Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center Secures $850,000 in Federal Funding for Renovations

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center (ARC) is set to undergo a transformative change, thanks to newly announced federal funding, bringing new hope and opportunities for recovery and healing.

The ARC has been awarded $850,000 which will go towards future renovations. The funding was secured through the joint work of Senators Tina Smith and Senator Amy Klobuchar through a process called “Congressionally Directed Spending” (CDS). Throughout the CDS process, Smith and Klobuchar considered project proposals and advocated for funding in close coordination with leaders from across the state.

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The program’s objectives are to educate, support, and encourage residents on their journey to sobriety. The program provides group and individualized counseling, spiritual guidance, and weekly sweat lodges.

The new funding will help the program grow and meet their long-term goals, says LLBO Human Services director Earl Robinson. He says they are currently working on changing the format of the program from being a halfway house to being a medium-intensive treatment program and opening the door to female participants as well.

Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz is currently housed within the old Palace hotel and the site previously underwent $1.4 million in renovations to make the space usable for its program. The former hotel now has a RN office, group lunch area, commercial kitchen, participant living spaces, group counseling rooms on both floors, and staff offices. The new funding will be used to install a new roof, windows, flooring, plumbing, and controlled entries. ARC Program manager Jill Knisley says the program is always seeking to improve. “We want to get better at what we do. We want to prepare the residents the best we can before they leave here and are back in the community,” said Knisley.

The program is currently at capacity with residents, many of whom will stay within the program for 90 days or longer. The program’s staff focuses directly on making sure its participants are set up with support services before their departures.

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February 22nd
Marks the Day of the 1855 Treaty Signing

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The Treaty of Washington, commonly referred to as the 1855 Treaty, was signed on February 22, 1855 between the United States government and the representatives of the Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish and Mississippi bands of Ojibwe. This treaty established a reservation at Leech Lake for the Pillager & Lake Winnibigoshish bands and a reservation at Mille Lacs for the Mississippi bands. These reservations were established a full three years before Minnesota was admitted to the Union and recognized as a State in 1858. Much of the land in what would become Minnesota was acquired earlier through treaties with the Ojibwe in 1837 and 1854, and treaties with the Dakota in 1851.

The United States wanted further access to lucrative logging and mining opportunities in north-central Minnesota, the 1855 treaty fulfilled their desires. Hoping to avoid a similar situation to 1854 treaty negotiations, in which thousands of Ojibwe traveled to La Pointe to voice their concerns, the U.S. Government invited a small number of Ojibwe leaders to Washington, D.C. The true purpose of their visit was kept secret from them until their arrival in the nation’s Capitol. Negotiations were held for three days, from February 17 to February 20, 1855. In the end, a majority of the land in this territory was ceded to the United States with the exception of the newly established Leech Lake and Mille Lacs reservations. Treaty Rights While both the 1837 and 1854 included stipulations that the Ojibwe would retain their hunting and fishing rights in the ceded territory, the 1855 did not explicitly state this.

This led to legal battles that are still being decided in court cases between band members and various county and state agencies. At issue, are the usufructuary rights of Ojibwe band members to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded in the 1855 treaty. In a highly publicized decision, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed these rights for the Mille Lacs band in their 1999 decision, see quote below. Established in 2010, the 1855 Treaty Authority is leading the fight to have these rights legally recognized. The group includes members from the Ojibwe communities of East Lake, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Sandy Lake and White Earth. Twenty or so members meet monthly to work on strategies to force a legal decision on the matter and put the issue to rest once and for all. Their most effective tactic to date, is public demonstrations of off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights through out the ceded territory.

These demonstrations have included setting net and harvesting wild rice. The participating tribal members hope to receive citations from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources or county officials. The 1855 Treaty Authority then represents these Band members in state court, with the hope that a decision will be issued and elevated all the way to the United States Supreme Court in the same manner as the Mille Lacs Decision. “The Anishinaabe-Ojibwe derive these rights from Gitchi Manidoo, the creator. These rights predate the concept of land ownership was such a foreign idea to the Indians at that time, How can you own the land? Will you pick it up and bring it with you wherever you go?” He further states: “We maintained the right of occupancy, the right to exist off of our resources. The right to hunt, fish, gather and travel were unalienable to the Indians. The 1855 is important because it does not state that we are giving up any of these rights in the ceded territories. That’s the bottom line. We’ve already won, we are just waiting for the decision.” Another crucial factor in the interpretation of the 1855 treaty is what is known as the reserved rights doctrine, which holds that any rights that are not specifically addressed in a treaty are reserved to the tribe. In other words, treaties outline the specific rights that the tribes gave up, not those that they retained.

The courts have consistently interpreted treaties in this fashion, beginning with United States v. Winans (1905), in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a treaty is “not a grant of rights to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them.” Any right not explicitly extinguished by a treaty or a federal statute is considered to be “reserved” to the tribe.

“In 1837, the United States entered into a Treaty with several Bands of Chippewa Indians. Under terms of this Treaty, the Indians ceded land in present-day Wisconsin and Minnesota to the United States, and the United States guaranteed to the Indians certain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on the ceded land.

We must decide whether the Chippewa Indians retain these usufructuary rights today. The State of Minnesota argues that the Indians lost these rights through an Executive Order in 1850, and 1855 Treaty, and the admission of Minnesota into the Union in 1858. After an examination of the historical record, we conclude that the Chippewa retain the usufructuary rights guaranteed to them under the 1837 Treaty.”

-Justice Sandra Day O’Connor,
U.S. Supreme Court, 1999
RBC BRIEFS • January 2023

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee (RBC) holds weekly briefings on Tuesdays, followed by RBC meetings on Thursdays.

RBC briefings are attended by all available council members alongside scheduled presenters and LLBO division directors. Agenda items are presented for discussion at the Tuesday briefings and then are voted on for passage at the Thursday meeting. Occasionally, due to time constraints, a combination briefing and meeting will take place on the same day.

There were two meetings held in January 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on LeechLakeNews.com under "Videos". Official meeting minutes can also be found on LeechLakeNews.com under "LL Tribal Council" -> "Tribal Council Meeting Minutes".

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. January 6, 2023 Quarterly Meeting held at Sugar Point Community Center, a summary of the Division Director reports can be found on LeechLake.News.com and in our previous issue.

