LLBO, Local Agencies Host Community Fentanyl Response Meeting at Cedar Lakes Event Center in Cass Lake

Secretary-Treasurer Leonard Fineday and other panelists address community members in attendance.

KAYLA DUOOS | Debahjimon

WHAT’S AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW?
As of right now, community members can receive help in a number of different ways. They can begin an intake process by calling Call: 218-335-8303 or 218-335-8382 or visiting 321 2nd Street, Cass Lake, 56633. Community members can also attend all addiction recovery meetings that are held across the reservation in all three districts on a weekly basis. Flyers and further information on all recovery meetings can be found on leechlakenews.com.

WHAT IS NARCAN (NALOXONE) AND WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?
Narcan, also referred to as naloxone, is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose. But, naloxone has no effect on someone who does not have opioids in their system, and it is not a treatment for opioid use disorder. Examples of opioids include heroin, fen-
June 14 Marks Anniversary of Bryan v. Itasca Decision

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE — June 14 marks the anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of Bryan v. Itasca County.

The historic, unanimous decision was delivered by Justice William J. Brennan Jr. on June 14, 1976. The Supreme Court ruled that Public Law 280 did NOT grant states civil regulatory jurisdiction over Native Americans living on reservations. This was a huge step forward in advancing tribal sovereignty throughout Indian Country. Leech Lake Band member Helen Johnson and her husband Russell Bryan, lived near S. Lake in the northern part of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Up until her passing in 2022, Helen resided on the property over which the initial dispute arose. In 1972 they received a series of tax bills from Itasca County for their mobile home. The County was seeking a total of $147.95 from the couple, who could not afford to pay at the time. They turned to the newly established Leech Lake Reservation Legal Services Project, now known as Anishinaabe Legal Services, for help. Over the next four years, their case made its way through the legal system, beginning in the District Court of Itasca County, all the way to the highest court of the land, where it was decided once and for all.

At the time of the decision, the most significant impact was the taxation of Native Americans. As history has shown, the impact was much greater. Just 11 years later another tribal case appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court for a decision. This case is known as California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians and overturned the existing laws restricting the gaming industry on Native American Reservations in the U.S. Their main argument was that the laws restricting gambling in California were civil regulatory laws.

Using the decision rendered in Bryan v. Itasca, they successfully argued their position and the Supreme Court ruled in their favor. The Cabazon decision, which drew its substance from the Bryan decision, led to a rapid growth in the Indian Gaming Industry. The following year (1988) Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The rest is history.

“If Congress in enacting Pub.L. 280 had intended to confer upon the States general civil regulatory powers, including taxation, over reservation Indians, it would have expressly so said.”

-Justice William J. Brennan Jr. United States Supreme Court

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Fentanyl Response

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Contact Numbers

• Adolescent Outpatient 218-335-8324
• Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center 218-335-6880
• Assessment Unit 218-335-8288
• Behavioral Health 218-335-3050
• Disease Intervention/Harm Reduction 218-335-4500
• Family Preservation 218-335-4448
• Family Spirit 218-335-4500
• Family Violence Prevention Program 218-335-3560
• Opiate Treatment Program 218-335-8514

A follow up community meeting regarding the Tribe’s fentanyl response plan is currently being planned.
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.

Three meetings were held in May 2023. All RBC briefings and meetings are live streamed via Vimeo and are available to view on leechlake-news.com under “Videos.” Official meeting minutes can also be found on leechlake-news.com under “LL Tribal Council” and “Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.”

BRIEFING/MEETING RECAPS

1. May 9, 2023 A briefing & meeting was held in the RBC Government Chambers.

Presentations Given:
- Ken Washington, LLPD — Presented a series of public safety department items. One of which included approval of a new safety plan “less lethal” for officers to employ less lethal techniques when dealing with offenders, and focus on using de-escalation tactics.
- Amanda Wold, environmental and Laurie Harper, education — Presented an update on Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig’s on-going water PFAS safety issues. Plans include meeting with federal agencies on addressing the issue and the school board on an official timeline for returning water to safe levels.

2. May 23, 2023 A briefing was held in the RBC Government Chambers. All proposals and resolutions presented at this briefing were passed and approved in the RBC meeting on May 25.

Presentations Given:
- Lenny Fineday, Secretary Treasurer, Mike Chosa, Public Relations — Presentation focused on all of the new legislative updates that were approved in the last State legislative session for 2023. Highlights from the omnibus bonding bill included: strong language to honor an E-pull tab gambling agreement with Tribes that was approved previously, $35 million annually in Tribal aid in the state base budget that will be included every year moving forward, increased Tribal college funding, etc. Money will also be appropriated to Leech Lake for three wellness centers.
- Chris Murray, Legal — Presented a finalized version of Resolution 2023-77, the enrbridge donation policy which restricts all band entities from accepting donations from the business. This resolution was passed on May 25.

HERBST VS MCT

By KAYLA DUOOS with editing and writing contributions by BEN BENOIT

CASS LAKE – Before the Tribes conservation code was established, hunting, and fishing was done in the dark. Canoes and gear were stowed away, kept from the eyes of state officials who guarded the reservations natural resources from the tribe.

That time period is now nearly 50 years in the past, this year June 18th marks the 50th anniversary of the Richard Herbst vs Leech Lake Band federal district court Case. The historic case recognized the band’s hunting, fishing and gathering rights in the State of MN and reaffirmed Leech Lake’s jurisdictional borders. The case which had been thrown around the 8th Circuit since 1971, began as a result of both the Nelson Act and an increase in conservation officers harassing tribal members over rights that were not yet recognized. This case went beyond hunting and fishing, with the State challenging the ability of the Leech Lake Band to function as a government and regulate our Citizens activities, the passage of the Nelson Act in 1897 allowed the State of Minnesota to illegally claim that Congress abolished the Leech Lake Reservation through land sales, specifically the jurisdictional authority of the Leech Lake Band to regulate hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake Reservation.

It took almost 80 years to correct this action. In 1971, the Leech Lake Band challenged the Minnesota Commissioner of Natural Resources, Robert L. Herbst in federal court on the issue of Minnesota forcing Indians to comply with Minnesota game and fish laws. The courts ruled on June 18, 1973 that “Plaintiff Indians have the right to hunt and fish and gather wild rice on public lands and public waters of the Leech Lake Reservation free of Minnesota game and fish laws. Defendants are enjoined from enforcing such laws.”

