organization who showed such tremendous support, sympathy, and kindness during the illness and passing of our beloved son and father, Bernard “Stacy” Dorvinen.

Thank you to our faithful and committed extended family and friends who showed up, helped, and supported us every step of the way.

To the many friends and relatives who visited to brighten Stacy’s last days at home.

To St. Croix Hospice who made it possible for Stacy to spend his last days, he was touched by all who came to the hospital and our love.

To everyone who has been in our lives during this great loss, we thank you for everything, especially the food and seating for an outdoor lunch; the Whispering Pines Funeral Home for their services.

To those who helped with the details of the funeral and memorial service, and a host of other things that we cannot begin to list here, thank you: The Cass Lake Alliance Church; the church ladies coordinating lunch; Reverend Craig Smith for officiating; Steve & Bonnie Hanson for pastoring and music; and Lexi Fleming for music; the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers; the Leech Lake Honor Guard; the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Leech Lake Cedar Lakes Casino, thank you for everything, especially the food and seating for an outdoor lunch; the Whispering Pines Funeral Home for their services.

To everyone who has been in our lives during this great loss, we think of you with deep gratitude and are forever grateful for your support.

Family Aitken, Dorvinen & Beaulieu - Linda, Taylor, Christian, Kent & Deb
Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School students had the opportunity to participate in ric- ing camp again this year. Besides going out in the rice field, there was also canoe safety, knife safety, science activities and a picnic lunch. It was a beautiful day full of smiles and fun.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School began its school year with an opening ceremony involving all of the students and staff. After the smudging, blessing and welcome, the school drum provided an opportunity for students and staff to dance together in the sacred circle around the drum.

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NOURISH. CONNECT. LEAD.

When: September 21st
11:30am - 12:30pm

Where: Walker Area Community Center
105 Tower Avenue E, Walker, MN

Topics

NOURISH: What Hunger Looks Like in Cass County
CONNECT: How People Care for Each Other in Cass County
LEAD: How We Advance Positive Change to Address Hunger in Cass County

Box lunches and beverages will be available for people to take with them at the close of the event.

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

**Vegetable Stew**

**Ingredients**

 (*Commodity Foods*)

- 3 cups water
- 1 Vegetable Bouillon cube, low sodium
- 2 cups potatoes cubed*
- 4 cups Summer Squash in 1-inch squares
- 15 ounces Sweet corn, rinsed & drained*
- 1 teaspoon Thyme
- 2 cloves Garlic minced
- 1 Scallion Chopped
- 1 cup onion chopped*
- ½ small hot pepper, chopped (optional)
- 1 cup low sodium tomatoes*

**Directions:**

Put water and bouillon in a large pot and bring them to a boil. Add potatoes and carrots and simmer for 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, except for tomatoes, and continue cooking for 15 minutes over medium heat. Remove 4 chunks of squash and puree in a blender. Return pureed mixture to the pot and let cook for 10 minutes more. Add tomatoes and cook for another 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let sit for 10 minutes to allow the stew to thicken. You can add other favorite vegetables, such as broccoli and cauliflower. Canned corn can be replaced by 2 ears of fresh corn, 1½ cups. Servings 8.

**Nutrition facts**

Calories 119, total fat 1 g, sodium 150mg, total carbohydrate 27 g, dietary fiber 4 g, protein 4 g.

**Serving size** 1.25 cup

Summer squash is considered a healthy choice for calories; one cup of raw squash has less than 20 calories. Squash has an excellent source of vitamin C, which helps wounds heal, resist infection, and keeps teeth and gums healthy. Vitamin A aids in normal vision, healthy skin, and protects against infections.

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.
Interior Department Issues Guidance to Strengthen Tribal Co-Stewardship of Public Lands and Waters

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today released new guidance to improve federal stewardship of public lands, waters and wildlife by strengthening the role of Tribal governments in federal land management. New guidance from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) outlines how each bureau will facilitate and support agreements with Tribes to collaborate in the co-stewardship of federal lands and waters.

"From wildfire prevention to managing drought and famine, our ancestors have used nature-based approaches to coexist among our lands, waters, wildlife and their habitats for millennia. As communities continue to face the effects of climate change, Indigenous knowledge will benefit the Department's efforts to bolster resilience and protect all communities," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "By acknowledging and empowering Tribes as partners in co-stewardship of our country's lands and waters, every American will benefit from strengthened management of our federal land and resources."