Presentations Given
- Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson – Recent achievements for the Tribe include; The band has been awarded funding to provide broadband access across the Reservation. The work continues on L.L. Reservation Restoration Act including a possible addition of an extra 4,000 acres. The band received funding to remodel the Ahni Be-Mah-Diz recovery center.
- Pat Broker, Early Childhood – Embrace mental health contract is a required service for early childhood programs/Head Start. Contractor provides meetings and services with students, staff and parents.
- Melissa George-Humphrey, Behavioral Health – Leech Lake Behavioral Health placed a billboard alongside HWY 2 promoting Behavioral Health services. The Billboard contract will last one year.
- David Paquette, Human Resources – Presenting policy proposal for 2023 budget that moving forward employees on the Government side who work even during holidays and administrative leave will receive time and a half, and double time on holidays. Discussion is tabled, and mentions of employees on the gaming side going through similar issues to be added to proposal or discussed in the future.
- Kyle Applebee, Accounting – FY2023 budget has been approved for both the Government side and Gaming.

2. January 24, 2023 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers. Recorded video is available for playback via Vimeo.

Presentations Given
- Cassandra Tapio, Opioid Prevention – State opioid response contract is a one year grant for 200K that will run through the end of 2022 through 2023. Contract underwent wording changing to be more Tribally focused. Contract will focus on developing and implementing a community based prevention plan against opioid use disorder.
- Cassie Leno, Early Childhood – The band has been awarded funding to provide early childhood programs/Head Start. Contractor provides meetings and services with students, staff and parents.
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MnDOT Seeks Feedback on New Vision for Hwy 2 in Cass Lake

Public comments on three design alternatives will be accepted through February 19.

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BEMIDJI - In a partnership with the City of Cass Lake and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is seeking feedback on three design options developed to form a new vision for Highway 2 in Cass Lake.

A steering committee made up of community leaders and local stakeholders has helped to define the community’s design priorities, and support the development of three design alternatives:

- Two-lane highway with linear park area on each side
- Two-lane highway with linear park area on the south side
- Four-lane highway with pedestrian/bicycle bridge

“MnDOT is currently developing a new design for Highway 2 in Cass Lake,” said Jon Mason, planning director with MnDOT. “It’s important to hear from all of the highway’s users so we can find areas of compromise and develop a preferred alternative that has the support of the community and MnDOT.”

To help guide these planning efforts and make the highway safer for all users, we need to hear from everyone. Residents, business owners, commuters, bicyclists, and pedestrians,” said Mike Chosa, communications director with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. "Community input is a critical piece of this study."

Questions or comments can be directed to Jon Mason, MnDOT planning director, at jon.mason@state.mn.us, 218-407-1917 or Mike Chosa, Leech Lake Band communications director, at mike.chosa@llojibwe.net, 218-513-9215, or visit https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-2-cass-lake-corridor-study.
Chairman’s Report

Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Northern Lights Casino & Hotel Convention Center. A tentative program is being drafted on the highlights of the past year, new funding that will connect Band members to the internet with fiber optic cable, RBC Tribal Council goals and objective, and future funding opportunities that are on the table and being discussed at the State of Minnesota Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Leech Lake Enrollment Membership
- On Friday, January 27, 2023 at the Fond Du Lac Band, the MCT, TEC had a quarterly meeting. Three major areas of discussion on the topic of membership had been a Secretarial Election to change the MCT Constitution, educating the MCT members on the enrollment question, and Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. had presented Leech Lake’s point of view on moving forward on the enrollment.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated that over the years, the RBC Tribal Council had dialogue with the 17 Local Indian Councils, Duluth LIC, and Minneapolis LIC on the enrollment question. New elected leaders on the MCT, TEC come in and we talk about the same things we went over in the past five or 10 years. Right now, Leech Lake has 1,800 enrollees under 18 years of age and 7,500 enrollees over 40 years of age. It’s not a hasty decision, the membership wants us to do something on enrollment. We have to respect each other’s ways and customs on enrollment, we are ready to move forward.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had further stated, “In 2023, the question on Enrollment is an independent sovereignty and self-determination matter for the Leech Lake People to decide. The MCT Constitution, Article II-Membership, Section 1., (a) Basic Membership Roll. All persons of Minnesota Chippewa Indian Blood whose names appear on the annuity roll of April 14, 1941, prepared pursuant to the Treaty… and (b) All children of Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood… and (c) states Chippewa Indian blood.”

MCT Resolution 32-15 had been approved on February 24, 2015 that stated, “other Chippewa blood should be counted towards membership.” After all of the discussion, Leech Lake Secretary-Treasurer Fineday and Chairman Jackson had concluded at the MCT, TEC Quarterly Meeting that July 1, 2023 would be the deadline for the MCT, TEC to have a plan before Leech Lake moves forward on the enrollment question. Chairman Jackson, Sr. had also stated, “How can we move into the next millennium without every child that belongs to our Tribe being counted and they must matter.”

ICWA Update
- On Wednesday, November 9, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in Haaland v. Brackeen. During the briefing, we saw the true breadth of those who champion ICWA. In an outpouring of support, 497 Tribal Nations, 62 Native organizations, 23 States and DC, 87 Congress People, and 27 child welfare and adoption organizations, and many others signed on to 21 briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of upholding ICWA, per the Native American Rights Fund.

What’s at stake; ultimately, if the Supreme Court makes the decision to overturn the ICWA, states would regain the control to remove Native children from their families. This would put the overall existence and longevity of tribes at risk.

Manoomin before the U.S. Congress
- Manoomin, in our origin story, we were told to go where the food grows out of the water. The California Wild Rice Advisory Board (CWRAB) is lobbying Congressional members to Reclassify Wild Rice as a Specialty Crop. CWRAB had stated that wild rice is not grown “wildly” anymore and has been brought under management and cultivation.

Chairman Jackson, Sr. had stated, “Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Food Sovereignty as it relates to Manoomin (wild rice) is a food of great historical, spiritual, and cultural importance for the Native American People.” The MCT, TEC is drafting and already passed a resolution on the protection of our Manoomin.

Governor Walz & Chairman Jackson, Sr.
- We had a call on the Huber Frontier Project. The main areas of concern are the wetlands, eagle nests, air and water quality that may affect the surrounding communities of Leech Lake.

