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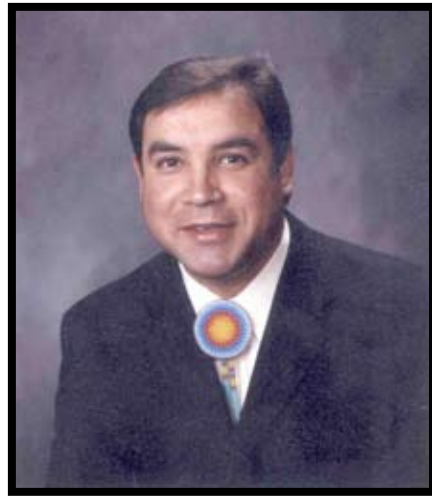
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## Has Racism Become "Politics as Usual?"

By Kevin Leecy, Chairman, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and Vice Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association & George Goggleye Jr. Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Most Minnesotans have become accustomed to the familiar craziness of election years—the negative campaign ads, strident speeches, political attacks and counter-attacks, and so on. While most politicians publicly disdain the "politics of personal destruction," their advertisements, direct mail letters and brochures are filled with negative messages and the language of division. Often, we accept these tactics, as "politics as usual," recognizing that candidates deliver the messages they believe will resonate with their constituents. As our tolerance of negative messages has increased, politicians have learned that they can push the edge of the envelope without fear of serious backlash. But one candidate has stepped over the edge.

Michael Barrett, the Republican-endorsed candidate for

Congress in Minnesota's 7<sup>th</sup> District, has launched an all-out racial war against the Red Lake Nation. Reacting to the arrest of a non-Indian sportsman who violated tribal law by fishing in reservation waters, Barrett has announced that he believes Upper and Lower Red Lake should become the property of the State of Minnesota.

We are stunned that any supposedly responsible candidate for any public office, let alone Congress, would take such a position. Barrett's statement reveals not only his overwhelming bigotry, but also his appalling ignorance of the Red Lake Nation's unique history. For those who may have forgotten, here is a quick review of that history.

Red Lake, along with the Bois Forte Reservation, is one of only a handful of tribes in the U.S. that still retains primary criminal and civil

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## Leech Lake Supports Red Lake Nation's Jurisdiction over Red Lake

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe adamantly opposes any effort which threatens the Red Lake Nation's jurisdiction over the 80% of (Upper and Lower) Red Lake which lies within the Red Lake Reservation boundaries. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is in opposition to any political candidate whose stance calls into question Red Lake's jurisdiction.

U.S. representative Mark Kennedy, GOP candidate for the United States Senate, supports Michael Barrett, the GOP-endorsed Candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House seat, who has publicly stated that, "Red Lake should be managed for use by the State of Minnesota and appropriate agencies so that the entirety of Red Lake is available for use by all Americans."

Upper and Lower Red Lake are the ancestral waters of the Red Lake Nation and the ability to regulate those waters cuts to the heart of Tribal Sovereignty and the Tribe's ability to maintain and sustain these waters. Any attempt to limit or do away with the Red Lake Nation's ability to regulate their own waters is a major step towards extinguishing tribal rights throughout the State.

See Mary Olson's (DFL Candidate for Senate Dist. 4) response to M. Barretts statement on page 14.

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## Leech Lake DRM Air Quality Program/ Northern Lights Casino Involved in Wind Feasibility Study

By Patsy Gordon

It could possibly save Leech Lake tens of thousands of dollars each year in electrical bills at the Northern Lights Casino. The possibility of the wind providing electrical power to the Casino near Walker, Minnesota is now closer to reality. Phase II of this project is the installation of 3 anemometers staggered on a 50 meter, 164 foot tall tower which will be in place for one year while the Leech Lake Air Program with the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) conducts a study on wind speed and direction. This study will analyze the wind potential at the site and see if it is enough to provide green energy to the Casino.

Seventh Generation Energy Systems out of Madison, Wisconsin was contracted by the Leech Lake Band Air Program to install the wind tower. The firm hired two Leech Lake Band members through the Leech Lake TERO program to assist with the installation. After many hours of drilling into the ground and often hitting rock, the tower was finally in place at 10:30 p.m. on August 12, 2006.

Phase I of the wind feasibility study took place in 2003/2004 and consisted of a 20 meter wind tower

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Cass Lake/Bena School District starts school on September 5, 2006.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School started on August 28, 2006.

Leech Lake Tribal College starts on September 5, 2006.

# Obituaries

## Ruth Ross

R u t h Louise Ross, whose Ojibwe name is "MaKoons" which means "Little Bear", 69, of Cass Lake, MN died on August 5, 2006 at Neilson Place in Bemidji.



Memorial Services were held on, August 7th, 2006 at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Cass Lake with Rev. George "Boomer" Collins officiating. The Cease Family Funeral Home in Cass Lake assisted the family with arrangements.

She was born August 31, 1936 in Inger, MN, the daughter of the Rev. Selam and Adeline (Bunker) Ross. She was raised and educated in the Cass Lake area. She attended the Sand Lake and Cass Lake elementary schools and graduated from the Cass Lake High School in 1954. She graduated from the Swedish Hospital nursing program in Minneapolis as an LPN. She came home to work at the Cass Lake PHS Hospital for a time. She was the Office Manager for many Leech Lake and Minneapolis Programs including: the Reservation Business Committee,. In 1973, she and her family moved to Minneapolis where she worked at the Upper Midwest American Indian Center, Indian Health Board Clinic and the Legal Rights Center. She returned to Cass Lake in 1977 where she was office manager at the Anishinaabe Legal services, the

Public Health Service Hospital and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (when it was headquartered at Cass Lake) and the Leech Lake Housing Authority where she retired in 2000. She volunteered as a hostess at the Leech Lake Elderly Nutrition Program and the Cass County Senior Companion Program.

She loved garage sales, attending and dancing in Traditional and Jingle Dress at Pow-Wows, cooking/baking and crocheting. Everything she did, she did well and she will be missed many people.

She is survived by 5 children: Lenee Ross of Cass Lake, MN, Shari (Joel) Bebeau of Ball Club, MN, Brian Funk of Cass Lake, Kenneth T. Rodriguez of Bemidji, Mario A. (Janice) Rodriguez of Cass Lake, 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, a brother, William (Carolyn) Ross of Cass Lake, a sister, Ruby (Simon) Beaulieu of Minneapolis, numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her special friend (with whom she had two children), Jose "Kenny" Cruz Rodriguez, a sister, Gloria Bendix-Eyler and a grandson, Alex Ross.

Honorary Casket bearers were her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Jason "Chuck" Allen Cross

J a s o n Allen Cross, 18, of Cass Lake, MN, died on August 4, 2006 in Cass Lake, MN.

F u n e r a l services were held



on August 10, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake began on August 8, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN and continued until the time of the service. Interment took place at the Fairbank's-Staple's Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born on July 11, 1988, in Bemidji, MN the son of Curtis Cross and Debra Adams.

He attended school in Cass Lake and Bemidji growing up. He liked to play basketball, loved music, being outdoors, playing videogames, being with friends, and attending family gatherings.

He is survived by his mother, Debra Adams, brothers, Christopher Cross, Joshua Cross; sisters, Tammy (Alden) Fairbanks, Mary Cross, Marie Cross, Michelle Smith, Brandy Braman-Adams; girlfriend, Natalie Lovelace, grandmothers, Catherine Adams, Heidi Fairbanks, all of Cass Lake, MN, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Grandfathers George Fairbanks, Harold Adams, and Grandmother Selina Cross.