In managing public lands and waters, the Department is charged with trust responsibility and treaty rights to protect American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal interests and further the nation-to-nation relationship, and with distinct obligations to the Native Hawaiian Community. Tribal consultation and collaboration will continue to be implemented as components of, or in addition to, federal land management priorities and direction for recreation, range, timber, energy production, and other uses, and conservation of wilderness, refuges, watersheds, wildlife habitat, and other values.

The guidance will help further the directives from Joint Secretarial Order 3403 – signed by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture during the 2021 White House Tribal Nations Summit – which outlines how the two Departments will strengthen Tribal co-stewardship efforts. The guidance also outlines how agreements might proceed with Alaska Native corporations and the Native Hawaiian Community.

Since the Joint Secretarial Order was signed, the Interior Department has implemented a number of co-stewardship agreements, including:
- Bears Ears National Monument in Utah: On June 18, 2022, the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, and five Tribes of the Bears Ears Commission formalized their partnership for co-management of the Bears Ears National Monument. The BLM and U.S. Forest Service will provide resources to each Tribe through a separate process to support the work that the five Tribes will perform under this agreement and through their representatives on the Bears Ears Commission.
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Bison Range Restoration in Montana: On January 2, 2022, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) assumed full management of the Bison Range. The FWS and CSKT continue to partner together to ensure the land and resources are managed at a high-level including prioritizing much needed improvements to address deferred maintenance to enhance safety to the public and wildlife.
- Rappahannock Indian Tribe's Homeland Restoration in Virginia: On April 1, 2022, the Rappahannock Tribe's re-acquired 465 acres of their ancestral homelands at Fones Cliffs, a sacred site to the Tribe and a globally significant Important Bird Area for resident and bald eagles and other migratory birds. The land is located within the authorized boundary of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge; the parcel will be owned by the Tribe and be publicly accessible and held with a permanent conservation easement conveyed to FWS.
- Dworshak National Fish Hatchery Transfer to the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho: On June 16, 2022, the Department transferred fish production at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery to the Nez Perce Tribe. The FWS will continue to provide support to the hatchery through the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and Pacific Region Fish Health Program.

The Interior Department is responsible for the management of millions of acres of federal lands and waters that were previously owned and managed by Tribes and also manages many important natural and cultural resources that once belonged to the Native Hawaiian Community. Those lands and waters contain cultural and natural resources of significance and value to the peoples, including sacred religious sites, burial sites, wildlife and its habitat, and sources of Indigenous foods and medicines. In addition, many of those lands and waters lie within areas where Tribes have the reserved right to hunt, fish, gather plants, and pray pursuant to ratified treaties and other long-standing legal agreements with the United States.

The Department is committed to ensuring that decisions relating to co-stewardship will continue to advance safeguards for traditional subsistence, cultural practices, trust interests and treaty rights for Tribes. Each bureau publishing guidance today is taking steps to ensure that Tribal governments play an integral role in the continued management of federal lands and waters through consultation, capacity-building, and partnerships consistent with federal authority.

Interior Moves Forward with Final Name Changes, Replacing Derogatory Words

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The US Department of the Interior today announced the list of national geographic features that have undergone name changes to remove derogatory terminology or slurs.

The list, which was released September 8, can be found on the Department of Interior website includes over 650 geographic features, including 1 Minnesota location. Previously, 3 Minnesota locations were on the Interior's shortlist for name changes including two sites on the Reservation, however the sole Minnesota lake that underwent a name change resides in Pine county near Mille Lacs, and was renamed Manidoons Zaaga'igan Zhaawanong (South Little Spirit Lake).

The final name change list and committee vote on the changes, completes the last step in the historic efforts to remove a term from federal use that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women.

"I feel a deep obligation to use my platform to ensure that our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming. That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for far too long," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "I am grateful to the members of the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force and the Board on Geographic Names for their efforts to prioritize this important work. Together, we are showing why representation matters and charting a path for an inclusive America."

The final vote reflects a months-long effort by the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force established by Secretary's Order 3404, which included representatives from the Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, National Park Service, Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service.