Leech Lake Health Emergency Notice
- The Chairman’s office had received an outpour of community concerns with phone calls, letters, and personal stories on the Fentanyl drug overdoses on Leech Lake. A public service video was created with the help of the Communications Department and will be aired on the Leech Lake website. If you are in crisis or need help immediately, please contact Leech Lake Human Services, Assessment Unit at (218) 335-8382. We are setting up a Fentanyl Awareness meeting with the community. This would be open to the public. As soon as a date is set, we will have it posted on the LLBO Webpage.

Leech Lake Area Health and Wellness Center
- The Minnesota State Legislature HF 569 bill for an act relating to capital investment of $25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024. Leech Lake Area Health and Wellness Center is appropriated from the general fund for a grant to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for design, site preparation including demolition, construction, engineering, furnishing, and equipping center.

Safety note, please check visually, roof vents and other tubed vents coming from your roof, to make sure they are properly venting the fumes out of your home. Please keep warm and safe!
Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report

Greetings my fellow Leech Lake Band Members! It is my honor and privilege to present the Secretary/Treasurer report to you for February 2023, regarding the activities undertaken the last month.

**FY 23 BUDGET APPROVAL STATUS**

I am very pleased to report that on January 24, 2023, the RBC adopted the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for both the government side and our enterprise (gaming) side. The major changes to the budget as preliminarily reviewed by the RBC back in October included a contingency fund for wages for those employees who work in government "essential" operations. I refer you to last month's report for those updates. The Budget Team will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2023 to continue our work on the FY 2024 budget, with the goal of hopefully approving that budget before the fiscal year commences on July 1 of this year.

**EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**

We are continuing to work on getting caught up on our external audits. On the same day the RBC adopted the FY 2023 budget on January 24, the RBC also approved the letter of engagement with REDW, an auditing firm based out of Oklahoma. This firm has been in close contact with our finance team for a few months now. With the final letter of engagement approved, we can immediately commence work on the FY 2021 audit, with the goal that this audit will be complete by April 30, 2023, and then our FY 2022 audit will be complete on time by September 30, 2023.

We are hopeful that we can work together to get these important audits done and in place so our people and our external stakeholders have a clear understanding of our financial situation.

**MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBES**

On January 26 and 27, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe held its quarterly Tribal Executive Committee and Subcommittee meetings. The Legislative Subcommittee met on January 26, and continued our work on addressing on-going concerns with regard to the financial reporting the MCT provides to the Legislative Subcommittee, particularly the Administration Account. For at least the last three quarters, the report has shown the account with an extremely large negative balance (over $1 million). This negative balance does not necessarily reflect the actual status of the account, but reflects internal accounts and does not include funds due to the MCT. Furthermore, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is also behind in its audits. The last completed audit was from FY 2019, so the MCT has work to do to get caught up on these audits.

At the January 26, 2023 meeting, the Legislative Subcommittee tabled the financial report as presented until a better method of reporting the actual financial condition of the MCT and its accounts can be established. The Subcommittee voted to create a financial taskforce, comprised of the Secretary-Treasurers from each of the six MCT Bands, to work with the MCT Administration and Accounting staff to develop clearer financial reporting, to work closely with the external auditors to develop a plan to get the MCT caught up on annual audits, and to develop policies and protocols as necessary to ensure that the MCT stays up-to-date with audits and reporting requirements. We will convene this workgroup soon and I will continue to keep you all informed.

**U.S. TREASURER MEETING**

Recently, I was also able to meet with U.S. Treasurer Lynn Malerba. Chief Malerba, the lifetime chief and former chairwoman of the Mohegan Tribe, was appointed U.S. Treasurer by President Joe Biden on September 12, 2022. As a former Tribal leader herself, Treasurer Malerba understands the dynamic and urgent needs of Tribal governments. We discussed a number of items including Tribal law enforcement pensions, COVID funding (specifically Emergency Rental Assistance and Homeowner’s Assistance Funds), and ways to increase those funds and extend deadlines. The meeting was productive and I am hoping for more to report on our follow up in the future.

**OTHER GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS**

The RBC continues to work diligently with the State and Federal governments on a number of matters impacting our Band members. We are working collaboratively with other tribes in Minnesota to reach an agreeable deal that would authorize sports betting through our casinos and in an online mobile platform. During this last month, I was able to meet with Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and discuss the need for a better tax agreement for Leech Lake. We are in the process of developing a proposal now, and the Speaker is working with the Department of Revenue and the Walz Administration to highlight the need for a stronger tribal tax agreement.

Leech Lake leaders also met with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the clean up of the St. Regis Superfund site. After nearly two decades, the EPA has agreed to utilize the Leech Lake standard for clean up of the site and apply that standard to the two most contaminated portions of the site (Operable Units 1 and 2), and to issue Records of Decision (RODs) for each of those Operable Units within the next 18 months. This is a significant step forward in ultimately cleaning up the site to a standard that will allow the land to be safe for human use again. There is much work left to do, but we will continue to aggressively assert our position regarding remediation to the EPA as we move forward.

Leech Lake leaders also met with the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the Secretarial Transfers law, implementing the transfer of the 11,000+ acres of currently public US Forest Service lands that were stolen from Leech Lake decades ago. In the meeting with USDA we discussed a path to work collaboratively on the technical amendment to transfer back to Leech Lake an additional 4,000+ publicly held acres in Cass County that were discovered by staff during implementation of the original bill. Senator Tina Smith has agreed to introduce the technical amendment in the US Senate, so hopefully we can secure passage of that law within this session of Congress.

This is a snapshot of the activities of the last month as there are other issues and matters that continue to arise and that we continue to work on for all Band members. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Miigwech!
Some of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Kindergartners are pictured with their teacher, Andrea Headbird, doing one of their favorite activities: dancing while learning the names of their body parts, alphabet sounds, etc.

The Niigaane students had a wonderful time snowshoeing at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. Students spotted many rabbit trails. Their next snowshoeing adventure will involve setting snares to get a few rabbits for soup!

5th Grade at Bug O Nay Ge Shig school received a notice this week from the Achieve 3,000 reading program that the class has grown their lexile “69%” so far this year instead of the projected 30% by years end! Their teacher is Laurel Carlson.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School Boys Basketball team celebrated with their coach, Petra Rodriguez, after defeating the Circle of Life Academy. The Silver Eagles won with a score of 46-30.

