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1855 TREATY REMEMBRANCE February 22 marks the day 168 years ago

February 22 marks the day 168 years ago the Treaty of 1855 was signed, creating the Leech Lake and Mille Lacs Reservations.

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Communities Across MN Hold Rallies for the State's MMIR MMIW Day of Action and Remembrance

By KAYLA DUOOS

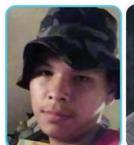
CASS LAKE – February 14 marked Minnesotas Day of Action and Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

Events took place in various cities across the state from Bemidji to Fargo-Moorhead, Mahnomen, Duluth, and Minneapolis, where community members stepped out together to raise awareness for missing loved ones. Including a close to 100-person march in Bemidji, MN put on by MMIW 218 and BSU's AIRC.

LaKaylee Kingbird who spoke at the event is a Leech Lake Tribal College student and one of Nevaeh Kingbird's sisters. At age 15, Nevaeh disappeared from Bemidji in October 2021, and LaKaylee reflected on Nevaeh's absence from important milestones.



via CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOTIED CHILDREN Nevaeh Kingbird, Age 15 (left) and what she may look like today, Aged 18 (right).





via CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOTIED CHILDREN Jeremy Jourdain, Age 16 (left) and what he may look like today, Aged 25 (right).

"My sister now is 18 years old. She's supposed to graduate this year from high school," LaKaylee said. "I just get very emotional around the holidays because she was a person that really enjoyed giving people gifts on certain days that were special."

Nevaehs family let everyone know while there have been no recent leads, they will be planning another search this spring. Another case touched on during the event was that of 16-year-old Jeremy Jourdain who was last seen in 2016. Jeremy's disappearance will be featured on TV screens at 1,900 gas stations throughout the Midwest next month to help potentially gain new tips.

American Indian women and girls only make up 1% of Minnesota's population and are 8% of all murdered women and girls in Minnesota. Last year, 716 Indigenous persons went missing in Minnesota and 57% of those missing were women, according to the BCA.

In 2024, the MMIR Office provided services and resources for 28 families with missing or murdered Indigenous relatives. Staff also conducted referrals or consults on 10 additional cases. In four instances, cases were closed when the victim was found safe or was located, according to the BCA.

The public can support raising awareness around the MMIR epidemic by purchasing Minnesota's MMIR license plate. In addition to the attention these draw, they also support the Gaagige-Mikwendaagoziwag Reward Account which will consider rewards for tips that lead to a resolution of MMIR cases.

If you have any information about Nevaeh, Jeremy or their disappearances, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Bemidji Police Department at 218-333-9111.

Temporary Employment Program Notice

via LLBO TEP

This is the policy regarding loads of wood: 1. Elders receive 3 loads for the year, which

- will be delivered all at once in order to maintain our records. Example 7-1-2024 to 7-1-2025.
- 2. Spirit Fires are allowed 3 loads.
- **3.** We will donate 1 load of wood to nonenrolled members, providing they are enrolled members of another tribe, for spirit fires.
- 4. We run our trucks from 8am-3:30 during work hours, exceptions are when we can get to it soon as possible.
- Wood emergencies are for houses for heat.Spirit fires and non-related wood heat for houses ARE NOT EMERGENCIES.
- 7. We are short staffed for winter hours due to budget cuts, the wood yard is being depleted due to machine break downs, lack of TEP workers, and vehicles breaking down.



8.We are documenting all wood orders that come in along with directives, if you request wood for someone (that exceeded their limit), a PO and email should be sent to Carrie @ TEP.

Grave Sites

- During the winter, graves must be marked, for wood to be dropped off for the grave thaw.
- It is the family's responsibility to start the fire the day before the burial by 6pm.
- All wood must be burned evenly on grave site, we will drop off 2 truckloads.
- Machines cannot dig through frozen ground. Thaw 3 feet wide by 7 feet long, so the dirt doesn't freeze overnight. It takes 3 hours or less to dig with a machine.
- If machines are not allowed to dig in certain sites, TEP must be notified. At least 3 days prior to all grave digs.
- TEP will not dig in the old cemeteries in Onigum, we don't want to accidently dig into another grave, that's not marked.
- New sites are available in Onigum, next to the old cemeteries: catholic and episcopal.
- Some cemeteries have care takers, they must be informed. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe enrollee's only for all sites on Leech Lake.

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via NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A selection of original pages from the 1855 document of Ratified Indian Treaty 287: Chippewa-Mississippi, Pillager, and Lake Winnibigoshish, Washington, DC.

February 22nd Marked the Day of the 1855 Treaty Signing

By KAYLA DUOOS Contributing Editor MICHAEL CHOSA

▼he Treaty of Washington, commonly referred to as the 1855 Treaty, was signed on February 22, 1855 between the United States government and representatives of the Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish and Mississippi bands of Ojibwe. This treaty established a reservation at Leech Lake 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 contact with the Europeans" says Bedonahkwaad, Dale Greene, 1855 Treaty Authority board member and enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, "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 presentday 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

Tribal Leaders Urge Congress to Protect Indigenous Funding as Federal Budget Deadline Nears

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – As the 2025 Federal government budget deadline looms, Native leaders took to Washington to ensure Tribal funding stays a bipartisan issue.

