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CULTIVATING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR VISIT MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

By VIVIAN LaMOORE, INAAJIMOWIN EDITOR

Mutual respect and understanding is the key piece to strengthening government-to-government relationships and Minnesota's highest ranking elected officials continue to lead by example in creating unprecedented open dialog between state and tribal governments while protecting tribal sovereignty and placing value on the benefits of collaboration. On Wednesday, June 1, Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan officially visited the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation to sit down and intently listen to the Band's elected and appointed officials share their accomplishments and concerns.

The Governor and Lt. Governor were welcomed to the Bidaabinookwe Government Center with a welcome and an honor song by Little Otter singers followed by a discussion with Band officials in Band Assembly Chambers. After a meal the guests made a visit to Nay Ah Shing Abinoojiiyag Elementary School to visit with staff and students.

Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin welcomed Governor

Waltz and Lt. Governor. Flanagan stating she is very appreciative of the relationship with the state of Minnesota and the Governor's administration. "I want to repeat that I have never had such a strong working relationship with a Governor and Lt. Governor. You set the bar high."

Significant discussions dialed in on the government-to-government relationships between the State of Minnesota and all Minnesota Tribal nations, and in particular the Mille Lacs Band. While there is still work to be done, the



Governor Waltz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan.

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Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures is an active community partner in hosting cohorts of Enterprise Academy in partnership with the Initiative Foundation. Training through Enterprise Academy is the first pillar to success leading to the business incubator.

BAND TO RECEIVE \$3.1 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

Funding to be used to create a Tribal Business Incubator to support entrepreneurs

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, announced the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$3.1 million grant to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, Minnesota, to construct a new Tribal Business Incubator to support entrepreneurs. This grant is funded by the American Rescue Plan's Indigenous Communities program.

Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) will use the investment to build business incubators to aid Tribal and non-Tribal entrepreneurs and businesses within the Mille Lacs Tribal economy by providing them with resources to exceed in their specialties. The news comes after a triumph of support to Indigenous communities by the EDA. Their actions encourage economic growth within Tribal economies across the region. With this gracious offering, MLCV will continue to keep

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POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

Are you between the ages of 15 and 19 and interested in the possibility of exploring a career in law enforcement? The Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police recently began the Police Explorer Program for youth just like you.

Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police will educate young men and women in the field of law enforcement through classroom instruction, practical exercises, and local field trips. The curriculum is meant to help the explorer decide if the field of law enforcement is right for them and provide a

sound foundation for which they can build their career.

Those who are interested can submit an application request or questions via email to the Police Explorer Coordinator Office Dusty Burton, dusty.burton@mltpd.com, or by calling the Tribal Police Department main office at 320-532-3430.

Explorers will participate while in uniform. Its purpose is to provide the youth personal awareness of the criminal justice system through trainings, practical experiences, and other activities. The program also provides life skills, teaches leadership experiences, and develops character and citizenship through involvement within our community and

allowing these experiences to prepare the youth to become responsible caring adults. The Mille Lacs Band Police Explorer Program is designed for Mille Lacs Band members between the ages of 15-19 who have a good school attendance record and maintain a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher.



MESSAGE FROM THE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Aaniin, Boozhoo! Band history was made on June 1, 2022, when both the Governor and Lt. Governor of the State of Minnesota visited the Mille Lacs Reservation. To have both of our highest state executives visit together was something that has never happened before. We had a great discussion about ways the State and Band can work together as sovereigns on policies that are good for all Minnesotans. After a wonderful walleye lunch, Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan visited Nay Ah Shing School where they were welcomed by our children. This was a great day that made our strong partnership even stronger.

History was also made on June 21, when President Biden appointed my friend and colleague Lynn Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Tribe, as Treasurer of the United States of America. As Treasurer, she will oversee the U.S. Mint, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and all of this nation's gold held at Fort Knox. Much of that gold originally came from the taking of tribal lands in the 1800s. As I told the attendees of an economic development conference at Mille Lacs, if there was ever an example of poetic justice, this is it.

As Treasurer, Chief Malerba will also serve as a liaison with the Federal Reserve. And her signature — the signature of a Native American woman — will be on every paper bill printed by the U.S. Mint. As one news outlet said, "Move over, Andrew Jackson, a Native American woman's signature will soon be next to your face on the \$20 dollar bill!"

I am sometimes asked about my work on various boards that I sit on. I never accept an invitation to join a board unless the work that organization is engaged in will somehow benefit Band Members. This appointment is an example of the importance our work as tribal leaders to serve on the boards of various organizations. As a Board Member of the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), every chance we get, we have been telling the White House and the Treasury Department that we need an office in Treasury that is focused only on tribal issues. We have actually held several meetings on this topic. President Biden listened. Not only did he appoint Chief Malerba as Treasurer, but he also announced that he is creating the first Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, which will be housed in the Treasury Department. If it were not for the advocacy from NAFOA, this office might have never been created.

In addition to meetings with the Band Assembly, commis-

sioners and Band Members, many other meetings were held throughout June. I held Elder meetings during the first week of June and updated elders about different projects that we are working on. Much of the focus of these meetings was about explaining the non-binding referendum vote held on June 14 as part of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) elections. During this election, voters were asked about their views regarding enrollment, and whether the TEC should consider allowing each Band to determine its own enrollment criteria. As of the writing of this column, the referendum results are not yet available. Whether or not a majority of voters want the MCT to consider changing how members are enrolled, the outcome of this non-binding referendum was just advisory in nature. It was a way to give the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) an idea of whether or not membership are interested in beginning a process to change enrollment. We will share the results of this referendum as soon as results are available.

On June 7, I participated in the ongoing Tribal State Relations Training as a panelist. These trainings are mandatory for state employees who work closely with tribes, and are an opportunity for elected leaders to share guidance with state employees about respecting tribal governments and understanding tribal sovereignty. I participated in the training via Zoom, from the Bois Forte Reservation, because I had been invited to Bois Forte to attend the very exciting and historic celebration of the return of over 28,000 acres of land to the Bois Forte tribe. This was the largest land-return in the history of the United States. Congratulations to Bois Forte Band Members.

Later that same evening, I drove home to attend the Nay Ah Shing graduation celebration, which was an exciting night of firsts. We celebrated the accomplishments of our first early graduate of Nay Ah Shing upper school, Chase Sam, and we also celebrated Alex Mitchell, our first graduate from Oshki – Maajitaadaa, our new alternative learning program. On June 8, I attended the Pine Grove graduation ceremony after being personally invited by our two graduates, which was a very nice event. We are very proud of all our Band graduates.

During the week of June 12, I attended the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians. This year, the conference was held in Anchorage, Alaska. NCAI is an important conference because this is where tribes nationwide gather to take positions on issues of national importance so those

positions can be carried forward to Capitol Hill. We also spent as much time as possible connecting with federal officials in attendance to discuss our Band priorities and try to move those forward.

Immediately upon my return from NCAI, I attended the 29th annual Hinckley Powwow. After two years of being cancelled due to the pandemic, it was wonderful to see everyone together again from all walks of Indian country. Although the weekend was one of the hottest powwow weekends on record, a good time was had by all. Miigwech to the powwow committee for another great powwow.

On June 20, I attended the National Leadership Development Conference hosted by Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. This is an excellent conference. Along with many Band Members and employees, people come from all across the country to participate. After this conference, I drove back over to Mille Lacs to welcome the National Center for American Indian Economic Development (NCAIED), which was hosting a training for people interested in becoming entrepreneurs.

MCT President Cathy Chavers called for an "All Tribes Meeting" at our Intercontinental Hotel held on June 27, 2022. Elected leaders from all 11 Minnesota tribes were invited to attend, where we discussed current state legislative issues and talked together about priorities we can collaborate on. Later that day, we all had an opportunity to meet Jennifer Schultz (D-MN), who is running for the 8th District congressional seat as our representative to the U.S. House of Representatives. I met with other congressional delegation members earlier in the month as well. The Mille Lacs Band has always made certain that we have a strong working relationship with our entire congressional delegation, no matter whether they are — Republicans, Democrats or Independents.

We are only one month into summer, and record-breaking highs in temperature have already been set. Many experts are saying that we should prepare for even hotter weeks to come before the summer is out. I encourage everyone to be careful in this hot weather. It is especially important to check in on Elders during these heat waves to make sure they are doing well. With that, enjoy the summer months and family time spent together.

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BIDEN APPOINTS FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN AS U.S. TREASURER

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, the White House announced President Joe Biden's intent to appoint Marilyn Malerba, who is the Chief of the Mohegan Tribe, to be the Treasurer of the United States and lead a new Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the U.S. Treasury Department. The Treasurer directly oversees the U.S. Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Fort Knox, the Treasury Department said. She will also be a key liaison with the Federal Reserve and a senior advisor to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in the areas of community development and public engagement.

"On behalf of Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations (WEWIN), we congratulate the honorable Chief Lynn Malerba, who was just named by President Biden as Treasurer of the United States. As Native women, this is a moment in history we will forever remember. Our sister, a brilliant and

accomplished leader, will oversee the U.S. Mint, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Fort Knox. She will also serve as Liaison to the Federal Reserve and oversee the new Office of Tribal and Native Affairs. Chief Malerba is a wise woman with exceptional character and great vision and is so deserving of this honor. On behalf of WEWIN, we congratulate and thank President Biden for this extraordinary selection and congratulate the entire nation. The Treasury is in excellent hands. This is a wonderful day for our country."

- Statement by WEWIN Treasurer, Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin, and WEWIN President Susan Masten.



Chief Marilyn Malerba (second from the right) with Native American Finance Officers Association Board Members, President Cristina Danforth (farthest left) and Secretary Melanie Benjamin (farthest right). (Screenshot from Native American Finance Officers Association.)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

GET TO KNOW THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF

*As part of an on-going series:
Meet Dibikwe, Valerie
Harrington-Wind*

What are your title and duties with Mille Lacs Band Legislative Branch?

My title is Legislative Chief Communications Officer and I'm honored to be able to use my education and experience with the Legislative Branch. Some of my duties include obtaining, deciphering, and communicating information provided to and from the Legislative Branch. I also provide comprehensive and extensive information gathering and analysis and professionally interact with the constituents, elected officials, Commissioners, Legislative Branch counsel, departments, and Legislative Branch team members in an ongoing effort to achieve the goals and aspirations set by the Legislative Branch. In addition, I also attend meetings and events integral to the Legislative Branch and represent the branch at all levels Federal, State, and Tribal.

What does working in Legislative mean to you and what do you value most about your engagement with Legislative Branch and Band members?

Working in the Legislative Branch isn't just a career or title. Working for the Band is extremely valuable and meaningful to me as a Band member. I have the opportunity to be a part of a team that is committed to doing what is best for all Band members. What I value most is the transparency and the value of Band member input. I value learning from the elected officials as well as my fellow team members and I value the Band members we serve.

What motivates you in working in the Legislative Branch?

What motivates me is knowing we are making a difference in Legislation that will impact the future for us as Band members. I'm also motivated by the importance of Band member and Band employee voices being heard and being an important part of the legislation process. Working in the Legislative Branch is motivating as the work we are doing as a team is fundamental to the Band members. The work we do is for the Band members and what's best for the future. Being a part of that is very motivational as well as being positive and finding solutions. The importance of three branch meetings and how being a part of those meetings to see how they work together to get all viewpoints for a solution, and making sure the solutions are within statute and in the best interest of the tribe and tribal members

What is something significant that you are proud of accomplishing with the Legislative Branch?

I'm grateful I get the opportunity to be a part of something that's going to impact the future of our tribe and there are many small and large accomplishments that have been achieved. I am most proud of being a part of a team that works together with the best interest of the Band and is open to new ideas and suggestions. I am most proud of being a part of the Band Assembly Meetings being livestreamed. I think that is vital for us as Legislative and for us as Band members to give the op-



Valerie Harrington-Wind.

portunity for people to view that have a vested interest in Band business. We are able to see agendas, view the livestream, and view archived videos. I value the transparency of the Legislative branch and the importance of ensuring Band members are aware and a part of legislation process. Maybe someday there can be a behind the scenes look at the Legislative Branch on one of the social media platforms that show the daily business of Legislative.

How would you describe the Legislative Branch to a Band member that may not know about the Branch?