CLANS GATHER

Latest exhibit on display at Bemidji Watermark Art Center by artist Chholing Taha.

By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – A new exhibit has opened at Bemidji’s Watermark Art Center, Miikinaan gallery.

The Miikinaan gallery which is home to the center’s Traditional art exhibits is hosting “Clans Gather,” by Chholing Taha, a Multi-discipline Artist, May 26 – August 12, 2023.

The exhibit features the work of Chholing Taha (Cree First Nation.) Taha’s art is a holistic artistic practice striving to communicate and commune with her own heritage and experience, while encouraging others to find understanding and resonance with their own lived and inherited experience.

“Clans Gather” was created as an acknowledgment that all life is interconnected. The greatest power we have is when we interconnect as one on all levels of life, from prayers, being human, admiring the dragonfly to knowing where we stand within the star systems,” said Taha.

Taha has been working within the creative arts for 40+ years, and their art is heavily inspired by the natural world found in Minnesota and Canadian borders. Taha’s works may be found in museum, corporate and private collections throughout the U.S., Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Japan. Taha is the 2007 winner of the Eiteljorg Purchase Award 2008 First Place winner in Textiles at the Annual Eiteljorg Indian Market. 2009 & 2011 Best in Show at the In the Spirit Contemporary Art Exhibit.

An artist’s reception for the “Clans Gather” exhibit will be held June 17, 2023 at Watermark, 2-4pm.
**Chairman’s Report**

**Chairman Faron Jackson Sr.**

**Governmental Activities**
**Chairman’s Summary**

**Monthly Report**

Boozhoo, my relatives, friends, community members and all! The Leech Lake RBC Tribal Council had a very aggressive agenda before the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor Walz’s office. In long awaited news, the Governor will sign the bonding bill for $24 million to build three Health and Wellness Centers. The Tribal Council members had a focused strategy in testifying and fighting for new dollars on our unmet needs at Leech Lake. As we keep moving forward, here is some of the exciting news being reported to the great Leech Lake People.

**Minnesota Legislature & Governor Walz** – On June 1, 2023, Governor Walz will officially sign the bonding bill for the amount of $24 million for a grant to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for design, site preparation, including demolition, construction, engineering, furnishing, and equipping Leech Lake area health and wellness centers to be located in Cass Lake, the community of Kego Lake, and the community of Ball Club.

**Tribal Nations Aid** – Starting in 2024 and 2025, the State of Minnesota will provide $70 million or $35 million per year to the 11 Tribal Nations. A Tribal Nation must certify to the commissioner of revenue the most recent estimate of the total number of enrolled members of the Tribal Nation. The information must be annually certified by March 1 in the form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of revenue must annually calculate and certify the amount of aid payable to each Tribal Nation on or before August 1.

**Tribal College Supplemental Assistance Grants** – The Minnesota Legislature and Governor Walz for the first time had approved $1 million per year for a two-year period grant for the Leech Lake Tribal College. By September 30, 2024, Leech Lake Tribal College receiving a grant under this paragraph must submit a report to the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education finance and policy. The report must include an accurate and detailed account of how the funds were spent, and a copy of the college’s most recent audit report.

**Minnesota Indian Scholarships** – Great news, the commissioner must contact with or employ at least one person in or near the city of Bemidji to assist students with the scholarships and with other information about financial aid for which the students may be eligible. The appropriation of $6.3 million over two-years includes funding to administer the American Indian scholarship program again.

**Minnesota Postsecondary Unemployment Insurance Aid** – In fiscal year 2024, Leech Lake Tribal College will be an eligible postsecondary institution to receive unemployment insurance aid.

**Minnesota Local Homeless Prevention Aid** – A Tribal government may choose to receive an aid distribution under this section by submitting an application under this subdivision. The application must be in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue and must be annually submitted by July 1 in the year prior to the year the aid is paid. For aid payable in 2023 only, the application must be submitted by July 15, 2023.

**Minnesota Statewide Local Housing Aid** – Eligible Tribal Nations may choose to receive an aid distribution under this section by submitting an application under this subdivision. The application must be in the manner and form prescribed by the commissioner of revenue and must be annually submitted by July 1 in the year prior to the year the aid is paid. For aid payable in 2023 only, the application must be submitted by July 15, 2023.

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In the coming weeks, we will have a clearer picture on the bills that range from Agriculture to the Governor’s Bonding bill. One-time rebates had been approved by lawmakers: $260 for individuals, $520 for married couples; and an extra $260 for every child, up to a $1,300 maximum. In the coming weeks, we will have a clearer picture on the bills that will benefit the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and its People.

Safety note, please be careful of scam phone calls that promise something that you have no idea what it’s about or prevents a bill collection if you provide your personal information. We also had a few elder warnings of phone scammers trying to take advantage of elders by requesting banking information, social security numbers, and private information. Finally, the warm weather has arrived and the pow-wow season is finally here.

**FY24 Budget Hearings**

Please come and join us in our annual discussion regarding the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Budgeting Process. We need your input, invite your questions and value your opinion!

**DISTRICT I**
JUNE 7, 5:30PM - 7PM
Ball Club Community Center

**TWIN CITIES**
JUNE 12, 5PM - 7PM
LLBO TC OFFICE

**DISTRICT II**
JUNE 13, 5PM - 7PM
BENA COMMUNITY CENTER

**DULUTH**
JUNE 14, 5PM - 7PM
212 W 2ND ST, DULUTH

**DISTRICT III • JUNE 21, 5PM - 7PM • CEDAR LAKES**

For more information Contact: Kyle Applebee 218-335-3645

**UPCOMING LEECH LAKE POW WOWS**

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

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

For more info call: 218-335-3637 or visit facebook.com/llpowwows
Secretary Treasurer Monthly Report

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Minnesota State Legislature adjourned its 2023 session on May 22, 2023. It was a very productive session for tribes in Minnesota, particularly the Leech Lake Band. With tribal support, the legislature updated the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, recognized tribal concurrent criminal jurisdiction for our tribal police officers, prohibited indigenous mascots for Minnesota high schools, and modified the Indigenous Education for All standards.