During the public comment period, the Task Force received more than 1,000 recommendations for name changes. Nearly 70 Tribal governments participated in nation-to-nation consultation, which yielded another several hundred recommendations. While the new names are immediately effective for federal use, the public may continue to propose name changes for any features — including those announced today — through the regular BGN process.

The remaining effort included several complexities: evaluation of multiple public or Tribal recommendations for the same feature; features that cross Tribal, federal and state jurisdictions; inconsistent spelling of certain Native language names; and reconciling diverse opinions from various proponents. In all cases, the Task Force carefully evaluated every comment and proposal.

In July, the Department announced an additional review by the BGN for seven locations that are considered unincorporated populated places. Noting that there are unique concerns with renaming these sites, the BGN will seek out additional review from the local communities and stakeholders before making a final determination.

Next steps on the status of that Committee will be announced in the coming weeks.
LLBO Tribal Members Who Have Not Yet Applied for the 2022 Relief Payment

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Emergency Relief Assistance to Tribal Members
Verification of Need Form

Program Eligibility Requirements:
1. Must be an enrolled, adult (18 years or older) LLBO Tribal member on or before 07/11/2022.
2. Must demonstrate a need for assistance by checking at least one box on the Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic below.*
3. Individuals must sign and return this form to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Eligible Tribal members 18 and over may receive a one-time payment of $1,700.00

First Name:     Middle:   Last :   DOB:       Tribal ID #:    SSN:    Phone:    Email:

Physical Address:       City:  State:   Zip:       Mailing Address:       Same as Physical Address

Address:

City:  State:   Zip:

Economic Impact Directly Related to COVID-19 Pandemic (check all that apply)

- Furloughed or Terminated from Employment
- Unemployed at start of pandemic
- Increased Health Care Expenses
- Increased Child Care Expenses
- Increased Grocery and/or Food Delivery Expenses
- Expenses related to Home-Schooling
- Expenses related to working remotely
- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and Cleaning Supplies
- Member Owned Business closed or run at diminished capacity
- Quarantine Costs
- Other: Explain, Use back of page if necessary.

Disclaimer: In submitting this application, I declare and certify that the information and documentation is true and correct regarding the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. I further agree to assist the LLBO in seeking any further necessary verification of the submitted information upon reasonable request. Contact information submitted on this form will be updated in the Tribal Enrollment database.

Signature of Applicant: ______________________________ Date: __________

Debit Card        Check

For Applications submitted on or before August 12, 2022, band members will have the option of in-person pickup. Please indicate your preferred pickup method or location. All payments will be mailed if app is submitted after August 12, 2022. See attached FAQ for in-person distribution dates, times and locations.

U.S. Mail         D1- Ball Club         D2- Bena         D3- Cass Lake         Twin Cities Office         Duluth Office

This paper application can be dropped off at the Tribal Assistance Office at 115 Sixth Street NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 (near Dairy Queen). Applications can also be mailed to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Emergency Relief Assistance, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633. Paper submissions will only be accepted via the drop box or the U.S. Postal Services.
Obituaries

Onishtah Smith

Onishtah Sione Smith, age 10, “A-One”, which means “Woman that walks with fog”, of the Makwa clan, began her spiritual journey on Saturday, June 4, 2022, in Rochester, MN. She was born on June 30, 2011, the daughter of Jeffrey Brown and Beejay Smith and recently adopted by her grandmother, Maxine Manyenny.

Onishtah was a nice, funny young lady who liked to laugh and joke around. She was always playing tricks on her brother and sisters, and she was the only one who would race the cat up and down the hallway. Onishtah was fun to be around because she was always happy. She loved to go shopping for shoes, making TikTok videos, saving her money in her piggy bank, bike riding, skateboarding, and playing on the trampoline. She wanted to be a gymnast teacher when she grew up and said that if she were to come back in this life, she wanted to come back as a white horse.

The family that Onishtah joins again are uncles: Tomah Lausche, Todd Smith and Patrick Smith; great uncles: Vernon Mitchell and Joseph Mitchell; grandmother: Carol Thomas Brown; grandfathers: Wilfred Smith and Jess Headbird; cousins: Robin Butler and Louise McKenney; great grandma: Helen Cummings; and her spirit name giver: Larry P. Aitken.