5th Grade A Honor-roll
Malachi M.
Joelle S.

7th Grade A Honor-roll
Malachi M.
Joelle S.

7th Grade B Honor-roll
Aariana B.
Juliette B.
Alaina G.
Jayda L.C.
Waylon L.O.
Michaelana S.F.
Justin S.
Adrian T.
Theresa W.
Jordan W.
La’Laina W.

8th Grade A Honor-roll
Kaylia M.

8th Grade B Honor-roll
Darnell D.
Evan G.
Peter H.
Jazmine H.
Robert M.

9th Grade B Honor-roll
Loralea A.
Dakota B.
Aarik B.
Joseph C.
Kylee C.
Laura C.M.
Anthony G.
Jace H.
Angelo M.
Cam’ron O.
Delilah R.

10th Grade A Honor-roll
Marlo M.
Elias M.
Natalie S.

10th Grade B Honor-roll
Antonio L.
Bryson R.
Connor T.
Mareena T.
Arryelle W.
Flora W.

11th Grade A Honor-roll
Kyler J.
Ava L.
Benjamin M.

11th Grade B Honor-roll
Violena B.
Arianna G.
Amareah G.
Tyren H.
Adrian M.

12th Grade A Honor-roll
Francis G.
Derek H.K.

12th Grade B Honor-roll
Hattie K.
LaKaylee K.
Randall R.
Helainea R.
Isabella S.
Angelina S.
Rydel W.
Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

Creamy Wild Rice Soup

Ingredients
(*Commodity Foods)

- ¾ cup wild rice* (cooked)
- ½ cup carrots* (about 2 carrots)
- 1 cup celery *(about 3 ribs)
- 1 or ½ large garlic clove minced
- 7 tablespoons butter*, diced, divided
- 4 ½ cups low sodium chicken broth
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme
- ¼ teaspoon marjoram
- ¼ teaspoon sage
- ¼ teaspoon rosemary
- 1 lb. boneless chicken breasts*
- ½ cups flour*
- 1 ½ cups milk*
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest (optional)
- salt (optional) & pepper to taste

Directions:
Cook rice as directed. In a separate large pot, melt 1 tablespoon of butter over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery and sauté for 4 minutes, add garlic and sauté for additional 30 seconds longer. Add chicken broth, thyme, marjoram, sage, and rosemary, and season with salt and black pepper to taste. Increase heat to medium-high, add chicken, and bring mixture to a boil. Cover pot with lid, reduce to medium-low heat; allow the mixture to simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 12-16 minutes. Remove chicken and set aside on a cutting board to cool for 5 minutes then shred into small bite-size pieces. Leave soup covered over warm heat. Meanwhile, in a separate medium saucepan, melt the remaining 6 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Add flour and cook for 1 ½ minutes, whisking constantly. While whisking vigorously, slowly pour milk into the butter/flour mixture. Whisk in heavy cream. Cook the mixture, stirring constantly until it thickens. Add milk mixture to soup mixture in the pot along with shredded chicken, cooked rice, and lemon zest. Stir well and remove from heat. Let soup cool slightly and serve. Makes 5 servings

Nutrition facts
Wild rice is a wonderfully balanced food source, providing a healthy mix of protein and fiber. What’s more, it’s also relatively low in calories. One micronutrient abundant in wild rice is Manganese. Manganese is an antioxidant and plays a role in keeping the mitochondria in your cells healthy. (mitochondria-produce energy (ATP) molecules in the cell by oxidizing glucose’s major products with the help of specific proteins and enzymes.) Chicken breast is a low-fat source of protein that contains zero carbs.

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.

District III Elder Birthdays

March

Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

- Amanda Cloud
- Darlene Cloud
- Janice Cloud
- Donald Day
- Gloria Dudley
- Mark Evans
- Dawn Farr
- Donald Finn
- Deborah Fisher
- William Fisher
- Lila George
- Mary Goggleye-Cross
- Thelma Goodwin
- Timothy Goose
- David Hare

From the District III

- Jessica Harrison
- Brian Haugen
- Wanda Headbird
- Burton Howard
- Melvin Hunt
- Cindy Hurd
- Patrice Jones
- Beverly Jordan
- Steven Kmett
- Sharon Kotla
- Faith Littlewolf
- Raymond Lyons
- Eva Mangum
- Marjorie McCree
- Barbara McLove
- Valeria Meneely
- Franklin Michaud
- Wallace Morris

- Max Morrow
- Karen Moses
- Lori Osterloh
- Alfred Pemberton
- Beverly Raish
- Mary Reich
- Elaine Saccoman
- Leonard Sargent
- Betty Sayers
- Boyd Schütter
- Marlene Schulman
- Bradley Senegles
- Emmett Sheehy
- Iris Sherer
- John Smith
- Kenneth Smith
- Michael Smith
- Terry Smith

Leon Staples
Linda Staples
Joel Stokka
James Tibbetts
Ronald Wakaraba
Charlotte White
Debra White
Terrance White
Natalie Wickner
James Wilson
Alvin Wind
William Windom
Emily Woodfield

ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.
HF 211: New Bill to Establish Indigenous Peoples’ Day as an Official Holiday in MN

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL — A new bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day as an official state holiday.

The bill HF 211, introduced by Representative Heather Keeler (Yankton Sioux/Eastern Shoshone) will establish Indigenous Peoples’ Day as an official holiday within the state, requiring school observance and eliminates Christopher Columbus Day as a state holiday. Indigenous peoples day falls on the second Monday in October.

The holiday is currently only recognized within the state via Governor proclamation. A tradition that started with former MN Governor Dayton who served before incumbent Governor Tim Walz.

The change is meant to highlight how Indigenous communities have persevered despite history.

Acknowledging Indigenous communities as opposed to Columbus is a change many other states and cities have also made within recent years. 2021 marked the first year a President has ever officially recognized the day via proclamation, a proclamation Biden repeated in 2022.

The bill is currently in committee development. The bill in full can be found on the Minnesota State legislature website.

PLO 7917: Dept. of Interior Announces 20 Year Ban on Boundary Waters Mining

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Interior announced on Thursday, January 26, a 20 year long mining ban near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota.