The legislature also clarified the types of e-pull tabs that charities can use by honoring the agreement the legislature made with tribes in 2012. There is a lot of misinformation and demagoguery around this issue statewide, but the only real loser is the e-pull tab manufacturer, an out-of-state company. Under the deal adopted by the legislature, the use of e-pull tabs are limited so they cannot mimic slot machines (by having things like bonuses and open-all features) and the charities will get a significant tax break so they can keep more of the revenue they earn. This has been an ongoing issue for years and the subject of litigation in the state courts. However, the action by the legislature this session resolves this discrepancy and honors the original intent when e-pull tabs were authorized in 2012.

Minnesota tribes will also see a large increase in funding coming from the State. Tribes are now eligible for many funding opportunities in the areas of homelessness, public safety and government aid that we were not eligible for in the past. The biggest sum of money is a yearly appropriation of $35 million for tribal government aid, which will be divided among those tribes that apply for it annually. These funds can be used by the tribes at the tribes discretion for the areas where we need it and is part of the state's base budget, meaning that it will be ongoing funding instead of one-time funding.

Leech Lake was also successful in obtaining cash-based bonding monies in the amount of $24 million to build three wellness centers on the Reservation, one in Ball Club, one in Cass Lake, and one in Kego Lake. We are getting our Owner’s Group back up and running and will hold a community meeting soon to discuss this funding and the plans to construct these new centers in the very near future.

Overall, it was a very successful session for us. Sports betting did not get approved, but we will continue to work on it for the next session. I would like to thank the other RBC members, our government relations staff and our lobbyists for their hard work in advocating for Leech Lake and making the 2023 legislative session the most successful in memory.

GAMING ORDINANCE UPDATE

I am pleased to report that the National Indian Gaming Commission approved the amended LLBO Gaming Ordinance in May. With this approval, the Leech Lake Regulatory Authority is established and takes over many of the regulatory functions previously conducted by the RBC acting as the Gaming Commission. This change has been a long time coming and I am happy we were able to accomplish it.

Furthermore, the amended Gaming Ordinance asserts exclusive jurisdiction over all Class II gaming conducted within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. This includes all bingo and bingo-like games and pull tabs. We will be working with all businesses within the boundaries of the Reservation that currently sell pull tabs to ensure they are complying with our regulations and operating with an LLBO gaming license. As we assert this expanded jurisdiction, we are contemplating a productive and mutually-beneficial relationship with the non-Band owned businesses within the Reservation that sell pull tabs or conduct Class II gaming under a Minnesota license.

Public Notices of this regulatory change will be forthcoming and we plan to work closely with each non-Band owned business to ensure that if they want to continue to operate Class II gaming, they can do so under our rules and regulations.

INTERNAL UPDATES

On May 25, 2023, the RBC approved an appropriation of $1 million to upgrade and fix all of our powwow grounds within the Reservation. We recognize that our powwow grounds have been neglected for far too long and need substantial repairs and maintenance. We will get moving on these repairs and upgrades this summer, with the goal of having all our powwow grounds updated and renovated by summer 2024.

The RBC has also authorized approximately $36 million from our State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to be used for revenue losses that we lost during the pandemic for Fiscal Year 2020. This reallocation of funds received will allow us to use these funds for any governmental purpose and to keep them (not expend or encumber them) beyond 2026. This is part of our long-term plan to ensure the financial integrity of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for generations to come.

Along those same lines, the RBC has adopted certain organizational changes to the LLBO government structure. The goal of these changes is to maximize efficiencies and limit redundant expenses. One of the more significant changes is the establishment of a Chief Financial Officer position for the LLBO government. This CFO will oversee finance (accounting), property (inventory management) and purchasing (procurement). This change will address some longstanding audit findings we have had over the years due to previous silo structure of these important functions.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I wish all Leech Lake Band members a wonderful summer, and hope you have the time to spend with family and loved ones. It is my honor to serve each and everyone of you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office at any time. Mitigwich!
Minnesota Governor Tim Walz Signs Comprehensive “One Minnesota Budget” with State to Tribal Support Measures

By KAYLA DUOOUS

ST. PAUL – As the 2023 legislation session comes to an end, a new series of State to Tribal support measures have been signed into law.

On May 24, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed the $72 billion “One Minnesota Budget” at a celebratory ceremony on the front steps of the State Capitol Wednesday morning.

Walz signed twelve bills into laws that are part of the One Minnesota Budget. The measures include funding for: free school meals to children, free tuition at public colleges for students whose families earn less than $80,000 a year, a paid family and medical leave program, health insurance regardless of immigration status, gun violence prevention, abortion rights protections, voting rights expansion and more.

Bills that pertain directly to Tribal communities include increased funding for Tribal Colleges, Free tuition for Native Students and funding for wellness centers across the LLBO reservation, “The work we’ve done over the last five months will make a generational impact on our state – it will lower costs, improve lives, and cut child poverty. The One Minnesota Budget delivers for Minnesotans,” Walz said during the signing ceremony.

The one Minnesota budget will fund the government and its programs and services for the next two years starting July 1.

12 Bill Breakdown

Tax Bill – Providing the largest tax cut in state history, the bill provides direct payments to Minnesotans up to certain incomes through a one-time refundable tax credit of $260 for single filers and up to $1,300 for a family with three kids. The tax bill also establishes a nation-leading Child Tax Credit, which provides up to $1,750 per child for lower income families, and is expected to cut child poverty by 33%.

The bill also fully exempts state taxes on social security for more than three quarters of seniors and includes $300 million in local public safety aid for cities and counties.

The bill delivers $80 million each year for local government aid and county program aid to enable local governments to deliver critical services and avoid property tax increases.

The bill also provides significant savings for homeowners and renters in the form of a Renter’s Property Tax Refund and Homestead Credit Refund.

Education Finance Bill – The bill increases the general funding formula by 4% next year and 2% the year after and ties the funding to inflation, ensuring Minnesota schools have the resources to provide a world-class education for years to come. The bill establishes 5,200 new Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Seats, decreases the Special Education Cross Subsidy by 50%, and provides unemployment insurance for hourly school workers. The bill also provides funding for schools to hire mental health professionals and counselors and improves resources for American Indian students.