Active Casket bearers were Christopher Cross, Joshua Cross, Alden "Bro" Fairbanks Jr., Tom Headbird Jr., Tim Adams, "Gumby" Fisher, Robert "Whitey" Roybal, and Rob Adams Jr.,

Honorary Casket bearers were Nate Lindgren, Willard Reed, Allen Fairbanks, Duane Carmona, Dennis Staples Jr., Curtis "Eya" Brown Jr., Ed Fisher, and Darryl Adams Sr.

## Ronald Gene Wind Sr. "Thunder Coming"

R o n a l d Gene Wind Sr., of Cass Lake, MN died on August 13, 2006 at the Heritage House in Pequot Lakes, MN.



Traditional Funeral Services were held on August 17, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Leader Anna Gibbs officiating. A wake began on August 15, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN and continued until the time of the service. Interment is at the Mission Corner Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born on September 23, 1949, in Red Lake, MN, the son of Carl and Josephine (Critt) Wind. He grew up in the Solway, MN area until he moved to Cass Lake as a teenager. Later he moved to Iowa. He married Judy Triska on September 22, 1973 in Washington, Iowa. He attended Indian Hills Technical College and earned a degree in Auto-Body repair. In 1982 Ron and his family moved to Cass Lake, and he opened Ron's Body Shop. He liked to buy, and sell cars, ride motorcycles, play guitar and sing in country-western bands, and loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Wind of Cass Lake, MN; sons, Ron (Diana) Wind Jr. of Cass Lake,

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MN, Tony (Milissa) Wind of Bemidji, MN; daughters, Leslie Graves of Minneapolis, MN, Angela Wind of Cass Lake, MN, Crystal (Khawar) Wind of Cass Lake, MN; brothers, Dean (Gloria) Wind of Cass Lake, MN, Donald (Karyn) Wind of Cass Lake, MN; and sister, Darlene Wind of New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother John Wind.

Active casket bearers were Charlie Wind, John Wind, Ivan Wind, Reggie Wind, Fabian Wind, and Rod Headbird. Honorary casket bearers were all of Ronald's grandchildren.

### Richard Robinson, Sr.

Richard Robinson, Sr., 76, of Cass Lake died on August, 2006 at his home in Cass Lake.



Funeral Services were on August 19, 2006, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN, with Rev. George Ross and Rev. Leonard Fineday officiating. A wake began the evening of August 17, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, and continued until the time of the services. Interment took place at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born on April 3, 1930, in Inger, MN, the son of Albert and Mary (Morgan) Robinson Sr. He married Gladys Bobolink on August 18, 1952 in Minneapolis, MN. They moved back to Cass Lake shortly after, where they have lived since. He enlisted in the US Army, serving during the Korean War. His brother Sgt. Ernest Robinson was declared MIA in Korea during the war. Richard was instrumental in building the Veteran's Memorial Pow-wow grounds in Cass Lake. Many hours of his own time was spent there. He enjoyed watching wildlife, hunting, fishing, ricing, and teaching his sons and grandsons the skills and showing them his special hunting places. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, and listening to country gospel music. He loved playing horseshoes with his

buddies, and was good enough to win a few trophies. He loved talking Ojibwe and going to pow-wows.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Robinson, sons, Richard Robinson Jr., Martin (Lila) Robinson, Terry Robinson Sr., Larry Robinson; daughters, Sue Robinson, Kelly Robinson; brothers, Albert Robinson, Robert (Linda) Robinson all of Cass Lake, MN, and Dennis (Cookie) Robinson of Cloquet, MN; sister, Margaret Robinson of Cass Lake, 19 Grandchildren, and 11 Great-Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Sgt. Ernest Robinson, daughter Bonnie Robinson-Morgan, and two grandsons Skye, and Zachery.

Active Casketbearers were his grandsons Jordan Robinson, Anthony Robinson, William Ethier, Terry Lee Robinson Jr., David Morgan Jr., and Thomas Robinson.

Honorary Casketbearers were Gilbert Starr, Earl Erion, Rayis Losh, Kenny Hough, Mert Lego, along with his grandchildren he helped raise; Jessica Robinson, Matthew LaDuke, Thomas Robinson, Terry LaDuke, and Nicholas Robinson.

### Kenneth Howard

Kenneth Patrick "Poonty" Indian name Nanaboozhoo Howard, 60, of Cass Lake, Minnesota died on August 24, 2006, after a long illness, at the Hennepin County Medical Center Coronary Care Unit in Minneapolis, MN.

Kenneth was born on July 6, 1946 at Cass Lake, MN the son of Simon and Dorothy (Drouillard) Howard. He grew up and attended school at Cass Lake. He worked and lived in California with his first wife Bonnie (Carlson) Howard. He returned to Cass Lake and he was the District III Representative for the Leech Lake Reservation. His second wife, Betty Jane (White) Howard and he lived in Cass Lake for several years. Bonita Earth was his companion for many years. He loved the land. He taught many people to fish, log, hunt, net, rice, pick berries, cones and boughs. His greatest joy was teaching a young person about nature and they loved him in turn. "Poonty" will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his mother Dorothy A. Howard; Siblings: Gary Howard; Elaine Fleming, Joanne Mulbah all of Cass Lake; Diane (Charles) Polaco of Sante Fe, New Mexico. Special children Sandy (Larry) White of Sugar Pont, MN;

Greg Earth of Mpls, MN; Michelle Wilke of Bemidji, MN., special friend Josie Radel, and many nieces and nephews who loved him very much. He was preceded in death by his father - Simon, brothers - Simon, Jr. and Michael John; sister Simone and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services were held on August 28, 2006 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Officiant was Rev. Harold Eaglebull. Wake began on August 27, 2006 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until the time of the services.

Honorary casket bearers were Howard Jones, Petey Jones, Maynard Raisch, Jim Drouillard, Gary Howard, Christopher Ley, Sianneh Mulbah, Elaine Greenleaf, Simone Greenleaf, and Oliver Drouillard.

Active casket bearers were Michael Howard, Jr., Calvin Howard, Shea Fleming, Ross Littlewolf, Simon Howard, and Dusty Kolkin. Interment took place at the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake. Arrangements were handled by the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji and Cass Lake, MN.

### Donald "Jay" Burris, Sr.

Donald "Jay" Burris, Sr., 52 of Pennington, MN died Saturday, August 26, 2006 in St. Cloud, MN.

Traditional Services ere held on August 30, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake began August 29, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Interment is at the Oak Point Cemetery in rural Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born September 23, 1953 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Woodrow Burris and Dora (Raisch) Davis. He loved to set nets, hunt, softball, outdoors, car racing, pool, ricing, making maple syrup and most of all spending time with his family.

He is survived by his 3 sons: Michael Burris of Red Lake, Donald Burris, Jr. and Dave Jones of Bemidji; 5 daughters: Waaban Burris of Cass Lake, Randi Burris of Bemidji, Gabriella Bellanger of Minneapolis, Amanda



Baker of Prairie Island, MN, Kristen Jones of Onigum, MN; 2 brothers: Jerry Burris of St. Cloud, Joe Burris of Minneapolis, 5 sisters: Theresa Burris of Duluth, Wanda Burris of Superior, Wisc., Shirley Davis of Cloquet, MN, Tina Davis of Superior, Wisc., Jocelyn Burris of Minneapolis, numerous grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother Michael Burris.

Honorary casket bearers were Robert Headbird, Joe Burris, Sr., Jerry Burris, Dave Ross, Henry "Crock" Harper and Donny Headbird.