There are many fascinating things about the Legislative Branch. The Legislative Branch is an equally important part of the three branch government system. The Legislative Branch comprises the Band Assembly which is made up of the District Representatives and the Speaker of the Assembly. The Legislative Branch is responsible for legislation, passing new laws, revising laws, allocating and approving revenue, approving budgets, ratifying appointed officials, and overseeing the Office of Management and Budget. Band Assembly is conducted every Wednesday and is available to be viewed in person or through livestreaming. You can view current and past meetings on the Mille Lacs Band website at www.millelacsband.com there is a tab for livestreaming under the Anishinaabe tab. You are more than welcome to come and watch Band Assembly in person and you can ask questions about Legislative or any Band Government business. Also Band members can search the tribal register which is a convenient tool to learn more about the acts and deeds of the bands business on the band's website at <https://millelacsband.com/government/tribal-register>.

Is there anything else you would like to share with Band members about you or the Legislative Branch?

It's an honor to work for the Band and I am excited to share about the Legislative Branch. I am grateful to be a part of the Legislative team and I would like to thank the Elected Officials and the Legislative staff for all the hard work and the commitment to making sure we do what's best for the Government, the Band, the Band members, and our future generations. If you ever have questions or want to know more about the Legislative Branch, please call or stop in.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

The General Election was held on June 14, 2022. The official results are as follows:

Harry Richard Davis received 100 votes for 61.35%

Wallace Ervin St. John received 63 votes for 38.65%.

Total votes cast: 163 for 100%.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Please join the elected leaders and fellow Band members as we inaugurate three elected Band Assembly members and one Nay Ah Shing School Board member.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. Swearing-in Ceremony with lunch to follow.

WHERE: Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events & Convention Center

HONORING:

Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Boyd

Incoming District II Representative Wendy Merrill

Incoming District II Representative Harry Davis

Re-elected School Board member Joe Nayquonabe Sr.

BAND ASSEMBLY NOTES

Tuesday, May 31, 2022: Legislative hosted a Pre-Band Assembly meeting to discuss the agenda items. Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2022. Reports and Presentations: Capital Project Formal Notifications & Formal Requests, Joseph S. Nayquonabe.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Band Assembly Bill 20-01-51-22 (APB Appropriation), CMD Contract w/ EX Excavating, LLC, Administration Contract w/Tribal Consulting Services, LLC, and FY 2022 Quarter 3 Capital Projects. Other: MLCV Formal Requests. There was discussion, comments and questions on each item. Discussed various items. Work Session schedule. Master Projects List review.

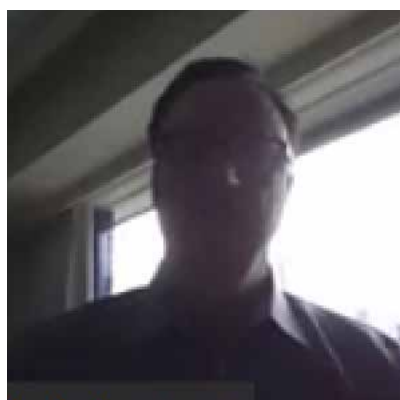
Representatives lastly held open discussion of their legislative agendas, ideas and requests.

Nomination: A letter dated May 26, 2022 from the District I Representative nominating Lana Oswaldson and Danielle Smith to fill the vacant position on the Tribal Employment Rights Office. Current term ends December 1, 2022. Nomination for Lana Oswaldson with a roll call vote requested. Nomination for Lana Oswaldson passed.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022: Legislative hosted a weekly sync meeting to discuss non-meeting items. The work session schedule was discussed along with legislative priorities review. The work session included a Title 3 legal presentation by the legal staff.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022: No Band Assembly scheduled. The work session included a presentation by the legal staff on the draft of the Rules of Band Assembly.

Thursday, June 16, 2022: Legislative held a work session for the Band Assembly members and Legislative staff. The legal staff presented on Title 3 Legislative Branch draft bill amendments and Title 15 Tribal Employment draft bill amendments.



VIRTUAL SWEARING-IN OF NEW INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andy Christensen, Carol Peterfeso, and Kate Davis were sworn virtually in on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, for the Institutional Investment Committee during Band Assembly.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Supreme Court: State is not obligated to defend Mille Lacs officials: The state of Minnesota is not obligated to defend the Mille Lacs County Attorney Joseph Walsh and Mille Lacs County Sheriff Don Lorge in a federal lawsuit filed by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, June 8. "The dispute in this case is whether Walsh and Lorge were "employees of the state" when they undertook the conduct that is the subject of the Federal Lawsuit. We hold that Walsh and Lorge were not employees of the State and, accordingly, are not eligible for defense and indemnification under the State Tort Claims Act. We therefore affirm the decision of the court of appeals upholding the dismissal of appellants' claims for defense and indemnification from the State," Judge Paul Thissen wrote in the court's opinion. He also stated that this decision does not bear on the active federal case. "The merits of the Federal Lawsuit are not before us." *Mille Lacs Messenger*

What the end of Roe v. Wade means for abortion rights in Minnesota and elsewhere: The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday, June 24, 2022, overturned Roe v. Wade, effectively ending the era of federal protection for legal abortion across the United States. The opinion was issued in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which challenged Mississippi's ban on abortion after 15 weeks. Here's what the end of Roe means for Minnesota and neighboring states.

The U.S. returns to the pre-Roe status quo, in which individual states are free to regulate or outright ban abortions within their borders. In many states, access to abortion will likely be determined by which major party controls the legislature and governor's office. Minnesota is one of the states where abortion is likely to remain legal. Abortion access is constitutionally protected in Minnesota under the 1995 state Supreme Court decision in Doe v. Gomez, though there are restrictions such as a 24-hour waiting period, mandated counseling and a requirement that minors notify both parents. Changing the state Constitution would require either a voter-approved amendment or a reversal by the state's top court, while additional abortion restrictions are possible if Republicans sweep both chambers and the governor's office. *Star Tribune*

Tim Walz, Scott Jensen react to historic Supreme Court reversal of Roe v. Wade; what it means for Minnesota: Gov. Tim Walz reacted to the news, stating that as long as he is governor, "we will not turn back the clock on reproductive rights." In a tweet, he said, "Minnesotans deserve to decide for themselves when to make the most important decision of their lives – whether or not to become a parent. Today, that fundamental right to personal freedom and privacy – a right that we have held for half a century – was overturned."

GOP gubernatorial candidate Dr. Scott Jensen, who has previously vowed to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape and incest, issued a reaction to the ruling saying that if he becomes governor he will "seek out loving and caring alternatives like universal adoption, family planning measures to prevent pregnancies and policies like counseling and alternative referrals, medical assistance and other measures that value people – both born and unborn." *Bring Me the News*.



By MILLE LACS CORPORATE VENTURES

Temperatures are rising, along with the demand and cost of resources — including energy. This is precisely why it was the perfect time for Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV) to officially commission its solar array in Hinckley, Minn. The ribbon cutting ceremony included speeches from Melanie Benjamin (Chief Executive of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Joseph Nayquonabe (CEO of MLCV), as well as Gary Morris (Executive Director, Development at NextEra Energy Resources), Rebecca Sher (Project Director, Tribal Relations at NextEra Energy Resources), Justin Jahnz (CEO of East Central Energy), Terry Lovgren (Pine County Commissioner), and Steve Hallan (Chair, Pine County Board of Commissioners).

The appeal of using renewable resources is much more than an economic strategy for MLCV. In holding true to the organization's values and traditions, the solar array will help preserve the sacred land where it is built. The goal is to lessen the carbon footprint made by MLCV and its subsidiary organizations.

"Today, the world is really caught in the cycle of relying on fossil fuels. We all know that those are destroying our Earth and climate. As a tribal government, we really work hard to make sure that, whatever we do, we are preventing climate change," explains Melanie Benjamin, Executive Chief of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

It is clear the solar array is already making a major impact. Since going live on May 3, 2022, it has already had the same effect as planting more than 18,000 trees and has lowered carbon emissions by 725,000 pounds. And this is just the beginning.

Located near the powwow arena, where the Ojibwe customs and traditions are honored, the solar array holds the

promise of a sustainable future. "This location crosses a line between generations – the beautiful history and culture our ancestors left us and those generations that will come after us. This, the project of the future, sits in the shadows of that and is a great unity of those two things. I really appreciate the partnerships we've formed to bring this project to fruition," says Joseph Nayquonabe, CEO of MLCV.

An extraordinary partnership between MLCV, the Mille Lacs Band, NextEra Energy Resources, and ECE brought the solar array to life. This project came to life by the guidance and leadership of the District III Representative, Wally St. John. "This was important to me to get this operational for the future indigenous people of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe," said St. John. "It has been a major initiative of mine during my administration as it was requested by my constituents. I am thankful to Joe Nayquonabe, Jr. and his team for bringing this project to the Hinckley area."

NextEra Energy Resources developed and will own and operate the solar array; ECE will purchase the array's output and sell to MLCV for a defined period. MLCV is leasing the land to NextEra for free over the next 30 years.



District III Representative Wally St. John.

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pushing forward to keep our communities thriving for years to come.

This investment is a good example of EDA's commitment to Indigenous communities, as well as to addressing Equity as one of its top investment priorities. This grant will provide a space for start-ups and other Tribal businesses to operate and access technical assistance to help them grow. The EDA investment is expected to create 75 jobs and generate \$2 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

"President Biden is committed to ensuring that our communities are provided with the resources they need to diversify and grow their economies," said Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo. "The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe business incubator project will spur private investment and job creation throughout the reservation."

"The Economic Development Administration is dedicated to working with communities to support their locally-driven strategies to recover and rebuild from the pandemic," said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Y. Castillo. "This project will deliver critical resources to entrepreneurs on the Mille Lacs Band Reservation that will help diversify the local economy and build resiliency for decades to come."

"This federal funding will make a real difference for the Mille Lacs Band Reservation, helping establish a business incubator that will boost small businesses and spur entrepreneurship," said Senator Amy Klobuchar. "I'll keep pushing to make sure our tribal communities have the resources they need to pursue economic opportunities."

"Minnesota's Tribal Nations have deep cultural and economic significance across our state," said Senator Tina Smith. "I am pleased to announce this investment in the Mille Lacs Band reservation in Minnesota, which will help to grow and diversify the local economy. This investment, made possible by the American Rescue Plan, will create jobs and generate private investment so that the local economy can build back stronger in the wake of the pandemic."

This project is funded under EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities program, which allocates \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding specifically to support the needs of Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities. The program supports these partners to develop and execute economic development projects they need to recover from the pandemic and build economies for the future. Indigenous communities are also eligible and encouraged to apply under all of EDA's other programs.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

A new quarter honors Native American leader and activist Wilma Mankiller: Wilma Mankiller is being honored with a new U.S. quarter. The Wilma Mankiller quarter is the third coin released under a U.S. Mint program celebrating the achievement of diverse prominent women in American history. Mankiller led the Cherokee Nation from 1985 to 1995 and is credited with boosting tribal enrollment and employment and reforming the tribe's programs for health, children and housing. On one side of the quarter there's a portrait of President George Washington. The other side you'll find the late chief in a traditional shawl. On her left is the seven-pointed star of the Cherokee Nation. *NPR*

Interior Department won't disclose location of Native American burial sites: The locations of unmarked graveyards at Native American boarding schools will remain unknown to the general public, despite the Department of the Interior's work to uncover them. The federal agency and experts in Native American affairs said disclosing details of the sites could expose those burial grounds to looters and continues to be a delicate issue that requires tribal consultation and approval. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a member of Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico, launched a federal investigation last year into the long history of Native American boarding schools in the U.S., which aimed to assimilate children into European and American culture. The investigation, prompted by the discovery of thousands of child graves at Indigenous schools in Canada, includes naming the hundreds of schools and finding marked and unmarked gravesites. *The Santa Fe New Mexican*

Bois Forte celebrates historic return of tribal land: More than 28,000 acres of reservation land lost a century ago is back under band ownership. "This is historic for Indian Country," said Bois Forte Chair Cathy Chavers. "We are proud to be here today to bring this back to our people. Our ancestors are looking down upon us, and they are very happy." The reclaimed lush forestland falls within the Nett Lake and Deer Creek sections of the northern Minnesota reservation, accounting for 21% of its combined acreage. It was lost to Bois Forte 120 years ago when the federal government sold it to timber companies and homesteaders, with the Potlatch lumber company eventually coming to own the bulk of it. In recent years, tribal nations throughout the country have been buying back land lost more than a century ago through the disregard of treaties as well as legislation designed to assimilate Native Americans into white culture. The sale, tribal leaders said, represents the return of a huge part of their homeland, ensuring hunting, gathering, fishing and trapping land for "our children, our children's children and the future of Bois Forte," Chavers said. "We never dreamed this would ever be possible." The national nonprofit Conservation Fund bought more than 70,000 acres of Minnesota forestland from the PotlatchDeltic Corp. for \$48 million in 2020, with the intention of returning the large swaths within reservation boundaries to their tribal nations. The Conservation Fund worked with the band and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation to make the sale a reality. *Star Tribune*.



