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Filing Period Closes For Candidates For Leech Lake Tribal Council on February 3, 2006

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Press Release

The filing period for candidates who seek positions on the Leech Lake Tribal Council opened on January 24, 2006, and will close on Friday, February 3, 2006. Filing may be done from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at the Leech Lake Tribal Administration building.

Seats to be contested in this election include the District I Representative position, the District II Representative position, and the Secretary/Treasurer position. There will be a Primary Election on April 4, 2006, which will reduce the field to two candidates for each position, with the General Election to be held on June 13, 2006.

Candidates filing for any of the three positions will have to undergo a thorough background check, with the cost of the background check being paid by the candidate.

Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) Background Check Fee for Tribal Office Candidates

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Press Release

Recently Article IV of the Revised Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was amended so that "No member of the Tribe shall be eligible to hold office, either as a Committeeman or Officer, if he or she has ever been convicted of a felony of any kind; or of a lesser crime involving theft, misappropriation,

Duluth Local Indian Council Members Are Sworn in.



Pictured above with the Duluth Local Indian Council members are Leech Lake Chairman, George Goggleye, Jr., Renee Van Nett, Vice Chair, Gayle Daniel, Chairperson, Thomas Bellanger, Community Representative, Burton "Luke" Wilson, District III Rep, for Leech Lake Tribal Council, and Edye Howe, Secretary/Treasurer. Nancy Dudley, who is the elder representative, photo is not available. Members were sworn in at the Duluth Local Indian Council meeting on January, 12, 2006.

Photo by Claudia Lyytinen

or embezzlement of money, funds, assets, or property of an Indian tribe or a tribal organization."

Accordingly, convicted felons are no longer eligible to either run or hold tribal office. Therefore, the Leech Lake Tribal Council has authorized the Leech Lake Gaming Compliance Department to perform background checks on all registered tribal office candidates. However, the cost to perform the required background check is \$50.00. In light of this fee, any candidate for tribal office is hereby required to pay the \$50.00 fee upon registration to be a candidate for tribal office in order to cover the cost of the required background check.

The Native Vote Can Make a Difference

By Patsy Gordon

An organized plan to encourage more Native Americans to get out and vote referred to as "Native Vote - Minnesota Style" was initiated in 2004 by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and the Prairie Island Indian Community. Since then, Tribes throughout the nation have joined the effort to get more Natives to get out and vote in state and federal elections in 2006.

The Minnesota group has since become even more organized and are currently in the process of making their organization now called "Native Vote Alliance" (NVA) a non-partisan 501 © (3) organization into a reality. Laura Ware, Grant Writer with the Leech Lake Planning Department, assisted in writing a grant to the Otto Bremer Foundation to cover initial operating expenses for developing the non-profit. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will be the fiscal agent for the grant if and when approved. Judy Hanks, Get-Out-The-Vote Coordinator, who owns and operates Native PR, and is a consultant to different Minnesota Tribes, has worked tirelessly over the past two years on this endeavor. Several representatives from each of the 11 Tribes in Minnesota have also worked hard and offered their support to NVA.

The NVA is a (soon-to-be) non-profit organization comprised of Native Americans in Minnesota. The mission of the NVA is "to mobilize and empower Native people in Minnesota

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Jennifer "Cubby" Lue Wakanabo-Carlson

Jennifer "Cubby" Lue Wakanabo-Carlson, 54, of Cass Lake, MN died on January 10, 2006 at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Funeral Services were held on January 14, 2006 at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A visitation was held on January 13, 2006 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Cass Lake, MN, and one hour before the services on Saturday. Interment will be in the spring at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN, under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Jennifer was born on November 20, 1951, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Robert and Lucille (Raisch) Wakanabo. "Cubby" as she was known to family and friends was a special person in her own way. She lived in Minneapolis most of her life, and would come home to visit her family when she was able to do so.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Carlson of Minneapolis, MN; mother, Lucille Wakanabo of Cass Lake, MN; daughters, Nickena Jones and Palmer Jones both of Abington, Virginia; brothers, Robert "Punk" Wakanabo, Vern Wakanabo, Ronald "Dood" Wakanabo all of Cass Lake, MN; niece, Kayla Leigh Wakanabo of Cass Lake, MN; Aunts, Florence Raisch of Minneapolis, MN; Hazel Casey of Cass Lake, MN; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Wakanabo; niece Breanna Leigh Wakanabo, and grandparents

on both sides of her family.

Honorary Casketbearers were Rita Washington, Georgiana Feigum, and Janice Cloud. Active Casketbearers were Barbie Burnette, with alternate Samantha Casey.

Bezhig Waywee Diimoog Shawanoaquay Lena Cloud

Lena Cloud died on January 14, 2006 at her home in Inger, Minnesota. She was born on March 25, 1927 in Inger.

Lena worked at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Bemidji High School, and Leech Lake Head Start and was also an avid community member with the local Indian Council. She was also involved with U.N.I.T.Y. She enjoyed traveling, Pow-wows and making quilts. Her most recent travel was one she wanted to do her whole life and that was to the Black Hills and Wounded Knee.

She is survived by one sister, Doris Mae Howard, Cass Lake, MN; 2 daughters, Delores (Norman), Cass Lake, MN and Bonita Cloud, Deer River, MN; 6 sons, David Jr. (Donna), Thomas Sr., both of Inger, Clifford Sr., (Sue), Ron Sr. (Kaye), Douglas (Molly), all of Cass Lake and Gordon Sr., Tennessee; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Lyons; husband David Sr.; sons, Darwin and Kenneth; Sister, Lucy; brothers, Tom Bowstring Sr., Alvin Boyd Sr. and Art Bowstring.

A wake was held on January 16, 2006, at the Inger Community Center, Inger, Minnesota. Funeral

services were held on January 17, 2006, 10:00 A.M., Inger Community Center, Inger, Minnesota. Burial is in the Inger Cemetery, Inger, Minnesota.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, Minnesota.