Active casket bearers were Michael Burris, Donald Burris, Jr., Dave Jones, Virgil Lewis, Marvin Rainey, Marcus Burris, Joe Burris, Jr. and Bruce Quagon.

### In Memory of Rita Nancy Buck "Smitty"

Died: September 22, 2006

By Rhonda "Sis" Buck

This day is the worst day of my life. This day is going to be engraved in my heart forever. This is the day I lost my Mom in the physical form, but also gained a beautiful angel to protect and guide me in the spiritual form. This day is the day I try to let you go. Let you go on that journey that I too must someday take. Let you go, even if it wasn't your fate to leave all your friends and family behind. Ma, you're always on my mind because you were so kind. Let you go to take that walk. Even though to me, I'm still in a world of shock. I feel so much hurt and pain, so much at times, I feel like I'm going insane. I miss you "Ma" with all my heart! A lot of times I ask God to keep me from falling apart. You were my best friend, mother and most of all my life. Ma, even my father always thought of you as a beautiful wife. One year has passed since that cold September day. One year of missing you, one year filled with heartache and pain, one year of misery and hurt, that I want to just wish away. They say time heals all, I hope this is true. So until I see you, I will try to be filled with remembrance and joy. I love you, Mom.

## Carl Artman to be Nominated Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

NCAI

The White House announced today that President Bush intends to nominate Carol Joseph Artman to be the next Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, replacing former Assistant Secretary Dave Anderson.

Mr. Artman, an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, currently serves as Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior. He previously served as Chief Counsel of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. NCAI members may have met Mr. Artman at the NCAI Midyear hosted by the Oneida Tribe in 2005. Artman has extensive experience in Indian Affairs, including land-to-trust, land claims, taxation, gaming and education. He also worked as a legislative assistant for Rep. Michael Oxley from 1991 to 1994 and served as director of federal affairs for the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin from 1994 to 1995. His business experience includes serving as general counsel and vice-president of Business development at CorAcess Systems, LLC, in Denver. He also served as chief legal counsel for Qubit Technology. Artman earned a LLM in Natural Resources and Environmental Law from the University of Denver School of Law, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin in 1999, a J.D. degree from Washington University Law School in 1991, and a bachelor's degree from Washington University Law School in 1991, and a bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1987.

The Congress will recess at the end of this week for the remainder of August, so his confirmation hearings and consideration by the Senate likely cannot take place until after Labor Day. The President also plans to appoint him to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center, for the remainder of a six-year term expiring June 1, 2010.

## Indian Entrepreneur Classes to be Offered

The American Indian Development Fund (AIEDF) will be holding their fall Indian entrepreneur class at Fortune Bay Casino, Tower, MN. This 33-hour class will run for two weekends with the first class being held October 20-22 and the second part of the class being held on November 3-5, 2006. Students must attend both weekends to complete the course.

The AIEDF is a non-profit agency that is positioned to help American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, and counseling and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. They also participate in the loan process by providing gap funds and below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business – all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call 651-917-0819.



## Authentic or Counterfeit? How to Buy Genuine American Indian Arts & Crafts

Whether drawn to the beauty of turquoise and silver jewelry or the earth tone colors of Indian pottery, having some knowledge about American Indian arts and crafts can help consumers get the most for their money. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Federal Trade Commission caution consumers that there are unscrupulous dealers who sell imitations, trying to pass them off as authentic and made by an American Indian artist. The IACB and FTC will be offering a brochure with tips to coincide with various American Indian and cultural events during the summer months, which included the Santa Fe Indian Market in Santa Fe, New Mexico, that was held in August.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 makes it illegal to advertise or sell any art or craft in a way that falsely suggests it is produced by an American Indian or is the product of a particular American Indian tribe. All claims about the Indian origin and tribal affiliation for any product must be truthful.

To help consumers shop wisely, the IACB and FTC have published a brochure: "How to Buy Genuine American Indian Arts and Crafts." Available at [iacb.doi.gov/brochures/indianartftc.pdf](http://iacb.doi.gov/brochures/indianartftc.pdf) or is also available the following website: [ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/products/indianart.pdf](http://ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/products/indianart.pdf). The brochure explains the types of materials used in these products, and includes buying tips:

- Buy from an established dealer who will give you a written guarantee or written verification of authenticity.
- Get a receipt that includes all the vital information about the value of your purchase, including any verbal representations. For example, if the salesperson told you that

the piece of jewelry you're buying is sterling silver and natural turquoise and was handmade by an American Indian artisan, insist that this information appear on your receipt.

- Before buying Indian arts and crafts at pow-wows, annual fairs, juried competitions, and other events, check the event requirements for information about the authenticity of the products being offered for sale. Many events list their requirements in newspaper ads, promotional flyers, and printed programs. If the event organizers make no statement about the authenticity of Indian arts and crafts being offered for sale, get written verification of authenticity for any item you purchase that claims to be authentic.

Copies of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act and related regulations are available from the IACB's web site at [www.iacb.doi.gov](http://www.iacb.doi.gov). The IACB was created by Congress to promote the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the expansion of the Indian arts and crafts market. A top priority of the IACB is the implementation and enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts of 1990. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board is the only federal agency that is consistently and exclusively concerned with the economic benefits of Native American cultural development.

More information about the FTC and its consumer protection programs can be found at <http://www.ftc.gov> and also from the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580.

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**Letter to the Editor:**

My sister lives in Marcel and works for the Nation and loves its Debahjimon and so had them sent to me because she knew it would please me and it does. We are not enrolled in any nation but we have blood and also other mixes. We don't know any real roots – my Mom and Dad were the only children and they had ten of us. But for so long, I felt lost and didn't know much of our family tree. But always and forever love reading about the Native American ways. And I only have 1/8<sup>th</sup> of some and about 1/16<sup>th</sup> of another. But it feels very strong in my thoughts and feelings.

But anyway, why I'm writing is to tell you that I relished the arrival of the paper to read about the featured "elders". I could come to kinda' know them and loved to read their stories. My sister says they're isn't a whole many left. Last month's August Debahjimon was extremely delightful to meet George Jones! I got to thinking that maybe articles on the way or maybe what they cook – is it traditional food or ways they prepare it? Every

body's crazy about cooking and things along that line.

Like when my son just got home from Iraq, I had a cookout for him. I don't hardly ever do that because of one reason or another, but I do enjoy cooking out on a fire. Well, all my meat got done and there was still a lot of heat being offered by the fire and I got this notion to cook this big turkey breast I had bought and I tried to figure out how. Well, I seared it on a grill just above the heat, all over on every side I seared it, then cut a hole in a tin pie pan just about the size of the turkey cavity and stood the breast cavity down so that the heat would enter the cavity through the hole in the pie tin. Then I put a big stainless steel bowl over the whole thing to maximize the heat. It came out delicious!

I want to learn how to do complete meals over a campfire someday. Stuff like that would be a really cool feature in your paper, although I'd rather have the elders. But with love, I write you and thank you for sending me the paper.

**Tina Wilk**

## Region 2 Arts Council Grant Application Deadline for Arts Project Grant

Applications are available for the R2AC Arts Project grant. Please note that this grant opportunity has a deadline of September 14, 2006.

Any non-profit, tax-exempt organization that has received 501c3 status from the IRS may apply. This includes non-profit organizations or schools (including community education offices), and units of government. These grants offer funding for a variety of art projects including production costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, public murals, art publications, arts awareness projects, administration or consultation services, touring, and artists-in-residence. Maximum request limit of \$1,250 applies. Any group that does not have 501c3 status, but is formed for a non-profit purpose, may apply through a fiscal agent. School and units of government may apply without a fiscal agent. This program is supported through funding from the Minnesota State Legislature.