On February 25, the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, heard testimony from Minnesota Tribal leaders. Those providing testimony at the afternoon session included Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Secretary/ Treasurer Leonard Fineday, Red Lake Tribal Chairman Darrel G. Seki Sr., Mille Lacs Chief Executive Virgil Wind, and Fond du Lac Tribal Chairman Bruce Savage.

The testimony focused on the need to secure essential funding for Indian Health Service (IHS) programs, support for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Tiwahe Initiative, and the protection of existing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants from the impacts of recent executive orders.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) FUNDING AND ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS

Fineday, representing the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, began his testimony by advocating for the continued support of advance appropriations for IHS programs, which were successfully enacted in FY'23. Fineday emphasized the importance of advancing IHS funding to ensure the stability of Indian health services and called for the inclusion of contract support costs and 105(l) funding in the FY'26 budget. He stressed that these measures would further protect Indian health programs from disruptions caused by potential government shutdowns.

SUPPORTING THE TIWAHE INITIATIVE

Next, Fineday highlighted the critical role of the Tiwahe Initiative in fostering Tribal self-governance and addressing pressing community issues such as family reunification, suicide prevention, and job creation. He shared that the initiative has been instrumental in Leech Lake's efforts to dismantle barriers within its foster care system, allowing more Native children to remain



via SECRETARY TREASURER'S OFFICE

Pictured L to R: Red Lake Tribal Secretary Sam Strong, Mille Lacs Band Chief Executive Virgil Wind, LLBO Secretary / Treasurer Leonard Fineday and Red Lake Tribal Chairman Darrell Seki, Sr. Washington DC.

in their communities. Fineday voiced his support for the Tiwahe Initiative's continued success, backing the request for \$83.6 million in funding for FY'26.

EPA GRANTS AND THE IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Fineday also raised concerns about the potential impact of recent executive orders related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice on federal programs, particularly EPA grants. He called for clear language in the budget to exempt Tribal programs designed to fulfill treaty and trust obligations from the executive orders. Fineday specifically high-lighted the EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grant, which is vital for Leech Lake's efforts to relocate a Tribal government facility from a Superfund Site. The grant, he emphasized, is essential for ensuring the health and safety of Tribal employees working in the contaminated area.

In his closing remarks, Fineday

expressed his commitment to efficiency and accountability but cautioned that the one-size-fits-all approach to federal policy could have unintended consequences.

"As someone who grew up skeptical of government actions and overreach, I am strongly committed to efficiency and accountability. Given the federal obligations to Tribes, I believe that all Tribes share these concerns. However, the one-size-fits-all all approach taken so far, comes with far too many unintended consequences — while instilling fear and uncertainty in our communities, said Fineday."

"Our primary concern is that the people charged with implementing these efficiency efforts have no background in history or law about the government's treaty and trust responsibility to Indian Country. So, we are calling on this Subcommittee and others in Congress to stand with us to uphold these solemn obligations. Miigwech."

The federal budget deadline is

March 14. To view Fineday's and fellow Tribal leader's testimony in full, visit *llbo.link/38f42d*.



via DISTRICT II OFFIC

The Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN.

District II Satellite Office Opening in Bena

BENA – The LLBO District II Office is opening a remote office located in the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena. The new office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am until 2 pm throughout the week beginning in March, 2025.

SERVICES OFFERED

LLBO Hunting, fishing, gathering permits •
LLBO Housing applications • Energy assistance applications
Notary public services • Household items for those in need
Fresh coffee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elder Haircut Services - First Saturday of every month 11AM-3:30PM Elder BINGO- First Wednesdayof every month 1PM Start





FORE MORE INFO CONTACT TERRI @ 218-407-4011



Ojibweg Mitigwaki Niimid (Ojibwe Woodland Dancers), Gouache.

via WATERMARK ART CENTER

INAABAND MITIGWAKI

"Woodland Vision," work by painter and illustrator Robert DesJarlait on display now at the The Miikinaan Gallery.

By KAYLA DUOOS

BEMIDJI - A new exhibit has opened at Bemidjis Watermark Art Center, Miikinaan Gallery.

The Miikinaan gallery, home to the center's Traditional art exhibits, is hosting "Inaaband Mitigwaki – "Woodland Vision"" with work by

painter/illustrator Robert DesJarlait (Endaso-Giizhik) from the Red Lake Ojibwe Nation. The exhibit runs February 15 to April 11, 2025.

DesJarlait is a visual artist, muralist, writer, historian, and educator. His career in art spans over four decades. His paintings and illustrations focus on Ojibwe family life, cultural traditions, and origin stories.

"My art in the Inaaband Mitigwaki exhibition depicts, documents, and defines the life of the Ojibwe people as I perceive it visually. It engages the viewer in a visual language through which cultural diversity is the message," said DesJarlait.