GOV. AND LT. GOVERNOR VISIT NAY AH SHING SCHOOL

Governor Tim Waltz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan made a point to visit Nay Ah Shing Abinoojiiyag Elementary School during their visit to the Mille Lacs Band Reservation on June 1, 2022. TOP: They toured the STEM room and paid particular attention the explanation of the robotics area. LEFT: The Lt. Gov. (center) and Governor addressed the students in the circle and received handwritten and colored personalized cards from the students.

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tide is shifting towards a greater understanding of tribal sovereignty and the less-than-ideal government relationships of the past.

During Governor Waltz opening statement he said he and the Lt. Governor are "Well aware that the relationship between the state of Minnesota and our tribal brothers and sisters has not been good...it has certainly never been about sovereignty and respecting the rights of the First Minnesotans. It was good driving today to see the signs noting the 1855 Treaty Boundaries as they should be," which was greeted by a round of applause from those in attendance.

The Governor noted the focus of his administration. "With the help of Chief Executive Benjamin and the counsel here and other tribal sisters and brothers [the focus] is wanting to make Minnesota the best example in the country of how this should work," Governor Waltz said. "How the respect goes both ways and how working together and having a clear understanding that there are sovereign decisions to be made."

The Governor continued citing the relationship with the Chief Executive has been built on mutual respect. "Friends tell friends when they are not getting it right — and that's the way it is supposed to be — and saying we must do better. That ability, now, to be able to work through those issues and solve problems is showing maturity. It is very import to us to establish this for every future administration that follows. It is not a choice, and you are not doing a favor by visiting our tribal nations. It is the responsibility of the Governor of Minnesota to

work on a nation-to-nation status and that expectation should simply be where things start."

Lt. Governor Flanagan reiterated the improvement of government-to-government relationships with all of Minnesota Tribes and, "In particular, Mille Lacs, that have strengthened the work that we do every day here in Minnesota and across the United States. When Anishinaabe Indian people get out and vote, they make a difference," said Lt. Governor Flanagan.

Lt. Governor Flanagan said building trust, "is the reason I am here. I know that we don't always get it right. And I appreciate the feedback and the accountability."

Commissioners and others in attendance each had a few minutes to give updates for the Governor and Lt. Governor including Corporate Commissioner Joe Nayquonabe Jr., Deputy Assistant Baabiitaw Boyd, Commissioner of Finance Mel Towle, Solicitor General Caleb Dogeagle, and Tribal Police Chief James West. Elder Joe Nayquonabe Sr. also had a moment to speak with the Governor and Lt. Governor. They listened intently and appeared to be impressed by the accomplishments and concerned about areas that needed greater attention.

The Governor and Lt. Governor were enthusiastic during their visit to Nay Ah Shing school. They appeared to be impressed specifically by the STEM class robotics and were seemingly charmed by the heartwarming smiles and the personalized cards drawn by the students with crayons and colored pencils. Nay Ah Shing students were even treated to the ever-popular selfie with Lt. Governor Flanagan.

JULY IS NATIONAL PICNIC MONTH

FUN IN THE SUN HEALTHY EATING

By Jackie Gluck (Braun), MS, RDN Diabetes Program Coordinator



The warmer weather has finally arrived and it is time for outdoor activities, including picnics and barbecues! Check out these three tips to help you stay healthy and enjoy your favorite summer activities.

On the Grill

Lean meats, such as 90 percent or more lean beef, venison, turkey, chicken, and fish are lower in fat and calories than most hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. Remember to keep portions in check with a common portion size of protein being about 3 oz. Cook foods to the proper internal temperature, using a thermometer to check (ground beef and pork to 160° F, ground turkey and chicken to 165° F).

You can also grill up your favorite vegetables. Try making skewers of chopped red peppers, zucchini, squash, mushrooms, and eggplant. The sky is the limit for the amount of

fresh vegetables you can cook on the grill this summer!

Even fruits, such as halved peaches or sliced pineapple, can be put on the grill. The heat caramelizes the natural sugars in the fruit, turning tart fruit into sweet treats!

Rethink Your Drink

Adequate hydration is key on a hot, summer day. Limit sodas and juices and instead choose water or seltzer. Add a mixture of your favorite fruits, vegetables, and herbs, such as oranges, berries, watermelon, cucumbers, or mint. This will spice up your drink with a little flavor!

Limit the amount of alcohol you drink on a hot day. Alcohol can cause you to become dehydrated. Moderate alcohol consumption is two drinks per day for men, and one drink per day

for women per the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Food Safety

Bacteria grows most rapidly in temperatures between 40 and 140° F. It is important to keep food out of this “Danger Zone” to prevent food-borne illness.

Keep hot foods at a temperature at or above 140° F. Keep cold perishable foods at 40° F or below in a cooler until being served. Do not keep hot or cold foods out for longer than 2 hours or one hour if temperatures are above 90° F. All hot and cold foods that are left out for longer than 2 hours should be thrown away.

Finally, make sure to have a good time! This is what barbecues and picnics are all about. Be mindful during these events and enjoy them.



MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

By ROSE NOONDAY, MILLE LACS BAND ELDER

This article by the late Rose Noonday was first published in the Mille Lacs Messenger. It is reprinted here to preserve her teachings and bring them to the next generation.

I grew up in a big family. I had seven brothers and one sister. I was the second-youngest. Now I'm the only one left.

I was born and raised in Isle. We all managed to live in a two-room house. I often wonder how we all were able to live in such a small house. It's a big difference from now and then.

But I was also gone a lot, gone away to an Indian boarding school for six years in Pipestone. We were all sent away to school, all except my sister, because she was smaller than the rest of us. I would come home in the summer and didn't remember a word in Ojibwe because we had to speak English at school. But Ojibwe would come back to me during the summertime, and I'd learn it all over again.

Me and my siblings were crazy!

There were days when all of us kids used to play together. We used to push a big wheel up the hill, and then all get in and ride down. We could do that all day. We didn't have anything else to play with. The kids now want everything they see. I tell my greatgrandchildren that when I was young, we didn't have anything, but look at all the toys you have now.

During my younger years, we didn't have much. When I would get a dime, I thought that was a lot of money. I always had to work. I think of all the work years ago, hauling water and firewood. Now you can just turn on the faucet or the heat.

In the summertime, I would go with my mom and aunt to pick berries of all kinds — Juneberries, raspberries, chokecherries, blueberries. My mom would can all that stuff, and sometimes we would sell it. In the fall, we would harvest wild rice. It was hard for me at first. My mother wanted me to guide her in the boat. I started out good, but I couldn't steer the boat and I kept going towards open water. But eventually I learned how after she told me how to go into the rice paddies.

I thought that was fun, and it gave me something to do. Then when we got back, we would bring the rice in and dry it, then parch it, and then my dad and brothers would thrash it with their feet while me and my mother would fan it.

I learned a lot of stuff in my younger years. I used to go with my mom

when she would pick roots for medicine. That was many years ago. Now I only remember what sage looks and smells like. Somebody taught me that raspberry root helps with pink eye. You clean it up and let it dry, then

take a little bit and put it in warm water and let it dissolve, and then put it in the person's eye.

We were also taught some things not to do, like whistle at night, because when you whistle at night, you're calling spirits. I always listened to my parents when they told me things like that. One of my grandsons says he whistles at night, and I told him, "One of these days you're gonna hear something back when you whistle!"



988 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

Text NATIVE to 741741 for Immediate Native American-Specific Help

By VIVIAN LaMOORE, STAFF WRITER

When your house is on fire, or someone you know is experiencing a heart attack, you do not hesitate to call 911. But when you are in an emotional/mental health crisis, what do you do? Beginning on July 16, 2022, you will be able to use a simple easy-to-remember three-digit number that will give you direct access to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis counselors. All you need to do is call or text 988.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Native youth ages 10-24. The US suicide rate is up 33% since 1999, but for Native American women and men, the increase is even greater: 139% and 71%, respectively, according to an analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. A 2018 CDC report found Native American/Alaskan Native suicide rate was more than 3.5 times higher than those among racial and ethnic groups with the lowest rates.

Suicide is preventable. If you or someone you know is in crisis, you will be able to call or text to 988. The service is provided free to the caller, of any age, and will be available 24/7. Callers will be able to talk to a trained counselor on any emotional crisis, and is not limited to suicide. According to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, the crisis worker will use active listening to assess risk, determine if a person is in danger, and assist the person in feeling better and ac-

cessing resources. If the crisis worker believes the caller is in danger, they will work with the caller to create a safety plan that does not require calling emergency services. Community members will be able to receive confidential services during mental health emergencies with minimal involvement of police or hospitals.

According to the National Helpline website, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) will transition to the phone number 988. Moving to a 3-digit code will transform the way we can reach out for mental health help and support. The FCC selected the 988 number to elevate the awareness for mental health crisis response to the same level as calling 911 for other emergencies. It's anticipated that 911 and 988 will quickly become the two most recognized and important phone numbers.

If you live in an area that does not have reliable phone call service, texting often works better. You can send a text to 988 to connect to a crisis worker. You can also text the word NATIVE to 741741 to give you access to a Native American-specific crisis worker. Of course, 988 may be an easier number to remember.

If you are struggling with emotional distress, experiencing suicidal thoughts, or if you are concerned about a family member or friend with a mental health or substance use issue, please call or text 988.

HEALTH BRIEFS

WOOD TICKS

Most tick bites are painless and cause only minor signs and symptoms, such as a change in skin color, swelling, or a sore on the skin.

But some ticks transmit bacteria that cause illnesses, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. In general, to transmit Lyme disease a tick needs to be attached to a person's skin for at least 36 hours. Other infections can be transferred in a few hours or even a few minutes.

Repell

Apply insect repellent according to the manufacturer's recommendations

- To skin: repellent containing up to 30% DEET
- To gear and clothing: permethrin

Wear long pants and long sleeves if there is a chance of tick exposure.

Remove tick as soon as possible.

- Use a fine tip tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as you can.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick.
- After removing the tick, clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.
- Take a photo of the tick and dispose of the tick by flushing the tick down the toilet or sticking the tick to a piece of tape and throwing it in the garbage. If you would like to bring the tick to your healthcare provider for identification, put it in rubbing alcohol or place it in a sealed bag/container.

Your provider may need to see the tick if you develop symptoms.

When to contact your doctor

If symptoms appear:

- Rash
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Joint swelling and pain.

Treatment for tick borne diseases should be based on symptoms, history of exposure to ticks, and in some cases, blood test results. Most tick borne diseases can be treated with a short course of antibiotics. In some cases, a single dose of doxycycline after a tick bite may lower your risk of Lyme disease. Consult your doctor if there is a concern for Lyme disease.

PASSENGER SAFETY IS A SNAP

SNAP — safe Native American passenger training — is held on the first Tuesday of each month from 1 to 5 p.m. Contact Kristina Abear at 320-532-7814 or kristina.abear@hhs.millelacsband-nsn.gov to sign up.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS

The Women's Healing Group meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., and the Men's Empowerment Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. Both groups meet at the old District I Community Center across from Grand Casino Mille Lacs. All are welcome!