To request an application form, write or call Terri Widman at the Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Avenue, Bemidji, MN 56601, 751-5447 or toll free at 1-800-275-5447 or email [r2arts@paulbunyan.net](mailto:r2arts@paulbunyan.net). You may also access applications and guidelines for this grant through our website [www.r2arts.org](http://www.r2arts.org). Staff assistance is available to all applicants to discuss ideas, select artists, or to assist in completing the application form.

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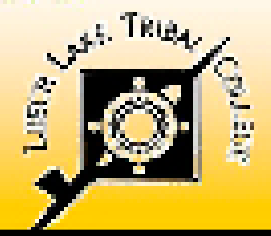
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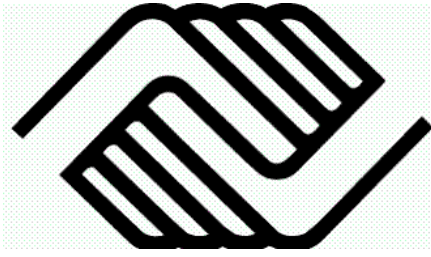
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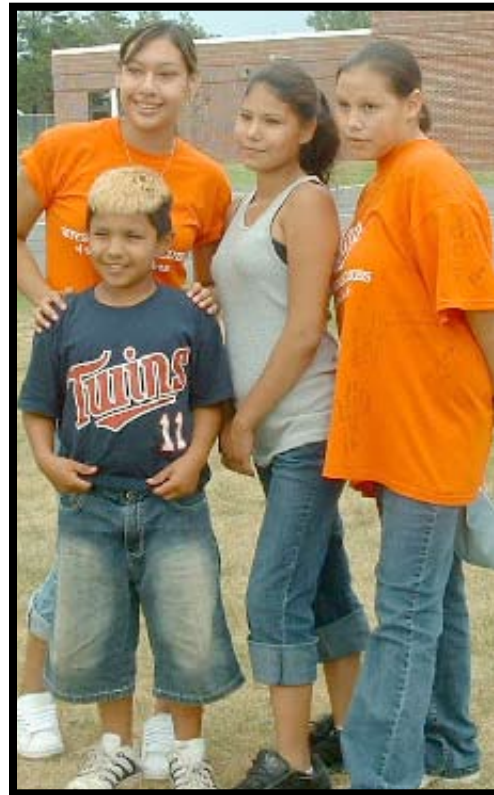
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# Leech Lake Area Boys & Girls Club Join in Festivities on National Night Out



A group of young Club members join in on a game of basketball. Numerous games and activities were held where the kids could join in and win prizes. Photos by Patsy Gordon



On August 2, 2006 more than 100 community members joined Cass Lake Boys & Girls Club Members, staff, and volunteers to celebrate National Night out at Dream Catcher Park. The event included food & beverages, provided by Leech Lake Housing Authority, and many games and prizes for young people.

National Night Out is a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. With a purpose in, "promoting neighborhood spirit and

police/community partnerships," the Association reports that, "cities and law enforcement agencies in all fifty states have attracted 34 million people to these events."

Event Coordinator, Will Haubrich, who introduced the Boys & Girls Club's Police Athletic League at the event said, "this type of community and police support is what our young people need to help them resist drugs & crime and become responsible, productive citizens." Local Law Enforcement attendees included Kate Preble, Director of the Weed & Seed Program, Officer Ken Bedeau of the Cass Lake Police Department and the Leech Lake Band Tribal Police. The Indian Health Services Ambulance Crew also attended the event.

Tuleah Palmer, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area, said, "it was our community who made this special event happen for our young people." She went on to express special thanks to Law Enforcement, the Weed & Seed Program, Leech Lake Housing Authority, and the Club's full-time Volunteer, Robert Fineday.



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## Put the Squeeze on Breast Cancer!

Did you know that breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Native American women? This has not always been the case. But for the past fifty years the number of Native women with breast cancer has increased dramatically.

Although having a mother, sister or aunt with breast cancer increases the chance of developing breast cancer, the biggest risk for breast cancer is being a woman. So how can we put the squeeze on the breast cancer? Follow these suggestions:

- Have your health care provider do a yearly breast exam;
- Learn a systematic way to examine your breasts every month;
- If you are over 40 get a yearly mammogram;
- Maintain a healthy weight and exercise at least five times a week;
- STOP SMOKING!

If found early breast cancer can be defeated!



## News from White Oak Casino

The White Oak Casino of Deer River, MN, would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the employees of the Casino.

The last enrollment report shows that our percentage rate of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe employees is up to nearly 50%. We are currently in the heart of our busy season and are in the week of our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary at the White Oak Casino. One third of our employees that were with White Oak at the opening in 2000 are still with us today.

Recently, Carol J. Michaud, Leech Lake Band member, retired after providing 12 years of service to Leech Lake Gaming. Carol started her employment with Northern Lights Casino, but came to work at White Oak when the doors opened in 2000.

White Oak Casino congratulates David Cronin for his promotion to the new Table Games Manager. David is a Band member and he has also been with the Casino since their doors opened in Deer River. He is much deserving of this promotion.

On another note, the White Oak Casino has 13 Leech Lake Band members as managers. They all possess great knowledge of Gaming policies and procedures and internal controls.

With our experience and casino operations capability, we developed a relationship with our employees and guests to operate our casino with the utmost respect and dignity and continue to provide the best customer service that the White Oak Casino employees have been know for since day one!



**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2006 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

Leech Lake Tribal College

## Fall 2006

### Student Orientation

Tuesday September 5th, 2006  
From 9 am to 4 pm

This is a mandatory orientation for all **NEW** students. Returning students are also encouraged to attend.

The orientation will be held in the ITV room (100) at the new campus.  
Lunch will be provided.

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS

## THE BUG O NAY GE SHIG SCHOOL

Is now accepting applications for enrollment  
for fall quarter which begins:  
August 28, 2006

Students must register as soon as possible  
Last day to register is September 15, 2006

You can pickup registration forms at:  
The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School  
15353 Silver Eagle Dr. N.W.  
Bena, Minn. 56626

Any questions or if you need registration forms  
picked up or delivered, call recruitment staff:  
toll free: (800) 265-5576 ext. # 3043

Needed for enrollment:

- \*copy of birth certificate
- \*social security number
- \*updated immunization records
- \*proof of tribal enrollment (if available)
- \*school records from previous school  
(we will request or parent may bring in)

## Legal Notices

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Andrew Richard Jackson**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Andrew Richard Jackson** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3(A), Speeding from 1-10 mph over the speed limit.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

- 1.Failure to appear in court on July 11, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Rodney Jerome Johnson**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Rodney Jerome Johnson** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.C.1, Driving after suspension.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Derek Joshua Nason**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Derek Joshua Nason** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 11, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3(C), Speeding in excess of 20 mph over the limit.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Cody James William Parks**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Cody James William Parks** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.214. C, Failure to show Proof of Insurance.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Steven Glen Richardson**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Steven Glen Richardson** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **David J. Smith**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, David J. Smith** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 7.01, Burning Prohibited Materials.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Ronald Gene Wind**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Ronald Gene Wind** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 19, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Alvin John Braun**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Alvin John Braun** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3(A), Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

- 1.Failure to appear in court on July 25, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Kelly Rae Isham**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Kelly Rae Isham** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that s/he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Land Use Ordinance 2006:

1. Section 01: Disposal of Rubbish.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY**

**PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

- 1.Failure to appear in court on August 1, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Angela Lee Jacobs**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Angela Lee Jacobs** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Leah Renee Jacobs**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Leah Renee Jacobs** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **William Earl Morris**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, William Earl Morris** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's License

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY**



**PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Matthew James Northup**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Matthew James Northup** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Sec.208. A.3(A), Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit.
- Chapter 200, Sec.214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.
- Chapter 200, Sec.215.C(1), Driving after suspension.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Marcella J. Roy**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Marcella J. Roy** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Sec.217.N, to violate any of the following provisions of MN Statutes (§ 169.34), Handicap Parking.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Sandra Wadena White**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Sandra Wadena White** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at**

**2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3( C ), Speeding in Excess of 20 mph over the limit.
- Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's License.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Darlene Marie Wind**, Defendant, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Darlene Marie Wind** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **October 17, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Sec.214. C, Failure to show proof of insurance.