A wake service for Onishtah will begin at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2022, and will continue to 1:00 p.m. service, Sunday, June 12, all held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Active Pallbearers will be Nayaahtee Lausche, Kenny Conger, Kyle Mitchell, Anthony Butler, Derrick Baptiste, Gene Northbird, Jerry Mitchell and Terry Mitchell. Honorary Pallbearers will be Destinee Barrett, Amiah Robinson, and Mrs. Dremmal. Interment will be held in the Boy River Cemetery in Boy Lake following the services at the Vet’s Building.

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

Nezzy’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

Rose Weber-Rosebear

Rose Weber Rosebear, 47, of Ponemah, MN died Saturday, July 16, 2022.

A visitation will be from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji, MN with Pastor Micah Carpenter officiating.

She was born October 10, 1974 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Elizabeth Graves and John Whitebird. At the age of 8 she was adopted by Bill and Doris Weber. She grew up in Foley, MN. At the age of 18 she moved back to the Cass Lake area to reconnect with Elizabeth’s family. She was a CNA at Goldpine Homes in Bemidji. She loved working with the elderly. She met the love of her life, Nate Rosebear, in 2000. They later married in 2003. She enjoyed cooking, watching movies and the cooking channels. She loved spending time with her kids, family, and friends. She also loved swimming with her kids, flowers, family cook-outs and playing scratch offs.

She is survived by her husband, Nate, children, Nathan, Jr., Mary, Megan, and Samuel Rosebear, brothers, Manny (Carla) Seaboy and John Whitebird, Jr., sisters, Nancy Weber, Jamie Whitebird, Nickie Krasky, Dee Cloud, and Patricia Jackson, birth parents, Elizabeth Seaboy and John Whitebird, and her adopted mom, Doris Weber.

She was preceded in death by her adopted dad, Bill Weber.

Casey “Nezzy” Jones

Casey “Nezzy” Jean Jones, age 19, of the Bear Clan, and Bemidji, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Saturday, August 13, 2022, in Bemidji, MN. Casey was born on October 12, 2002, in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Rikki Taylor and Robert Jones, Sr.

Nezzy loved music, making new friends, social media and Facebook. She enjoyed drawing, playing basketball and videogames. Nezzy’s sense of humor was amazing, and she could make anyone feel good. She was emotionally strong, her “broad shoulders” carried the weight of the world. Nezzy loved her dad, and always looked up to him. She was always doing her little sister’s makeup; she was good with the kids. Nezzy loved her family, especially her sister Chloe, whom she missed terribly. Nezzy will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Those greeting Nezzy in the spirit world are her sister, Chloe Richards; grandparents, Robert Brown, Veronica Jones, Eunice Taylor; uncle, Charles Taylor and numerous other uncles; aunt, Dawina Jones; and great-grandma, Eleanor Granle.

Those left behind to cherish Nezzy’s memory are her mom, Rikki Taylor; dad, Robert (Wionna) Jones, Sr.; adopted mom, Cindy Richards; brothers, Bobby Jones, Jr., Marias Rodriguez, Demarcus Jones; sister, Mariana Jones; adopted sister, Taylor Richards; adopted aunts, Sherri, Sue, and Terrie; cousin, Jazzy Jones; aunts, Liz Jones, Diana Jones, Tonya Jones, Roxy Jones; numerous other family members and friends.

A two-night wake for Nezzy will begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and continue until her Thursday, August 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Spiritual Advisor is Jason H. Those helping to lay Nezzy to rest will be Liz Jones, Dwight Jones, Bryan Adams, Dan Jones, Scott Kellar, Robbie Cournoyer, with Michael Cappalot and Blocc Jonson as alternates. Honorary pallbearers are Rachel Defoe, all her family and friends. Interment will be in Jones / LaRose Cemetery, Cass Lake, MN.

Nezzy’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

Justin Rock-Fairbanks

Justin William Rock-Fairbanks, “Gimiwan”meaning “It’s Raining”, age 26, of the Bear Clan and from Cass Lake and Minneapolis, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world from the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN on August 12, 2022. He was born the son of Leslie Rock and Robert Fairbanks, Sr. on July 19, 1996, in Minneapolis, MN.