Letter from the Editor:

Don't you think this has been an unseasonably warm winter? Heck, I'm beginning to think there might really be something to this global warming that is so often mentioned by the weatherman. I sure like it though, having rolled my car over twice on icy roads over the years. Anyone who knows me well knows that icy, bad road conditions scare me to death. I don't go out on them if I don't have to, but when I have to, I white knuckle it all the way going about 40, and there are still cars flying by me! I'm sure there are many of you who know what I mean.

I haven't heard of any bird flu cases close to home yet. With any kind of luck at all, hopefully this flu pandemic they talk about, will pass right over us!

Well, there really is a reason for this letter from the editor. I wanted to inform you that the Debahjimon is going back to a monthly publication starting with this issue, February 2006. The bi-monthly schedule is no longer in effect. So look for the Debahjimon on newsstands the first of every month, or shortly after the first of every month if you are on our mailing list.

Happy Valentine's Day coming up to all of you.

Patsy Gordon, Editor



David Morgan, Sr.
March 9, 1927 - February 9, 2005

Grandpa Morgan

When I think of you, it's hard not to think of death
The tragic loss we all endured, makes it hard to try to live on.
You were our pillar of strength, strong enough to carry us all.
The many burdens you carried for us, you let go when you stood at the cross. You knew your time was coming, I didn't want to believe, I thought you'd always be here, I never thought you'd really leave.
But now I know, it was your time to go. God called you home, your work here is done.
You taught us all we need to know, to live our lives true, and to be happy in this life, even without you.
Grandpa Morgan, I long to see you again.
One day when the time is right, we will meet again, this time in paradise.

Written by Belinda Smith,
Granddaughter
January 12, 2006

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State to receive \$1.7 million for pandemic flu preparation

Minnesota Department of Health News Release

Minnesota will receive more than \$1.7 million in new federal monies aimed at helping the state and local governments prepare for and cope with possible pandemic influenza, according to Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

Minnesota will receive \$1,731,493 in new pandemic flu funding, as part of a \$100 million dollar package of pandemic funding for state and local government, announced today by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt.

"Preparing to respond to a possible pandemic is one of our top priorities - and one of our biggest challenges," said Minnesota Health Commissioner Dianne Mandernach. "This new funding will help us strengthen the efforts already underway at the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and its division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and local health agencies all across Minnesota.

"We have already been working to update our plans for dealing with a flu pandemic," Mandernach said. "We have been working to identify critical issues and unmet needs, and that effort will continue as we determine how best to use this new funding."

"This is a welcome new source of support for our work on pandemic flu, and it comes at a critical time," she said. Along with other states, Minnesota is currently preparing for a major national exercise designed to test pandemic flu preparedness. The exercise is tentatively scheduled for this fall.

Leavitt made the announcement at Pandemic Planning Summits conducted in collaboration with state and local officials in Vermont and West Virginia. The summits are the latest in a series of forums that are being convened in each state over the next few months. Minnesota held the first summit in December.

Minnesota has been working closely with the federal departments of Health and Human Services and Homeland

Security, as well as the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and local public health agencies in the state, to develop and enhance its plans for responding to a possible influenza pandemic.

Women's Gathering

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Work continues on the new Shingobee Casino/Marina (R) on Shingobee Bay on Leech Lake. The new facility is scheduled to open by fishing opener of this year. The new business will also rent boat slips.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans for Bemidji Area Sites

It is the recommendation of Leech Lake Tribal Health Staff to review benefits of any plan with your local health provider. Though we are not making a recommendation for a specific insurer, we have found Humana Insurance Company offers many medications used by local patients with chronic disease such as heart disease and Diabetes.

Stand Alone PDP's Eligible to Receive Auto-Enrolled Dual Eligible Beneficiaries

IN	MI	MN	WI	- Humana Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Medco Containment Life Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- MemberHealth Inc.
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Pacificare Life and Health Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Silverscript Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Unicare
IN	MI	MN	WI	- United Health Care Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Wellcare Health Plans
--	--	MN	--	- Wellmark Community Insurance, Inc.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDP's) with at least one plan with a premium under \$20

IN	MI	MN	WI	- Humana Insurance Company
--	--	MN	--	- Wellmark Community Insurance, Inc.

Stand Alone Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Organizations

IN	MI	MN	WI	- Aetna Life Insurance Company
--	--	MN	--	- Blue Cross Blue Shield Northern Plains Alliance
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Connecticut General Life Insurance Company
IN	--	MN	--	- First Health Life and Health Insurance Co.
--	--	MN	--	- Fox Systems
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Humana Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Medco Containment Life Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- MemberHealth, Inc
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--	MI	MN	--	- RX America, LLC
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Silverscript Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Sterling Life Insurance Company
IN	MI	MN	WI	- Unicare
IN	MI	MN	WI	- United American Insurance Company
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IN	MI	MN	WI	- Wellcare Health Plans
--	--	MN	--	- Wellmark Community Insurance, Inc.

For more info, call 218-335-4500 or toll free 800-282-3389.

Ask for Melanie Harper or Karen Moses.





Asthma Triggers and Winter Weather

By Niki Johnson, LPN - Cass Lake I.H.S.

Winter weather can bring potential asthma "triggers" into your home.

If you have allergic symptoms or have asthma, you are sensitive to "triggers." "Triggers" can be found indoors and outdoors. What is an asthma "trigger"?

Triggers are substances or activities that can lead to coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. Triggers don't actually cause asthma, (no one knows what exactly does cause it) but triggers can lead to asthma symptoms and flare-ups.

Common asthma triggers include: allergens (things that cause allergic reactions, like animal dander and pollen) irritants in the air (like perfume, scented candles, potpourri, smoke and air pollution) colds or flu, the weather conditions and exercise.

There's one step you'll want to take no matter what your triggers are: keep your rescue medication with you at all times. If you have other concerns or questions be sure to talk to your Health Care Provider about steps to take during the winter months.

Leech Lake Solid Waste New Hours

Monday – Thursday:
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday:
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Native Vote

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as a collective voice through civic participation while embracing our cultural heritage." The goals of NVA are to get Native voters registered, provide voting education, coordinate GOTV activities, civic engagement, youth education on civic engagement, promote awareness of issues facing Indian Country and beyond, and to impress upon Native voters the importance of participation at all levels, local, tribal, state and federal.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman, George Goggeye, Jr., says, "The 'Get Out The Vote' campaign is very important to us. You have our support here at Leech Lake. We want to make sure this effort is supported to increase our voter turnout."