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**State Primary:  
September 12, 2006  
State General Election:  
November 7, 2006**

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## Region 2 Arts Council Application Deadline

for Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants

Applications are now available for the Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants. Please note that this grant opportunity has a deadline of October 5, 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, which includes Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen Counties, or nearby counties including Becker, Roseau, Itasca and Cass counties. **Deadline: October 5, 2006.**

**Please note** that the term "arts" refers to music, creative writing, dance, visual arts, theater and other forms of creative expression.

To request an application form, write or call Terri Widman at the Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Avenue, Bemidji, MN 56601, 751-5447 or toll free at 1-800-275-5447 or download from our website: <http://www.r2arts.org>. Staff assistance is available to all applicants to discuss ideas, select artists, or to assist in completing the application form.

## Region 2 Arts Council Offers Grant Writing Workshops

Region 2 Arts Council Executive Director, Terri Widman, will offer grant writing workshops for anyone interested in applying for an Arts project Grant, Individual Artist Grant, or an Anishinabe Arts Initiative grant within the Region 2 area (serving Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen counties). These workshops will familiarize potential applicants with the application process, what projects are eligible, how to develop a project budget and other tips.

The Artists Project grant writing session will be open to any non-profit organization, school (including community education offices), and units of government. These grants offer funding for a variety of art projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, and artists-in-residence.

The Individual Artist grant writing session will be open to artists in all art disciplines. These grants offer funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production or a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities; mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities.

The Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grant is open to individual Native American artists; schools that wish to bring in a Native American artist-in-residence, and communities to assist an organization in sponsoring or producing an arts project.

The workshops will be offered in the following locations:

### LOW High School ITV Room Thursday, September 7 BAUDETTE

Individual Artist Grant Workshop 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Arts Project Grant Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### Old Reservation Tribal Council Conference

#### Room – Cass Lake Frontage Road Monday, September 11 CASS LAKE

Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grant Workshop (1/1) 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### Red Apple Café Thursday, September 14 MAHNOMEN

Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grant Workshop (1/1) 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Individual Artist Grant Workshop 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

### Library & Archives – Tribal Council HQ Building Thursday, September 21 RED LAKE

Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grant Workshop (1/1) 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION is required.** To reserve a place in a free workshop or for further information, please call 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447, or e-mail [r2arts@paulbunyan.net](mailto:r2arts@paulbunyan.net)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Program Activities and Retention Coordinator

Department of Social Work, American Indian Projects

The Department of Social Work, American Indian Projects, at the University of Minnesota Duluth has a full-time Activities and Retention Coordinator position available. To apply for this position and to submit application materials electronically, please visit <http://employment.umn.edu/>. Follow the instructions for logging in as either a new or returning user. Please click "Create Application" to the left to set up user name and password. Click "Search postings" and type requisition #140934 for this position. Applications must be completed at the above web site, however you may send the additional application materials consisting of letter of application, statement of philosophy in working with diverse populations, and résumé that includes contact information for three references to John Day, Search Committee Chair, UMD Department of Social Work, 220 Bohannon Hall, 1207 Ordean Court, Duluth, MN 55812. Complete applications will be reviewed beginning August 21, 2006 and will continue until position is filled.

The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

The **BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL** in Bena, MN, is looking to fill the following positions for the 2006-2007 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, RESOURCE DEVELOPER (Formerly Grants Manager), OJIBWE IMMERSION TEACHER, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER (For Grades K-8), SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, BUS MONITOR, ON-CALL SUBSTITUTES (Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Culture Staff, Clerical, Child Care Workers, Custodial, Bus Drivers, Bus Monitors)

All certified positions require current MN licensure in their respective areas and successful completion of pre-employment drug testing and State and Federal Background checks. Applications may be obtained online at <http://www.bugschool.bia.edu/jobapp.pdf> or by calling Human Resources at 1-800-265-5576. Teacher applicants must be prepared to bring their portfolio if selected for the interview process.

**Postings are OPEN UNTIL FILLED.**

Detailed job descriptions available upon request.

### **LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE HUMAN RESOURCES JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Cashier, Cash Express (Palace, Northern Lights, White Oak), Cashier, Northern Lights Express, Walker, MN, Cashiers (2), Che-We Store, Cass Lake, MN

#### **EDUCATION**

Teacher Assistant, Two (2) Team Leaders 08-28-06

#### **HEALTH DIVISION**

RN Diabetes Educator 09-11-06, Registered Dietitian (LLDCEP) 09-11-06  
Mid-Level Primary Care Provider (NP or PA-C) 09-11-06  
Mid-Level Provider, CNP / CNS 09-11-06

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

Medical Doctor 09-08-06, Mental Health Therapist (LICSW)

#### **LEECH LAKE SECURITY**

PHS Security Officer 09-11-06

#### **Native American Preference applies.**

All open until filled unless indicated by a **closing date** (follows job title).

**How to apply:** Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or you can download an application / disclaimer from our website at: [www.llojibwe.com](http://www.llojibwe.com). You may FAX your application documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to [LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com](mailto:LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com), or mail your documents to; Human Resources – 115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E – Cass Lake, MN 56633. **Policy:** Human Resources **must** receive your application documents **before** or **no later than 4:30pm** on the date the position is scheduled to close. Applications received after 4:30 on closing date **will not be accepted**. Call #218-335-3698 or toll free at #1-800-631-5528 for more information.

# LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COURT NEWS

The Leech Lake Tribal Court continues to build on the Court's infrastructure, and is working to improve and expand operations. Current Court staff follow the Vision Statement created previously for the Court, which is to be recognized as providing an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of Justice. In addition, our Mission continues to be to establish a fair and effective justice and dispute resolution system founded on Ojibwe culture and values for all native people residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band; to protect and preserve the natural and trust resources of the Leech Lake Band; and to promote peace and public safety within the Leech Lake Reservation. As part of this effort, the Court brings you the following news on Court operations and programs:

## Court Staff and Statistics:

Full-time Court staff include Chief Judge Corey Wahwassuck, Court Administrator Pat Pizzala, and Court Services Coordinator Betsy Allen. The Court also has two part-time judges, Associate Judge Anita Fineday and Deputy Judge B.J. Jones. Judge Fineday handles child protection and juveniles cases, and Judge Jones handles cases in which the other two judges might have conflicts of interest. During the first six months of the year, 351 hearings were held in Tribal Court, ranging from traffic and conservation matters to civil cases to child protection and juvenile cases.

