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The former St. Regis Corporation site (now known as a Superfund site, cited on the EPA's list of places "where hazardous waste is located, possibly affecting local ecosystems or people") is fenced off just south of the Rail Road tracks in Cass Lake. All that remains is dormant grass and a well worn foot path leading into downtown Cass Lake.

A Brief Update from Secretary Treasurer Michael J. Bongo

Greeting Fellow Leech Lake Band Members: In an effort to keep the Bend members updated on some of the issues and progress I thought it appropriate to provide you with a short interim report.

First and foremost I would like to remind all of the Band Members to make sure that you update your addresses and social security numbers with the Tribal Enrollment office as soon as possible. As many of you are aware and may have heard the Tribal Council has authorized a tax rebate to all Band Members 18 and over with the rebate checks scheduled to be mailed to the Band Members on December 15, 2008. However in order to do so we need your correct mailing address and social security number.

Recently the Tribal Council held a staff meeting of all the government side employees. I strongly urged the Tribal Council to have this staff meeting for a host of what I believed to be very necessary reasons. To my knowledge this has not been done before in the past. Presently we have over 900 employees on the government side alone. The importance of a staff meeting of this nature especially given the size of the staff from my perspective is to ensure that we establish proper lines of communications between the Tribal Council, the administration and the staff. As I stated to the group at the staff meeting in order for the Leech Lake Reservation to be successful we must understand that we are all on the same team and we need everyone on the same page, moving in the same direction at the same time and everyone must be fully aware of precisely

Cass Lake Superfund Site Part I: An Historical Account

By Chris Haugene

The St. Regis Corporation operated a wood treatment facility in Cass Lake from 1957 to 1985. The Champion International Corporation ("Champion") assumed responsibility for the Site in 1985. Champion leased portions of the Site to Burlington Northern Railroad in 1988. The International Paper Company assumed responsibility for the Site in July of 2000.

Known chemicals used at the Site included creosote, pentachlorophenol ("PCP"), No. 2 fuel oil, ketone, and a chemical for preserving wood referred to as "CCA" comprised of copper, chromium and arsenic as a salt solution. Dioxins and furans are also chemicals of concern ("COCs") at this Site, originating as contaminants of industrial grade PCP. Additionally, the Band believes that the Site has not adequately been characterized, and other contaminants may be present, including but not limited to PCBs, DDTs, Mercury, Quinolines, and Carbozoles, for which additional work must be done to characterize and determine action levels for cleanup.

On September 21, 1984 EPA placed the St. Regis Paper Company Site (the "Site") on the National priority List ("NPL"). The State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") was the responsible government unit ("RGU") for this Site until 1995, when the EPA became the RGU at the request of the Band.

The Site, as originally designated, was comprised of four operable units ("OU"). OU1 was the Treating Facility; OU2 was the Cass Lake City Dump; OU3 was the Extension of the Cass Lake Municipal Water System; and OU4 was the Contaminated Soil Vault. In February 1985, the MPCA and Champion International Corporation ("Champion") signed two Response Orders by Consent under the Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act of 1983 ("MERLA") to implement an agreed remedial plan for the Site, one for the Wood Treatment Facility Area and one for the City Dump Pit Area at the former Cass Lake City Dump. These Orders provided for a remedial investigation and feasibility study of the Site; development and implementation of a Response Action Plan to abate or minimize the release of hazardous substances from the Site; and routine monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the response actions.

On March 5, 1986, MPCA issued two Minnesota Enforcement Decision Documents ("MEDDs") for the Site, one for the Wood Treatment Facility Area and one for the City Dump Pit Area. The MEDDs called for: (1) the installation of groundwater

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Readers,

My name is Nicole Feldkamp and I am searching for any information about my family. My mom was put up for adoption in September 1963. Her mother's name was Larayne Slack. She has two sons I believe, whose names are Clayton and Steven. My mother's birth name was Shelly Slack. I know that Larayne is now deceased. I am looking for any kind of information I can get, family history, if I have any living family members, anything. I appreciate your time and help. To respond to my letter you can email me at nfeldkamp@my.stlcc.edu

Nicole Feldkamp

Dear Editor,

Open enrollment for Medicare prescription drug coverage doesn't begin until November 15, but now is the time to begin comparing plans. Beneficiaries who want to review their current coverage as well as the other options available to them will have access to information and assistance from many sources including:

The enhanced Medicare Drug Plan Finder, available at www.medicare.gov; Toll free information available 24/7 at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227); The annual Medicare & You 2009 handbook that explains Medicare coverage, to be mailed in October; and Local organizations like the Minnesota Senior LinkAge Line can be contacted to offer personalized assistance with your Medicare Part D questions. The Senior LinkAge Line can be reached at 1-800-333-2433 or their Website at www.minnesotahelp.info.