FIRST AID AND CPR CLASSES AT HHS BUILDING

As part of the Band's Community Risk Reduction or CRR efforts, First Aid and CPR classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month in the Family Services training room at the Health and Human Services building in District I. Family Services staff and foster parents have priority, after which it is open to other departments and community members. There is a \$10 fee for certification cards if participants would like them. Cards are free for Family Services staff and foster parents. Contact Kristina Abear at 320-532-7814 or kristina.abear@hhs.millelacsband-nsn.gov to sign up.

BABY FORMULA

Parents in our communities may have been experiencing a baby formula shortage and may be worried about finding enough infant formula to feed their babies. According to Mille Lacs Band Health and Human Services, availability of getting formula has improved since May on some of the most popular formulas.

Here are some formula guidelines:

- Standard formulas (non-medical): If you can't find your usual formula, look for appropriate substitutes (store posting or WIC website). Call the store before traveling to check availability. Find out when the next shipment is expected. Don't hoard, try a 10-14 day supply.
- Medical formulas: If unable to locate in store, contact medical provider — hospitals/clinics are being prioritized over stores and WIC.
- Imports — Kendamil (UK) and Aussie Bubs (Australia): read the packaging, the mixing instructions are different. Pay attention to scoop sizes could be different directions for each can of formula if different brands.
- Using alternatives to formula: Some older infants (6 months or older) may be able to use cow's milk — discuss with medical provider. Do not use nut milks (almond, oat). Do not make homemade formula
- Breastfeeding — Contact WIC for education and support.

Please reach out to our WIC Coordinator, Donna Sutton, RN — 320-630-2443.

More information or questions: Donna Sutton (WIC) (320) 630-2443 or <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/>

Please call if you need information on:

- Needing WIC updates
- Needing Formula for your baby
- Questions on formula substitutions
- Questions on scoop sizing
- Questions on WIC benefits

If you would like to see a provider about formula substitutions, please feel to call the clinic and make an appointment.

Ne-la-Shing Clinic appointment line: 320-532-4163



SHINING STAR

FROM CRAYONS TO THE DIGITAL AGE

Chase Sam does not always color within the lines — and that's okay

By VIVIAN LaMOORE, INAAJIMOWIN EDITOR

Creativity began to show up at a very young age for Chase Sam. Keeping her fully stocked in crayons was a challenge for her parents, Naomi and Garrett Sam because Chase believed her entire world was a blank canvas upon which to draw, color, and cover with colorful stickers — including the walls of their home. All she wanted to do was to add some color and share her happiness with her friends and family. Chase is now 17 years young and is sharing her talents with the world.

Chase hasn't always colored within the lines. If she had stayed on the average high school schedule, she would have just finished her junior year at Nay Ah Shing and would be spending her summer planning on becoming a senior in the fall. Instead, she chose an accelerated path and not only did she graduate from high school one year early, she was also the valedictorian for the class of 2022, and earned college credits while doing so.

"I am thankful for the fact that the school provided me with the opportunity to do my own work at a pace faster than the pace that was provided," Chase said. "On top of that, the Central Lakes College (CLC) Upward Bound program works with the school to provide college pointers and have a PSEO [Post-Secondary Enrollment Options] program which I was involved in as well."

Through the PSEO program at CLC, Chase was able to earn the credits needed to fulfill her junior and senior year academic obligations in one year and graduate from Nay Ah Shing one year early while also earning college credits towards a degree. "I wasn't really focused on working towards my AA Degree, but I did earn college credits that will go towards a degree when I am ready. I wanted to finish early, in order to focus on other things. The credits applied to both college and high school," Chase said.



She has always been driven to finish high school early. She began thinking about it when she was in the sixth grade. But she left that thought behind for a while until she talked to advisors at the beginning of this year. "And I thought, why not grab that opportunity while I can

and take the initiative to do it." And so she did.

Softspoken and humble, Chase will be spending her summer focused on her art and developing her art portfolio to be used for her college application, while also putting her imagination to work as an independent contractor with Rosetta Stone by contributing her artwork to the Ojibwe language learning programs.

This is not the traditional pencil and paper sketch artist work. Most of her work is done digitally using a software program called Procreate that turns her iPad into a digital studio she can take anywhere. "It works like a digital sketch pad," she said. "It is a fairly simple program to work with. I have seen some other very talented artists use Adobe Illustrator, but I just



don't have the resources to invest in that program right now."

Path to Rosetta Stone

Chase has three siblings, all girls: Ronni 21, Mia 19, and Levi 11. When asked if she was the only talented member of her family, she quickly smiled and firmly stated, "No! We are all talented!" She said she was inspired to do more with her artistic talents in combination with the Ojibwe language because of her grandmother, the late Panji Gahbow. She was quick to add that her grandpa Darrell Sam is a talented and inspirational artist as well.

Chase attended an Ojibwe language symposium where she connected with the other brilliantly talented Ojibwe artists such as Steve Premo, Jonathan Thunder, and Wesley Ballinger. "They just took a liking to me, I guess, and helped to mentor me," she said shyly.

Her artwork has been showcased at Nay Ah Shing, and staff at the school mentioned it to the Aanjibimaadizing staff, who approached Chase by connecting with her mom, Naomi. Chase was asked to submit a presentation to Rosetta Stone. "I was really nervous as to how it was going to play out. I did not have an iPad, or anything at all," Chase said.

It turns out, it didn't matter what she used to create her presentation, Rosetta Stone liked her work and presented a contract to Chase doing digital illustration for the Ojibwe language learning app.

Chase says while she does have weekly meetings with her contractor, she doesn't think of it as work because she is doing something she is passionate about — drawing. She is given a storyline and from there her imagination and creativity takes over. "They tell me the story and then it is like being given a movie script and the actor acts it out. Only I am given the story line and I just draw what I feel," she said.

Showing an example of one of the panels she had already turned in to Rosetta Stone, Chase was thoughtfully doodling on a barnyard scene with animals. Each animal was unique and due to her interpretation, the illustration needed no explanation. The cow is disapproving; the pig is jealous; the rabbit is carefree and laughing while eating a carrot; and the chicken is shocked and appalled at the entire barnyard.

Summer vacation?

Chase said she is feeling good about finishing her high school career early and humbly gave a few hints at what might

be included in her speech as valedictorian. "Well, I am going to thank my mom and dad for doing the dishes for me so I could study," she said with a shy grin. "There were moments when I wanted to give up, but I didn't. I kept pushing and there were always deadlines I had to meet and so I just did."

She doesn't consider this a typical high school graduate summer vacation. "Whenever I have the chance to sketch, I just start," Chase said. While she will be paying attention to her deadlines for Rosetta Stone, she also plans to spend the summer building her portfolio, finding a summer job or two, and learning to drive. She does have her learner's permit, but would like to gain confidence driving more — especially in the Cities.

"That's where I want to go to college," she said. "I am looking at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. It is right next door to the Minnesota Institute of Art," she explained, adding that it is one of her favorite places to visit, learn, and be inspired. It is also near the International Farmers Market, another of her favorite places to visit.

She will spend the immediate coming weeks trying to find a job, or even two, she said. "College is expensive," she said. "I need save up and also to find as many scholarships as I can. Mom and dad are helping me with that."

What is her favorite thing to draw? She doesn't really have a favorite artistic medium and can sketch just about anything. Given a few moments to think, she quickly sketched a horse while someone was looking over her shoulder. She also admitted that creating graphic design and video illustrations is not out of the question. Right now, she is happy to have her iPad easily accessible in her always present backpack, because she doesn't think her mom would be too happy if she drew on the walls.

"It is true," Naomi said with a laugh. "She would draw on everything. Being recognized publicly in her work is huge. She makes our family very proud. Very proud."

While crayons were her go-to when she was young, she says she feels very confident about where she is right now illustrating on her iPad, and where her future is headed. She knows it is best to choose something you are passionate about. And most of all, it is okay to do life at your own pace and color outside of the lines.

TRANSITIONAL DAYS AT NAY AH SHING

It may be summer vacation for students, but before the last bell rang, it was all fun and games

The last days of school are a bit hard to focus on math and spelling. The students at Nay Ah Shing Schools were treated to an array of activities to burn up a little bit of that summer

energy. Enjoy these photos of the Graduating class of 2022, 5th grade graduation, fun run, and kickball with the cops. More photos available for viewing at Inaajimowin.com/galleries.



BRainerd SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES HISTORY WITH FIRST ROUND DANCE GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Brainerd School District 181 made history on June 1, 2022, hosting its first Round Dance Graduation Celebration for elementary, middle, and seven high school graduates.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

BRainerd SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKING HISTORY

By **MAAJIITAAZIIBKWE, MARY SAM**

Brainerd School District 181 made history on June 1, 2022, hosting its first Round Dance Graduation Celebration for elementary, middle, and seven high school graduates. Brainerd Districts Indigenous student population is about 2 percent, serving over 220 students annually, with many students from Mille Lacs Band, and also tribal representation from throughout the United States. The event was held at Forestview Middle School.

About five years into its development, the Brainerd Native American Education Program and Native American Parent Committee have been working hard to create systemic and lasting change to meet the needs of its Indigenous students and families. Creating a welcoming, inclusive culture and connection has been a key focus for the Native American Education Program, School Board, and the Districts Equity Committee. Parents serving on the committee have tribal affiliations from Mille Lacs, White Earth, Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, and Potawatomi Nations.

Parent Committee member Govinda Budrow shared her excitement about the event. "Visibility is important for all the successes of graduating, transitioning to another stage of life, remaining and reclaiming who you are. Each and every graduate is a victory."

Proud Auntie and Parent Committee member Michelle Berger said, "This was a great step in the right direction to meet the equity goals our Parent Committee is striving to achieve. This is one of the many firsts that will take place in Brainerd School." Michelle is hopeful that these groundbreaking steps will lead towards greater access, success, and a stronger sense of belonging for our young people.

"This was a great honor to help with this event and a lot of fun," said Parent Committee member Tom Adornetto, Potawatomi, newcomer to Minnesota. "It was a great opportunity for me and my children, learning about the round dance, and meeting new Native friends. It's important for us, even as Indigenous people, to expand understanding of our cultural practices. My family is from Oklahoma, I grew up out east and now Brainerd Schools is helping open doors for our kids to learn, celebrate and build community, within an educational setting."

Charles Black Lance, the first Indigenous school board member in Brainerd District and Director of the Central Lakes College TRIO Programs, said, "It was a significant event and effort by the parents of Indigenous students and ISD 181 for the recognition and celebration of key steps through the academic careers of our young people." TRIO Upward Bound provides services to students at Brainerd, Nay Ah Shing, Isle, and Onamia schools to support high school completion and creating a pathway to college. "The district taking action to ensure student success for all students is essential and partnerships within the region support our efforts."

Native American Education Coordinator Ashley Ingebrigstson was grateful to Dan's Catering for providing a wonderful meal and to singers Les and Chris Gahbow.

In addition to increasing student support and cultural events, the district has partnered with Central Lakes College to address equity, including hosting an annual community powwow, which will occur next year, post COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information on the Brainerd Native American Education Program, contact Ashley at 218-454-6142.

Send your news tips to news@millelacsband.com.

SUMMER 2022

HINCKLEY POWWOW

PHOTOS By BILL JONES, BAND MEMBER





YOU'RE INVITED

MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Please join your elected leaders and fellow Band members as we inaugurate three elected Band Assembly Members and one Nay Ah Shing School Board Member.

WHEN

Tuesday, July 12
10am Swearing-In Ceremony
Lunch to follow

WHERE

Grand Casino Mille Lacs Events
and Convention Center

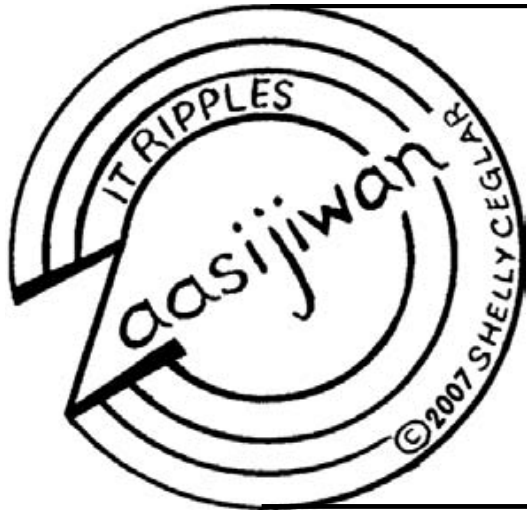
HONORING

Re-elected Secretary-Treasurer – Sheldon Boyd
Incoming District II Representative – Wendy Merrill
Incoming District III Representative – Harry Davis
Re-elected School Board Member – Joe Nayquonabe Sr.