## Update on Grants

The Tribal Court is proud to announce that it has been awarded several grants that will benefit Tribal members and help improve outcomes for families. Under the first grant, the Court has started the "Mashka-wenda-moowin Project" thanks to \$20,000 in funding from First Nations Development Institute. First Nations is a national Native nonprofit organization established in 1980 to work with Native peoples as a catalyst for social and economic justice for Native peoples worldwide. First Nations

believes that Native youth represent the future of Native communities, and that their health and well being determines the future overall health and well being of a community. By investing in youth and giving them a sense of place and tradition in the community, a community will ensure that it will have future leaders. The Tribal Court's program, funded under First Nations' Native Youth and Culture Fund, will focus on parents, children, and family members involved in child protection cases and youth involved in juvenile cases pending in Leech Lake Tribal Court and in Minnesota state courts. The program will also focus on juveniles and young adults already incarcerated in correctional or juvenile detention facilities. Thanks to the grant, funds are available to improve access to elders, traditional healers, and others who can provide the spiritual help needed by those involved in the child protection and juvenile system. Kimberly Craven, First Nations Development Institute's Director of Grant making and a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate said of the Mashka-wenda-moowin program, "Native children are such an important asset of Indian country. First Nations is so pleased to support this model program whose goal is to help native children heal and become healthy contributing individuals." If you are interested in becoming involved in this program, either as a volunteer providing services or as a family in need of help, please call the Tribal Court for more information.

The second grant awarded to the Tribal Court is from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Tribal Courts Assistance Program. This 2-year, \$300,000 Tribal Court continuation and enhancement grant will allow the Leech Lake Tribal Court to continue many of its existing programs,

and will also provide additional funding for public defenders and Guardians ad Litem to serve in child protection and juvenile cases.

The third grant awarded to the Leech Lake Tribal Court comes from the Minnesota Supreme Court's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, which oversees Native American Pass-Through Funding. The Tribal



Leech Lake Tribal Court Chief Judge Corey Wahwassuck and Court Administrator Pat Pizzala hold a \$10,000 check from First Nations Development Institute. The check is the first installment of a \$20,000 grant awarded to the Tribal Court from First Nations' Native Youth and Culture Fund. (Not pictured: Betsy Allen, Court Services Coordinator).

Court has received at total of \$6,300: \$2,000 to administer an independent drug testing program for participants in Tribal Court child protection and juvenile cases; and \$4,300 to improve access to services for those involved in child protection and juvenile cases in Tribal Court by providing funds for such things as transportation costs. Tribal members not involved in child protection or juvenile cases may also use the Court's drug testing program; one example being parents who suspect their children of drug use and wish to have them tested.

## Update on Fine Amnesty Program

The Fine Amnesty Program publicized in the past two editions of the DeBahJiMon has now ended. The Tribal Court wishes to thank those who contacted the Court to make

arrangements to take care of their overdue fines, or to provide proof that the fines had been paid previously. Now that the amnesty period has ended, the Tribal Court will begin stepping up collection activities. As part of this collection effort, Tribal Court personnel have met with representatives from the Band's Legal Department, Tribal Police Department, Housing Authority, Department of Motor Vehicles, and Department of Natural Resources to work on enforcement policies that are fair and consistent. More information will be published as these policies are developed.

Those who did not contact the Court during the amnesty period will soon be receiving notices in the mail ordering them to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for failure to pay court-ordered fines. Even if you do not have funds to pay the fine, it is very important that you contact the Court, because failure to do so could result in one or more of the following:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500. This penalty is in addition to any fines previously assessed by the Court.
2. Your traffic violation may be reported to the State of Minnesota for entry on your driving record.
3. The fine may be added to the amount you must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates.
4. Your Leech Lake vehicle plates may be seized.
5. The vehicle driven during the violation may be seized.
6. Your fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing, or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band may be suspended until the fines are paid in full.

For those who do not have the financial resources to pay their

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Pictured above are (L to R) Larry Hanks, CHR Driver, Lacy Johnson, CHR, Laurie Jackson, Acting Health Director, Melanie Harper, CHR Director, Lyman White, Jr., CHR, Barb Kannas, CHR, Robert White, CHR, Judith Wilson, Respite Care Provider, Robert Jenkins, CHR, Russell White, CHR driver, and Doug Day, CHR Driver

Photo by Patsy Gordon

## Leech Lake Health Division Graduates 6 Community Health Representatives (CHR)

By Patsy Gordon

Robert Jenkins, Lacy Johnson, Judith Wilson, Robert White, Barb Kannas, and Lyman White, Jr. successfully completed the Community Health Representative (CHR) training and graduated on August 17, 2006.

Melanie Harper, CHR Director, welcomed the graduates to the ceremony. Laurie Jackson, acting Health Director in the absence of Eli Hunt, was the keynote speaker. Hunt sent his regrets that he was not able to make the graduation ceremony, but did also send his congratulations with a handwritten speech read by Laurie Jackson. She said that "The hard work and dedication make the CHR program a shining example of the teamwork that takes place at the Health Division on a daily basis."

Robert Jenkins will serve the Inger/S. Lake/Winnie Dam area, Lacy Johnson will serve the Ball Club/Deer River area, Judith Wilson, who has been with the Health Division for 15 years provides respite care services reservation wide. Robert White will serve the Kego Lake/Smokey Point area, Barb Kannas will serve the Deer River/Bena area, Lyman White will serve the Onigum/Walker/Smokey Point area, while Terri Thompson and Director, Melanie Harper serve the

Cass Lake area.

The CHR drivers also provide a valuable service to the CHR program. They provide transportation with Leech Lake vehicles to clients that need rides to their appointments, etc, sometimes getting up as early as 3:00 in the morning so clients can get to their appointments on time that require a long distance to travel.



## Election Day is Fast Approaching - One Vote Can Make a Difference

Minnesota Child Care Resource & Referral Network

In the 2000 election, just over half the population (51%) voted. In the 2004 elections, among the eligible voters, 61% of the population turned out to vote. Minnesota led the nation with the highest voter participation rate.

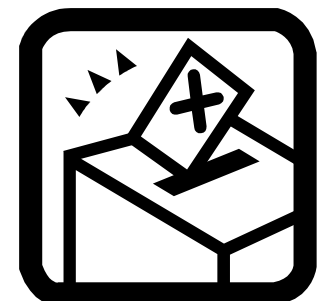
Even though the 2004 voter turn out rate was higher than in 2000, the people who did not vote gave up their chance to make a difference and have their voices heard!

In 2000, the Presidential vote in Minnesota was decided by 6,000 votes.

In 2002, Dan Sparks was elected to the Minnesota State Senate by 5 votes.

In 2004, Judy Soderstrom won her Minnesota House seat with just 94 votes.

Rep. Fran Bradley won his Minnesota House seat with 311 votes in 2004.



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**Tribal Court News**

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finer, the Tribal Court does offer a community service work option. The Court is willing to work with those who have unpaid fines, but you must appear in Court when you receive a notice.

**Outreach on Tribal Court Operations**

Efforts are continuing to get word out on Tribal Court operations and programs. As part of this effort to keep Tribal members advised on developments and answer questions about Court operations, Chief Judge Korey Wahwassuck has attended meetings of the Local Indian Councils for the communities of Sugar Point, Winnie Dam, Kego Lake, Mission, Cass Lake, and Sugar Bush/Ten Lake, as well as the Twin Cities LIC. In the coming months, the remaining LICs will be contacted to schedule time on their agendas to discuss Court issues. Court staff are also willing to meet with any of the Band's divisions/departments to review this information as well.

**Wellness Court Update**

The Tribal Court continues to be involved in the Leech Lake/Cass County Wellness Court. The result of a partnership between the Ninth Judicial District and the Leech Lake Tribal Court, the Wellness Court is a unique problem-solving court involving successful collaboration between Tribal and County court systems and is the first of its kind in the country. At this point, the Wellness Court addresses only Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) cases, but over time the Courts hope to expand the program to cover other types of cases.