Jobs, Economic Development, Labor, and Industry Omnibus Bill – The bill invests $500 million in the Minnesota Forward Fund – a toolbox that will be used to match federal investments in infrastructure and large-scale economic development projects in existing, new, and emerging industries made possible by President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act.

The bill establishes the Office of New Americans, which will explicitly focus on supporting immigrant and refugee integration, reducing barriers to employment, and improving connections between employers and job seekers.

Early Learning Omnibus Bill – The bill allocates $400 million for programs targeted at Minnesota’s youngest learners. The bill includes an increase of $310 million over four years in Early Learning Scholarships and expands eligibility to ages 0-3, allowing the program to serve many more children...

Environment, Natural Resources, Climate, and Energy Omnibus Bill – The bill invests $110 million in Minnesota’s outdoor recreation industry to build, repair, and maintain the state’s fish hatcheries, boat ramps and public water accesses, and state park facilities.

The bill provides $100 million in climate resiliency grants to help communities prepare for extreme weather events and upgrade aging infrastructure.

The bill also invests in drinking water protection and PFAS response, and expands the popular Solar for Schools program to provide the opportunity for solar power to be added at schools in Greater Minnesota outside of the Xcel Energy service territory.

Human Services Policy Bill – The bill establishes an income exemption for workforce grant payments to ensure that eligibility for public assistance benefits and Medical Assistance is not compromised for direct support professionals. The bill establishes new ways for people to apply for adult income assistance programs submitted by phone or internet and creates a new process for obtaining signatures for an application received without one.

Higher Ed Omnibus Bill – The bill funds the North Star Promise Program, which provides free college for students with a family income under $80,000. The bill also provides additional funding for the state’s tribal colleges by expanding the Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance program, ensuring tribal colleges receive the same per student funding as other Minnesota public higher education institutions.

The bill also appropriates funding to the Board of Regents of University of Minnesota and to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to provide a first-dollar tuition and free pathway for eligible Minnesota American Indian students to complete an undergraduate education.
The $72 billion budget, delivers funding for education, healthcare, infrastructure, and tribal communities.

State Government Finance Bill - The bill appropriates money for the legislature, constitutional offices, councils, boards and commissions; Minnesota State Retirement System, provides deficiency funding, provides revenue recovery, provides statutory appropriation of funds to operate the House of Representatives, establishes the Office of Enterprise Translation, and creates county and local cybersecurity grants. The bill also modifies election administration provisions relating to voter registration, absentee voting, and election day voting.

Transportation Omnibus Bill - This $1.3 billion bill includes a historic investment in Minnesota's transportation infrastructure, including funding for improvements to the state's roads and bridges and enhancements to the multimodal transportation system. The bill includes the necessary matching dollars for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, invests millions in the national electric vehicle infrastructure program, and provides funding to keep Minnesota's communities connected.

Health and Human Services appropriations Omnibus Bill - The bill provides funding to help more families access affordable child care and help providers attract and retain workers. The bill also updates the Child Care Assistance Program rate to the 75th percentile and establishes the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

This bill funds programs to address homelessness in Minnesota, including the Emergency Services Program, Homeless Youth Act, Transitional Housing, and Safe Harbor Housing and Support.

The bill includes funding for food security and provides greater stability for Minnesotans living in poverty by requiring households accessing the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and General Assistance to report changes every six months.

This bill addresses health care access and affordability and includes guaranteed reductions in cost-sharing, the establishment of the Center for Health Care Affordability, and other efforts to reduce the cost of health care. It also includes a guaranteed increase in health insurance coverage for children and disadvantaged communities.

More information on the "One Minnesota" budget can be found at MNGOV

MN One Budget Bill Invests in Tribal Colleges

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – A new bill proposal to invest an additional $3.15 million annually in Minnesota’s Tribal Colleges has been passed.

The Minnesota House and Senate have passed the report, and the bill was signed into law during Walz signing of the Minnesota One Omnibus Bill. The investment proposal was authored by Representative Heather Keeler.

“Tribal Colleges play a vital role in providing access to higher education and supporting our Indigenous communities. In this budget, we’re finally taking new steps to empower Indigenous students, and these new investments will make a massive impact for students who have long been left behind by conventional education systems that haven’t always recognized their potential,” Rep. Keeler said. “After years upon years without investment from the state of Minnesota in our Tribal Colleges, I’m deeply grateful my legislative colleagues are taking action to expand opportunities for Native students to succeed and thrive.”

Leech Lake Tribal College, White Earth Tribal College, and Red Lake Nation Tribal College will all receive grants under a new program established in the legislation to support their educational missions and address maintenance costs. Additionally, the bill invests $8.5 million toward a new American Indian Scholarship program to provide tuition- and fee-free undergraduate education to Indigenous students at public postsecondary institutions.

“We are thankful to the state of Minnesota for their support. This funding will help us realize our vision to be recognized as a center of academic excellence that advances the Anishinaabe worldview and empowers lifelong learners who are fully engaged citizens, stewards, and leaders,” said Dr. Helen Zaikina-Montgomery, president of Leech Lake Tribal College. "Although this funding won't solve every challenge our tribal colleges face, it will provide us with a vital lifeline of resources and will demonstrate Minnesota’s commitment to supporting postsecondary education on reservations across the state.”

Overall, the budget funds the Office of Higher Education, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota campuses, the Mayo Clinic Medical School, and Tribal Colleges. Notably, the budget provides free college to students with household income under $80,000. It includes a fully-funded tuition freeze at Minnesota State campuses for two years, saving students a combined $75 million. The budget also provides $50 million in one-time funding to address structural deficits across the Minnesota State system, saving jobs and programs. For the University of Minnesota, the budget also invests an additional $100 million over the biennium, and fully funds a systemwide safety and security request.

More information on the bill can be found at MNGOV

What is Niizh Manidoowag?

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – June historically marks Pride month in the United States. A month to celebrate LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit (Niizh-Manidoowag) individuals.

"Two-spirit (Niizh-Manidoowag)" refers to a Native person who identifies as having both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is specifically used as an identifier by Indigenous people to describe their sexual, gender and/or spiritual identity.