The group is now also in the process of producing a brief documentary in regards to Native voting and creating a billboard for display on major highways throughout Minnesota. The video will be presented on public television in February. See your TV guide for dates and times.

Rick Anderson who is from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe owns his own production company and is responsible for the making of the documentary. He is currently seeking school-age children and teenagers from the different Reservations in Minnesota to be a part of this documentary. They are looking for young people who are good role models in your communities and who may possibly be our future leaders. Suggestions can be emailed to Anderson at rick@eagleclanproductions.com or you may call him at (320) 282-5650 by March 1st.

As we all know, 2006 is an election year. It cannot be stressed enough how important our Native vote is. More Natives than ever are now getting out there and voting. For example, in the last District 4 Representative race, Frank Moe, our candidate, was elected largely due to the Native vote. You see, we can make a difference and we will. But we need all Natives to unite and show what our voices and votes can do! Please vote in 2006!

Why Voting Matters – We Need Your Help Now

Voting in every election has become one of the most important tools for American Indians to protect our traditions, our culture and our way of life. When we don't vote, we allow others to make up our minds for us, we become subject to their will and we fall prey to their decisions. But when we vote in national, state and local elections, we make our voices heard and we honor our ancestors who wanted to vote but could not and who worked to give us our rights.

Sadly, American Indian voting rights are under attack once again in Minnesota and across the nation. Laws have been proposed – and even passed – that interfere with our voting rights. In the last election, outsiders tried to intimidate American Indians as we voted in Minnesota; some people had their cars followed from polling places in South Dakota.

These efforts and tactics show how important it is that the American Indian Community vote. We need to elect people who understand and value our communities and our culture. We need to show that as much as some people would take away our rights, we will work even harder to protect, exercise and expand those rights.

When we vote, American Indians are a force to be reckoned with. In 2002, American Indians in South Dakota helped U.S. Senator Tim Johnson win his seat by just 528 votes. American Indians in Colorado helped elect and re-elect Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the only American Indian to serve in either the U.S. Senate or Congress in the 80's and 90's.

We have only had the right to vote in U.S. elections since 1924. But in that time we have pulled together and protected our traditions and our way of life against much opposition – some of which continues today. The elections in Fall 2006 can be a great time for us to push back, to protect our rights and to elect people who

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Candidate Forum for Those Seeking Endorsement for Senate District 4 to be Held

Candidates seeking Democratic Farmer Labor party endorsement for Senate District 4 and House District 4B seats will be speaking at a forum on Saturday, February 4, at 4 p.m. at the Breezy Point Conference Center. Local citizens are invited to come with questions.

Senate seat contenders Irene Folstrom and Mary Aakhus Olson and House 4B hopeful Ron Berry hope for a big attendance of voters with lots of issues to raise. This forum for District 4 candidates is one part of an Eighth Congressional District DFL event at Breezy Point on February 4 and 5 that will also feature statewide candidates for DFL endorsement starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 4.

"We are excited to have such excellent candidates for the District 4 races, including, of course, our outstanding 4A incumbent Representative Frank Moe", said Martha Johnson, Senate District 4 DFL Associate Chair. "We hope voters will attend the forum to hear the issues the new prospective legislators care about and to get to know them better".

The Senate District 4 DFL is also sponsoring a forum in Bemidji on February 15 at the American Indian Center at Bemidji State University for voters in the Northern end of the District. Senate District 4 includes Cass County, and parts of Beltrami, Hubbard, Itasca and Crow Wing counties.

The Eighth Congressional District DFL Conference at Breezy Point begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 4. There is a charge of \$25 for attending both days of the event, including a Saturday evening dinner. There is no charge for attending only the District 4 forum; the cost for the dinner is \$15. If you wish to attend the conference or the forum and the dinner only, please contact Martha Johnson, 218-947-3656.

Letter to the Editor:

My brother Veterans, and families of Veterans: God is in our community with his Holy Spirit, and this is the era, which demands our united attention to our community. For the past 2 months, the ministers, priests, pastors, chaplains, and lay leaders have been meeting to share with each other, the individual efforts of various congregations toward a positive solution to our problems in the Cass Lake area. This burden is heavy on us all, yet there can indeed be daylight at the end of the tunnel. It will not be easy, it will not be simple, but we believe God's will, indeed will prevail here in the Cass Lake area. Goodness over evil.

We advance the colors of good over evil, compassion, empathy, family virtues, and honesty over dishonesty, and pray daily for the few in our community who cannot control their lust, their drunkenness, their desire for drug induced hate. The influence of organized gangs in our community is totally out of control. We have long fought the evils so prevalent in our community, but now with all the congregations lending their ideas, attitudes, and force to goodness and rightedness, we are hopeful.

Our combined prayers are going out continuously and we will continue in the good fight, for this is a never-ending battle with evil. I have implored our Veterans to take a stand within each and every family to take your family members to church every Sunday. And yes, I mean you and you and you. I am hopeful that this message is getting our clearly. It is but a start, an awakening for many, but it must be done. And it is only the start. I will guarantee that your family will become more in tuned with the Goodness we all desire. The family warmth that is so necessary for everyone, including our treasured children. Show by example, that's the message. Show by example that you and your family can make the simple and important step. Attend church every single week.

For some this may be a Saturday, for some it is a weekly prayer meeting, but for most it will be Sunday. TAKE; don't send, as many of your family members as possible. The

sun can and will again shine within every family circle. We have had enough violence.

"For God and Country"
Daniel H. Gumphrey,
Chaplain, Cass Lake American Legion
Chaplain, Bemidji VFW



**Ministers and
Congregational
Laypersons Meeting
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of the month.**

We need every single Cass Lake area church and congregation represented at these very short and brief meetings.

Doctrines are set aside for these important spiritual leadership meetings.

Excellent programs are pre-planned. We need 100% participation for the benefit of our community.

Public Library Crisis Open Meeting

Region 2 Arts Council Press Release

A public meeting will be held in the First Lutheran Church auditorium located at Bemidji Avenue and 9th Street beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2006. The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m.

Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting. Come to voice your opinions, share concerns and solutions, and ask questions regarding the reduction of services at the Bemidji and Blackduck public libraries.

Please join us and show your support. The meeting is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Bemidji Library and the Bemidji Library Board.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Chippewa National Forest Press
Release

To start out the New Year we would like to introduce you to a group of unsung heroes on the Chippewa National Forest. They are a group of employees that are part of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). SCSEP is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act and serves persons with low incomes who are fifty-five years old or over and who desire job training, supplemental income and an opportunity to provide valuable service to their communities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, operates its program through an Interagency Agreement that is negotiated annually with the U.S. Department of Labor. Nationally thousands of SCSEP enrollees assist Forest Service units with the agency mission of "caring for the land and serving the people".

In 2005 the SCSEP program marked its 40th Anniversary. Over the years many seniors have been trained and obtained employment in social, health, education, legal, recreational, conservation, maintenance or restoration of natural resources, community beautification, economic development and other service functions within the community.

Training is made available on computers, customer service and office skills. There is also safety training once a month and defensive driving is also provided. Necessary safety equipment is issued and yearly physicals are made available to each enrollee.

The Chippewa National Forest employs up to 60 enrollees under the SCSEP program working in the communities of Cass Lake, Blackduck, Deer River and Walker. SCSEP's work approximately 20 hours a week. The employees working in the field on the Chippewa maintain the campgrounds, picnic areas and trails. They do mowing, trash collection, brushing and help keep the forest beautiful for all the visitors. SCSEP's that work in the Forest offices provide customer

service and information to the public; help with filing, typing, photocopying and other administrative functions.

Many Senior Americans have found this program very meaningful. They can take pride in their work and accomplishments. They have been trained in new fields for employment and they can take these skills out into the workplace and become a vital part of their community.

Mary Nipp is a SCSEP employee on the Blackduck Ranger District, Chippewa National Forest. If you would like more information on the SCSEP program, please call 218-335-8640.

**NATIVE YOUTH
CRISIS HOTLINE**

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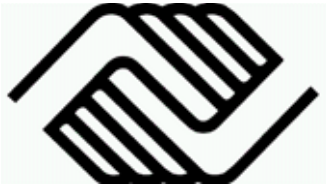
**Wanted
Native American Children
3 to 5 years old**

Leech Lake Headstart is now taking enrollment applications (in the Bemidji area) for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Required Documentation
includes:**

**Income Verification
Immunization Record
Birth Certificate
Physical Exam
Dental Exam**

**If you are interested,
please give us a call at the
Early Childhood Development
Center at 335-8345 or
1-800-551-0969.
Ask for Bev or Ernestine.**



Boys & Girls Clubs of America



Dustin Orvitt

The Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Area in Walker is pleased to recognize Dustin Orvitt as the winner of their first table tennis tournament. The tournament, held from December 13-16, culminated with a playoff on the 16th. In total, the tournament included 13 participants and 27 matches. Dustin is a fourth grader at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Elementary School, a member of the youth

basketball team, and has been a Boys & Girls Club member for the last eight months.

The Walker unit of the Boys & Girls Club is currently located in the WHA Elementary School's old wrestling room. The Club recently received the "ping pong" table and equipment used in the tournament, to the delight of Club members. With the addition of newly hired staff, the Walker unit is growing and developing its programs in education, career development and health as well as fitness. Will Haubrich, the Club's Health & Fitness Coordinator, stated "There is purpose behind everything we do. "The addition of table tennis is an avenue for us to develop goal-setting, the merits of sharing, fairness, cooperation, and even the care of the equipment. To make this happen, we provide structure and programming with our activities." The addition of the table and ping pong tournaments to the Club broadens the activities that attract youth and create access to other programs.

Dustin has shown some great sportsmanship skills during his time with the Boys & Girls Club, as well as table tennis talent. It's always a pleasure for his peers as well as staff to play with him. Please congratulate Dustin on his achievement!

Reward Offered for Information In Death of Michael Littlewolf, Jr.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Press
Release

A reward of up to five thousand dollars is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Michael Littlewolf, age 20, of Cass Lake.

This reward is being offered by the Leech Lake Reservation, the City of Cass Lake, and Cass County, and is made possible in part by contributions from community members. This reward was initiated through an offering made by Leech Lake Band member Kenny Mitchell at a community wide meeting held on November 30, 2005. Chairman, George Goggeley, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Arthur "Archie" LaRose jointly endorse and strongly support this effort. They, along with the District Representatives and various other community members seek to bring prosecution to those responsible for this act.

Michael Littlewolf was found beaten on a Cass Lake street on November 6, 2005. Littlewolf passed away the following day and his death has been ruled a homicide. Anyone with information is asked to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 1-800-450-2677, or the Leech Lake Tribal Police at 1-888-622-9225, or the Cass Lake Police Department at 218-335-2351, or your local law enforcement agency. Contacts and information will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Why Voting Matters

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share our ideals and our values. Your help is needed; here is what you can do:

- REGISTER TO VOTE
- GET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REGISTER TO VOTE
- BE SURE TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006
- HELP TO GET UNREGISTERED PEOPLE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU CAN VOUCH FOR UNREGISTERED VOTERS WHO LIVE IN YOUR PRECINCT AND YOUR HELP IS MOST DEFINITELY NEEDED.

Make sure you are registered and that you vote this fall. Our history has taught us that each time our rights are under attack, we must act and fight even more. And we succeed when we act together. Please vote and help us preserve our history, honor our ancestors and protect our way of life.



REGION 2 ARTS COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE

for Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants

Applications are available for the Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants. Please note that this grant opportunity has a deadline of March 8, 2006.

Anishinabe Arts Initiative grants may be requested by individual Native American artists (request cannot exceed \$700) to assist them in the completion of an artistic work or to take advantage of an opportunity; by schools (request cannot exceed \$500) that wish to engage the talents of an artist-in-residence; and by organizations (request cannot exceed \$1,200) for community project grants. Applicants must reside in the Region 2 area that includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen Counties, or nearby counties including Becker, Roseau, Itasca and Cass counties. Deadline: March 8, 2006.