The Wellness Court is helping to resolve jurisdictional challenges created by Public Law 280. Leech Lake Chief Judge Korey Wahwassuck and Cass County District Court Judge John P. Smith run Court sessions together and make decisions regarding participants as part of a team of dedicated professionals from the Band, State, and County, as well as other agencies. Court sessions alternate between Tribal Court and Cass County District Court, and the

program is being expanded to include evening court sessions.

**Peacemaker's Tribunal**

The Court is also recruiting individuals to sit on the Court's Peacemaker's Tribunal. The Peacemaker's Tribunal provides a non-adversarial way to resolve disputes by establishing and re-establishing justice through healing and restoring harmony to the parties, their families and the community. The Peacemaker Tribunal is intended to reflect the Band's tradition of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts. The tribunal is composed of one or more persons who conduct peacemaking conferences in accordance with the Court's established rules and procedure for the Peacemaker's Division. Peacemakers work to resolve non-violent civil disputes between family members, neighbors, and others within the community, and decisions of the Peacemaker Tribunal are final and not appealable. The Tribal Court has grant funds set aside to pay Peacemakers a stipend for meetings and for mileage expenses. If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker for the Tribal Court, we strongly encourage you to find out more about the program.

For more information on any of these programs, please feel free to contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at (218) 335-4418 or 335-3682.

**HELP!!**

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Talent Search Program was defunded by the Department of Education. Please call as soon as possible Minnesota Senators and House of Representative members. The phone number for contacting members of congress is: (202) 224-3121 and say you support this education program and would like to see the funding restored. (Ask for Senator Norm Coleman, Senator Mark Dayton, Representative James Oberstar or Representative Collin Peterson.) Any questions regarding this ad, please call Helena Gerhardson at 218-335-8584.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
Civil Division

In the Matter of the Guardianship of  
the Child(ren) of:

Carrie D. Bongo and  
Bryan O. Frazier,  
Parents,

**NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION****CASE NO. CP-06-35**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on July 10, 2006, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. On August 8, 2006, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving temporary guardianship to the petitioner, Janice Martin Salazar. A Review Hearing will commence on October 17, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of permanent guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

**DATED:** August 9, 2006.

## **Leech Lake Labor Day Pow-wow**

### **September 1, 2, 3, 2006**

### **Veteran's Memorial Grounds**

### **Cass Lake, MN**

**Flag Raising - Fri., Sat., Sun. - 10:00 a.m.**  
**Grand Entries - Friday - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**Host Drum - Leech Lake Nation**  
**Co-Host - Timberland**  
**Master of Ceremonies - Vince Beyl, Bemidji, MN**  
**& Corky Old Horn, Crow Agency, Montana**

**NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR POW-WOW**  
Souvenir buttons on sale at Gate Registration for \$2.00

**The Veteran's Memorial Grounds are Alcohol and Drug Free.**  
**Not responsible for lost and stolen articles or accidents.**  
**24 hour security on duty - includes K9 Security.**

**For more information contact: Martin Robinson at**  
**218-335-7424 or 218-335-6908**

## Minnesota DNR to Hold Public Meetings

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold public meetings to solicit comments on proposals to implement special muskie fishing regulations on several Cass County lakes. The DNR proposes to implement a 48-inch minimum size limit for muskellunge on Pike Bay, Big Boy, Swift, Child, Little Woman, Woman, Girl, Inguadona, Rice, Little Boy, Louise, Wabedo, and Leech Lakes as well as the connecting waters of the Boy River and other unnamed streams.

The open house will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Walker Hackensack Akeley School, 301 4th Street, Walker, MN. The public may also provide input during a statewide open house at the DNR Central Office, located at 500 Lafayette Road in St. Paul on Sept. 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend a public input meeting, written comments may be sent to Harlan Fierstine at the DNR Area Fisheries Office, 7316 State 371 NW, Walker, MN 56484. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.

### Candidates Forum

**September 13, 2006  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Candidates for the following offices will be invited.**

**District 4 Senator  
District 4A & B Reps  
County Commissioner  
City Council  
School Board  
Sheriff  
Judges**

**For more information:  
Eva Wilson 1-800-442-3909  
or evalou@llojibwe.com**

## Racism

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jurisdiction over its own lands. While Public Law 280 gives the state authority to prosecute violations of criminal law on other Minnesota reservations, it does not apply to either Bois Forte or Red Lake; only the federal Major Crimes Act takes precedence over these Tribes tribal laws. While all the other Minnesota Chippewa bands are governed by the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT), the Red Lake Nation does not belong to the MCT and is not subject to its authority.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the U.S. government took scattered parcels of land on most Indian reservations and "allotted" them to non-Indian owners, creating checkerboard land ownership patterns still visible today. However, the Red Lake Nation successfully resisted all attempts at allotment of their land, so they retain primary control of all lands and waters within the Nation's boundaries. Until the advent of Indian gaming in 1989, those lands and waters were the only economic resource Red Lake had, providing fish, wild rice and timber for commercial sale.

Now candidate Michael Barrett and his Republican colleagues want to take all that away from the tribe. Minnesota sportsmen already have more than 10,000 lakes in which to fish, but Mr. Barrett is determined that they must have these two lakes as well. Why?

The answer is shockingly clear. Mr. Barrett believes he can win votes by promising to steal natural resources from Indian people and turn them over to non-Indians. It doesn't matter that federal law and courts would not permit such a thing. What matters to Mr. Barrett and the Republicans is that they can use this issue as a wedge to divide the people of Northern Minnesota. By fanning the flames of racism and bigotry, he believes he can fire up a big win in November.

We are reminded of the militant "sportsmen" who fanned opposition to the treaty settlement between the State of Minnesota and the Mille Lacs Band more than a decade ago. The Band and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources worked out a

reasonable compromise that was fair and equitable for the tribe as well as the state. With a few political demagogues throwing gasoline on the racist fire, treaty opponents took the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which rightly found in favor of the tribe. The losers in that fight were all those well-intentioned, moderate people, including thousands of fair-minded sportsmen, who wanted a just outcome for Indians and non-Indians alike. Minnesota taxpayers also lost as they picked up the tab on this frivolous lawsuit.

As Indian people, we have had to confront racism in incidents throughout our lives. However, the vast majority of people with whom we interact on a daily basis are not racists; they are kind and honorable people who recognize the injustices of the past and do not want to compound them today.

Unfortunately, there are still some people who will not be satisfied until Indian people are invisible again, or even extinct. When we come into contact with those people, we feel both, sad and angry—sad that they are sick with racism, and angry that they are attempting to infect others with their disease. We hope and pray that the good people of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts will not let themselves catch Michael Barrett's disease.



## VOTE

**State Primary  
September 12, 2006**

**State General Election:  
November 7, 2006**

## The Politics Of Distraction

By Mary Olson  
DFL Candidate  
for State  
Senate



It is very disheartening to see anyone in politics attempt to use racially divisive issues for what that person believes

will be a political advantage. How else does one explain the timing of a threatened challenge to the Red Lake Nation's long recognized sovereignty over their homeland and waters?

While I am an attorney, I am not an expert in Indian law nor do I claim to be an expert on the history of how the Red Lake Nation retained sovereignty over its tribal lands and waters. What I do know is that in recent years, repeated attempts by states to challenge treaties between the Federal government and tribal governments have resulted in a waste of tax-payers' money and other limited legislative resources. Federal courts continue to remind states that we are a nation of laws - laws going all the way back to the U.S. Constitution - which protect the constitutional and contract rights of the Tribes involved in these types of disputes. Wouldn't we all expect our contract and constitutional rights to be upheld by these same courts, if it were our rights being challenged?