Dakobijigan (Tied Rice), Watercolor.

He has served as an artistic mentor and advisor on community art projects and illustrated curriculum units for American Indian **Education Programs and American** Indian agencies and organizations in Minnesota.

His award-winning work is in numerous private and public collec-





Artist Robert DesJarlait, Red Lake Ojibwe.

tions. DesJarlait is also listed in Who's Who in American Art (Marquis) and Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian.

For more information on the exhibit or upcoming events at the Watermark Årt Center, please visit watermarkartcenter.org or contact the center directly.

April

District III Elder Birthdays

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From the District III Office Leon, Toni & Kari

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

MN Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan Announces Bid for U.S. Senate, Aims to Represent Minnesota and Indian Country

By KAYLA DUOOS

ST. PAUL – On February 20, 2025, Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan made a historic announcement that she will be running for the U.S. Senate in the 2026 election, aiming to represent Minnesota in the seat soon to be vacated by Senator Tina Smith. Flanagan, who is a member of the White Earth Nation, will be the first Native American woman to hold a Senate seat in the United States if successful.

In a social media post announcing her candidacy, Flanagan reflected on her journey and her commitment to representing the people of Minnesota in Washington, D.C.

"My family relied on government assistance programs like Section 8 and free and reduced lunch, even though my mom worked full-time in healthcare," Flanagan wrote. "This experience has informed my belief that we should wrap our arms around our neighbors in need. That's why on the school board, in the state house, and as lieutenant governor, I've championed kitchen-table issues like raising the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave, and free school meals."



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Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan speaks at the LLBO Land Restoration Celebration at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School in Bena, 2024.

Flanagan's campaign is set to continue her work on policies that support the economic well-being of working families, with a special focus on issues like affordable healthcare, economic justice, and expanding access to education.

Her announcement comes after Senator Tina Smith, who has served in the Senate for close to 7 years announced that she will not seek reelection. Smith, who has worked for over 20 years in the public sector, is widely recognized in Indian Country as both an ally and an advocate. Flanagan has expressed deep admiration for Smith's work and legacy.

"United States Senator Tina Smith has paved the way for so many women like me throughout her entire career," Flanagan stated. "She uses her voice to fiercely defend the people of Minnesota. She's fought for small businesses, farmers, and those who've been overlooked so they can have a fair shot at economic success. I look forward to continuing our work together for Minnesotans."

Before holding a Senate seat, Smith was also Minnesotas Lieutenant governor.

The Senate election will be held on November 3, 2026.



By KAYLA DUOOS

CASS LAKE – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Communications team is now releasing weekly updates to keep our Band Members updated on Tribal projects/ divisions and anything from the federal level that may impact us. You can find the weekly updates on the official Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe or www.LeechLakeNews.com. We will provide monthly recaps of these updates in the paper.

Employees and Community members can submit news, events, and updates to be included in that week's Friday update every Monday. Updates can be sent to news@llojibwe.net.

FEBRUARY RECAP

Friday, February 14

This week, the band announced an upcoming meeting regarding a potential cannabis expansion to be held on February 27th and released an official statement on President Trump's funding freeze

Friday, February 21

 The BIA announced its whereabouts unknown list for Leech Lake, Police Chief Ken Washington retired, and community center egg distribution dates were announced alongside the Twin Cities Winter Feast.

Friday, February 28

This week, the band held its cannabis expansion meeting; RBC members testified in Washington regarding the federal budget; LLBH announced job openings with sign-on bonuses; new monitoring wells will be installed at the Superfund site; the Duluth office is scheduling Tribal ID printing dates; and DRM now offers orchard starter kits.



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Closed Sat/Sun. All calls/inquiries are to be directed to the number listed above. In addition, Please use the following link to search by name only or other tribal locations: www.doi.gov/ost/search-unclaimed-accounts

You may also visit our website for more information concerning IIM accounts at: www.doi.gov/ost/iim-accounts

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Dbituaries

Anita Demarr



Anita Jane DeMarr (Paquette) age 62, fought long and hard, unfortunately the "cancer" won.

Anitia started her spiritual journey on January 5, 2025. Anita was born January 2, 1963, in Minneapolis MN., to Celeste Mae (Fisher) and Warren Bradley Tibbets.

Anita had a love for her grandchildren, she enjoyed every day of her life with them. She enjoyed gardening, spending time outdoors with the love of her life Terry. She loved working at the casino where she made endless friendships, she was loved by many and will forever be missed by all.

A wake for Anita will begin Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. until her service on 10:00 a.m. Friday January 31, 2025, all to be held at the Mission Community Center, Mission, MN. Officiating is Allen Hardy, and Pastor Dave Yates. Those helping to lay Anita to rest are Richard Paquette, Sr., Richard Paquette, Jr., Philippe Camacho, Robert Merrell, Diago Tenbear Paquette, Kenneth Demarce, Noe Sifuentes and Alex Sifuentes. Honorary pallbearers are Terry DeMarr, Larry Demarr, Carmen Roybal, Faye King, Joe Fairbanks and Nancy Kingbird

Anita'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.