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Pictured above is recovering meth addict, Sophia Schoenborn, on her arrest date of June 12, 2005. This photo was taken at the jail on the day of her arrest.

She Paid the Price of Addiction

By Patsy Gordon

Twenty three year old Red Lake enrollee, Sophia Schoenborn, has a lot to be thankful for these days, especially after beating her addiction with drugs. Today, she has a happy, drug-free life with her two children and their Dad. Sophia lost much of her belongings during the time of her love affair with meth, but she says, "That's all right, I have my sanity back and my family. Who could ask for more?"

Sophia was never allowed to go out and party during her adolescent years. Her grandmother, who raised her, wouldn't allow it. After Sophia's mother was tragically killed in a car accident in 1994, Sophia's grandmother took custody of her and raised her. Sophia's mother had been working as a drug prevention specialist at the time of her death. Who would have ever thought that Sophia Schoenborn would become addicted to drugs? She was an honor roll student, graduating from high school in June of 2000, with everything to live for!

But Sophia says after being clean for the past 7 months, she still fights that addiction every single day, but she knows the price she paid, and never wants that kind of life again. The addiction did much damage to the young mother's body, mind, and spirit during her four-year love affair with the monster, crystal meth. Her short-term memory, she says is, "fried". She

cannot sit any longer than 15 minutes or her legs and knees become hard to straighten out. She has no muscle tissue left, the chemicals that meth is made of has eaten all of the tissue away. So far, three of her teeth are nearly rotted away, one of them has turned black. She was losing her hair and was down to a size 0 pants. "My body was a board", she said.

Thinking back on her love affair with meth, Sophia cringes at the idea of feeling disgust, hurt and the sick feeling that was always playing havoc in her stomach. Thanks to a very kind judge, he saw hope and potential in the young woman. He sought time in treatment for her instead of jail time, which changed Sophia's life.

After graduation from high school Sophia was delivered with the bad news that the grandmother who had so lovingly raised her and she so dearly cared for, was diagnosed with

for Christmas that year, the elderly woman had lost all of her hair from chemotherapy and was on oxygen. Her cancer had returned and her beloved grandmother was sick again. Sophia said, "It hurt to see this hardworking nurse of 20 years going through all this. She didn't deserve this."

When she returned to school, her roommates said they had something that would make her feel better. They started to chop up a little ball that looked like cookie dough. Her roommates made a couple of lines out of it and Sophia snorted them. She said, "It had an awful burn to the nose, and when it started to drip down the back of my throat, it had the nastiest taste!" Lo and behold, five minutes later, the young woman was full of energy. She said it was so weird, she felt so worry free. She loved the feeling this high had given her and had taken her mind off the troubles back home. Before

grandmother passed away on August 17, 2001.

With her grandmother's passing, Sophia moved in with her boyfriend, Paul, the night of the funeral. Even though she was grieving, things were starting to look up for her. She was hired by the DNR as a receptionist, and Paul had a job too. They had money, belongings and a car. Unfortunately, it didn't last long.

One day, one of her old college friends tracked her down. Her so-called friend introduced her to meth on that same day. The meth kept them up for a couple of days and they didn't eat. Sophia said it gave her tons of energy.

Shortly after, Sophia found out she was pregnant, and wanted to try and stay away from the drugs. After giving birth, Sophia became anemic. She was tired and run down all the time, so she decided she was going to try taking energy pills. Within a couple of months, she had lost 10 to 14 pounds. Things still weren't bad in her family's life, they bought another vehicle, her daughter had top brand name clothing, etc.

When her baby turned 6 months old, crank had made its way back around and found Sophia again. Just thinking about getting high around her daughter made Sophia scared and nervous. She quickly found a way to alleviate those feelings by hiring a babysitter when she wanted to get high. She was only doing it once or twice a month, so how could she be hurting anyone, anyway? Sadly, the once or twice a month turned into a weekend thing. Her and her boyfriend went from \$25.00 stashes to \$200.00 bags in no time at all. At this point, Sophia said they were pretty much finishing two eight balls in one night.

In January of 2003, after her and Paul started fighting, crank started getting the best of her and controlling her life. She felt like she couldn't do anything without the drug. It was right around this time when her "hook-up" started to get crystal meth, aka, glass. Glass was a lot stronger than crank. Sophia had so much energy, she would take on ten projects at one time, making more of a mess than anything. It wasn't long

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SOPHIA TODAY

lung cancer. As a result, the doctors removed one half of her grandmother's lungs. Sophia thought everything was all better now after the surgery and her grandmother would be healthy again.

So, she enrolled in the Rainy River College in International Falls, where she lived in a dorm. When she returned home to her grandmother's

she knew it, Sophia was snorting drugs at least two weekends out of every month. She and her so-called friends would snort from dusk to dawn.

At the end of her first school year, Sophia moved back home with her grandmother. Her grandmother was strict, but Sophia felt safe and secure being there with her. She had even forgotten all about the crank. Her

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before home, family and work became unmanageable. In April of 2003, she didn't have time for work anymore, so she resigned.

In May of that year, Sophia had already tried unsuccessfully to hang herself three times. Each time Paul would catch her unconscious but always managed to snap her out of it.

In the fall of 2003, Sophia found out she was pregnant again. Her and Paul were not getting along and he would always tell her that the baby wasn't his, making her furious. Their lives had turned into an emotional roller coaster. She scheduled an appointment for an abortion, and when she missed this appointment, she made another one. In the meantime, Sophia kept doing the drugs and her life had become a living nightmare but still the abortion never happened.

Problems developed with the fetus. It was only a couple of days before her due date when she was rushed to the Bemidji Hospital for an emergency ultrasound, and her worst fears were confirmed. The baby's heart wasn't beating normal. She had always before fooled herself into believing she was not harming the baby with her drug use because the baby was in a bag of water. Her thought was "It cannot even inhale."

She was rushed up to the birthing unit in the hospital where the doctor began asking questions like, had she done anything, any drugs. Sophia lied and said no. Since the baby's life was at stake, the doctors decided to break her water. She was scared of having the baby, not knowing if there would be anything wrong with it. Fortunately, and to her relief, her son was born perfect, except for being malnourished.