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Niibin—It is Summer

Gaagiigidodaa! Nindikid, “Aaniin. Aaniindi waa-izhaayan niibing?” Gidikid, “Boozhoo, “Niwii-izhaa Miskwaa-zhibikaag. Niwii-mawadishaa Ninoshe.” Niin, “Niwii-pabaamaadiz Waswaaganing ganabaj idash Naagaaajiwanong.” Giin, “Giniim ina?” Niin, “Eya. Niimi’iding gabe-giizhig niniim.” Giin, “Nimbizindawaa a’aw dewe’igan.” Niin, “Nitaa-nagamowag gaye Ingiw negamojig.” Mii’iw.

(Let’s all speak! I say, “Greetings. Where are you going in the summer?” You say, “Greetings, I want to go to Red Clif. I will visit my Auntie.” Me, “I want to travel about to Lac du Flambeau maybe and Fond du Lac.” You, “Do you dance?” Me, “Yes. At the Traditional Dances, all day I dance.” You, “I listen to that drum.” “Me, They are good singers, also those singers. That’s all.”)

Bezhiig—1

OJIBWEMOWIN (Ojibwe Language)

Double vowel system of writing Ojibwemowin.

—Long vowels: AA, E, II, OO

Jiimaan—as in father

Miigwech—as in jay

Gaawiin—as in seen

Noongom—as in moon

—Short Vowels: A, I, O

Gaye—as in about

Gitigaan—as in tin

Bimose—as in only

—A glottal stop is a voiceless nasal sound as in A’aw.

—Respectfully enlist an elder for help in pronunciation and dialect differences.

Future Tense

Future tense markers.

wii—want to **ga**—will

3rd person: **da**—will

Personal prefix, tense marker, hyphenated to the verb.

Bimose—S/he walks. **Nimbimose**—I walk.

Ninga-bimose.—I will walk.

Gibimose.—You walk.

Giga-bimose.—You will walk.

Da-bimose.—S/he will walk

Niwii-bimose.—I want to walk.

Wii-bimose.—They want to walk.

Giwii-bimibaatoo ina? Do you want to run?

Miikanang niwii-bimibaatoo.—On the trail, I want to run.

Niizh—2

Circle the 10 underlined Ojibwe words in the letter maze. (Translations below)

A. Niibing, niwii-gitigaan. Niwii-izhichige agwajiing?

B. Gichi-gizheh, niizho-diba’igan ninga-bimose.

C. Giwii-bimoomig ina? Niwii-bimoomig noongom!

D. Gaawiin niwii-aakozisii. Niwii-mino-ayaa.

E. Giwii-bagiz ina? Eya, gaye niin!

F. Giga-giigooyikemin jiimaaning!

G. Apegish menoseyeg!

A G H E
P A Y A K F
E A J G G L Y
G I G W N A Y E
I A I A W O A N O
S H G J B M O W C D
H J I I M A A N I N G
I B Z I J T I K G I L G
R G H N N I I Z H O N U
O C E G N N S M V E M E
A F B G I T I G A A N P

Niswi—3

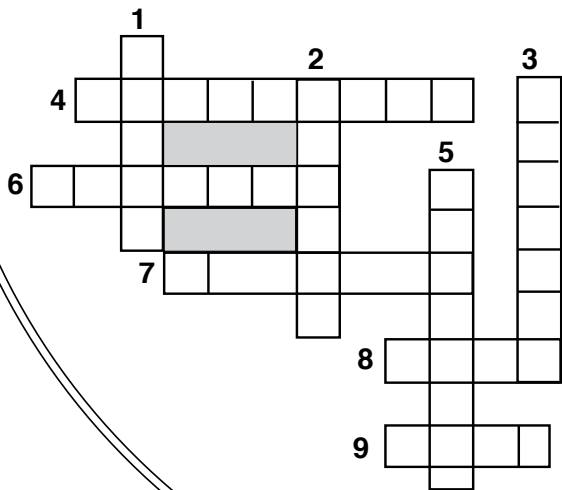
IKIDOWIN ODAMINOWIN (word play)

Down:

- S/he walks.
- Now, today.
- You eat it.
- drum

Across:

- On the trail/road.
- greetings
- My mother’s sister/aunt.
- you
- also



Niiwin—4

VTI-Verbs-Inanimate-Transitive

Root/Command VTI, future tense added
Miijin! Niwii-miijin. Giwii-miijin. Owii-miijin.

Eat it! **I want** to eat it. **You want** to eat it.

S/he wants to eat it.

Aabajitooon. Ninga-abajitooon.

Giga-abajitooon. Oga-abajitooon.

Use it! **I will** use it. **You will** use it.

S/he will use it.

Try Baakinan!—Open it up!

Naagaj—later.

Goojitooon! Try it!

Translation below.

1. Wii-gizheh _____ baakinaan adaawewigamig.

2. Baanima _____ abajitooon o’ow jiimaan Niikaanis.

3. _____ abajitooon i’iw maangaanibaajigan.

4. Wii-naawakweg, _____ miijin giigoowaaboo.

5. Gego maajaaken! _____ miijin ina giigoowaaboo?

Niwii-...

Giga-...

Ninga-...

Giwii-...

Owii-...

Translations:

Niizh—2 A. A. When it is summer, I want to garden. I want to do things outside. B. Early in the mornings, two miles I want to walk. C. Do you want to go ride horse? I want to ride horse now. D. I don’t want to be sick. I want to be healthy. E. Do you want to go swimming? Yes, also me. F. We all want to go fishing in the canoe/boat. G. I wish you good things!

Niswi—3 Down: 1. Bimose 2. Noongom 3. Gimiijin 5. Dewe’igan

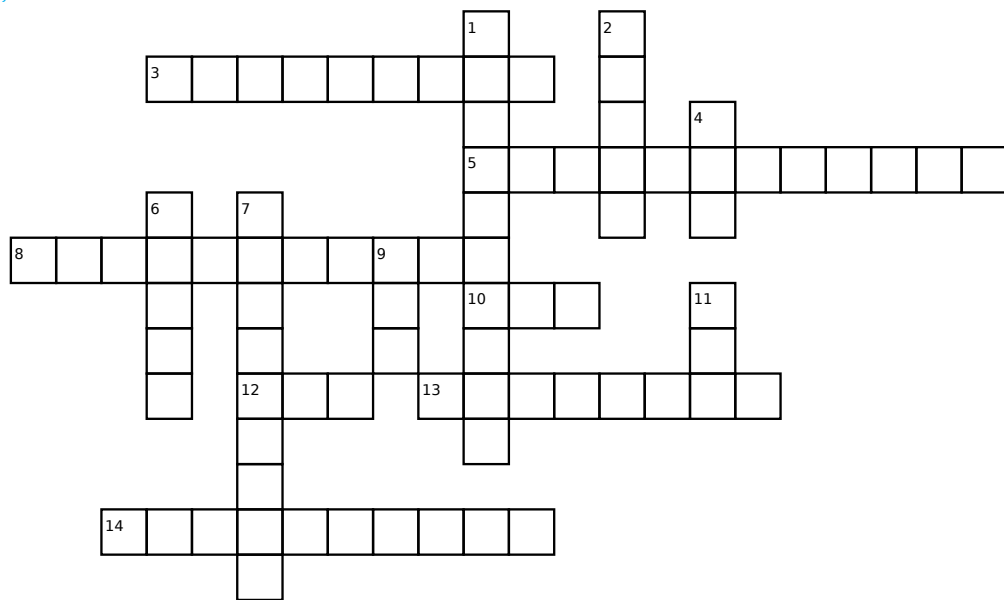
Across: 4. Miikanang 6. Boozhoo 7. Ninoshe 8. Giin 9. Gaye

Niiwin—4 1. In the morning **you will** open the store. 2. Later **he wants** to use this canoe, my brother. 3. **I will** use that shovel. 4. When it is noon, **I want** to eat fish soup. 5. Don’t leave! **Do you want** to eat fish soup?

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AAZHAWAAKWASING MIINI-GIIS

By NAZHIKE, MILLE LACS BAND MEMBER



Down:

1. Gigana-___ i'iw mazinaatesijigan (You are watching tv.)
2. Indaa-___ (I should sleep.)
4. Waawanoon ni-___-miijin. (I want to eat eggs.)
6. Gidaa-azhe-___ (You should go home.)
7. Awegonen waa-___? (What do you want to eat?)
9. Ningiizikaan ___ babinzikawaagan. (I am

Across:

3. ___ ina? (Do you hear me?)
5. Nimbiizikaan o'ow ___. (I am wearing this shirt.)
8. I am listening to you.
10. In___-o-anokii (I should go to work.)
12. Gibakade ___? (Are you hungry?)
13. Ni-___ a'aw ikwe. (I see a woman.)
14. You are laying down for bed.

WE ARE MORE THAN PHYSICAL

By NAZHIKE, MILLE LACS BAND MEMBER

The Anishinaabe have been taken care of since the beginning of time. Gifts we receive in order to sustain our lives are directly given to us at birth. The constraints of the physical world means there must be a physical acceptance. Similar to birthday presents. The presents pile up on the table and we must open them. Then, further, we need to put them to use or they sit there idle until the day we pick them up. It is then they serve their purpose to us.

The manidoog gifted us with so much. There are gifts that we may not even know we have — forgotten help from the spirits. We have a way to consult with manidoog. Sounds like sci-fi but it's real. Our connections can grow. Guidance can be received. Have you ever had that gut feeling? That's your spirit guiding you. How do we better tune our frequency? Exercise it.

Physical representation exists. Blueberries, strawberries, trees, the sun. They all have spiritual energy while dealing with the constraints of this physical world. Action is needed with spiritual intent to receive the bimaadiziwin within. We can buy an iPhone but we need to charge it to keep it powered. We need to regularly update it to keep it running smoothly. We can adjust the brightness and sound. The same is done with our spiritual energy. It's already there. We need to use it, exercise it, and care for it. That's our inner spirit, Gijichaagwaninaan.

What is there? Opwaagan, asemaa, feathers, and drums. There is midewin, big drum, sweatlodge, fasting, and namings. Plenty of items and events with the items in different combi-



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NAZHIKE

related. It is more than just being a physical Anishinaabe. We are given that linkage which gives us the responsibility to honor the manidoog and our ancestors. There are physical and mental capacities that we need to deliberately attain to fulfill our essence as Anishinaabe people, as individuals, and as a community.

Miigwech

nations all were given to us to request help. Being present with our gifts helps us understand further how to use them. They will speak to us when we open our spirits up to them. Seeking guidance will help you and in doing so would help us as Anishinaabe.

Our collective consciousness is spiritual. We are all connected through spirit, through customs, through the prayers of our ancestors — we are all

GIDINWEWINAAN — OUR WAY OF SOUND

By Nazhike Mille Lacs Band Member

Practice strengthens your language. It's already there for us, we just need to use it. Using what we know everyday strengthens our spirits. Everyday talk can start scripted. Practice makes efficiency.

Gibakade ina? = Are you hungry? (Gih buk kud day inuh)

Eya', nimbakade. = Yes, I am hungry. (ay yuh nim buk kud day)

Awegonen waa-miijiiyan? = What do you want to eat? (May may)

Waawanoon ni-wii-miijin. = I want to eat eggs. (wah wun noon nih wee mee jin)

Nimbiizikaan o'ow babagiwayaan. = I am wearing this shirt. (Nim bee zik khan oh oh bub bug gih way yawn)

Ningiizikaan o'ow babinzikawaagan. = I am taking off this jacket. (Nin gee zik khan oh oh bub beans zik kaw wah gun)

Niwaabamaa a'aw ikwe. = I see a woman. (nih wah bum mah uh ow ick way)

Gigana-waabandaan i'iw mazinaatesijigan = you are watching TV. (Gig gun nuh wah bun dawn ih iw muz zin nah tay sij jig gun)

Indaa-nibaa = I should sleep. (In dah nib bah)

Gigawishim = You are laying down for bed. (Gih gaw wish shim)

Indaa-o-anokii = I should go to work. (in dah oh uh no key)

Gidaa-azhe-giwe = You should go home. (Gih dah uzh zhay gee way)

Ginoondaw ina? = Do you hear me? (Gih noon dow in nuh)

Gibizindoon. = I am listening to you. (Gih biz in doon)

Miigwech.