It is an umbrella term and may encompass same-sex attraction and a wide variety of gender variants, including people who might be described in Western culture as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender queer, or anyone who has multiple gender identities.

The creation of the term "two-spirit, Niizh-Manidoowag" is attributed to Tribal Elder Myra Lamaroo of the Fisher Cree Nation, who proposed its use during the Third Annual Inter-tribal Native American, First Nations, Gay and Lesbian American Conference, held in Winnipeg in 1990. The term is a direct translation of the Anishinabemowin term, and is used to replace previous colonized terms.

Traditionally, Two-Spirit individuals have been documented within Tribal history prior to and after colonization. Historically, Two-Spirit Tribal members often held specialized work roles within their Tribes, roles not typically assigned to their "opposite" gender.

Among the Navajo, two-spirit males often became weavers, usually women and men’s work, as well as healers, which was a male role. Two-spirit females engaged in activities such as hunting and warfare, and became leaders in war and even chiefs. Among the Lakota, Mohave, Crow, Cheyenne, and others, Two-Spirit people were believed to be lucky in love, and able to bestow this luck on others.

Not all cultures will perceive Two-Spirit people the same way, or welcome a pan-Indian term to replace the terms already in use by their cultures.

The discussions caused by conquest and disease, together with the efforts of missionaries, government agents, boarding schools, and white settlers resulted in the loss of many traditions in Native communities. Two-spirit roles, in particular, were singled out for condemnation, interference, and many times violence. As a result, two-spirit traditions and practices went underground or disappeared in many tribes.

Today, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Native people throughout North America are reviving the two-spirit role and its traditions. National gatherings of Two-Spirit people have been held since the early 1990s, and regional gatherings including Pride Powwows are held in many parts of the country.

OJIBWE TERMS
Agokwa “man-woman”
Ogichidaakwe “warrior-woman”
After a slow start, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Sugarbush Camp is now bustling with activity. The freezing nights and warm days have produced an abundance of sap which is now being processed by the Seasonal Activities classes taught by Richard Armstrong. The maple syrup will be gifted to elders in the community. After a slow start, the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Sugarbush Camp is now bustling with activity. The freezing nights and warm days have produced an abundance of sap which is now being processed by the Seasonal Activities classes taught by Richard Armstrong. The maple syrup will be gifted to elders in the community.

Memengwaa was the word of the day so the students made those butterflies fly!

Bug O Nay Ge Shig 2nd and 9th graders teamed up for reading buddies this week. They got to enjoy the weather and read together.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School honored community elders on Friday afternoon, with a Feast, Powwow, and Giveaway. Many handmade quilts, as well as other gifts, were presented to our honored guests. The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is pleased to announce that after a 3-year hiatus due to covid, we will now again have a Memorial Feast for all students / staff who have passed on to the Spirit World. Family members are invited to attend the Memorial Feast on Wed., May 17 at 5:30 at the school.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School has been fortunate to have Kris Sorensen, media artist with In Progress, working with our students since April. Students are learning the art of portraiture and its relationship to writing. They have been working on a poster series that celebrates Spring. Students are learning compositional techniques, angles and are gaining confidence in operating media equipment.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig Elementary celebrated the end of the school year with a dance featuring our own Gil Applebee as the DJ. Some favorites were the Locomotion, the Limbo, the Cupid Shuffle, the Chicken Dance and the Macerayna.

A large number of Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School students participated in the MMIW Walk in Bemidji recently to bring attention to the high number of Indigenous people who have been murdered or who are missing.
Recipe of the Month by Chyrle LaDuke (Food Distribution), Josh Red Day (Leech Lake Diabetes Program)

Blueberry Bars

**Ingredients**
(*Commodity Foods)

- 2 cups blueberries*
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup peanut butter (smooth)*
- 2 Tablespoons butter*
- 2 ½ oats* (rolled or quick)
- ½ cup raisins* (packed)

**Directions:**
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8x8x8 baking pan. In a saucepan add water and berries heat to a simmer and stir until a slightly thickened, jam-like consistency is reached. Remove from heat. While still hot add peanut butter and butter; stir thoroughly until they melted and mixed well. Add oats and raisins to the saucepan. Mix well. Spread mixture into baking pan, pressing down for even thickness. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Makes 12 bars. Bars will keep up to 1 week in an air-tight container in the refrigerator.

**Tip:** Use vegetable oil or buttery spread in place of butter & dried plums instead of raisins.

**Nutrition facts**

Blueberries are a healthy, stress-free food. You get fiber, vitamin C, vitamin K, manganese and potassium in every handful of blueberries – at just 80 calories per cup. They’re also low in sodium and have virtually no fat. Oats have 51 grams of carbs, 13 grams of protein, 5 grams of fat, and 8 grams of fiber in 1 cup. This means that oats are among the most nutrient-dense foods you can eat. Oats are rich in carbs and fiber, but also higher in protein and fat than most other grains. Peanut butter is loaded with so many good, health-promoting nutrients, including vitamin E, magnesium, iron, selenium and vitamin B6. Research shows that people who regularly eat nuts and nut butter, including peanut butter, are less likely to develop heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Asterisk are commodity foods.

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

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**District One Vacant LIC Positions**

**Ball Club Vacant LIC Positions:**
- 2 Community Reps.
- 1 Youth Rep.

Nominations and elections will be held on **JULY 10 AT 6PM**
at the Ball Club Community Center

**Deer River Vacant LIC Positions:**
- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary Treasurer
- 2 Community Reps.
- 1 Youth Rep.

Nominations and elections will be held on **JULY 24 AT 6PM**
at the Deer River Senior Center, King School, Door 15

For more information contact the District 1 Office.
Gerald "Jerry" Chase

Gerald "Jerry" Wayne Chase, age 75, of the Bear Clan and Bena, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from Neilson Place in Bemidji, MN. He was born on March 29, 1948, in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Tillie (Whitecloud) and Walter Chase, Sr.