Tax time 2005 came and went. Her and Paul bought an ounce of glass with it, which cost them just short of \$2,000.00. Why should they care, after all, they had their high.

In April of 2005, Paul and Sophia broke up, leaving her alone with two kids and no money. For the

next couple of weeks, Sophia slept most of her time away, but when she was awake, she spent all her time yelling at her kids. She sent them for a visit with their Dad. After a few days, the children came back home to her. Her son was sick. His eyes were swollen and he had discharge coming from them. His fever was 103 when they admitted him to the hospital on the day of her mother's 11 year memorial. She had no gas in her truck to get around so she left it in her Uncle's yard. Upon her return, all of the windows had been broken out of it. She didn't have time to worry about that, she had enough worries with her baby being in the hospital. He had begun to bleed out of his eyes, and Sophia was extremely tired from not getting any sleep. Two days later on Mother's day, her son was still in the hospital but was back to his old self. A friend had stopped by to visit. He told her she needed a break and wanted her to get away for awhile.

Paul later showed up for a visit with their son and Sophia left. She told the nurse in charge that if she wasn't back in time when they discharged him to discharge him to his father. The next night when she came back, her kids were nowhere to be found. It wasn't until the next morning when she found out that the hospital had called child protection and had a 72 hour hold put on them.

During the next three weeks, Sophia sold some of her belongings so she could get a couple of 8 balls of glass. She also sold her TV and a huge bedroom set. It was also during this time that she came to the realization that she needed treatment.

Sophia had a court date three weeks later to try and get her kids back. When they read the UA results in court, she said she couldn't believe what she was hearing. She tested positive for methamphetamines, crack cocaine, and opiates. Since she had already signed up for treatment, it was a good sign to the court. On May 29, 2005, she retained custody of her children. But within a few weeks times she had already missed most of her outpatient meetings.

While attempting to get ready to attend an outpatient meeting, her daughter threw a tantrum because she wanted to watch cartoons and didn't

want to get ready to go anywhere, Sophia uncontrollably started to slap her little girl. She couldn't take it anymore, she was needing a high. Something made her realize what she was doing and she quit slapping her child. She immediately called the little girl's grandmother and told her what she had done. The grandmother told her to leave the kids alone and she would be right there. Sophia was hiding in the back room of the house when the children's grandmother came to pick them up.

Sophia had not realized the impact of the slaps that she had given to her child. The grandmother took the child to the emergency room. Four hours later, cops were knocking at Sophia's door.

Sophia had gone to Bemidji with some friends. When she returned a friend told her that the cops had been there with a search warrant and were looking for her. She had missed them by only minutes. This is when she realized that what she had done to her daughter was worse than what she had thought. Sophia started to dodge the cops left and right.

It was at this time that Sophia's life hit rock bottom. She realized that all this drug ever did was tear her life apart. She so desperately wanted out of her life that had become so unmanageable.

She arranged a ride to her house with a friend. They were going to "chance it" to her house. It was actually a relief to Sophia when the cops pulled them over. They had finally caught her! She didn't even care – the feelings of relief were overwhelming. It would soon be all over. She spent four days in jail before she went to court. The court showed her photographs of what she had done to her daughters back. The little girls back was bruised and scraped.

Sophia was sentenced to enter a psychiatric unit for evaluation where she was put on meds. They had to prescribe sleeping pills so she could sleep, and meds to relieve her agitation and anxiety. She spent 14 days there before returning to jail.

When Sophia went back to court, the Judge put her on a hold at a women's shelter until they could find a bed available at a treatment facility. Although she was allowed to

have supervised visits with her kids, she still yearned to continue on with her social life as it was before. She wanted to run again, but instead was sent to treatment in Brainerd for 30 days.

In her own defense Sophia would always say "My children never went hungry and never went without anything." She was always buying them toys and DVD's, etc. It was only later when Sophia realized and was ready to admit and give her kids her time, love and affection they so badly wanted and needed that only she could give them. Sophia said, "Working on my 12 steps in treatment made me realize a lot of things."

A month later, Sophia was back at home. She had successfully finished her treatment. She had her children back and their Daddy.

Today, Sophia says, "Our family life couldn't be better!" Both Sophia and Paul are now drug free, and their kids are getting their undivided attention. Her little boy is starting to talk. He will be 2 on February 26th.

Sophia says, "If I can help even one person, then I will know that my life and my addiction experience were not a total loss." She finished by saying "I am living proof, if I can do it, so can you!"

NOTE: The name of Sophia's boyfriend was changed in this story to protect his identity.



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Yvonne Wilson's first and second graders of North School near Deer River, Minnesota, had their first adventure with snowshoeing. The snowshoes were purchased through a Bigfork Lion's Club grant and money donated from Joann Lemke, a former substitute teacher. Thanks to help from other staff members and parent



David Cloud. David was a past student of Yvonne's and now has his daughter Jasmine as a student. Yvonne was recently selected by the Center for

Rural Education to be part of a focus group of teachers. She attended a meeting in Washington D.C. on January 20 to discuss issues that rural teachers face in the classroom.

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**Leech Lake Tribal Council - Quarterly Meeting
October 7, 2005 - Ball Club, Minnesota**

Chairman George Goggeye, Jr., called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: George Goggeye, Jr., Arthur LaRose, Burton Wilson, Lyman Losh and Donald Finn.

Approval of Agenda:

Additions: To swear in School Board member. Motion by Arthur LaRose. Died for lack of second.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Lyman Losh to approve agenda as presented. Carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Donald Finn to approve the minutes of July 1, 2005. Carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman's Report: George Goggeye, Jr.

Financial Report: Arthur LaRose, Burton Howard and Dan Erickson.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Arthur LaRose to approve the financial report. Carried 4-0.

Tribal Council Resolutions:

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Donald Finn to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-26 concerning eligible enrollments. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Donald Finn to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-27 concerning ineligible enrollments. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-28 concerning relinquishments from Leech Lake to Fond du Lac. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Donald Finn, second by Burton Wilson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-29 concerning blood quantum changes. Carried 4-0.

Introduction of New Employees.