In my opinion, the politicians and others who intend to get voting mileage from this issue already know their argument lacks legal merit, so their only recourse is to try and rally their cause by playing on peoples' emotions. What's really disturbing is that they appear to believe the people from our area are so easily manipulated that we will latch onto whatever distractions are thrown our way, and simply vote along racial lines.

Why do these politicians think they need to distract us with racist arguments? Perhaps because people in our area are suffering from out-of-control gas prices (with no relief in sight from investment in alternative

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## Distraction

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energy sources), out-of-control health care costs (with a promise of more to come in the form of higher deductibles and premiums), out-of-control property taxes (regardless of ability to pay), out-of-control college tuition ... and the list goes on. These politicians believe that if we can find other scapegoats, we may not hold them accountable for the policies that have lowered the standard of living in rural Minnesota.

I believe the majority of people in our area have worked hard to overcome a history of distrust and misunderstandings between Indian and non-Indian people. We know that our entire region will benefit by working together to promote cooperation and communication in education, law enforcement, economic development, environmental issues and the fostering of mutually respectful and mutually beneficial government-to-government relations. We do not need outsiders coming into our area attempting to undo our progress for their perceived political gain.

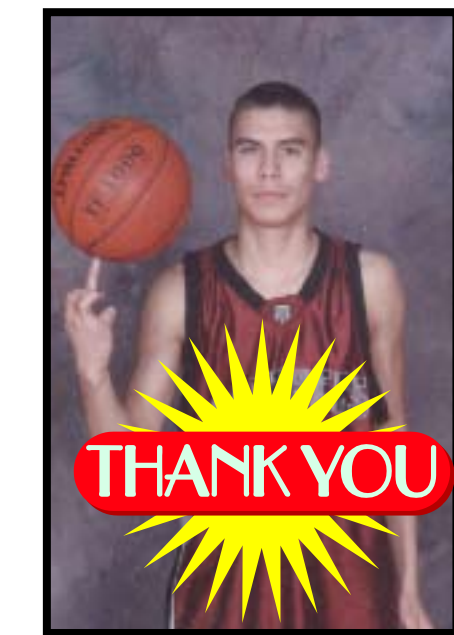
I'm proud of the people in the greater Bemidji area who see through and reject this type of unhealthy, racially motivated politics and who work together every day to build stronger ties between Indian and non-Indian communities throughout our region.

## Leech Lake DRM Air Quality Program

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at the Chatfield Air Sight near Boy River, Mn. The tower was too short to gather wind data above the trees, but did gather enough data to warrant further investigation.

NREL will analyze the data after one year of data is collected and the tower will be returned for another study on another Reservation. If the results are positive, the Leech Lake Band can further investigate a wind energy system to install at Northern Lights to provide clean, renewable energy.



Cass Lake/Bena High School Senior and Leech Lake Band member Brady Fairbanks sends out his heartfelt "Mi-Gwetch" to all of the Cass Lake and Bemidji area business and individuals who supported him during his participation in the AAU (Amateur Athletic) Basketball tournaments this past summer.



Proud parent Debbie Fisher would like to announce that her son Lowell Fisher, 20, (pictured to the left) has enlisted with the military for 6 years and is currently doing his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Fisher will spend 9 weeks there before going on to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri to finish his final 9 weeks of boot camp. He plans to work with heavy equipment and become a mechanical operator. He is the also the son of Robert Beaudreau of Cass Lake, MN and the grandson of James & Delores Fineday of Pennington, MN.



Pictured above are Michael Howard's children with their grandparents.



## REZ HUMOR

Two Indian dogs lived across the road from some white dogs. Every time a car passed by the Indian dogs would run after it saying "Woof, woof, woof."

One day the white dogs came across the road and told the Indian dogs when they chased a car they should say, "Bow wow, bow wow, bow wow".

So the next time a car came by, the Indian dogs ran after it and one of the dogs said, "Bow wow. Bow wow. Bow wow" Then he looked at the other Indian dog and said, "Aaaaayy."

## "Never Ending"

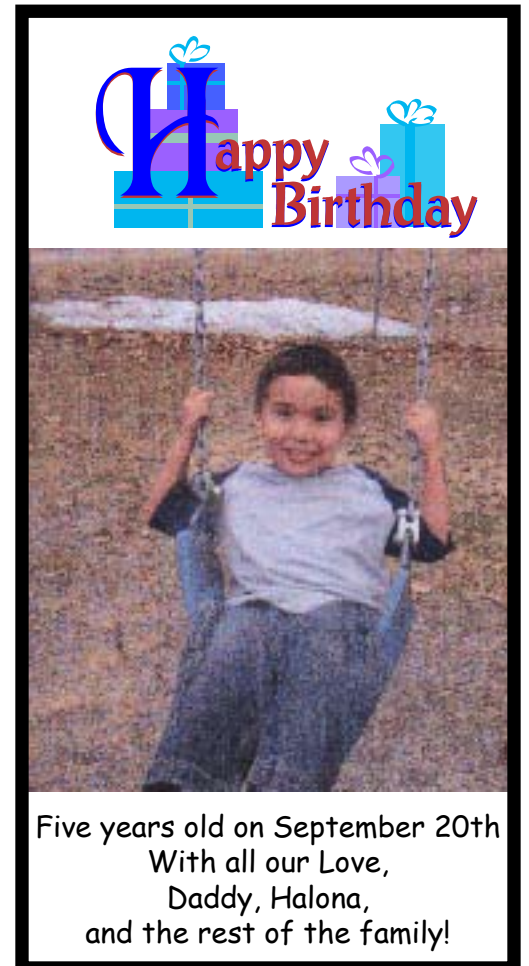
By Michael Howard

Growing up so fast looking at those smiling faces  
thinking of you each and every day,  
you're always on my mind all of the time.  
Counting all those days, looking forward  
to all our precious memories of the days  
ahead. So overcome with emotion when  
I think of you, I'm floating.  
No words can explain what I feel for you.  
With a lot of love and a lot of praying,  
we'll make it through.

Everyday the sun rises, my heart beats  
for you. Our love is as big as the  
universe.  
It's never ending and as far as the eye  
can see.  
Everyday the sun sets, my soul dreams  
of you.

Your eyes and smiles remind me of  
rainbows and butterflies free as a bird  
flying high in the sky.  
Holding you in my arms; hugging and  
kissing, that's the love you and I are  
missing.  
Sitting here reading your letters,  
getting your cards brings tears to my  
eyes, tears of joy, from the love I get  
from my baby girl and my baby boy.

Love, Daddy



Five years old on September 20th  
With all our Love,  
Daddy, Halona,  
and the rest of the family!

**One of our **COMMUNITY'S BIGGEST ISSUES**  
is right in front of your nose.**



When cigarette smoke constantly swirls through our homes, cars, work and gathering places, it's easy to forget it's there. But this silent presence is a huge problem.

Nearly **TWO OUT OF FIVE AMERICAN INDIAN DEATHS** are caused by smoking cigarettes or breathing second-hand smoke.

We need to start looking for ways to break this cycle of tobacco addiction in our families and in our communities. We've survived too much as a people to allow ourselves to be conquered by cigarettes.

**QUIT SMOKING:** It's a powerful gift to yourself, your family and our community's future.



**American Indian Community Tobacco Project**

For more information contact the American Indian Community Tobacco Project website:  
<http://www.epi.umn.edu/research/aictp/index.shtm>

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