Curtis Buckanaga

Turtis John Buckanaga , 45, _"Ozaawaanakwad" which means "Yellow Cloud" of the Sturgeon clan, began his journey from his home in Bemidji, MN. On January 8,21025. He was born to Carol



(White) and Charles Buckanaga on September 14, 1979, in Cass Lake MN.

Curtis grew up in Bemidji, MN. and attended the Bug O Nay Ge Shig school.

Curtis was a gifted award-winning artist, and writer, he wrote one book, that was very well received. He is a very active activist for the Native community, it was a huge passion of his. He was a huge family man, taking great pride in raising his children. He was known as an entrepreneur.

Those greeting Curtis in the spirit world are his dad; Charles Buckanaga, daughters; Cedar, and Hazel Buckanaga, grandpa; John White, many aunts and uncles.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are mother; Carol White, sons; Giniw Buckanaga, Curtis Buckanaga Jr, and Ezashowe Buckanaga, daughters; Charli Jane Buckanaga, Oginii Joseph, Miskwaanakwadook Buckanaga, and Mawandoo binesiik Buckanaga, brother; Sam Sargent, sisters; Cara (Bruce) Dahl, Jane Buckanaga, and Nicole Wadena, grandson; Carlos Zamora Jr. and the mothers of his children; Jenny Joesph, and Nicole Buckanaga.

An overnight wake for Curtis will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2025, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Mn. and continue until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 2025, for a traditional service. His Spiritual Advisor will be Allen Hardy. Those helping to lay Curtis to rest are, Giniw Buckanaga, Curtis Buckanaga Jr., Carlos Zamora Sr., Triston Johnson, Draye Sargent, Nick Strong, Tony Zamora and Jamison King. His honorary pallbearers are all those who knew and loved him. Curtis's interment will be immediately following his service at Lake View Cemetery, Bena, MN.
Curtis' care has been entrusted to Norther

Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www. nothernpeace.com.

Eugene Rock



🗖 ugene "Gene" Burton Rock, known lov-Lingly as "Ace," passed away on December 28, 2024, at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Born on December 23, 1949, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, as the seventh of nine children, Gene spent the final years of his life living in Hastings, Minnesota, where he made a lasting impact on his community and family as the proud father of three children.

Gene was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division with the rank of Sergeant First Class, where he demonstrated unparalleled courage and commitment to his country. After his military service, he dedicated much of his career to the electrical trade, specializing in the installation and repair of elevators and escalators. His technical expertise and strong work ethic left a mark on many projects and colleagues.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Gene's passion for Minnesota athletics was evident. From his early days in Cass Lake basketball to his love for college and professional sports, he found joy in the camaraderie and competition of the game. In his later years, Gene took great pleasure in attending live events, savoring every moment as a loyal fan.

Gene's athletic pursuits didn't stop at spectating. In his younger years, he was an avid golfer and racquetball player, participating in numerous community events and tournaments. His competitive spirit and love for the game earned him friends and memories that lasted a lifetime.

Beyond sports, Gene found excitement and relaxation in gaming, appreciating the thrill and chance of the experience.

A man of deep and diverse beliefs, Gene embraced a blend of cultural identities and faiths, including traditional Indigenous teachings, Christianity, and the Bahá'í Faith. His spirituality reflected his open heart and optimistic outlook on life.

Gene's unwavering optimism was a hallmark of his character. He believed in the power of redemption, the promise of better tomorrows, and the importance of faith. His hopeful perspective inspired all who knew him to strive for a brighter future.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Oliver "Buster" and Cecilia Mary Rock, as well as his siblings, Rowena "Pat," Thomas "Tom," Juanita "Retz," and Wilbur "Pud," and his cherished pet, Chief.

Gene is survived by his children, Jared, Stanley, and Juanita; the mother of his children, Debra Rock; grandchild, Wesley Eugene Rock; siblings, Gerald "Oats," Elsie,

Valerie "Val", and Virginia "Ginger"; and his

beloved pet, Lady Dog. Service will be held on January 18, at 10:00 a.m., at The Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Building, located at 16477 69th Ave NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, and just behind the pow wow grounds. Following the service, Military Honors will be accorded by Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Honor Guard at the nearby Leech Lake Veterans Cemetery where Eugene will be laid to rest. Family and friends are invited to return to the Veterans Memorial Building for a meal and celebration of his life.

Gene's memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those who were touched by his kindness, humor, and unwavering belief in the good and hope that lies ahead.

Gene's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home Walker, MN. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.northern peace.com.

Earl Johnson



Earl Roy Johnson, age 91, began his journey to the spirit world on Sunday, January 5, 2025 in Red Lake, MN.