After graduating from high school Jerry went on to serve in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971. Gerald met his wife, Lois, in Minneapolis, MN in 1973. They were married in 1975 at Birches Campground on Lake Winnibigoshish, Bena, MN. They were married for 37 wonderful years until Lois’ passing on January 17, 2913.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, he loved racing, hunting, taking rides in the woods, and was especially great at his berry picking, he even sold his berries to Kirby Puckett and Kent Hrbek of the Minnesota Twins back in the late 80’s. He enjoyed spending time with family, especially family cookouts at Norway Beach. Jerry was a true MN Vikings and MN Twins fan and enjoyed watching professional basketball on tv. He served as part of the Leech Lake Veteran’s Memorial Honor Guard for many years.

Those greeting Jerry in the spirit world are his parents, Tillie and Walter, Sr.; wife, Lois; stepson, Raymond; brothers, Donald, David, Harry, and Arthur; sisters, Leona, Lena, Marilyn, and Hilda; numerous nieces and nephews.

Those left behind to cherish Jerry’s memory are his son, Greg Christopherson; brothers, Walter Chase, Jr., Joseph (Sharon) Chase; sister, Hazel Chase-Zimpel; 3 grandchildren, Sheila Devault, Carlos Lagard, Bradley Dudley; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

An overnight wake for Jerry will begin on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until his Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Pastor O.T. Lopez will officiate. Those helping to lay Jerry to rest are Richard O’Brien, David Chase, Harry "Sonson" Chase, Jr., Arthur Chase, Gilberto Robinson, and Mike Kirt. Alternates are Rob Finn and Leland Whitefeather. Honorary pallbearers are Walter Chase, Jr., Joseph Chase, Hazel Chase-Zimpel, Doug Furhmen, Amber Dwyre, John Chase, Walter Chase III, and Gary Hanson. Military honors accorded by the Leech Lake Veteran’s Memorial Honor Guard. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, MN. Following services on Tuesday, May 16.

Jerry’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.

Byron Sayers

Byron Dean Sayers, Bug O Nay Ge Shig (meaning ‘Hole in the Day’), age 61, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Thursday, May 11, 2023. She was born on July 28, 1986, in Bemidji, MN, the daughter of Cynthia Gale and Donald S. Carlson.

Nancy Carlson

Nancy Lynn Carlson, age 36, of the Eagle Clan and Cass Lake, MN, unexpectedly journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, April 17, 2023, from his home in Cass Lake, MN. He was born in Minneapolis, MN, on January 9, 1962, the son of Darlene (Montroe) and Arnold Sayers, Sr.

Byron grew up in the Minneapolis area. He enjoyed going to the casino, playing dominos, cards, cribbage, and pool. He liked to read and draw in his down time. Byron was a big-hearted man who was always teasing and joking. He was a goofball. Byron liked football and baseball; he was a true Minnesota Twins Fan. He enjoyed going for walks or for a drive when he was able to. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those greeting Byron in the spirit world are his parents, Darlene and Arnold Sr.; brother, Arnold Sayers, Jr.; grandma, Sarah Sayers; numerous other relatives and friends.

Those left behind to forever cherish Byron’s memory are his daughter, Andrea Sayers; brothers, Darrell Sayers and Raymond Gurnee; sisters, Christina Sayers; close auntie, Mary LaDeaux; close uncles, William "Bill" Butcher and Leon Butcher; numerous other family members and friends.

An overnight wake for Byron will begin on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and continue until his Saturday, April 29, 2023, 11:00 a.m. service, all to be held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN. Father William "Bill" Butcher will officiate. Honorary urn bearers are all Byron’s family and friends. Interment will be in St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency, MN.

Byron’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.

Gloria Hanson

Gloria Elsie Hanson, dedicated mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully with family present on May 25, 2023 at age 83 after receiving loving care from her daughters in her final three years.

Gloria, an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, was born to Clifford Frank and Margaret Rose (Belland) Beaulieu on July 30, 1939.

After graduating from high school, Gloria attended college briefly and then completed
May 5 is National Day of Awareness for MMIWG

MMIW 218 march shines light on targeted and systemic violence against Indigenous women and girls.

Photos and Article By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI – “Violence against Native Americans is targeted and systemic in nature.”

This was the message widely repeated at this year’s Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Peoples walk/run organized by MMIW 218. This year’s event took place Friday, May 5.

May 5 is federally recognized as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. This year’s event began with a march, in which the walking route was one consciously chosen by organizers as a tribute to both Naveah Kingbird and Jeremy Jourdain, two teenagers who went missing in 2021 and 2016 respectively.

“Naveah Kingbird went missing not too far from here, toward where the walk turned around,” MMIW 218 organizer Simone Senogles said, referring to the Nyimoo area of Bemidji. “She and another relative, Jeremy Jourdain, went missing from that same area of town. That’s partly why we walked up there, we wanted to honor them, we want to remember them and be in that part of town to make our presence known.”

The march which looped back and ended at Paul Bunyan waterfront was followed by an afternoon spent remembering and sharing stories of those who were lost. Attendees were able to hear several healing songs, participate in a tobacco offering at the lake, and honor their loved ones by leaving a white palm print on the organization’s red healing lodge—that accompanies them at all events. Organizers hope the healing lodges handprints and names show that the lives taken are more than just statistics, a list of names—every handprint represents a family disrupted, a life ended, and a searing reminder that violence against Indigenous people is still an ongoing issue.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz also issued a proclamation that May 5 would be recognized statewide as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Awareness Day, and a promise that the State is still committed to spreading awareness of the violence against Indigenous peoples and addressing the systemic problems that often deter MMIW cases from being solved.

The Statewide and federal recognition of this day has prompted awareness events across the country in hopes to deter the large number of Indigenous relatives who face violence on a regular basis. The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women statistics show that Indigenous women are murdered at 10 times the national average and four out of five Native American women are affected by violence on a federal level. While in the State, Native Americans make up about 1.1% of the state’s population, however, from the years 2010 to 2018 American Indian women and girls represented 8% of all females murdered in the state.

A number of measures have taken place within recent years to combat these figures including: the reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the passing of Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act, and the introduction of the Presidential Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Most recent developments include the Department of the Interiors recently established the Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office and the newly opened MMIW office in Minneapolis, MN.

Anyone with information about any of the open MMIW cases in the area are asked to contact the Bemidji police department at (218) 333-9111.
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff, vs. Francisco D. Ortega, Defendant.