The order comes from Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland signing Public Land Order 7917, which protects areas of the Superior National Forest from federal geothermal and mineral extraction leases for the next 20 years. The 225,000 acres of public lands being withdrawn from mining programs are predominantly in the northern portion of the Superior National Forest.

The release cited departmental concerns over the impacts of mining on ecosystem health, Tribal rights, and the local recreation economy.

“Protecting a place like Boundary Waters is key to supporting the health of the watershed and its surrounding wildlife, upholding our Tribal trust and treaty responsibilities, and boosting the local recreation economy,” said Haaland.

The 20 year suspension on extraction leases extends a temporary decision from a year ago to block copper, nickel and other hard-rock mining that the Trump administration had tried to green light near the Canadian border.

Officials said they determined the potential toxic leaching from mining would be too threatening to nature, local Native American communities and a growing recreation economy.

The decision follows a 2021 environmental assessment and withdrawal application from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service. More than 225,000 public comments were submitted on the application.

The Forest Service found that development of copper-nickel ore mining in the Duluth Complex, a large deposit of valuable minerals, would have adverse effects on ecological health, no matter what environmental mitigation methods are used.

The withdrawal application cited increased risk to Native American and low-income communities to acid mine drainage, and said unintended leakage from mines and their retention ponds could cause die-offs of animal life, and be detrimental to soil health.

The Forest Service report added that plans to mine the now-withdrawn public lands had been in place as early as 2006.

According to the Department of the Interior, the Boundary Waters attracts roughly 150,000 visitors looking to canoe, fish and connect with nature and is the heavily visited wilderness area in the country.

Seeking Victims in the Phoenix Group Homes Targeting Native Americans Investigation

By KAYLA DUOOS

The FBI is seeking victims who may have been recruited to live in and receive services in group homes (Behavioral Health Residential Facilities) located in Phoenix, Arizona, between January 2020 to present.

Organizers are establishing group homes for adults with substance abuse and mental health issues throughout Phoenix, Arizona and the surrounding valley area. Organizers are targeting Native Americans from the Navajo Nation and other reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, and South Dakota. Organizers frequent community gathering locations such as flea markets, trading posts, and medical centers to pick up clients.

In some cases, the targeted individuals are intoxicated or offered alcohol during transport. When the individuals regain a functional state in Phoenix (or other locations), they have no idea where they are or how they got there. The individuals then have difficulty finding a way home. The circumstances have led to a number of missing persons reports being received by local law enforcement agencies.

The organizers of the group homes are receiving government funding to provide tenants with therapy services for mental illness and substance abuse. The organizers have the tenants visit other facilities purporting to provide therapy services the entire day. Often, no therapy services are provided and thus no government funding should be received. The organizers allegedly tell the tenants that they have to change their identification cards (driver’s license, etc.) to Arizona to obtain Arizona Medicaid benefits (AHCCCS). The tenants are also told to obtain food stamps to provide food for the residents in a home or as rent payment to the organizers. The organizers use the current clients as recruiters for additional clients who often do not understand the circumstances they will be living in.

If you or a family member were recruited to a group home located in Phoenix, Arizona, during the time period listed above, please complete this brief questionnaire. Your responses are voluntary but would be useful in the federal investigation and to identify you as a potential victim. Based on the responses provided, you may be contacted by the FBI and asked to provide additional information.

The FBI is legally mandated to identify victims of federal crimes that it investigates and provide these victims with information, assistance services, and resources.

The official radio station of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Region 2 Arts Council
Anishinaabe Arts Initiative
Grants Recipients

By KAYLA DUOOS

The Region 2 Arts Council and Anishinaabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Council recently awarded nearly $6,000 to enrolled Tribal members or their descendants creating art in the region.

The program is supported by a McKnight Foundation grant to fund supplies, equipment and other art-related expenses for Tribal members or descendants living in the northwest Minnesota area. The AAI Advisory Council is composed of Indigenous artists and arts appreciators from the regions served by the AAI grant.

Grant Recipients
- Therese Brown was awarded $1,000 to create Berries of the Ojibwe, a series of works made of porcupine quillwork on birchbark and leather and she will also teach quillwork to a new student each month.
- Desiree Stillday was awarded $1,000 to purchase supplies such as beads, leather, bead findings, and material to create beadwork for sale.
- Veronica Vénux was awarded $997 to purchase materials for making ribbon skirts.
- Sharon Nordrum was awarded $942 to purchase photographic equipment and supplies to help her create a series of photos that highlight and honor the Anishinaabeg relationship to Animosh (dog).
- Donelle Omer was awarded $1,000 to purchase a laptop for writing, building a functional website, and indexing an existing body of work.
- Jessica Dretsch was awarded $949 to purchase materials and supplies to create paintings and multimedia works of art.

Region 2 Arts Council Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants are made possible with funding from the McKnight Foundation.

Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program
Words and sentences list for October

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Dallas “Ducky” Smith

Dallas “Ducky” Wayne Smith, 51, of Cass Lake, Minnesota began his spiritual journey from the Cass Lake IHS Hospital on Christmas Day 2022.

Ducky was born in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Margaret (Beaulieu) and Kenneth Smith on April 26, 1971. He grew up in Minneapolis, Bemidji, and Cass Lake. He attended schools in Bemidji and Cass Lake and in 1991 he received his GED. Ducky traveled and worked in Crookston and Grand Forks and attended the Ironworkers School in Florida. He later worked at the Northern Lights Casino as a bartender and bar server. Ducky loved watching wrestling, his favorite wrestler was Edge because he was the “Rated R Superstar”. He loved his San Francisco 49’ers. Enjoyed raising hell with his nephews and nieces. Ducky loved his rock and roll music and was always making everyone listen to it. He loved being outdoors but especially enjoyed pinecone and bough picking, ricing, and jogging; sometimes up to 12 miles a day. He also like helping with snow shoveling, raking, and cleaning up his yard. Ducky loved playing the slots and going to his favorite bar the Big Tap.

Those greeting him in the spirit world are his parents, Margaret and Kenneth Smith; brother, Robert Beaulieu; sister, Brenda Beaulieu; grandparents, Abraham and Maggie Smith, Delores Butcher, and Joe Lincoln; great grandmother, Elizabeth Aitkin-Jazeera; nieces, Elizabeth White and Jamie Sue Beaulieu, special aunt, Diana Fisherman and several other aunts and uncles, relatives and friends.