Earl was born on August 12, 1933, to Antoine and Lilian Johnson (White) in Onigum, MN. He grew up in the Onigum, Minneapolis, Cass Lake and Duluth areas and served in the Air Force from July 1952 to August 1956 and was honorably discharged. He served during the Korean War, earning the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and UN Service Medal. Earl had a good sense of humor and always liked to joke around. He liked going to the casino to socialize and playing bingo. He helped his family in many ways, including rides to go shopping, eat out and to doctor appointments. He will always be remembered for the picture birthday cakes he loved buying his great-nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Antoine and Lilian; brothers Pete Johnson, Simon Johnson, Antoine Johnson Jr and Harry Johnson; sisters Marie Frances (Steve) Littlewolf and Bernice Johnson (John) Ross; special friend Philomine; and many relatives that have passed on before him. Earl is survived by numerous

cousins, nieces and nephews.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 9 – 11 AM with a Memorial Service at 11 AM on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the Alliance Church in Cass Lake with Pastor Mark Little Elk. Burial will be at the Leech Lake Veteran's Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 9 – 11 AM with a Memorial Service at 11 AM on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at the Alliance Church in Cass Lake with Pastor Mark Little Elk. Burial will be at the Leech Lake Veteran's Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN.

Gustovi Phonseya



Gustovi Loyal Phonseya "Bebaamaashing" meaning "He who soars around" of the Bear Clan age 2 months began his spirit journey from his home on January 27, 2025. He was born to Tasheen Richardson and Peter Phonseya Sr. on November 27, 2024.

Gustovi was a very happy baby, he absolutely loved to be held and given kisses. He enjoyed pow wow music and having his own baby conversations with people. He also enjoyed sitting or lying down watching movies with everyone.

Those greeting him in the spirit world are great great grandma; Thea and Marilyn, great grandpa; John Wilke, great grandpa; Hank, grandma; Georgie, grandpa's; Merle and Paul, aunties; Marilyn and Rose, cousin; Bennie and Aiianna Brown, and many others.

Those left behind to cherish his memories are mom; Tasheen, dad; Peter Sr., brothers; peter Jr. and Sergio, aunts; Esther, Theresa, and Trudy, uncles; Mark, Tyrell, Thomas, Merle, and River, grandparents; Grace Wakonabo, and Justin Robinson, aunt; Jennie

A wake for Gustovi will begin at 6:00 p.m., Monday February 3, 2025, and continue until 10:00 a.m. service on Tuesday February 4, 2025, all to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, in Cass Lake MN. His Spiritual Advisor will be Adrian Liberty. The pallbearers are Max Pigeon, Rueben Littlewolf, Tyrell Wakonabo, and Rainy Cunningham. Honorary

pallbearers will be Peter Jr., Sergio, Merle, Aaron, Thomas, Tyrell, Theresa, Mark, Esther, Jennie, River, Grace, Justin, Trudy, and all that knew and loved him.

Gustovi'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.

Henry Harper



Henry Harper, age 78, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Friday, January 31, 2025, in Grand Forks, ND, with family by his side.

Traditional funeral rites will begin on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 5 p.m, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN, with a wake. His funeral will be Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Naabekwaa will be the officiant. Burial will be in Onigum immediately following the services. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidii.

Henry Samuel Harper was born on June 28, 1946 to (John) George and Mattie (Soreyes) Harper, he was the seventh wonder of the eight sons. He graduated Cass Lake High School in 1964 and went on to graduate Haskell Institute in 1966. At the age of 21, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam, assigned to the 25th Medical Detachment as a combat medic. Henry received an honorable discharge in December, 1968 and returned home to Cass Lake. Hank, or Crock, as he was known throughout Indian Country, was an avid sports enthusiast. He helped build and dedicate the Veteran's Memorial Softball Fields and Cass Lake pow wow grounds. He helped to organize, establish and coach the Golden Gloves Boxing at Leech Lake; he organized and coached men's and women's softball, organized and coached men's and women's basketball and organized regional tournaments that drew hundreds of top-notch Native athletes from across Indian Country. Hank's coaching and organizing also led him to organize a Leech Lake Youth Baseball league that began at t-ball all the way through to Little League. He was inducted into the

National Indian Athletic Association Hall of Fame on July 27, 2017. During his induction speech, he reminded the attendees to remember the female athletes and the champions amongst the women as well. He also noted that his coaching career began upon his return from Vietnam. He said nobody really talked about post traumatic stress disorder in those days and how he was asked to coach young athletes, "They thought I was helping the kids out so much, they were helping me out."

Hank is survived by his brothers Francis (Julie) Harper of White Bear Lake and Colin "Corky" (Janice) Harper of Newport, MN and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers John, Roger, Charles, Dennis and Wellington. Pall bearers will be: Martin Wind, Alvin Wind, Alex Harper, Taylor Humphrey, Brendan

Alex Harper, Taylor Humphrey, Brendan
Humphrey, Dennis Smallwood, Theo
Liberty. Honorary pall bearers are the athletes he coached in the boxing clubs, basketball teams and the softball teams.