Case No. TR-23-05
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
TO: Francisco D. Ortega, 171 Ryan Cir NE, Bena, MN 56626

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on August 1, 2023 at 10:00am in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to and defend against the Complaint in the Tribal Court. You are also served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding.

Notice: You must pay the fine for this offense or appear at the above time and place for the hearing. If you fail to appear, you will be found guilty by default and charged additional Court processing fees. Failing to pay your financial obligations can result in additional contempt penalties being imposed against you, including garnishment of wages, imprisonment of your license plates and suspension of your driver’s license.

Payment plans and community service options are also available at Court Administration.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Case No. FA-22-125
NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on January 25, 2023, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Bryan Finn, PO Box 82 Bena, MN 56626 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Lynn Wade, decedent.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren): Delores Rose Kingbird-Tibbetts, Scott Ambrose Roy and Darrin John Wakanoka, Parents

Case No. CP-23-14
NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that, a Petition for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. You are hereby required to appear before the Tribal Court on July 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the 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.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court


Case No. FA-22-125
NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 29th, 2022, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. You, the respondent herein, are hereby notified that you must appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on July 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the date of the Review Hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Tribal Justice Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear as provided above may result in the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of: Shirley Jane Young, Petitioner, v. Nicholas Boyd Sherman, Respondent,

Case No. CV-23-27
LEGAL NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION AND HEARING TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT, An Emergency Order for Protection has been issued based on the Affidavit and Petition for Order for Protection in this matter. You are hereby required to appear before the Judge of this Court on June 6th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Tribal Justice Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear, judgement by default will be taken against you.

NOTICE OF RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO THIS ACTION UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING DISMISSED:
1) RESPONDENT SHALL NOT COMMIT ACTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AGAINST THE PETITIONER;
2) RESPONDENT MUST NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH PETITIONER WHETHER IN PERSON, WITH OR THROUGH OTHER PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, LETTER, OR ANY OTHER WAY.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.
Leech Lake Tribal College Holds 2023 Graduation Ceremony at Northern Lights

By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Tribal College held its 2023 commencement ceremony Sunday May 21, at the Northern Lights Event Center.

The College had a total of 44 graduates this spring. Students earned an array of degrees in the following fields of study: Liberal Education, Liberal Education Stem Emphasis, Business Management, Early Childhood, Ecology, Law Enforcement, Indigenous Leadership and Integrated Residential Building.

Christopher Erle and Abbigail Hanson held the honor of being named LLTC’s 2023 Co-Valedictorians. Both Erle and Hanson gave speeches reflecting on their time at the college. Erle gave a somber speech that recognized the words of wisdom his late grandmother instilled in him and the large support network he had in turning his life around from a path that was leading him from his goals.

"The term I want to talk about is resilience. We are often called that as Native People. Our communities deal with tragedies and loss so strongly, it’s such a common thing between us and I believe we are the ones who can change it. We can do it by caring for each other wholeheartedly without expecting anything in return. So what I want us to do is to change the narrative for us not to be resilient but to reinforce one another because that’s how I got here today," said Erle.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the Ojibwe Nation Drum Group, and featured speeches, scholarships and awards recognition from various Tribal college staff and supporters. Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson was in attendance and gave an impromptu speech to graduates congratulating them and thanking them for helping advance the future of Leech Lake.

"Education is the key in everything we do...Graduates, you’re not the leaders of tomorrow, you’re the leaders of today," said Jackson.

On behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, we would like to congratulate all of the graduates and their families. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your educational journeys and move into your future careers.
**District III Elder Birthdays**

Aileen Allen  
Brenda Anderson  
Laurine Beaulieu  
Shelly Bebeau  
James Bellanger  
Deborah Brown  
Earlene Buffalo  
Pamela Burnett  
Nancy Cameron  
Hazel Cahse-Zimpel  
Darlene Cloud  
Rebecca Daniels  
Dawn Dobery  
David Fairbanks  
Dolores Fields  
Elaine Fleming  
Delores Goggleye  
Corinna Goose  
Bernadette Gotchie  
Gladys Granroos  
Manuel Granroos  
Francis Guinn  
Veda Harrison  
Fayleene Haugen  
Karl Humphrey  
Thomas Humphrey  
Wilbur Humphrey  
Florine Iverson  
Faron Jackson  
George Jackson  
Robert Jackson  
Valerie Jensen  
Thomas Johnson  
William Johnson  
Nancy Kingbird  
Adrain Libby  
Michael Libby  
Birdena Lyons  
Vernon Lyons  
Maxine Manypenny  
Loretta Meckel  
Bernice Mitchell  
Terrance Mitchell  
Florenstine Morgan  
Antonette Mountain  
June Mykkanen  
Jacquelyn Nelson  
Gerald Northbird  
Lois Northbird  
Shirley Preston  
John Raisch  
Marlys Rausch  
Paula Savage  
Richard Smith  
Stacey Smith  
Deborah Staples  
Margaret Steensland  
Joseph Stish  
Nona Wade  
Vivian Washington  
Delina White  
Melissa Wilson

*ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.*

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**District I Elder Birthdays**

Peter White  
Calvin Howard  
Lisa Gullickson  
Donna Gotchie  
Mary Bebeau  
Philip Thompson  
Jeffrey Howard  
Sheila Gotchie  
Leonard Howard  
Gilbert Applebee Jr.  
Darwin Wilson Jr.  
Brenda Bellanger  
Timothy McDonald  
Sharon Wilson  
Myron Fairbanks  
Shelley Wilson  
John Smith  
Constance Wilson  
Todd Tibbetts Sr.  
Michael Lelonek  
Loretta Cloud  
Joseph Whitebird Jr.