Justin was born with a spark, the ability to light up a room. Even as a child, he had a contagious smile and laugh. Justin had a sweet heart and a warming sense of humor. He loved listening to music and was a very talented dancer. He cared so much for his sisters and brothers. As a father, I am so proud of the man Justin became, because he never lost that spark.

Family that welcomes Justin to the spirit world are his baby brother, Roshawn Fairbanks; grandma, Stephanie Rock; great
grandpa, Sam Fairbanks; aunts, Joyce Fairbanks and Roberta Rock and many other relatives.

Those left behind to cherish his memories are his father, Robert (Jaime) Fairbanks, Sr. of Cass Lake; mother, Leslie Rock of Minneapolis; siblings, Clairissa, Robert Jr., Dazzlyn and Jordyn Fairbanks; niece, Azyajiah; special friend, Endonnis LaChepelle and numerous grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins, family members and his many friends.

An overnight wake for Justin will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 and continue until his 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Friday, August 19 all being held at the Prescott Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Fred Desjarlait will be his Spiritual Advisor. Pallbearers for Justin will be Matt Pendleton, Sonny LaBlanc, Daniel “Sun” Barrientes, Richard Butcher, Douglas Butcher and Robert Fairbanks, Jr. His honorary pallbearers are Leroy Fairbanks, Cedric Fairbanks, Clinton Fairbanks, and Brady Fairbanks. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN immediately following his Friday service.

Justin’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

Norma Wilson

Bernard “BJ” Robinson

Jeanie Jones

Vernon Goggleye

N orma Mae Wilson (Zhaaawan) was born on May 12, 1931.
It was always a special time for her every year because it landed on Mother’s Day. Her family always had a special birthday and Mother’s Day Party for her. She passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022. She married Darwin Wilson 71 years ago and lived a very long life.

Norma worked as a Community Heath Representative and for the Elderly Nutrition Program for the Leech lake Band of Ojibwe. She was a very nice, respectable, caring, loving person to everyone she knew. Norma had knowledge in speaking the Ojibwe language from her parents and grandparents and understood everything they had spoken in Ojibwe. She enjoyed doing beadwork, sewing jingle dresses and mocassins. She was excellent in crocheting, she made pretty flower throws. Anything to do with sewing Norma could do. She beaded very beautiful. She sewed birch bark bird houses, baskets, and canoes. Norma was everything to her family, she was an excellent cook and she always had a big heart if anyone needed to talk she would listen and give them wisdom and encourage them to see things in life in a better perspective. She had unconditional love for anyone that needed her.

She is survived by her husband, Darwin Wilson Sr., 3 daughters, Constance, Louann and Gayle, 2 sons Darwin (Jerry) Jr., and Darrell (Jummers) and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is on her journey to be with her Mother and Father, Dora and Joe Fairbanks, Sisters Agnes, Rosey, 2 infants, a brother and sister. Also her son Tarrance Wilson Sr., her grandson Terrell Wilson, her granddaughter Jolene, her grandson Joseph (Joey) Isham, and daughter Carol and her daughter Lynn Marie. She will be very missed by many.

B ernard Jon Robinson (BJ) of Inger, Minnesota passed away Thursday, August 11, 2022, at home. Bernard was born on March 16, 1983 in Cass Lake, Minnesota, the son of Bernard and Dorothy Robinson of Inger.
BJ attended Deer River Schools, and he returned to ABE classes and got his General Equivalency Diploma. He took pride in going back to get his GED, and although writing on computer came easy, handwriting was hard but his topic “Who is your hero?” helped him pass this test. He wrote about his hero, his Grampa Thomas. BJ worked for the Leech Lake at Facilities Maintenance and the Leech Lake Gaming at the Northern Lights Casino. He loved working at the casino. He later became a stay-at-home Dad and helped care for his son, Ronald who he was very proud of.