Condolences may be left at www.ceasefuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Morrow



Kenneth Blaine Morrow, "Mukwaa Iniinii" meaning "Bear Man", 63, of the Bear Clan started his journey to the spirit world from Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 18, 2024. He was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Max and Gladys (Cloud) Morrow on January 14, 1961.

Ken lived in Grand Rapids until he moved with his mom, Max Jr. and Darrell to Colorado. A couple of months later they moved to Minneapolis to live with Teddie and nephew Eric.

Gladys found a home for them in Little Earth where they lived, and later Ken would get his own apartment. He remained in Minneapolis for the rest of his life.

Ken was a gentle easy-going man who liked to play Yahtzee, watch TV and always had a kitty. He always rode his bike to get around. Ken enjoyed going to Powwows and listening to the Powwow music, but he loved Sinead O'Connor's song "Nothing compares to you". Ken suffered seizures throughout his

lifetime, he would try to work at Deli Express, but his episodes got the best of him, and he had to quit working. Though Ken and his daughter saw each other intermittently, he loved her deeply.

The family welcoming Ken to the spirit world are his parents Max and Gladys Morrow, Raymond Cloud, Gerald Morrow, Max Morrow, Jr., Darrell Morrow, Ruebin Morrow, and numerous aunties, uncles and cousins.

Those left to cherish his memories are daughter; Erin Dow, sister; Theodora Redwing "Teddie" brother; Joe Cloud and the Morgans.

A one-day wake will be held at the David Morgan Center in Bena, MN. beginning on December 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until his traditional service on December 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Melvin Goodwin will be his Waa-Maajaa 'I wed. Those helping lay Ken to rest are Carlotta Redwing, Cliff Coaker, Dave Bismarck, Dorian Bismarck, Jesse Beaulieu, and Randall Shaugobay. Alternate pallbearers are Eric Cloud, Joe Cloud, Matt Wing and all of his cousins. Interment will be immediately following the service at Lakeview Cemetery, Bena, MN.

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

Kerry Morgan



Kerry Justin Morgan, age 65, passed away suddenly on Monday, December 9, 2024 at his home in Cass Lake, MN.

Kerry was born on February 9, 1959 to David Sr and Josephine (Cloud) Morgan. He grew up in Bena, MN, and attended Cass Lake-Bena School. He moved to Duluth to be with family and later returned to Bena, where he worked for Leech Lake Small Vehicle Repair for over 20 years as a mechanic and Leech Lake Gaming as a Security Guard. He also worked with his Dad and brother as a contract employee for the Forestry. He retired in 2022 due to health reasons. Kerry enjoyed wild rice harvesting with his brother Clyde, watching football with family and friends an...

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 218.335.3682 • 218.335.4418 Honorable Rebecca McConkey-Greene Chief Judge of Tribal Court Honorable David Harrington Deputy Judge of Tribal Court Honorable Michael Harrelson Deputy Judge of Tribal Court

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Lillian R. Rushman and Jerome D. Roy, Parents.

Court File No. CP-24-16

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Child/Family Protection Petition, Motion for Immediate Custody and Affidavit in Support of Immediate Custody have been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the abovenamed parents. A Pretrial on the Petition has been scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 3:00 PM and a Trial on the Petition has been scheduled for February 19, 2025 at 1:30 PM. 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. If you fail to appear in these proceedings, the Court may proceed on behalf of the child by default.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: A.J.M., Child, DOB: 11/10/2020. Cristine Lussier, Petitioner, and Ava Stone(Deceased) & any man that may claim paternity, Respondents,

Case No. FA-24-128

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 25, 2024, 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 February 5, 2025

at 1:30 p.m. the date of the Review 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 DeBahJi-Mon 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

In Re: Estate of: Peter John Hunt, DOB: 11/23/1953 Decedent

Court File No. CV-24-122

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Peter John Hunt, died September 12, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Deputy 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 4th, day of November, 2024 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 Dwight Jones, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 12, 2024, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Dwight Jones, 927 Roosevelt Rd. SE Bemidji, MN 56601 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peter John Hunt, decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Custody of: M.M.W., Minor Child, DOB: 03/21/2014. Cory & Brittany Hoffman, Petitioners, And Allen & Kristen Stockwell, Respondents.

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION YOU

Case No. FA-24-90

NOTICE

ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 7th, 2024, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. 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 January 29th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., the date of the Initial 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 a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for 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 DeBahJi-Mon 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

In Re: Estate of: Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., DOB: 03/25/1935. Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-136

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., died November 26, 2001. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Deputy Judge of the abovenamed Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center. 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 27th, day of January, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Candace Partridge-Gotchie. surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on January 27, 2025, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Candace Partridge-Gotchie, PO Box 463 Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., decedent.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of: J.M.H, Child, DOB: 10/26/2007. Bambi Brown, Petitioner, and Eugene P. Howard & Debra Rushman(Deceased), Respondent,

Case No. FA-25-02

NOTICE

OF LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 6, 2025, 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 March 12th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. the date of the Review 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 DeBahJi-Mon 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

In Re: Estate of: Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., DOB: 03/25/1935. Decedent.