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**District II Elder Birthdays**

Ronald Burnette  
Charlene Dahl  
Roxanne Drumbeater  
Barbara Shipley  
Robert Veilleux  
Kathy Thompson  
Jim Allen  
Beatrice Dunn  
Lorraine Johnson  
Ricky Goose  
George Hawkins  
Jean Howard

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**District III Elder Birthdays**

Joseph Atiken  
Linda Atiken  
James Allen  
Betty Allen  
Gloria Beaulieu  
Shirley Beaulieu  
Jathon Bebeau  
Kenneth Bellanger  
Tracey Benjamin  
Timothy Boisvert  
Evelyn Brown  
Sue Brown  
Anthony Budreau  
Melvin Burnette  
Annette Cloud  
Charles Dahle  
Carl Day  
Ramona Day  
Tony Donnell  
Muriel Ellis  
Holly Evans  
Aaron Fairbanks  
Ronald Finn  
Kathleen Frazer  
Michael Garbow  
Keith Garton  
Barbara Haugen  
John Herrera  
Kenneth Hough  
Ernest Howard  
Evelyn Howard  
Nanette Howard  
Gerald Humphrey  
Matthew Hunt  
Fred Jackson  
Michael Johnson  
Beverly Kamrowski  
Francis Kangas  
Matthew Kangas  
Verna King  
Carol Kingbird  
Gregory Kleeb  
Timothy Littlewolf  
Linda Losh  
Sharon Lovelace  
Nina Martin  
Rhonda Michaud  
Edwin Monroe  
Tony Morris  
Janet Northbird  
Richard O’Brien  
Michael Olson  
Garr Pemberton  
Phyllis Pendleton  
Diane Pieri  
Dawn Purdy  
Sue Robinson  
Berton Rock  
Thomas Roy  
Ernest Ryan  
Paul Smith  
Rosetta Smith  
Carol Staples  
Connie Taylor  
Kathy Thompson  
Victor Thompson  
Kenneth Tibbetts  
Annette Vaughan  
Kevin Wakefield  
Carol White  
Claire White  
Peter White  
Phyllis White  
Rodnet White  
Francis Wiggins  
Colleen William

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**Congratulations Graduates of 2023**

**District I Education Achievement Dinner**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
Ball Club Community Center  
5:00 pm

All 2023 Graduates Welcome

Please RSVP by June 7th 218-335-4444

Sponsored by: LLBO District I Office & LLBO Public Relations

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**Honoring & Celebrating Our Elders**

**June Birthdays**

**District I**

Peter White  
Calvin Howard  
Lisa Gullickson  
Donna Gotchie  
Mary Bebeau  
Philip Thompson  
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Sheila Gotchie  
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Phyllis White  
Rodnet White  
Francis Wiggins  
Colleen William

*From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari*  
*all coupons must be used within Birthday Month*
Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion Program

Words and sentences list for June

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<td>Let’s swim at the lake.</td>
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<td>Onzaam nibowa chi-a’esini.</td>
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www.bugonaygeshig.org

Developed by Camille Naslund, Ed.D.,
Niigaane Program Director / Teacher

ICWA LAW CENTER

The Indian Child Welfare Law Center (ICWA Law Center) is seeking a staff attorney.

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: approximately $50,000 per year

The Staff Attorney will provide legal representation to individuals impacted by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in child protection proceedings in Hennepin County, other counties throughout the state, and tribal courts within Minnesota. The staff attorney will work closely with paralegals, advocates, and parent mentors to provide holistic legal representation to clients.

The ICWA Law Center is a non-profit legal services organization committed to strengthening, preserving, and reuniting Indian families consistent with the mandates and spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The ICWA Law Center is a recognized leader in Minnesota focused on providing the highest quality of legal services for American Indian families. Collaborating with tribes, community service providers, and child protection professionals, the ICWA Law Center represents the unique perspective(s) of American Indian families impacted by the child welfare system in hopes of creating effective responses within a system that recognizes the fundamental values of familial and tribal connections consistent with the spirit and intent of ICWA.

Desired Qualifications: Active (or soon to be active) attorney license in the state of Minnesota.

The ideal candidate will possess superior interpersonal skills, an ability to maintain collaborative working relationships with all stakeholders: including county, tribal, and community professionals. The ability to work with a diverse population affected by historical trauma, chemical dependency, domestic violence, and/or poverty is a must. Benefits include individual health insurance, paid time off, & participation & employer match in a SIMPLE retirement plan.

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THROUGH JUNE 10

June 2, 2023
DRAWS

AUG. 2, 2023*

GIVEN AWAY AT EACH CASINO
2 PAIRS OF CLUB PURPLE SEASON TICKETS
1 GRAND PRIZE - FAMILY 4-PACK OF'STAND UP' COMEDY CONCERT TIX & MORE

$7,000 IN CASH & FREE PLAY

ICE CUBE
WITH DJ QUIK

JUNE 9
TICKETS: $109/$99/$89/$79
OUTDOOR EVENT - RAIN OR SHINE

SOCIAL DOUBLES
THROUGH JUNE 29 & JULY 3-AUG. 17
(ENTRY REGISTRATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)

TUESDAYS - WHITE OAK CASINO - PARKING LOT
TUESDAYS - CEDAR LAKES CASINO - PATIO 33 PATIO
WEDNESDAYS - NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO - EVENT CENTER
THURSDAYS - SHINGOBE ON THE BAY - LAKE FRONT

For more info contact Tim Ellits LECHLAKAGAMING.COM

JUNE 23
TICKETS: $79/$69/$59/$49
OUTDOOR EVENT - RAIN OR SHINE

BRETT YOUNG
WITH PRISCILLA BLOCK

AUG. 12
TICKETS: $69/$59/$49/$39
OUTDOOR EVENT - RAIN OR SHINE

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS
WITH THE GEORGIA SATELLITES

SEPT. 8
TICKETS: $89/$79/$69/$59
OUTDOOR EVENT - RAIN OR SHINE

GABRIEL
“FLUFFY” IGLESIAS

AUG. 26
TICKETS: $79/$69/$59/$49
OUTDOOR EVENT - RAIN OR SHINE

TREASURECEL
WITH GREAT WHITE QUIET RIOT

JUNE 15
TICKETS: $49/$39/$34
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STAND UP COMEDY CONCERT

MAGILO

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NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO & HOTEL
Walker, MN • northernlightscasino.com

CEDAR LAKES CASINO & HOTEL
Cass Lake, MN • cedarlakescasino.com

WHITE OAK CASINO
Deer River, MN • whiteoakcasino.com

SHINGOBE ON THE BAY
Walker, MN • shingobeeonthebay.com