Survived by son, Ronald Robinson-Wakanabo, Parents Bernard and Dorothy Robinson, brother Victor Robinson Sr and his wife Tana, sisters Bernie and Becky Mitchell, Stephanie Jackson, Ronald’s mother Beth Wakanabo, goddaughter Jasmine Cloud and many nephews, nieces, and family members. And his close buddies Dave Cloud, Pat Fairbanks, Dave Morgan, Chris Wakanabo.

preceded in death by his grandparents, Thomas and Stella Howard, Laura Robinson and Bernie Smith, Uncles Terry Robinson, Mike Howard, Greg Howard and Robert Howard and other close family members. Helping lay BJ to rest are: Patrick Fairbanks, Dave Cloud, Mark Jackson, Christopher Wakanabo, Jerome Wakanabo, Dale Robinson, Dale Burnette, James Howard Jr., Eric DeVault, James White Honorary Pallbearers are all of BJ’s family and friends.

Services are: Wake on Tuesday Evening, August 16, 2022 and Funeral at 10:00 am on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 with Allen Hardy officiating at the Inger Community Center. Burial will be at the Inger Cemetery.

J eanie Marie Jones (Sweet Water Mist) 33, of Cass Lake, Minnesota journeyed to the spirit world on August 25, 2022, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jeanie was born on February 21, 1989, to Bonita Jones and Barry King. Jeanie grew up in Bemidji, Minnesota where she graduated from the Bemidji High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Jeanie’s children include Brenda Wind, Bianca Wind, and Brandon Shaugobay Jr. She then married Jamison Mitsch and their children include Brittanya Jones and Camille Mitsch.

Jeanie is survived by: her spouse, Jamison Mitsch; mother, Bonita Jones; father, Barry King; children and siblings, Richard Jones, Anthony Jones, Charles Jones (Sophia) James Jones-LaFrinier, Brittany Duggan, Tessa Porter, Tasheena King, Endaanis Porter, Jestina Morin, Nadine Kingbird, Wesly King and Trenton Akana; maternal grandmother, Thelma Goodwin, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Those greeting her in the spirit would include: her daughter, Breyanah J. Wind; paternal grandfather, David Rey; great grandmother, Frances Jones; great grandfather, Clifford Jones, and numerous, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Those serving as Honorary Pallbearers for Jeanie will be: Lyla Raisch, Jess Beaulieu, Malerie LaRose, Melissa Dvorak, Mara Folstrom and Tasha LaRose. Active Pallbearers will be: James Jones LaFrinier, Pat Jesse, Norman Goggleye, Marquis Kingbird, and Tony Jones, David LaRose and BJ Senogles serving as alternates.

A wake for Jeanie will begin 4:00 PM Wednesday, August 31, 2022, and continue until the traditional service at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at the Veteran’s Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Prince of Peace Cemetery, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Arrangements are by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, Walker, Minnesota (www.whisperingpinesnorth.com).

V ernon John Goggleye, Age 40, passed away August 17, 2022 at Deer River Hospital. Born September 19, 1981 in Deer River, MN.
He is survived by, wife Jennifer Goggleye, daughter Emma Moses, stepson Isaka Smith, Dylan Smith, Connor smith, dad Edwin Goggleye, mom Carol Goggleye, sister Danielle Sherman, Brothers Jason Goggleye & Edwin Goggleye Jr. In-laws Delbert & Theresa Erickson, lots of nephews and nieces, and aunts and uncles.

Preceded by, George and Maggie Goggleye.
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CV-22-48

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Clayton Erling Oothoudt Jr., died April 8, 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 Saistar 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 Melinda Marie Matthews, 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, 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.

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: 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 Saistar 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 Milton Lee Gotchie, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE 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.

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: 05/18/1938, 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 Saistar 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 Milton Lee Gotchie, surviving son of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., DOB: 07/10/1942, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-70

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Leonard Bruce Parks Sr., died June 9, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, 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, Cass Lake, Minnesota, 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 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: Joseph Wayne Howard, DOB: 08/28/1964, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-22-25

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 Saistar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 9th, day of June, 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 Madeline Dorothy Parks, surviving spouse of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Court File No. CV-22-123

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 21st, 2020, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. A Permanency Hearing will commence on December 13th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saistar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the issue of guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Ruby Jane Rogers, DOB: 05/18/1938, 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 Saistar Drive NW, 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 Melinda Marie Matthews, surviving daughter of the decedent.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Ruby Jane Rogers, DOB: 05/18/1938, 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 Saistar 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 Milton Lee Gotchie, surviving son of the decedent.
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, Deer River, MN 56636 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruby Jane Rogers, 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


Case No. FA-22-61

NOTICE
TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-entitled matter will be continued from July 28th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. to July 21st, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Tribal Justice Center, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of Tribal Court. You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing. Violation of this Summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part IV. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders. In addition, failure to appear may result in an out-of-home placement of this child.