Division Director Reports.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Donald Finn to approve Division Director reports. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Lyman Losh to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, quarterly meeting held on October 7, 2005 at Ball Club, Minnesota.

Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer

Leech Lake Reservation



Lawrence "Sandie" Gotchie sworn in as new school board member.

**Leech Lake Tribal Council - Special Meeting
October 21, 2005 - Cass Lake, Minnesota**

Chairman George Goggeye, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Present: George Goggeye, Jr., Arthur LaRose, Burton Wilson, Lyman Losh and Donald Finn.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Lyman Losh to approve agenda. Carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Donald Finn to approve the September 23, 2005 minutes. Carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Donald Finn, second by Burton Wilson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-30, concerning applying for funding to create a Crime Prevention Juvenile Delinquency Program. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Burton Wilson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-31 concerning Tribal Judge Screening Committee. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-32 concerning Adoption of the Deficit Reduction Plan. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-33 concerning Adoption of Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Donald Finn to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-34 concerning Security Guard Services – Indian Health Service Bid. Carried 4-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Donald Finn, second by Burton Wilson to approve the following Land Resolutions. Carried 4-0.

LD2006-78 concerning Tracy Howg, new lease Deer River area;

LD2006-79 concerning Kim Hanson, rescind Res. No. LD2001-105; Deer River area;

LD2006-80 concerning Terry D. Oothoudt, new lease, Ball Club area;

LD2006-81 concerning Roberta Kangas, new lease, South Cass Lake area;

LD2006-82 concerning Cheryl M. Kangas, new lease, South Cass Lake area;

LD2006-83 concerning Ronald E. Skinaway, Jr., rescind Res. No. LD2003-13, Buck Lake area;

LD2006-84 concerning Michael D. Harrison, new lease, Buck Lake area;

LD2006-85 concerning Frank Sherman, Jr., rescind Res. No. LD2005-156, Buck Lake area;

LD2006-86 concerning Brenda Beaulieu, new lease, Buck Lake area;

LD2006-87 concerning Calvin R. Dick, rescind Res. No. LD2004-16, Buck Lake area;

LD2006-88 concerning Natasha Fox, lease & assignment cancellation, Onigum area;

LD2006-89 concerning Myron Drummond, rescind Res. No. LD2006-66, Stony Point area;

LD2006-90 concerning Myron Drummond, new lease, Stony Point area;

LD2006-91 concerning Eleanore Clark, lease renewal, Sugar Point area;

LD2006-92 concerning LLHA, new lease, Onigum area (former Natasha Fox house);

LD2006-93 concerning LLHA, new lease. City of Cass Lake area.

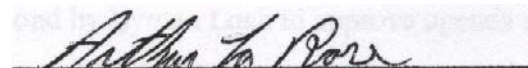
Motion by Donald Finn, second by Burton Wilson to dedicate additional tax sharing revenue up to \$300,000 for use as the Business Division budget. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Donald Finn, second by Lyman Losh to hire Carol Aenne, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Superintendent. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Donald Finn to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2006-35 to adopt Interim Land Use Ordinance for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Carried 3 for – 1 opposed. (For the record, Arthur LaRose opposed.)

Motion by Donald Finn, second by Burton Wilson to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Special Meeting, held on October 21, 2005, Cass Lake, Minnesota.



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GLOBAL BOYCOTT "Gun" Video Game for Killing & Scalping Apaches

A racist game called "Gun" has been released by Activision, a Santa Monica, CA video game publisher for Xbox 360, Xbox, Play Station, PS2 and PC.

"Gun" features a frontiersman hero named Colton White. The earliest task the game player must complete is to slaughter Apache Indians. Not only slaughter--but also scalp Apaches with a "scalping knife which can

be purchased as part of the many weapons offered to the hero of the game, Colton White.

Rated "M" for mature audiences, Gun is an outright endorsement of the genocide that continues to be perpetrated against Native Americans.

If a similar game advocated the killings of African Americans, Irish, Mexicans, or Jewish would there not be an outcry? Apparently, killing Indians is still fair game. Adding insult to injury, "The Hero" bemoans the fact that although he's killed so many Apaches, he is also letting so many get away.

Believe it or not, Indian kids

play Xbox, too.

Activision scriptwriter (Randall Jahnsen) has just written a game that says killing all Apaches is the right thing to do and in the game you not only have to slaughter the Apache to advance in the game, but you can purchase a "scalping knife" to "scalp them all!"

As if to make amends, "The Hero" switches sides later in the game and discovers a secret about his own indigenous heritage. This story twist DOES NOT make the preceding chapters any easier to accept. In fact, in the official guide to the game, it actually says that because "The Hero" rescues some Apaches held captive

on a train, perhaps it cancels a karmic debt for his earlier actions.

This is completely unacceptable and cannot be tolerated in 2006 society.

The brutal slaying of America's indigenous people is historically accurate...it happened. But so did slavery, lynching and the Holocaust and we don't see games glamorizing those events!!!!

The Association for American Indian Development is asking you to join us. BOYCOTT "Gun" the video game, as well as other games published by Activision. CALL, WRITE, or VISIT them at: Activision Incorporated, 3100 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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Deadline for Tribal Governments to Receive Trust Money Extended for One Year

WASHINGTON - The time limit for a tribal government to file a settlement claim to receive trust money owed it by the federal government has been extended for one year.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., attempted to have the deadline for filing a claim extended for six years; but Congress sent a one-year extension to the president, who signed it on Dec. 30, 2005.

Tribes have until Dec. 31, 2006 to place their claims for payment of trust funds owed them before the statute of limitations runs out again. The funds, which are not government funds, are monies owed the tribes for lease, royalty, land sale and taken-land payments which were not properly paid because of alleged mismanagement by the Department of Interior over the past 100 years.

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The Leech Lake THPO/City of Cass Lake is Awarded a State Grants-In-Aid Project Grant

By Gina Lemon-Papasodora, Leech Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

In a joint venture, the Leech Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and the City of Cass Lake were together awarded the "State Grants-In-Aid Project Grant" to purchase the PastPerfect Museum Cataloguing Software by the Minnesota Historical Society. In October, the project was recommended for funding by the Society's Grants Review Committee and approved by the Society's Executive Committee on November 1, 2005 in the amount of \$1,500.00.