In Minnesota, beneficiaries will have access to 48 Prescription Drug Plans (PDP's). 27 of those plans have \$0 deductibles and 2 have premiums under \$25. The national average monthly premium for the basic Medicare drug benefit in 2009 is projected to average approximately \$28.

The Senior LinkAge Line is here to help, but they can't help if you don't contact them. Call today to get help over the phone or even set up an in person meeting with a trained specialist who can help explain the plans that might be right for you.

Sincerely,
Jack Geller, Ph.D.
President, MN Rural Health Association

To the Editor,

First off... Thank you and the Ojibwe Nation for a wonderful newspaper. I say this with much respect and gratitude. My name is Michael Ewing, I was born in the Mojave Desert in California. I am Apache & Navajo (Dine') paternally and Cherokee/German maternally. I have felt a connection to nature since I was 14. I was not born on a reservation or raised in cultural ways.

I did not take steps toward my heritage until the age of 24. Since then, I have studied Native History, Tradition and any other piece of culture I can obtain. I look up to these Native Values and people raised in that way regardless of tribe or status. You see, I am incarcerated. This is of my own doing as well as largely in part to my history and upbringing. I am utterly and virtually alone in my search for self.

I know that society would say that I do not deserve it, but it would help largely if there are any who conducted genealogy. This would help greatly in enrollment/standing as a Native American. It is my wish/prayer to help the people, and this would be a step in that direction. If there are any who would consider my plea, I would be grateful. Aho!

Thank You,
Michael Ewing
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From The White House:

Nov. 12, 2008

Dear Chariman LaRose,

On behalf of President Bush, I would like to thank you for your letter urging the President to sign Senate Bill 906 the "Mercury Export Ban of 2008".

As you may already know, the President signed this bill into law on October 14th, 2008. Like you, President Bush recognizes the highly toxic and harmful impacts of mercury pollution and is committed to protecting the American people and our vital resources from its hazardous capabilities.

Again, thank you for your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact John Roberts, Special Assistant to the President, or myself at (202) 456-2896, if we may be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,
Janet Weir Creighton
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

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STORIES TO:

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Happy 1st Birthday!
Jordan S. Dahmen
Love, Mom Dad & Family

Happy 17th Birthday!
Paris Nicazio
From: Mom, Scott & Kids



Legion News

From: Roger T. Aitken, Vice Commander, American Legion Post 2001

The Leech Lake American Legion Post # 2001 approved payment for 2009 Post membership (105) at the regular monthly meeting October 11, 2008 in Bena, MN. Please disregard the national mailing notices to legion members requesting renewal dues. It is a policy of the Post 2001 to pay each member's dues from the annual budget received from the reservation tribal council. The Post pays the annual dues in October each year.

Secondly, the Fourth Annual Post 2001 Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2009, 1:00 PM at the Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN. The banquet annually honors members of the past year's (2008) events as: Boys State program; post deceased members in 2008; other special awards and recognition to tribal veterans and / or active military members and other events. Please mark this date on your calendar to attend. A formal invitation and announcement is forthcoming.

If you have any questions or corrections relating to the above items please contact: Roger T. Aitken, Post 2001 Vice Commander (Membership & Banquet coordinator) at (218) 760 - 0274 or rtaitken@arvig.net. Miig Gwech.

The upcoming meeting on December 13, 2008 will be held at the Bena Community center. Time of Meeting: 10:00 am, Please plan on attending.



Snow Removal and Plowing

This year, snowplowing will be coordinated between LL Housing and Department of Public Work's twenty (20) plows. Coordination should get the overall plowing done sooner and cheaper by having plow drivers work in certain areas or zones, plowing for both Departments' clients throughout the Reservation.

Tribal members will be asked to sign a liability waiver for any property damage in advance of any snow plowing. To avoid property damage tribal members should prepare their yards for snow plowing now, by clearing the parts of the yard to be plowed or where snow is piled.