Court File No. CV-24-136

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., died November 26, 2001. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Deputy Judge of the abovenamed Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center. 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake. Minnesota on the 27th, day of January, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Candace Partridge-Gotchie, surviving spouse of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on January 27, 2025, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Candace Partridge-Gotchie, PO Box 463 Deer River, MN 56636, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Leo Anthony Gotchie Sr., decedent

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Annette Cloud, DOB: 06/20/1953. Decedent

Court File No. CV-24-157

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent. Annette Cloud, died March 28, 2024. A hearing was held before the Honorable Megan Treuer, Deputy 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 6th, day of January, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will. Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Jennifer Cloud, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on January 6, 2025, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Jennifer R. Cloud, PO Box 162 Cass Lake, MN 56633, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Annette Cloud, 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.

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...going to the casino. He loved taking his children out on long drives, outdoor walks and fishing - just to name a few of the great times he spent with his children. He had his own special ways with his nieces and nephews - which included raising cane! They will treasure the special memories they have of him. He went out of his way to help the homeless, especially during the last year.

Kerry is survived by his children: Justina, Justin, Kerry Jo and Jason Raschke; grandchildren: Christina, Brandon, Alex, Isaiah, April, Terrance, Trinity and Tishina; great-grandchildren: Corey, Keina, Waabigwan and Robert, all from Duluth, MN; sisters: Dawn Morgan, Doreen (Rayis) Morgan; and brothers: Clyde Morgan and David (Chief) Morgan; nieces and nephews: Luvette Moose, Maureen Moose, Jacklyn Moose, Dave (Wendy) Bismarck, Davina Smith, Jeannie Smith, Tana Robinson, David Morgan III, Gabrielle Morgan, Peter Morgan, Bobby Jo Holstien, Paula Kay Hardy, Kristi Morgan, Crystal Morgan, Dianna Morgan, Melissa Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Josh-way Morgan and Sakita

He was preceded in death by parents: David and Josephine Morgan; sisters: Patricia (Patsy) Moose and Karin Morgan; cousin: Raymond (Douglas) Cloud; nephew Merrick "Son" Moose; niece: Belinda Smith; sister-inlaw: Janice Morgan; and cousin: Geraldine "Gerri" Hardy, and many other family members and friends.

A wake will begin at 5 PM on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN and will continue until the service at 11 AM on Monday, December 16, 2024 with Rev. George Ross. Active Pallbearers will be Joshwah Morgan, Davy Bismarck, Charles Losh, Alaunie Brown, Terrance Jourdain and Justin Raschke. Alternate will be Dominic May. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kenny Morrow, Pete Morgan, Rayis "Bro" Losh, Clyde Morgan, David "Chief" Morgan, Melissa Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Tyler Losh, Kyle Lovelace and Special Niece Eva Lovelace. Internment will be at Makahum Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Walker & Hackensack, MN.

Marlene Mitchell

Marlene Mitchell, born July 1, 1956, to Daisy (Allen) and Jerome Johnson, passed peacefully on January 17, 2025, at her home, surrounded by family.

Marlene's life was a testament to her dedication, passion, and love for her family and community. She spent 27 years serving at Leech Lake Housing Authority, retiring as Director. Marlene's work in her community included four years as a District 2 Housing Board Commissioner, and she made history in 2014 as the first Native American to serve on the Northland Remer School Board. She was also an active member of the Kego Lake Local Indian Council for many years. Marlene was deeply committed to helping others and



improving the lives of those around her.

Marlene married Thomas Mitchell, Jr., on June 4, 1986. She loved spending time with her family, cooking big meals, and visiting with loved ones. Her favorite pastime was reading Danielle Steele books, and her therapy was playing the slot machines at the casino. She was a caring woman with a huge heart, always putting others before herself.

Those greeting Marlene in the spirit world are her parents; Jerome, Daisy Johnson, husband; Thomas Mitchell Jr., son; Rodney Johnson Jr., unborn baby; sister; Geraldine Gale, brother; Bruce Johnson, daughter-inlaw; Susie Allen, nephews; Jerome Johnson Sr., Justin "Ernie" Johnson great-grandson Roger "baby RJ" Johnson.

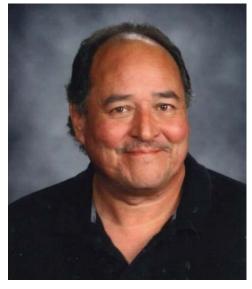
Those left behind to cherish her memories, daughters; Melissa (Frank) LaRose, Charlene Mitchell, Jenna (Dion) Mitchell, Lucy Mitchell, brothers; Richard Johnson, Robert (Sherry) Johnson Sr., and David Johnson, sister; Lorraine Johnsons. 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The wake for Marlene will begin at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, and continue until her traditional service on Thursday, January 23, 2025, all to be held at the Onigum Center in Onigum, MN. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Advisor. Those helping to lay Marlene to rest are Jerrod Johnson, Rodger Johnson Sr., Frank LaRose Sr., Arthur LaRose, David Curry, Charles Rice Sr., and Kenneth Jeffery. Her honorary pallbearers are Aaron Jackson, Steve Johnson, Dion Bertsch, Jim Pervis, Ted and Esther Boada, and all of her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Interment will be immediately following her service at the Onigum Catholic Cemetery.