You can hear many words and sentences pronounced by native speakers at ojibwe.lib.umn.edu.

BAND MEMBER VOICES

MY JOURNEY BACK TO THE DANCE HALL

PART I IN A SERIES

GAA-TIBAAJIMOD (TOLD BY) JOE NAYQUONABE SR.
GAA-TIBAAJIMOTAWAAJIN (TRANSCRIBED BY)
JAMES CLARK

This month, Joe would like to hit a topic that is near and dear to his heart. The story of how he reunited with an essential part of not only his culture, but his identity and how family was the tool wielded to do it. Please join us in introducing Joe's late beloved, mother of his children, and an instrumental part to Joe's journey as we know it; Rita Nayquonabe.

Our story starts with a young Joe in 1963. He was the only Native graduating that year from Onamia High School. After graduation, he moved away from the Reservation for economic reasons brought about by the Indian Relocation Act (IRA). He claims this is where his acute work ethic comes from, but when you learn one ethic, there are always more to follow, he added.

While working, Joe had a realization of where Native people stood in the order of things in the United States. Inadvertently, this started to create hate in Joe's heart towards other races and people that were not his own. One of the countless reasons Joe noticed was how he got hired onto his construction job, as a result of the IRA. He said employers had to have so many minorities per government contract. Some people were taking advantage of this, others were not.

One day, Joe got overwhelmed for having to be in two places at one time during work. He asked a co-worker, who was non-Native, for assistance. The co-worker declined by cussing at him with a fight almost ensuing. From this, Joe gained more hate and a perception that non-Native people did not have a work ethic. Sadly, Joe admits, these notions are still ingrained in him today from his first taste of civilizing.

Shortly after, Joe was drafted in the military and learned how to use weapons, including grenades, mortars, and pistols, in the infantry. And over the course of days, Joe gained a new skill — how to kill.

Joe was then deployed to Vietnam and entered a world full of emotional pain. He witnessed humans taking their last breath, and saw masses of destruction in all stages of life from babies to Elders. All ages were a casualty of war.

That is what he was trained to do, and that was why he was there. He felt it was his duty as a soldier. "They're out to kill and harm me," he said. "That's the name of the game."

That was how it was justified to keep the sanity of the soldiers.

While in combat on December 4, 1966, he was injured severely and was sent to a hospital in Hawaii. He remembers as the doctor showed him the X-rays of where he was shot and discussed with him and how with luck, it nearly missed his back and his liver. Yet Joe didn't think much of it till years later. He concluded his service by being honorably discharged in San Francisco.

Joe returned stateside to unhappy people. People were very disrespectful and they threw stuff, cursed at him, and left quite a bitter taste for Joe. "Baby killers," they yelled, Joe remembers. There was a promotion for military members to receive a discount if they were wearing their uniform while flying. After hearing that others had to take their uniforms off to avoid the hate, Joe didn't dare wear his uniform on those flights even though he had just gotten out of the service.

Noticing the country was split — for and against the war — it was a rough time for a small town Rez kid. When Joe came home, the first thing he noticed was that he was supported by his community and mainly by other Ojichidaag. He was on unemployment for weeks. With that came more drinking. He began to spiral constantly thinking about what had happened overseas. He thought about all the friends he lost, all the ones who lost limbs, and thought to himself, "Was it necessary? What were we doing there?"

Joe nearly questioned his loyalty. And then came the nightmares. Joe was called back by the Army sometime later for evaluation. He told them about the nightmares and they shrugged it off as no concern.

Shortly after the nightmares started, his thought was that the only way he could cope was with drinking himself to sleep. His symptoms became known as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

One day, Joe drove his mom and aunt to Round Lake for Ceremonial Dance, and once there, they had a feast. He ate fish that was very salty, and he noticed that he was so thirsty that he had to go into town and get soda. He recalls drinking it all quickly, and he had another one, which resulted in frequent urination.

After a doctor's visit he was diagnosed with diabetes, and he wondered, what could it have been caused by?

Joe and his comrades walked through Agent Orange overseas. According to Aspen Institute, Agent Orange was one of a

class of color-coded herbicides that U.S. forces sprayed over the rural landscape in Vietnam from 1961 to 1971 to defoliate trees and shrubs and kill food crops that were providing cover and food to opposition forces. They were told it was safe to travel where it had been used, but in later years found out that in breathing it in, it would never leave their bodies, even to this day. Joe got an Army newsletter one day, and an article within it said that Agent Orange can cause a number of things, including diabetes.

In 1971, Joe met a lovely woman named Rita. They started off as good friends which transitioned to a relationship. During those times prior to marriage, he asked her constantly, "You know you're marrying an alcoholic?" Yet, they were wed on August 4, 1973, in a Catholic ceremony.

Rita was very proud of her identity and who she was as a person, and they would talk about how the world should be through their eyes and experiences. Joe was transferred to St. Cloud for work, and even after their first son was born, he was still grappling with PTSD. He worked at the vet's hospital and he could see others who could not cope well, or handle what they had done overseas. This was difficult for Joe to bear witness to.

From this point on, Joe's life would never be the same.

**Read Part II of Joe's story in an upcoming issue of the Inaajimowin.*



Rita and Joe Nayquonabe, Sr..

PUBLIC WORKS REMINDER

PUSH THE BUTTON

HAWK crosswalk can save lives, but you have to push the button

By VIVIAN LaMOORE STAFF WRITER

Did you know that on average, on any given day, over 11,000 motor vehicles travel through the State Highway 169 corridor in front of Grand Casino Mille Lacs? That number can double throughout the summer months, especially during busy holiday weekends. Many of those 11,000 vehicles are driven by people who may or may not be paying attention, they may be in a hurry to get where they are going, and sadly, many drivers are still texting while driving (despite the fact that texting while driving a motor vehicle has been outlawed since 2008 in Minnesota, and talking on a cellphone has been prohibited since 2019 unless it is in hands-free mode, which literally means the driver may not be touching the phone). That is over 11,000 reasons why pedestrians trying to cross from one side to the other should push the button and use the HAWK crosswalk.

HAWK stands for High-Intensity Activated cross Walk. Known in the traffic industry as a "hybrid pedestrian crossing" the unusual triangular design of the "hybrid beacon face" (two red LEDs on top; one amber LED below) remains dark until activated by a pedestrian. When initiated by a push button, the HAWK starts a specific flashing beacon sequence that controls

traffic by requiring motorists to STOP.

According to the University of Minnesota, a research team monitored 10 crossings on four reservations in Minnesota's northeast quadrant between May and August 2017; site monitoring ranged from 11 to 20 days. The Mille Lacs site had the most pedestrian crossings with a mean daily volume of 136. More than half of those crossings — 54 percent — involved some interaction with vehicles, meaning that either the pedestrians or drivers sped up, slowed, or stopped and waited.

That data was hard to ignore. The Mille Lacs Public works roads department knew something had to be done and researched the options. While many community members have suggested a walking bridge over the highway, that option was not feasible. There simply is not enough space to build a wheelchair/bicycle accessible ramp way. The HAWK crosswalk has been proven to be one of the safest options available for this specific highway.

The total cost of this project was \$362,000. Of that, \$290,000 was funded through a federal highway program grant that was secured through the Band's Grants Department. That left roughly \$73,000 that was funded by MnDOT through a co-

operative agreement with the Band.

That means this project was completed with ZERO dollars of Mille Lacs Band funding.

Band member safety is the number one concern of the elected and appointed officials. This HAWK crosswalk has the potential to save the life of every person who attempts to cross Highway 169 — but only if you push the button to activate the signal. It only takes a few more seconds to stop, push the button, and wait for the signal to change. Those few seconds of waiting could save your life. Public Works crews recently installed new signs at the crosswalk reminding people to push the button.

Be safe. Save a life. Push the button.



GRA UPDATE



INTRODUCING THE TEAM AT GRA

Greetings to all Mille Lacs Band Members and families.

I am Dann Klapel, Mille Lacs Band member and the Licensing Investigations Director for the Gaming Regulatory Authority (GRA). I have worked within the Gaming Enterprise and Government for the past 17-plus years.

The Licensing Group with the GRA oversees the issuance of gaming licenses for the Gaming Enterprises. We also oversee the maintenance of the Exclusion List, per Title 15.

Our Licensing group is small and includes Krista Tretter, our Licensing Specialist. She is responsible for collecting documentation used by the GRA Board to make determinations on licenses and exclusions and for maintenance of the exclusion list. Joleen Vreeman is our Vendor Licensing Investigator, who oversees the licensing or registration of new gaming and non-gaming vendors for the Gaming Enterprises. Our Licensing Investigators are Lori Miller (GCHK) and Sally Dunkley (GCML). These two knowledgeable ladies are responsible for backgrounding investigations for gaming license applicants.

As with most licenses, a gaming license is a privilege, and not a right. The gaming industry is a heavily regulated business that strives to avoid complications with and or connections to illegal or unethical businesses or behaviors. We are guided by the State of Minnesota and the National Indian Gaming Commission on what information we must collect to make an informed decision on issuing a gaming license. We understand that the license application process can be confusing, but our Licensing team is here to help clear up any questions you may have.

Yes, it does take effort on your part, but an opportunity to get into gaming or a hospitality career is worth the effort! Just because you may have a criminal background, does not necessarily mean you do not qualify for a gaming license or career opportunity at the casinos. Our team is happy to assist with the

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application process, and our Licensing Investigators will help guide you on what you need to do to qualify, if applicable. You may even qualify for our MLB Members Waiver Program as set out in Detailed Gaming Regulations (DGR) 7 and 7b.

We look forward to collaborating with you and hope we can answer your questions.

I can be reached at DKlapel@mlbgra.com or at my office phone number 320-384-4469.

The Licensing Investigators can be contacted at:

Hinckley: 320-384-4742 or (320) 384-4774

Mille Lacs: 320-532-8135 or (320) 384-4743

The Mille Lacs Band Gaming Regulatory Authority (GRA) is an independent regulatory agency of tribal government established to separate the government's regulatory function from the management function of the Gaming Enterprises. More information and contact numbers can be found at <http://www.millelacsband.com/government/gaming-regulatory-authority>. You can also LIKE us on Facebook at Mille Lacs Band GRA. GRA Board meetings are open to the public. Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently being conducted remotely using Zoom.

JOIN THE TEAM AT WEWINABI, INC.

Wewinabi, Inc. is invested in service to the community, and although the pandemic may have had some impacts, Wewinabi continues to live and breathe their mission: Empowering our communities, one experience at a time.

Wewinabi's associate base remains over 50 percent Band member preference, including the management team. If you are looking for a job to serve your community in a learning and growing culture, we look forward to meeting you. Applications are accepted online. Find the Wewinabi tab at millelacsband.com/jobs or mlcv.com/career-opportunities. You can also set up an appointment to utilize a computer with Talent, at 320-532-8108.

BAND MEMBER SHOUT OUTS



Congratulations to Band member Mary Banner! She graduated with her Bachelors in Native Environmental Science from Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Washington and a certificate in GIS (Geographic Information System). Mary is a first generation college graduate! Congratulations!

AROUND THE RESERVATION

2022 ONAMIA GRADUATE EARNS 2ND PLACE IN NATIONAL ART CONTEST

Mackenzie Osburn, daughter of Mille Lacs Band Judge Richard Osburn and Kristie Vance, was awarded second place honors in the Office of Indian Education's Student Artist Competition on June 23, 2022 for her beaded medalion. The OIE will display her artwork at the U.S. Department of Education. Mackenzie is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Congratulations Mackenzie!



NEXT GENERATION

Representative Virgil Wind and staff met with this District I family on May 23 and gifted them with a baby boy basket. Kortwyn Martin Lueck Jr. was born on April 8, 2022 weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs. The proud parents are Kortwyn Lueck and Dealayna Boyd. We are happy to welcome Little Kort to the District I Community. He looks adorable in his custom made Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe District I attire!