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2 POSITIONS

Anishinabe Legal Services is seeking two full-time staff attorneys to provide civil legal assistance and court representation to program clients before area Tribal Courts, State Courts and Administrative Forums.

BACKGROUND: Anishinabe Legal Services (ALS) is a Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funded 501(c)(3) organization providing free legal assistance and court representation to low-income individuals living on or near the Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake Reservations in Northern Minnesota. Most of the people who work for our law firm reside in Bemidji, MN or the surrounding community. Walker, MN and Grand Rapids, MN are also within 60 miles of Cass Lake, MN.

RESPONSIBILITIES: ALS is looking for two attorneys to provide civil legal assistance and court representation to program clients before area Tribal Courts, State Courts, and Administrative Forums. Attorneys will be housed out of our main administrative office located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Cass Lake is close to Bemidji, Minnesota and Walker, Minnesota. Primary duties will include handling a wide variety of civil matters before both Tribal and Minnesota State Courts.

We prefer the attorney to be licensed to practice in the State of Minnesota by the anticipated start date of employment, or to transfer a license from another state. Attorneys licensed in Wisconsin are eligible to apply to for a license to practice in Leech Lake and White Earth Tribal Court based on the Wisconsin license. Anishinabe Legal Services can assist with tribal court licensing and educating attorneys regarding practice in the tribal courts.

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified applicants must possess strong oral and written communication skills, negotiation skills, litigation skills, and the ability to handle a large caseload of client matters throughout a wide geographic service area. Applicants must also be able and willing to work efficiently and effectively as part of a team. Ability to make detailed time keeping/attorney notes on program management system. 0+ years of experience are welcome to apply.

Prior experience or education regarding working within Indian Country and/or Native Americans is helpful, but in no way required. Native American attorneys are highly encouraged to apply. EEO, M/F/H.

All applicants are expected to have a valid driver’s license, insurance, and automobile. Position requires travel to the tribal courts in Cass Lake and White Earth, MN.

COMPENSATION: $62,000/yr. + D.O.E. Generous benefit package for individual and family health and dental insurance, paid time off, paid time off for Federal holidays and life insurance. Travel reimbursement at federal level. We allow flex scheduling of the 37.5 hour full time work week. Hybrid office/work from home opportunities may be available after the first six months probationary period. Additional 401k benefits after a few years of employment with an ALS contribution of 4% of employees salary.

TO APPLY: Please email a cover letter, resume, and three (3) references to ALS Executive Director Cody Nelson, at: cnelson@alslegal.org. Deadline for application is September 30, 2022. Position is open until filled.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Summary of Job Openings

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THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2022
Professional Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-122
Payroll Clerk ~ Accounting ~ Job Code: 22-123

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
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
Home Healthcare Manager RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-115
Gekinwaa'amaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-118
Home Healthcare LPN (2) ~ Health ~ Job Code: 21-122
Cook (Ball Club) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-124
Pre School Teacher (Onigum) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-125
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
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 Center 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 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: 22-041
Cook ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-042
Sports Coordinator/Driver ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-046
Clinic LPN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-053
Cook (Maagiigin Center) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-055
Homeless Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) (Part Time) (2) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-059
SHIP Program Coordinator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-065
Quality Assurance & Improvement Specialist ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-067
Emergency Medical Responder ~ 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
Paraprofessional Health Educator ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-088
ENP Driver ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-089

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
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
Bena Shelter Site Manager ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-097
Home Healthcare RN ~ Health ~ Job Code: 22-098
Mental Health Consultant ~ Education ~ Job Code: 22-099
Tribal Development Director ~ RTC Administration ~ Job Code: 22-104
DRM Director ~ RTC Administration ~ Job Code: 22-105
Crisis Response Behavioral Health Specialist ($30.15/hour) ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 22-106
Internal Audit Director ~ RTC Administration ~ Job Code: 22-108
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
Accounts Payable Specialist ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 22-116

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