This software is one of the most widely used Collection Management Software in the world! It encompasses every aspect of collection and membership management. PastPerfect truly automates accessions, cataloguing, loans in, loans out, exhibit, condition reporting, and repatriation processes of our artifact collections.

As for collection management, there are four separate areas: historic objects, photographs, archives and library items. The Membership Management/Development Module handles the membership coordination: renewals, dues, donations, receipts, and pledges. This system will manage and print letters, mailing labels, and track detailed information about individuals, volunteers, docents, and prospective members.

There will be digital imaging, to acquire images directly from a scanner or digital camera, or import images from existing image files thus eliminating constant handling of important photos and documents in our collection, and a Virtual Exhibit Website, to exhibit and create an entire website for our future museum. These added features would be forthcoming sometime in the near future.

At present, we are waiting on

the actual funding to arrive and soon we will be acquainting ourselves with this state-of-the-art software that will bring our program into the 21st century technology with regard to museum quality collection management here on the Leech Lake Reservation. Our office building currently houses over 90,000 artifacts, that is not including the amount of objects we are planning to repatriate in the coming years so this software is one of our most needed tools we desired to manage the assets of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Mn/DOT Invites Public Comment on Improving Transit System

MN DOT Press Release

A series of meetings to hear comments on ways to better coordinate operations among transit providers and improve service will be held starting Feb. 6 by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The meetings will be held at several locations statewide.

Providers include nursing homes, hospitals and social service agencies as well as public transit systems.

Mn/DOT and the Metropolitan Council will use the comments and suggestions heard during the meetings to complete a plan that will increase access to jobs, raise service quality and increase the availability of transit.

The plan includes recommendations to eliminate duplicate efforts and link county and other transit providers to improve their service levels.

Mn/DOT will incorporate suggestions from the meetings to produce the final version of the plan, said Noel Shughart, a project manager with the department's Office of Transit.

Shughart said Mn/DOT encourages participation by social services providers, transit operators, officials from city, county, state and tribal governments, community associations and people concerned about improving transportation services.

Meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

Willmar, Feb. 6, 9 a.m. until noon, Mn/DOT district office, 2505 Transportation Road. Contact: Beverly Herfindahl, 320/214-3754.

St. Cloud, Feb. 7, 1 to 4 p.m., Whitney Center, 1529 Northway Drive. Contact: Susan Siemers, 320/203-6157.



Leech Lake Housing Authority Executive Director, Val Pacheco honors the Leech Lake Tribal Council with a Housing Authority flag. Chairman George Goggleye, Jr. said, "We will proudly fly it here inside the Tribal Chambers!"



This is a view of the newly renovated and expanded Leech Lake Housing Authority conference room.

Detroit Lakes, Feb. 8, 9 a.m. until noon, Mn/DOT district office, 1000 West Highway 10. Contact: Keven Anderson, 218/847-1532.

Bemidji, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. until noon, Mn/DOT district office, 3920 West Highway 2. Contact: Kent Ehrenstrom, 218/755-4518.

Duluth, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. until noon, Mn/DOT district office, 1123 Mesaba Ave. Contact: Don Mohawk, 218/263-2979.

West St. Paul, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. until noon, Dakota Area Resources and Transit for Seniors office, 1645 Marthaler

Lane. Contact: Micky Gutzmann, 651/282-9950.

Windom, Feb. 14, 1 to 4 p.m., Mn/DOT district office, 180 County Road 26. Contact: Jan Klassen, 507/831-2905.

Rochester, Feb. 15, 1 to 4 p.m., Mn/DOT district office, 2900 48th St. Northwest. Contact: Jean Meyer, 507/280-3100.

More information about the plan may be obtained via the Internet at:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/coordinationstudy/index.html>.

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Positions close on February 3, 2006 unless otherwise noted.

Detailed job descriptions available upon request.



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Position Title: Associate Vice President Center for Career Development

Primary Function: *The Associate Vice President is responsible for the development, coordination, delivery and assessment of all Leech Lake Tribal College career and technical programs, continuing education and training courses, and community education and training events.* **Requirements:** *Masters preferred or Bachelors with twenty credit hours of graduate work. Work experience in the field of vocational postsecondary education desired.* **Experience:** *In grant administration required.*

Position Title: Development Administrative Assistant

Primary Function: *The Administrative Assistant is responsible for clerical duties within the Department.* **Requirements:** *AA preferred, extensive experience in administrative duties and information technology.*

Native American Preference - Please visit our website at www.lltc.org for more information. Send your application and resume to: Human Resources Leech Lake Tribal College P.O. Box 180 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone 218-335-4290

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 information.

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For sale by owner: 1985 Medallion 16' x 70' mobile home on 1.72 acre lot located 3.5 miles south of Cass Lake and ¼ mile off highway 371 on 65th Avenue NW. Asking price, \$10,000. Must be enrolled member of Leech Lake Band.

For sale by FNBCL a subsidiary of Western Bank of Duluth: Mobile home with addition on 1.41 acre lot on Bowstring River, about ¾ mile south of Co. Rd. 35 on Womack Road in Inger. Asking price \$19,500.00. Financing available. Must be enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Lakeshore: 10-year leases available. Rental rate based on appraised value of lakeshore.

For sale by owner: Two-bedroom cabin with screened in porch, appliances included. Winterized for year round occupancy. Also, 8' x 16' boat house and dock. Located on 0163-acre lot on Pug Hole Lake.

For sale by owner: 1986 Marshfield 14' x 64' trailer with attached deck. 20' x 28' garage, 8' x 8' storage shed. Seasonal Use Occupancy. Located on 0.33-acre lot with 75 feet lakeshore frontage on Trader's Bay on Leech Lake.

For sale by owner: Two bedroom home with attached garage and four season porch. Completely remodeled in 2005. Located on 0.87-acre lot with 150 feet lakeshore frontage on Sugar Point on Leech Lake.

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THE YEAR 1905

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1905.

One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1905:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and

Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.

Back then the pharmacist said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (Shocking!)

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

It staggers the mind.