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THE ONES WHO ARE REMEMBERED

Ishkwaagaabawiikwe, Bonnie Shingobe-Neeland

Ishkwaagaabawiikwe, Bonnie Shingobe-Neeland, age 80, passed away on May 23, 2022. Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the Vineland Native American Chapel on the Mille Lacs Reservation. Funeral Service was at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Vineland Native American Chapel on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Pastor Joe Boeringa. Interment will be in the Vineland Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.



Ishkwaagaabawiikwe, Bonnie was born on January 22, 1942, in Onamia, Minnesota. She loved sewing, beading, quilting, and painting. She was known for her quick-witted, contagious laughter, and preparing the family favorite comfort meal of macaroni hamburger hotdish. Bonnie always put her children first and cared for the spiritual health of her Native community. Her legacy was to provide a Bible to all who attended the Vineland Church. Bonnie had a strong Christian belief and wanted to share it with her community. Bonnie was loved and will be dearly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bernis Elverum, and father, Frank Shingobe; brothers, Vincent and Dennis Hill; son, Sean Fahrlander.

She is survived by her daughters, Dawn Fahrlander, Denise Fahrlander, and Dana Fahrlander; sons, Marc Fahrlander, Michael Samuelson, John Samuelson, and Jay Samuelson; and many loving grandchildren, Dezrik, Jordaun, Marissa, Jana, Tanner, Hannah, Tyler, Hayden, Hailey, Shiimii, Aatwe, and various loving great-grandchildren.

Migizigookwe, Tanya Nadeau-Boyd

Migizigookwe, Tanya Nadeau-Boyd age 15 of Onamia, Minn. passed away on May 25, 2022. Visitation was at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation. A Funeral Ceremony was held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Nazhike officiating. Interment was in the Woodland Burial Grounds. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.



Migizigookwe, Tanya was born on July 3, 2006, in Brainerd, Minn. to Samantha Boyd and Cory Nadeau. She grew up in the care of her great-grandparents, Clarence and Irene Boyd. She was attending Brainerd High School where she was recently accepted in an a cappella group. Tanya enjoyed singing, dancing, being silly with her dog Chance, playing games on the internet, and going to BTS concerts. But most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her sisters and family.

She is survived by her parents, Samantha Boyd and Cory Nadeau Sr.; sisters, Dayaunna Nadeau, Morgan Nadeau, Christine Nadeau; brother, Cory Nadeau Jr.; grandmothers, June Day, Judy Boyd; grandfather, Rodney Smith; and great-grandmother, Irene Boyd.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Clarence Boyd; grandfather, Edward Nadeau; great-grandmother, Jean (Skinaway) Oswaldson; aunts, Tanya Day, Melissa Cash; uncles, Mike Day, Edward Nadeau, and Robert Day.

Bagwajininii, Benjamin Blake, Sr.

Bagwajininii, Benjamin Blake Sr., age 62 of Onamia, Minn. passed away on May 25, 2022. Visitation was at 8 p.m. at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Ombishkebines officiating. Interment was in the Woodland Burial Grounds. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.



Bagwajininii, Benji was born on August 22, 1959, in Poplar, Montana. His parents were part of the relocation program of the '60s and he was raised in Chicago, Illinois, Cleveland, Ohio, and Billings, Montana.

Benji attended Flandreau Indian School and there he met his future wife, Sandra Lee Weyaus. After graduation, they were married in September of 1977. Benji completed an autobody certification and worked in Billings, Montana. In 1983, Benji moved his family back to Mille Lacs where he worked security at the Bingo Hall. Later, Benji worked as the Bingo Caller and eventually was the Bingo Manager. Benji decided to resign in 1994 and began to work in construction up until he retired in 2009. Benji loved dancing at Powwows and had danced fancy, grass, and recently traditional. He traveled to powwows all over the United States and was part of a dance troupe that traveled to Switzerland to do dance presentations. Hunting, fishing, maple sugar bushing, and RV trips with his wife and grandchildren were how he liked to spend his time. Benji also enjoyed gambling and going on his Tribal Elder trips. Whenever he went gambling, he always kept an eye out for his favorite lucky Sizzling Sevens machines. Benji always had a greeting, a smile, and a joke to share, and was always willing to help people out whenever help was needed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Blake; son, Maxwell (Leticia) Blake; daughters, Rochelle Blake, Cheryl Benjamin; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; brothers, Kelcey (Dora) Packineau, Karmen (June) Blake Jr., Dale Blake; aunt, Phyllis Lone Fight; uncle, William (Judy) Lonebear; and many, many loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anna (Kills Thunder), Karmen Blake Sr.; son, Benjamin Blake Jr.; brother, Leonard Blake; sisters, Bonnie Lightning, Carol Silversmith; nephew, Karmen Larry Blake; and niece, Amber Highpine.

Bezhighwewidang, Matthew "Beige" James-Peter Chapel Jr.

Bezhighwewidang, Matthew "Beige" James-Peter Chapel Jr., 30, of Garrison, Minn. passed away on May 28, 2022. Visitation was at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation. Funeral Ceremony was held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Community Center on the Mille Lacs Reservation with Gisibaganeb officiating. Interment was in the Indian Point Burial Grounds. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.



Bezhighwewidang, Matthew "Beige" James-Peter Chapel Jr. was born on March 5, 1992, in Saint Cloud, Minn. to Jana Sam and Matt Chapel Sr. Beige loved spending time with his brother and sisters. Working on cars, tearing them apart, and putting them back together is what he enjoyed doing. During the summer, Beige liked traveling and going to car shows, where he could meet and talk to the owners.

Bezhighwewidang, Matthew "Beige" James-Peter Chapel Jr., is survived by his daughter, Jurnee Chapel; parents, Jana Sam and Matt Chapel Sr.; sisters, Kinney Sam and Brooke Chapel; brother, Jake Sam; aunts (sister), Rhonda Sam, Fran Free, and Karen Sam; uncles, Dustin Sam, Victor Chapel Jr., Jerry Chapel, Dennis Chapel; and grandparents, Victor Chapel Sr., Paula, and James Hodak.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and uncles.

Toni Lynn Doust

Toni Lynn (Sagataw) Doust, 56-year-old resident of Onamia, Minn. passed away on June 12, 2022. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the District I Community Center on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.



Toni Lynn (Sagataw) Doust was born in Neenah, Wisconsin on November 24, 1965, to Edgar and Charlotte Sagataw. She enjoyed being around her family and friends, listening to rock and roll, playing her guitars, winning on her scratch-offs, and being with her pets. She was there for anyone who needed her. She had the biggest heart and was loved by everyone who met her.

Toni is survived by her husband, Raymond Doust Jr.; children, Donevin Sagataw, Athena Sagataw; sisters, Charlene, Cheryl, Carolyn (George), Betsy, Loretta (Carlos), and Paula; brothers, Eddie (Deborah) Sagataw, Marty Sagataw, Jeff Sagataw; and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Charlotte Sagataw; sons, Daniel and Eric; sisters, Josie and Louann; nephews, Levi Sagataw and Chad Harris.

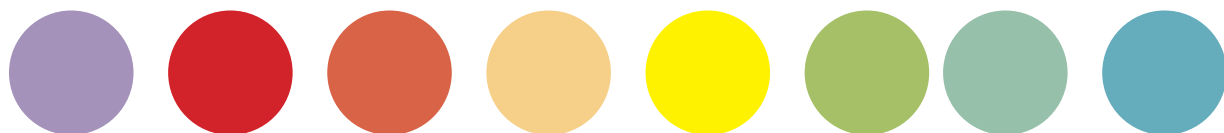
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This page is offered as a service to those families who would like to share the news of their loved ones' passing. Please submit memorials for Mekweniminjig to news@millelacsband.com. Photos are accepted but not required

CORRECTIONS

The article titled, "For the love of the Game, Part I: Sports in the Game of Life," published in the May issue of the *Inaajimowin*, incorrectly states Byron Ninham attended Red Lake High School. He, in fact, attended Cass Lake-Bena High School. He attended Red Lake Warriors basketball games to watch the Red Lake Warriors basketball team. We apologize for the misunderstanding.



CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES SUMMIT

By MAAJIITAAZIBKWEE, MARY SAM

Brainerd region organizations and businesses work with and serve many Native communities, along with a wide array of diverse community members. Region 5 Economic Development Commission and many other leadership organizations have committed to creating a safe space to build and sustain a more inclusive, equitable, just region for all who live here and for all who are yet to come. A group of regional leaders have planned a North Central Minnesota welcoming communities summit titled "Cultivating Communities Summit," to be held in September.

This two-day summit aims to bring together a diverse and committed group of residents, newcomers, business owners, elected officials, educators, law enforcement, community leaders, economic developers, environmental advocates, social service providers and others from Region 5 and surrounding counties to plant the seeds, and create next steps of inclusive communities through connection, conversation and action. The northern tier of Mille Lacs Lake is located within Region 5 and the Band is invited to participate in this important work.

Positive, inclusive change only occurs with risk, involvement and collaboration. Late Elders such as James Clark, Betty Kegg, Dorothy Sam, David Sam, along with Joe Nayquonabe,

and many others encouraged, supported and participated in initiatives similar to this to Summit with our neighbors, to help build relationships, work through barriers and differences, and to help strengthen our region. As a mentor, James Clark talked at length about the value of showing up and helping one another to learn to be a stronger community. Mille Lacs Band members and Band employees are encouraged to attend and help activate stories, connect with neighbors, and exercise collective imagination to build an inclusive community. In addition to deepening awareness, the goal is to cultivate accountability and action to ensure the region is welcoming, safe, and just.

Keynote presentations include: Healing our Communities: An Indigenous Perspective on Building Bridges and Creating Unity in our Region, with Dr. Anton Treuer; Cultivating Courageous Conversations, with Breaking Ice/Pillsbury Theater Company, Buddy King with Higher Works Collaborative; and a program on Intersectionality in Rural Communities, moderated by University of Minnesota Extension.

Breakout sessions include: Overcoming the Political Divide (Braver Angels); Minnesota Emerging Farmers Program, with a focus on equitable farming; Noticing our Response to Conflict, Nonviolent Peace Force; Restoring Hope and Cultivating Community through Restorative Practices; Equity in Energy-De-



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veloping Community-Determined, Equity Minded Environmental Projects; Impact of Latino Immigration to North Central Minnesota; Anishinaabe World View with George Goggleye; Building Inclusive Schools; Classism and Student Success, a performance by Skarlett Woods; Environmental Equity through Song and Story; Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Today; Mental Health and Equity, and the Justice System; Diversifying Workforce through Inclusive Employer Programs hosting a Cultivating Community Celebration which will be free and open to the public. The closing will include an activity called "Reimagine a North Central Minnesota for Everyone."

The event is scheduled for September 19 and 20, to be held at Arrowood Lodge in Baxter, Minnesota. For schedule, lodging, and other details, please visit www.sowingroom.org/ccsummit. Registration is now open. Scholarships are available. Please contact Dawn Espe at despe@regionfive.org for more information.