Tribal members who do not want to have their driveways plowed should call Department of Public Works (DPW) to have their name taken off the snowplowing list. DPW Director Bob Goggleye may be reached at 335-8333 or 8334.

If tribal elders or disabled members need help with clearing and preparing their yards, arrangements should be made with the Temporary Employment Program (TEP) at 218-335-3555 or toll free: 888-922-7477, Monday thru Friday. TEP may be contacted for snow shoveling and, depending on the situation, snow removal from roofs.

Anyone not on the snowplowing list or in need of snow shoveling should contact their District Representatives at 335-8200 to have their names added to the lists.

NOTICE



To allow for the Christmas holiday, the Solid Waste Department will complete its curbside collection routes in three days instead of four.

Route 1 & 2 will be collected on Sunday Dec. 21, Route 3 will be collected on Monday Dec. 22, and Route 4 will be collected on Tuesday Dec. 23.

A copy of the routes may be viewed online at www.llojibwe.com under 'Divisions' > 'Reservation Services' > 'Public Works'. A copy may also be faxed to your office, upon request, by calling 335-4160.

Please inform your community and neighbors of this change in the collection routes.

This special re-routing is only effective Dec. 21 - Dec. 23, and regular routes will resume Monday Dec. 29.

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pump-out wells with granular activated carbon treatment which would pump and treat contaminated groundwater until acceptable levels are reached; (2) construction of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") on-site containment vault for the deposition of hazardous waste sludge and contaminated soil excavated during removal; (3) extension of the Cass Lake Community Water System to residents not serviced and potentially affected by groundwater contamination from the Site; (4) long term monitoring of the groundwater and surface water to determine the effectiveness of the groundwater pump-out system; (5) long term monitoring of the on-site contaminant vault; (6) long term monitoring of the treated groundwater discharge and selected fish species to determine the effectiveness of the groundwater treatment system; (7) long term operation and maintenance of the groundwater pump-out system; and (8) long term operation and maintenance of the on-site containment vault.

The response goals and objectives, as stated in the MEDD were to:

- 1) adequately protect the public against exposure to PCP, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons ("PAHs"), hexa hepta and octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin ("PCDD") and polychlorinated dibenzo-p-furans ("PCDF") isomers through direct contact or ingestion of groundwater from private and public water supplies.
- 2) adequately protect the public against exposure to PCP, PAH, PCDD and PCDF isomers potentially released to surface water from the groundwater.
- 3) adequately protect and minimize damage to the environment from the migration of PAH, PCDD and PCDF isomers in the groundwater.

See Minnesota Enforcement Decision Document, issued for St. Regis Paper Company, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, p. 10, March 5, 1986.

Construction of the remedial components of the selected remedy occurred between 1985 and 1987. Groundwater monitoring and vault operation and maintenance have been carried out since June 1987.

In 1995, the MPCA issued a Level 1 Five Year Site Review (First Review). The First Review was based upon a review of all documents associated with the removal action, a Site visit, and a limited ecological risk evaluation. On April 6, 1995, EPA approved the MPCA Five-Year Site Report. The First Review made a number of recommendations for further investigation at the Site, including further analysis of dioxin/furans in fish and sediments, and further monitoring to fully characterize Site groundwater contamination. It also concluded that the ground water RA would remain protective with the implementation of new ARARs (which have not been implemented); and that the RA protectiveness for soils could not be determined because concentrations of contaminants in the soils were unknown.

On January 24, 1995 EPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (the "106 Order") under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq to Champion. The 106 Order, among other things, required Champion to continue to perform certain remedial activities originally undertaken pursuant to the two February 26, 1985 MEDDS issued by the MPCA under MERLA to abate an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment. At that time, oversight authority changed from state-lead to Federal-lead, at the request of the Band.

In the 106 Order, EPA also re-defined the operable units at the Site as follows: OU1 or the "Wood Treatment Facility Area" was defined as the portion of the Site known as the Wood Treatment Facility Area; OU2 or the "Containment Vault Area" was defined as the portion of the Site known as the Contaminated Soil Containment Vault Area; and OU3 or the "City Dump Area" was defined as the portion of the Site bordered to the north by the Wood Treatment Facility Area, to the east by Pike Bay, to the south by Fox Creek, and to the west by the Containment Vault Area. The Band and EPA entered into a support agency cooperative agreement ("SACA") for the Site in 1995.