He leaves behind his daughter, Hayden Schuman; brother, Ken Smith, Sr.; sister, Bonnie (Joe) Beaulieu; uncle, Ronald “Ringo” Smith, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members.

An overnight wake for Ducky will begin at 2:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023 and continue until his 1:00 p.m. traditional service on January 4, 2023 all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. His spiritual advisor will be Jason Hart. Pallbearers for Ducky are Ken Smith, Jr., Michael Dunkley Ill, Richard Beaulieu, Darrick Beaulieu, Dave Smith, and Brandon Beaulieu. Alternate pallbearers are Aaron Jones, Jr., John White, Scott White, Zack White, and Ralph White. His honorary pallbearers are Tony LeDeaux, Lynette “Squeege” Morris, Ronald “Ringo” Smith, Markis Washington, Brent White and all of Ducky’s family. Interment will be in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum, MN following his services.

Ducky’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.

Francis “Tyke” Kangas Jr.

Francis James Kangas, Jr., “Tyke”, age 53, of Cass Lake and the Bear Clan, unexpectedly started his journey to the spirit world on Friday, December 9, 2022, from his home. He was born August 27, 1969, in Le Sueur, MN the son of Clara (Keever) and Francis James Kangas, Sr.

Tyke grew up in Cass Lake with his siblings and his parents. He loved anything outdoors. He enjoyed ricing, picking boughs, picking cranberries, hunting, and fishing. He loved spending time with his grandkids, wondering around Minneapolis with his grandson, Jeremiah, was a must when they visited the cities. Tyke was who the family would call to fix anything that needed attention. He loved family visits, joking and teasing with his goofy and sarcastic sense of humor. He was a handymen and could make a living doing so. Tyke was always quick to help where he could. He had a way of making each and every person in his life feel uniquely special. His contagious smile and laughter will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Tyke was the guy who was always “neutral” in the family and was always welcome at everyone’s home. He always made sure mom and dad were taken care of and he drove them where they needed to go.

Those greeting Tyke in the spirit world are his uncle, Robert “Bob” Kangas; nieces, Crystal and Kree Kangas; brother, Joaquin Kangas, Jr., John White, Scott White, Zack White, and Ralph White. His honorary pallbearers are Harry Snider, Jayson Kangas, Breanna Kangas, John White, and Ralph White. Additional pallbearers are Darrick Beaulieu, Dave Smith, and Brandon Beaulieu.

An overnight wake for Tyke will begin Friday, December 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and continue until his Saturday, December 17, 2022, service, all to be held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Tyke’s urn bearer will be Matthew Kangas, Jr. Honorary urn bearers are all his family and friends. Tyke’s final resting place will be with his daughter.

Tyke’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.

Glenda Smith

Glenda Faye Smith, “Waabischikizigizwe” meaning “White Eagle Woman”, age 41, of the Bear Clan and Bemidji, Minnesota, started her spiritual journey on Monday, December 26, 2022, from her home in Bemidji. She was born on September 30, 1981, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Oras (Hanson) Smith and John C. Smith.

Glenda loved being a mom to Enzley more than anything, she loved spending time with family and friends. She liked listening to music, doing her hair, makeup, and dressing up with fancy earrings. She enjoyed going to the casino, laughing, shopping, and going for rides. She had a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Glenda always enjoyed a good football party and cheering on the MN Vikings. She liked going to family gatherings and bringing the deviled eggs and pasta salad. No matter what, family was family, and she always had their back, she would stick up for all that she loved through thick and thin. Glenda will be

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Edwin loved his buddies, Ducks & Fred Ogema. He loved to sit outside and wave to everyone. Edwin was a hard worker, everyone knew his kindness & jokes. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Edwin had numerous nicknames his buddies called him.

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missed dearly by all who knew and loved her. Greeting Glenda in the spirit world are her mom, Oras; grandparents, Joyce and Kenneth “Squince” Hanson; Vivian and Jim Smith; aunts, Cheryl, Karen, Brenda, and Glenda Smith; uncles, Daniel Smith, Douglas and Gerald Hanson; and cousin, Colin “Kenny” Hanson.

Those left behind to cherish Glenda’s memory are her dad, John C. Smith; daughter, Enzley “Love Bug” Smith; brother, Richard (Michelle) Butcher; sisters, Rhonda Butcher, Joy (Louis) Peterson; aunts, Brenda (Henry) and Mary Hanson, Debbie Brown; uncle, Marvin Hanson; cousins, Dale (“Dame”) Kingbird, Isaiah ‘Eyes’ Kingbird, Cheyenne Budreau, Rollyn ‘Wov’ Budreau, Dorothy Budreau, Roger Buck, Roger Budreau, Jr., and most recently she worked at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division. Rita enjoyed golfing, rummaging, concerts, beading, playing softball and kickball, and playing bingo. Rita made the best mashed potatoes and cheesy tater tot hotdish. She loved to watch her grandchildren at pow wows. Rita loved spending time with her grandparents, nieces, and nephews, and loved family events.

Rita is greeted in the spirit world by all her grandparents; brother, Ray Pemberton; boyfriends, David Mitchell; sisters, Rochelle (Joe) Pemberton, Rebecca (Leroy) Fairbanks; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

An overnight wake for Rita will begin on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and continue until her service on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to be held at the Mission Community Center. Father William “Bill” Butcher will officiate. Those helping to lay Rita to rest are Denton Butcher, Devon Linzie, Matthew, Nathan, and granddaughter Anna. Pallbearers are Steven ‘Mick’ Ducheneaux, Joseph Ducheneaux, Julian ‘Moe Man’s Charnoski, Jonas Northbird, Kyle Whitebird, Kellen Brown, Kenny ‘Waus’ Staples, Jr. Alternate pallbearers are the family. Rita’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.

Kevin Kingbird Sr.

Kevin Scott Kingbird, Sr., age 43, “Niiskindib” which means “He Has Prickly Hair”, of Cass Lake (Mission) began his journey to the Spirit world on Friday, January 13, 2023, from his home in Cass Lake, MN.

He was born to Cynthia Kingbird and Darwin Whitebird on September 5, 1979, in Bemidji, Minnesota. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed being in the woods and on the water. He was an adept lumberjack; living up to his “Bear” nickname, he also took joy in fishing and checking riverbeds.