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5th Annual Powwow

"What they saved for us"

July 22nd - 24th, 2022

37736 State Highway 65 McGregor, MN 55760

Grand Entries
 Friday @ 7pm | Saturday @ 1pm & 7pm | Sunday @ 1pm

MC's Joey Awanopay & Migizi Sullivan
 Arena Director Sherwin Obey & Harvey Goodsky
 Host Drum Red Willow & Little Otter
 Head Singing Judge George Morrow
 Head Dance Judge Taria Aubid

Singing Contest
 \$10,000 | \$8,000 | \$6,000 | \$4,000

Woodland Relay (18+)
 Sunday 11am, Registration ON SITE
 Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
 \$1,000 | \$800 | \$600 | \$400 | \$200

Deadliest Food Truck *SNL*
 \$500 | \$300 | \$200

3x3 Basketball (18+)
 Saturday 9am
 Women's \$1,000 | \$500 | \$300
 Men's \$1,000 | \$500 | \$300

Contact Info
 @eastlakepowwow
 General | Taria (218) 670-0966
 Royalty | Raina (218) 341-2478
 Vendors | Amanda (218) 768-3311/5300

Dance Contest

Golden Age (55+)	Men, Women Combined	
Sr Adults (35-54)		
Jr Adults (18-34)		
Grass, Traditional, Fancy, Men's Woodland		
Old Style Jingle, Contemp. Jingle		
		\$800 \$600 \$400
Teens (13-17)		
Grass, Traditional, Fancy, Jingle		
		\$400 \$300 \$200
Juniors (6-12)		
Grass, Traditional, Fancy, Jingle		
		\$300 \$200 \$100

Committee Specials

Men's Chicken		
Women's Woodland		
		\$800 \$600 \$400
Hand Drum Contest		
Women's Back-up		
		\$500 \$300 \$200

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CALL 1-833-9AI-QUIT


AIQUIT.COM

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS NOT TRADITIONAL

To report suspected human trafficking, call the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tip line: **1-866-347-2423**

If you are a victim and need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: **1-888-373-7888**



BLUE CAMPAIGN

TRIBAL NOTEBOARD

JULY ELDER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Marie Brooks
 Rodney Gene Cruz
 Kenneth Karl Hacker
 Thomas Wayne Mitchell
 Andrew Charles Nelson
 Laurretta Marie Sam
 Robert Duane Anderson
 David Niib Aubid
 Cynthia Pauline Backora
 Darline Ann Barbour
 Jeffrey Allen Beaulieu
 MaryAnn Sophia Belgarde
 Faith Caylen Bellecourt
 Anita Lynn Benjamin
 James Oliver Benjamin
 Roberta Joy Benjamin
 Timothy Adam Benjamin
 Roxann Lynn Carr
 Archie Dahl Cash
 Kevin Scott Churchill
 Randall Clark
 Rosa Mae Colton
 Christine Marie Costello
 Lori Ann Craker
 Gary Lee Davis

Michael Wayne Davis
 Brian DeSantis
 Victoria Lynn Dunagan
 Rosella Marie Eagle
 Marc Alan Fahrlander
 Lisa Rosanne Frolichman
 Carla Jean Gargano
 Donna Lou Gilmore
 Jay Alex Graikowski
 Karen Harrington
 Lisa Michelle Jackson
 Rhonda Lynn Jones
 Debra Ann Kamimura
 Dixie Marie Kamimura
 Judith Joan Kanassatega
 Vivian Roxanne Kegg
 Richard Joseph Keller
 Terry Bruce Kemper
 Deborah Jean Kersting
 Darlene Ann LaFave
 Jennifer Carole Mancini
 Virginia Mann
 Brian David Matrious
 kwad Meskwanakwad
 Alan Douglas Mitchell
 Doreen Kay Mitchell
 Jo Ann Mitchell

Letitia Mitchell
 Darren Wayne Moose
 Carol Jean Nickaboine
 James Gregory Nickaboine
 Wanda Marie Nickaboine
 Alan Michael O'Brien
 Debra Ann Olson
 Kevin Dean Pawlitschek
 Karen Peterson
 Joseph Vincent Pewaush
 Frederick Allen Pike Jr.
 Steven Edward Premo
 Daryl Alan Quaderer
 Deanna Louise Sam
 Steve Leroy Sam
 David Frederick Schaaf
 Orretta Faye Sharlow
 Valerie Jayne Shingobe
 Alicia Lydia Skinaway
 Geraldine Ellen Skinaway
 Darryl Gene Smith
 Andrew Felix St. Clair
 Kevin William Sutton
 Patricia Louise Thomas
 Elizabeth Annette Wilson
 Jollette Marie Zapf

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

Happy birthday **Nicole** on July 2, love, the Harrington Family • **Max Dean** on July 12, love, the Harrington Family • **Karen** on July 13, love, the Harrington Family • **Rachel** on July 21, love, your brothers and sissies •

CHI MIIGWECH THANK YOU NOTES

The Sam and Chapel family would like to say thank you to Tribal Police, DNR, District I Legislative, CMD, CEO, to all family and friends. We can not say thank you enough for all your help, hard work, dedication, and compassion during this difficult time.

Send your shout-outs to news@millelacsband.com!

NOTEBOARD AND CALENDAR GUIDELINES

The Tribal Noteboard welcomes Band member submissions, including birthdays, congratulatory messages, and memorial tributes. For birthday messages, send name, birthday, and a brief message that is **20 WORDS OR LESS** to news@millelacsband.com or **320-630-8195**. The deadline for the August issue is July 15. Photos may be included if space allows. If you would rather not have your name included in the Elder birthday list, please contact the Editor at 320-630-8195 or email news@millelacsband.com before the 15th of the month preceding your birthday. Send calendar items to news@millelacsband.com or call 320-630-8195.

IMPORTANT TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Please refer to the following list to find answers to your questions or to reach the individuals or departments you need.

Mille Lacs Band Government Center: 320-532-4181

Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police: 320-532-3430

Non-Emergency Phone: 320-630-2994

Commissioners:

Administration: Maria Costello: 320-630-7643

Natural Resources: Kelly Applegate: 763-221-0320

Community Development: Maria Costello: 320-630-7643

Health and Human Services: Nicole Anderson: 320-364-9969

Finance: Mel Towle: 320-532-7475

Chief Executive's Office

Baabiitaw Boyd: 218-670-0745

Court Administrator

Gilda Burr: 320-532-7401

Legislative Inquiries

Brianna Boyd, Legislative Affairs Director: 320-532-7536 (work); 320-630-8702 (cell); 320-532-7506 (fax)

Band Assembly Inquiries

Darcie Big Bear, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Assembly: 320-532-7420; darcie.bigbear2@millelacsband.com

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Inquiries

Deanna Sam at 320-279-0178 or 320-532-7498 to make an appointment.

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District I — Candace Benjamin, Director of Case Management: 320-362-0014; Kaari Weyaus, Case Manager: 218-316-2437

District II — Winona Crazy Thunder, Case Manager: 320-364-3049

District III — Renee Allen, Case Manager: 320-591-0559

Urban — Wahbon Spears: 612-360-5486

Housing Emergency On-Call

Districts I and IIa: 320-630-2498

District II: 320-630-2492

District III: 320-630-2497

Dan Boyd, Housing Director: 320-630-2620

Brian Schienost, Public Works Director: 320-630-2624

Tony Pike, Roads/Solid Waste Supervisor: 320-980-5367

Sean Racelo, Waste Water Supervisor: 218-838-8391

Mike Moilanen, Director of Planning: 320-630-2623

Chad Dunkley, Earthworks: 320-630-4763

Health and Human Services

24/7 Nurse Line: 320-630-0855

Provider appointments: 320-532-4163 option #2

Nurse Line Clinic: 320-630-0397

Mental Health appointments: 320-532-4163 option #2

Mental Health call line: 320-674-4385

Substance use assessments and counseling: 320-532-7773

Pharmacy: 320-532-4770

Dental emergencies: 320-532-4779

Commodities: 320-630-8362

Emergency Services: 320-532-1755 or 320-532-1756. After hours: 320-630-2432 or 320-362-4672

Family Violence Prevention 24/7 Crisis Line: 866-867-4006

Elder Advocate: 320-630-7666

Office of Management and Budget

Economic Support and Per Cap: Email address updates to: kathy.heyer@millelacsband.com or call Danni Jo Harkness: 320-532-7592

NOTE: The Office of Management and Budget will continue to provide essential services with further increased efforts toward a virtual and paperless environment.

BAND MEMBER SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations!

Alexander R. Mushkooub is a graduate of McGregor High School class of 2022. Congratulations Alexander!



Jon "Bubba" Buchanan is a graduate of Hinckley-Finlayson High School. Congratulations Bubba!



Hailey Heil is a graduate of Farmington High School Class of 2022. Congratulations Hailey!



DRUG TIP HOTLINE

The Mille Lacs Band Tribal Police Department's anonymous drug tip line is 320-630-2458. Feel free to leave voicemails and/or text messages. If you would like a call back, be sure to leave your name and phone number. In case of emergency, dial 911.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Many recovery meetings are held via Zoom conference. The Sunday Wellbriety ID is 601 532 2869 and the password is 456 267. The Monday night Migizi meeting ID is 856 8473 0121, and the password is 56359. The Wednesday night Red Brick meeting ID is 895 631 97923, and the password is 56359. The Thursday Wellbriety meeting ID is 966 0395 9591, and the passcode is 944772. The nightly Zooming Towards Recovery code is 601-532-2869, and the password is zoom800. Urban recovery groups meet Tuesdays at 7 (Sa Miikana) and Fridays at 6:30 (On the RedRoad). ID: 214 608 6245; password: Redroad.</p>					<p>1</p> <p>Mid-Summer Days Government Offices closed</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>On the RedRoad</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Wellbriety Talking Circle 10 a.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery See above</p> <p>The Rez NA 6 p.m. Aanjibimaadizing building.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mid-Summer Days Government Offices closed</p> <p>Migizi Meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>First Tuesday SNAP see page 7</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Sa Miikana See above</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Red Brick AA/NA Meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Men's group 6 p.m. Old District I Community Center</p> <p>Wellbriety 6 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>On the RedRoad</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Wellbriety Talking Circle 10 a.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery See above</p> <p>The Rez NA 6 p.m. Aanjibimaadizing</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Women's group 5:30 p.m. Old District I Community Center</p> <p>Migizi Meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Swearing-in Ceremony</p> <p>Mille Lacs Grant Casino and Event Center</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Sa Miikana See above</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Third Wednesday (check):</p> <p>District III Community Meeting 5:30 p.m. Grand Casino Hinckley</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's group 6 p.m. Old District I Community Center</p> <p>Wellbriety 6 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ge--Niigaanizijig Vet Camp 10 a.m. open to the community</p> <p>District I Aquatic/Community Center</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>On the RedRoad.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>
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<p>24/31</p> <p>Gii-Ishkonigewag East Lake Powwow Grand Entry 7 p.m. 7/24</p> <p>Wellbriety Talking Circle 10 a.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery See above</p> <p>The Rez NA 6 p.m. Aanjibimaadizing</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Women's group 5:30 p.m. Old District I Community Center</p> <p>Migizi Meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Sa Miikana See above</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Last Wednesday first aid CPR see 7</p> <p>Red Brick AA/NA Meeting 7 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Men's group 6 p.m. Old District I Community Center</p> <p>Wellbriety 6 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p> <p>On the RedRoad</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Zooming towards Recovery NA 8 p.m. via Zoom conference.</p>



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

SNAP class held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. For information on CPR/AED, Basic First Aid, Fire Extinguisher Training, Car Seat Training, and free car seats and fire alarms, contact Emergency Management Coordinator Monte Fronk at 320-532-3430.





T H E S T O R Y A S I T ' S T O L D



UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

If your address on file with the Enrollments Office or Office of Management and Budget is incorrect, you may not be receiving important mail from the Band. Each time you move, you need to fill out a Change of Address form from Enrollments (320-532-7730) and OMB. You can download a Change of Address form at millelacsband.com/services/tribal-enrollments.

ABOUT US

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NEED HELP?

If you or someone you know is injured or in immediate danger, call 911 first.

Tribal Police Department dispatch:
888-609-5006; 320-532-3430.

Emergency Management Services:
24-hour fire, disaster, and emergency management response: Monte Fronk, Emergency Management Coordinator: 320-362-0435.

Addiction/Behavioral Health: 800-709-6445, ext. 7776.

Community Support Services: Family Violence Prevention.

District I: 320-532-4163 ext. 7793

District II: 320-630-7666

District III: 320-362-4995

24 Hour Crisis Line: 866-867-4006

Batters Intervention: 320-532-4163 ext. 7793

Elder Services: 320-532-7854

Emergency Services Loans: 320-532-4163 ext. 1755 or 1757

Food Shelf: 320-362-4672

Waivered Services: 320-362-0027

Heating, water, or other home-related maintenance problems: If you live in a Mille Lacs Band Housing-maintained home, call our Customer Service Representative at one of the following on-call numbers:

District I and IIa: 320-630-2498.

District II: 320-630-2492.

District III: 320-630-2497.

Mille Lacs Band Family Services: 320-532-4163. on call social worker/After Hours Emergency 320-630-2444.

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