To date, three Five-Year Reviews of the Site have been completed. The First Review, was completed by the state of Minnesota in 1995 and the last two Five-Year

Legal News

Paul Day New Executive Director for ALS

By Chris Haugene

Anishinabe Legal Services (ALS) recently hired Paul Day to serve as their new Executive Director. "My goal is to provide our clients with top notch legal services," said Day, "and to develop and maintain stable funding sources." Mr. Day has around 30 Years experience as an attorney and he also served as a Tribal Court Judge for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Paul received his degree in law from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1978.

Anishinabe Legal Services provides free civil court legal information and representation to low-income American Indians who live on the Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake Indian Reservations. ALS is not a tribal entity, but an independent not for profit that secures its funding through grants. They also do not represent clients in criminal court matters. To apply for services call 1-800-422-1335. For more information please contact Paul Day at(218)-335-2223.

ALS provides free legal services and community education, and is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of attorneys and community members. Their funding comes from various sources including the Legal Services Corporation and the State of Minnesota in addition to grant funding. The types of cases Anishinabe Legal Services handles include but are not limited to: Tribal Court matters, domestic abuse issues, problems with BIA, Indian Health Service, Tribal housing authorities, and other Indian agencies, racial discrimination, Indian jurisdictional issues, civil rights violations, education rights, consumer problems, SSI and other public benefits, Tribal employment and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Priorities sometimes given to cases that involve both Indian law and poverty law and have the potential of helping a large number of eligible clients.

1855 Treaty Rights arguments heard locally December 10th

On December 10th at 12:30 PM, Leech Lake Tribal Attorney Frank Bibeau and Anishinabe Legal Services Attorney Chris Allery will participate in oral arguments before the Minnesota Court of Appeals by ITV (Interactive Television) at the Beltrami Judicial Center in Bemidji, Minnesota currently scheduled for Court Room 2N.

Arrangements have been made to have an ITV simulcast session at the Leech Lake Tribal Court in Cass Lake, for people who may not want to travel to Bemidji to attend. Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration may be contacted at 335-4418 or 335-3682. Additional efforts will be made to have the oral arguments simulcast to the White Earth Reservation Tribal Court at the new Government Center.

The oral arguments are open to the public, so anyone may attend for the live arguments in Bemidji at the new Courthouse. For questions or additional information, please contact the Leech Lake Legal Department at 335-3673.

Indians NOT Taxed

By Frank Bibeau & Dale Greene

We have always wondered what these simple words mean in the United States Constitution. The Band has been working on delivering a one-time \$200.00 rebate to Tribal members over the age of 18 as part of a 2008 Leech Lake Stimulus package. The Band receives a variety of state dollars related to hunting and fishing as well as State taxation.

At first, Leech Lake was looking to use the Hunting and Fishing dollars for a rebate, but those dollars would likely be considered "income" for purposes of MFIP, TANF, Food stamps as well as social security, as well as Federal income tax. Moreover, it appears that if Hunting and Fishing dollars were used, the Leech Lake rebate would only displace State and County dollars for one month and those Tribal members using those types of programs would not get the benefit or the full benefit of the Leech Lake Rebate.

After further investigation it has been determined that the Band will use State tax rebate dollars for the \$200.00 payment. By using tax rebate funds, Tribal members using MFIP, TANF or Social Security should be able to avoid any income consequences. This is because the 2008 Leech Lake Rebate will be using taxes collected from Leech Lake Reservation members in 2007. That means the money was earned last year, and taxes and reporting of the income also occurred last year.

This one time \$200.00 rebate is not income because it really is a return of Tribal members' prior payment of sales taxes. It is kind of like finding \$200.00 in your winter coat from last year. It feels like you "earned" more money, but it really was earned last year.

The Legal Department has been working with Minnesota's Department of Human Services and Revenue to obtain a legal opinion that the \$200.00 Tax Rebate is just that, a tax rebate and not new, reportable income. The RBC hopes that the local counties will not attempt to penalize Leech Lake's members for the one-time, tax rebate.

This will also help the local counties because the total amount of the tax rebate is about \$1.5 Million, which would be much more meaningful if Counties would accept that the tax rebate is not income. This would be a win-win for Leech Lake Tribal Members and local counties because the \$1.5M would then truly be stimulus of new money into our region.