He had a lifelong love of sports from attending his mother’s games to joining multiple teams throughout his life. He was an all-star sportsman with The Mission Boys. As an avid outdoorsman, Kevin enjoyed being in the woods and on the water. He was an adept lumberjack, working as a sawyer for TEP for 17 years. He lived up to his “Bear” nickname, taking joy in fishing and checking riverbeds.

Kevin was always there to help others in their time of need. He was willing to push up his sleeves and get to work. It was an honor to him to be so helpful and giving. He passed time with family by telling stories; you could always count on him for a good chuckle. It was his wish that the family would gather for more happy moments than sad. His favorite show was Moonshiners, and he was on his way to becoming a master distiller.

Above all, he cherished his bear cubs: Kevin Jr., Devin and Aiden. He adored his bonus children: Devion, Devion, Devion, Devion, Devion. He was loved by his parents, Rita Buck and Roger Budreau, Sr., brother, George Earth; sister, Bonita Earth and lifelong time partner, Barbara Ann “Punkin” Drouillard.

Those left behind to cherish Richard’s memory are his sons, Nicholas Budreau, Kenny Staples, Richard Budreau, Jr., Cheyenne Budreau and Dewanye Budreau Hunts-Along: daughters, Vanessa Budreau and Aiyanna Jenkins; brothers, Cheyenne Budreau, Roger Buck, Roger Budreau, Jr., and Keith Buck; sisters, Rhonda (Anthony) Buck, Rebecca Budreau, Laura Buck, Penny Mart and Faye Neeleand; grandchildren, Nick Budreau, Kya Budreau, Mira Budreau, Ryleigh Budreau and Waawate Madigan; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A wake for Richard will begin on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cass Lake Facility Center. Reverend Bill Butcher will be serving the family. Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. held at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Cass Lakes. Pallbearers will be Kyle Fairbanks, Alden Fairbanks, Robert Budreau, Jr., Joshua Wind, Sr., Harold Fairbanks, Kenny James Hare, Gilbert Littlewolf, Jr., and Amos LaDuke. Alternate pallbearers are Anthony Ferguson and Chad Budreau. Honorary pallbearers are the Hare Boys Drum Group. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Richard’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.
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Rose Marie Wind, DOB: 08/04/1992. Decedent

Court File No. CV-22-113

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named deceased, Rose Marie Wind, died August 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 22nd day of September, 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 George Wind, surviving Parent of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 22nd, 2022, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Alissa Wind, 20263 Mission Rd, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rose Marie Wind, 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

Mary Cross, Petitioner, And Chris Kangas, Respondent

Case No. CV-22-101

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 29, 2022, a Civil Petition was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before March 23rd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., the date of the hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DebahJMon 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Case No. FA-22-149

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 17, 2022, a Petition for DNA Genetic Testing/Paternity was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named custodian and parent(s). A hearing has been scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may adjudge the Petition by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Anna M. Sheffield, Legal Custodian and Caitlyn Roy, Joseph Littlewolf, and Bradley Larsen, Biological Parents

Court File Nos. CP-22-06 & CP-14-44

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Second Amended Child and Family Protection Petition, Motion to Vacate the Permanent Transfer of Legal and Physical Custody in CP-14-44, and Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court (regarding the children) of the above-named custodian and parent(s). You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgment against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that a Second Amended Petition for Reconsideration of the above-referenced Petition was filed and is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are asked to contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633, at 218-335-3682 for further information. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgment against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: the Paternity of: Justin Drouillard, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-128

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on September 30, 2022, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court under Court File No. CV-22-128. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgment against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Gale, Defendant

Court File No. CV-22-130

SUMMONS & NOTICE OF COMPLAINT IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on October 13, 2022, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court under Court File No. CV-22-130. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgment against you on behalf of the plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Case No. FA-22-149

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 13, 2022, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court under Court File No. CV-22-130. A continued initial hearing on the matter is scheduled for February 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or a parent to the children involved. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the court may proceed on the merits of the complaint through a finding of default, and enter an order that may enter a judgment against you on behalf of the plaintiff.
Bids Wanted for 2023 Royalty Items

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking bids for princess and brave crowns, Neckties, and Sashes needed for each community Pow Wow. Submit separate bids for each Royalty item listed below.

Bids being sought for:
- Leech Lake Days - Princess and Brave
- Waa Wiye Gaa Mag 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- 4th Annual Leech Lake Days Traditional Pow Wow
- Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days 60th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- Memorial Day Traditional Pow Wow
- Onigum 24th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- Cha Cha Bah Ning 42nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- Sagasweie 2nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow
- Battle Point 25th Annual Traditional Pow Wow

How to submit your sealed bid:
- State bid amount, royalty item(s) that is being put in for and affix signature. Place document in envelope and seal.
- Name and address of the bidder must be shown in the upper left corner of the envelope.
- The phrase “SEALED BID ENCLOSED: POWWOW NAME” must be shown in the lower left corner of the envelope.
- Bids must be postmarked by March 1, 2023 or delivered in person to the Purchasing Office by 4:30 PM March 1, 2023.

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

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

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2023 LLBO Pow Wow Schedule

Maaqizizgwan Round Dance
March 4, 2023 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Memorial Day Traditional Pow Wow
May 26 - 28, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Waa Wiye Gaa Mag 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
June 16 - 18, 2023
S. Lake, MN 56681

4th Annual Leech Lake Days Traditional Pow Wow
June 23 - 25, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days 60th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
July 14 - 16, 2023
Ball Club, MN 56636

Onigum 24th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
July 21 - 23, 2023
Onigum, MN 56484

Cha Cha Bah Ning 42nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow
August 25 - 27, 2023
Inger, MN 56636

Sagasweie 2nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow
September 8 - 10, 2023
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Battle Point 25th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
September 15 - 17, 2023
Battle/Sugar Point, MN 56641

For more info call: 218-335-4483 or visit facebook.com,llpowwows

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2023 State of the Band Address

Friday, April 21st
Northern Lights Event Center
10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Delivered by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. Please join us as we reflect on the past year and take a look at what we can expect in the year 2023.

Band Members are Encouraged to Attend.

To watch live please visit: leechlakenews.com/soatb or facebook.com/leechlakebandofojibwe

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Visit us at:
www.leechlakenews.com/events to stay up to date and informed on all events occurring around the Leech Lake Reservation.