Marlene'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.

Mike Olson

Mike Olson, 62, died peacefully in his sleep on January 17, 2024, at his home in Onigum, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife Paula (Haugen) Olson, his daughter Kristen Velasco, grandchildren Emily,



Alejandra, Madison, MacKenzie, and his son Freedom Olson; stepchildren Josh Strobel (Jeannie), Jordan Strobel (Tara) and Jonathan Strobel, grandchildren Lance and Vera. His mother Gloria (Aamodt) Adkisson, sisters Sharon Fox (Donald), Patrice Welsh, nieces Ursula, Nicole, nephews Daniel and Caske. Preceded in death his father Russell Olson.

Mike was a beacon of light and positivity, always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. A devoted and loving husband, he cherished his role as a father to his children and grandchildren. He held his friends, especially his childhood friends-close to his heart, staying connected with them throughout the years and sharing countless great stories from their adventures together. Mike had a deep love for classic rock and roll, proudly playing his cherished records on his beloved stereo. A nostalgic soul, he found joy in the memories and moments that shaped his life.

Mike faced many challenges throughout his life, but he overcame them with resilience and transformed them into positivity. At the age of 40, he made the inspiring decision to return to school, earning his BA in social work. This achievement allowed him to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many troubled youth over the years. Despite his serious commitment to helping others, Mike always maintained his fun and playful spirit. With his sharp wit and knack for being a jokester, he brought smiles and laughter to everyone around him.

Mike, who was adopted as a baby, found his biological family 20 years ago. He was very happy to find his family and know his history. He became a proud member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at that time. In 2017, he moved to Onigum and made it his home, purchasing a cabin on the shores of Leech Lake. As an integral part of this community, Mike embodied a spirit of generosity and connection. Whether he was sharing venison or fish with elders or offering a helping hand wherever it was needed, Mike's presence made a difference. Onigum was more than just a place to him-it was home, a blessing he cherished, and a community he was honored to be part of.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the Onigum Community Center

from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Military Honor Service will be held in the spring at Fort Snelling and an official notice will be forthcoming. Michael proudly served his country from 1979-1986.

Pete Cloud



Pete James Cloud, age 51, "Zhaawanoowinini" which means "the man from the east" of the martin clan, of Cass Lake began his spiritual journey on Thursday January 30, 2025. He was born April 7, 1973, in Cass Lake MN., to Monica Johnston and Allen Cloud.

Pete was a man like no other, with the skills he had, he could figure anything out, and make it work. He always tried to help everyone out, even if he didn't know you, he would lend a helping hand. He was a backyard jack of all trades, along with being a skilled chef.

Pete truly loved his children, grandchildren, and all his family. He enjoyed all the time he could spend with his family. He will surely be missed by EVERYONE!!

Family greeting Pete in the Spirit World are his parents; Monica, and Allen, daughter; Rhonda, sisters; Penny, Traci, and brother; Justin.

Those he leaves behind cherish his memories are his son's; Aaron, Brian, Mish, Winter and Dion, daughters; Donnelle, Serayah, and Miikawaadiz, brothers; Charlie and Jonny, sisters; Ann, Amy Crystal, Cierra, Catrina, and Denise, and 9 grandchildren.

The wake for Pete will begin at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, and continue until 10:00 a.m. traditional service on Thursday February 6, 2025, all to be held at the Prescott Center in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be his Spiritual Advisor. Those helping Pete to rest are Chauncey Oothoudt, Jamie Oothoudt, Lenny Ruschmeier, Randy Cloud Mark Cloud, and Maurice Rodriguez. Alternate pallbearers are David Staples Jr., Michael Cloud, and Brad Cloud. Honorary pallbearers are all of those who knew and loved him. Internment will immediately follow the service at the Cloud family Cemetery in Oak Point.

Pete's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker MN



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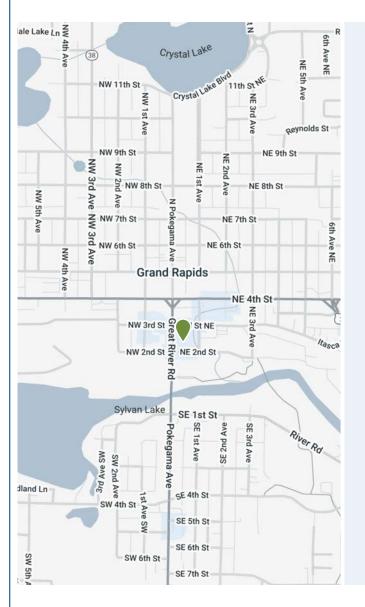
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