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Obituaries Continued.

Thelma Goodwin

Thelma Jean Goodwin, 74, of Bemidji, MN passed away on December 18, 2022, at her home. She was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Clifford and Frances (Smith) Jones on March 10, 1948. Thelma was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Wolf Clan, and was a ceremonial pipe carrier. She lived in various places in Minnesota while growing up. Thelma graduated from High School in Minneapolis and later graduated from Augsburg College and Bemidji State University with a double major in Social Studies and Political Science. She worked as a financial aid worker for Beltrami County HHS. Thelma loved going to the casinos, watching the Minnesota Vikings, spending time with family, friends, and grandchildren. She enjoyed playing back gammon and road trips.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Goodwin, Parents, sisters; Karen Tuttle, Margaret Larose, and Bonita Jones; Brothers Charles Jones, Clifford Jones, Granddaughters Jeanie and Breynnah. Thelma is survived by her children; Wayne (Angie) Pederson, Karen Jones, Bonita Armstrong, grandchildren; Richard, Anthony, Jimmy, Charles, Patrick, Jesse, Tavin and Brittany, great grandchildren; Brenda, Bianca, Brittna, Camille, Mary, Noella, Ayden and Brandon. Honorary Pallbearers for Thelma will be Charles Jones, Anthony Jones, Archie LaRose, David Jones Sr, Anthony Dvorak, Taylor Tuttle, Joe LaRose, Pam Mitchell, Mindy Ruby, Susie Cloud, Jessica Cottrell, Julie Jones, Kathleen LaRose, Alisa Goodshield, Julia LaRose, Karley Raisch, and Hallie Dvorak. Her active pallbearers will be Clifford Jones, James Jones, Richard Jones, Patrick Pederson, Jesse Waldvogel, and Thomas Cloud.

A Traditional Wake will begin on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM and continue until the 11:00 AM Traditional Funeral Service at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, Minnesota. A private burial will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, Walker, Minnesota.
2023 Day of Connections

Community Resources:

PBTV
Provide one-on-one guidance applying for and setting up the Affordable Connectivity Program (see page 2 for required documentation).

LLBO
Provide a wide array of resources including:
- Leech Lake Tribal ID’s
- Gaming
- Job Opportunities

Other Resources
- Educational resources through area schools that may include: ISD 317, ISD 318, and Bug-o-nay-ge-shig.
- Job opportunities in Itasca County.
- On-site assistance with the ACP through other providers.

Details:
Monday, February 13th
1:00 - 6:00 PM
Lone Eagle Center
Ball Club, MN

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Address:________________________________________________
City:_________________________State:___________Zip:____________
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Include previous zip code __________
□ Remove From Mailing List

Mail to:Debahjimon
190 Sailstar Dr.
Cass Lake, MN
56633

Opportunity Alert!
The Indian Health Service - Cass Lake Unit is seeking a highly motivated and qualified candidate for the role of Deputy Health System Administrator. This is a great chance to make a positive impact on the community and advance your career.

Learn more by scanning the QR code with any smart device camera or visit https://www.usajobs.gov/job/702264300

Sobriety Feast

District 1 Communities

January 31st | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Ball Club Community Center

February 28th | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Inger Community Center

March 28th | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
S.Lake Community Center

*Guest Speakers/Open Mic

*Potluck Style
Serve your favorite dish to share

*Door Prizes
FREE EVENT - OPEN TO ALL
For more in call/text: 218-398-3906
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources
115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633
Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697
Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5521 for more info

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2023
Lead Nurse (A.R.C) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-035
Cook (A.R.C) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-036

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023
Water Resources Technician II ~ DRM ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-039

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
Child Welfare Department Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-002
Alcohol & Drug Counselor (2) ~ Human Services ~ $22.65/hr ~ Job Code: 23-003
Paralegal II ~ Legal ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-004
Family Support Specialist ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-005
Assessment Worker ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-006
Case Manager (2) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-007
Mental Health Professional (4) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-008
Mental Health Targeted Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-009
CTSS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-010
ARMHS Mental Health Practitioner ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-012
On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Professional (3) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-013
On-Call Crisis Response Mental Health Practitioner (5) ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-014
Program Accountant (2) ~ Finance ~ Job Code: 23-015
Infant Toddler Teacher (5) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-016
Infant Toddler Team Leader ~ Education ~ $21.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-017
Infant Toddler Teacher/Family Services Advocate (2) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-018
Pre School Teacher/Family Services Advocate (3) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-020
Pre School Teacher (6) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-021
Mental Health Professional ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-022
Anishinaabe Language & Culture Development Coordinator ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-024
Gekinwaa’amaaged (Teacher) (4) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-025
Naagaanizid Gekinwaa’amaaged (Lead) ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-026
Infant Toddler Teacher (Onigum) (2) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-029
Infant Toddler Teacher (Ball Club) (2) ~ Education ~ $17.20/hr ~ Job Code: 23-030
Pre School Team Leader ~ Education ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-031
Community Food Systems Coordinator ~ Health ~ $19.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-032
Delivery Driver/Food Distribution Support ~ Health ~ $15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-033
Solid Waste Yard Attendant ~ DPW ~ $15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-034
Truancy Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ $24.70/hr ~ Job Code: 23-037
Community Health Representative (2) ~ Health ~ $15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-038
Shelter Technician (Bena Shelter) (3) ~ Human Services ~ $16.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-040
Intake & Assessment Mental Health Case Manager ~ Human Services ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-041
Watercraft Inspector (2) ~ DRM ~ $15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-042
Seasonal Invasive Species Crewmember (2) ~ DRM ~ $15.00/hr ~ Job Code: 23-043
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (4) ~ Health ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-045
Administrative Office Manager ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-046
Planner/Developer (2) ~ Tribal Development ~ D.O.Q ~ Job Code: 23-047

For a full list of employment opportunities with LLBO please visit:
https://www.llojibwe.org/jobs/llbojobs.html

For a full list of employment opportunities with LL Gaming please visit:
https://www.lligaming.com
and click on “Career Opportunities”!

December Birthdays

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

From the District II Office
Steve, Stephanie, & Michelle

From the District III Office
LeRoy, Toni & Kari

*all coupons must be used within Birthday Month*