A notice from the Legal Department will accompany the \$200.00 rebate when mailed out as checks so Tribal members will understand how the money should only be considered as a tax rebate, not new income.

In order to take steps to further ensure each eligible recipient will receive the rebate, the Band requests that each Tribal member provide the enrollment office with a current mailing address. Contact information: Leech Lake Tribal Enrollment Office, 115 6th St. NW, Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633, phone (218) 335-3601 or 3602.

"This would be a win-win for Leech Lake Tribal Members and local counties because the \$1.5M would then truly be stimulus of new money into our region."

Happy Birthday

Dad!

Love,

Nena, LJ, Kaydence
& Alayna

Leech Lake Government Side Employee Meeting at Northern Lights

By Chris Haugene

On November 12 the Leech Lake Tribal Council held an employee meeting at Northern Lights Casino in Walker, with more than 700 people in attendance. The reason for the meeting was to open and strengthen the lines of communication. The Tribal Council opened the lines of communication more so than even before with its employees through some very encouraging words and a few insights on efficiency, community, and accountability as an organization.

Chairman LaRose moderated the meeting saying the goal for the meeting was to make the operations more efficient through better communications with its employees. "The RBC is committed to better serving its band membership."

Executive Director Rob Aitken touched on recent activities and goals both short and long term in nature. Recently, the Tribal Council concluded a trip to the Capital where they met with the State Attorney General Lori Swanson and a few State Legislators. "Building regional and state partnerships with businesses and local regional officials could go a long way in terms of creating more economic opportunities for the band and its membership." Mr. Aitken went on to highlight some of the goals the leadership has put front and center. One of these is a proposed power line that will cross the reservation along the Highway 2 corridor. Leech Lake is going to sit down with Roger Moe on behalf of MN Power, Ottertail Power, and Minnkota Power companies to negotiate a power line that would link power grids from eastern Minnesota to western power grids a result from the 2004 blackouts and a subsequent federal directive for power companies to link the Minnesota grid system. Mr. Aitken closed with some comments about how the system at Leech Lake could be more efficient mentioning the utilization of the chain of command regarding office personnel policies.

District I Representative Robbie Howe spoke next regarding several issues concerning her district and problems reservation wide. She highlighted alcohol and substance abuse among the youth on the reservation as being a huge concern. "Don't just ignore people's problems until the worst case scenario comes true, we have lost a lot of our young people due to this abuse." Robbie spoke with passion about getting families involved in the healing process as the beginning of dealing with these sorts of issues.

Representative Howe also mentioned that she would like to see another bring a child to work day here at Leech Lake. She mentioned that we need to pay attention to our kids and that they need our support and guidance.

Lyman Losh, the District II Representative from Leech Lake talked about his tenure at Leech Lake, and how the need for things like this employee meeting need to be a regular occurrence. "Communication is the key to a functional Tribal Government" Said the District II Representative.

Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, the Leech Lake District III Representative thanked the Day Labor crew for doing such a good job, and he thanked everyone for supporting John Percell, on his recent election win regarding the Minnesota House 4A seat. Mr. Whitebird mentioned that the Council is setting up meetings with the Cass County Commissioners, and that the Band is working to get its FCC license to get a radio station online here at Leech Lake.

Communication was absolutely the theme for the meeting and it was nice to see the Tribal Council and Executive staff take the lead with this unprecedented meeting between the employees and our leaders. It was said during the meeting that this had never happened before on the Leech Lake reservation. A meeting purely to open a dialogue and to invite questions and comments on the state of affairs on the rez and in the offices here is something that could bring things into light that might never be heard otherwise. "This is vital to our direction and efficiency. Our biggest goal is to improve the social and economic conditions for our band members. We can only achieve these goals if we work together as a people and an organization.

We work for the people, our band members, and I think we forget this from time to time," said Secretary Treasurer Mike Bongo. Mr. Bongo went on to highlight issues concerning efficiency and taking the initiative. "We all make mistakes myself included, I hope with the best intentions, but sometimes taking chances is good, don't be afraid to take the initiative. I cherish those who do something that needs to be done rather than asking someone if they should do it." Mr. Bongo stated that a Treaty Compensation payment would be goal of theirs for the upcoming holiday season.

Improving youth services is a priority for the Secretary Treasurer. "Summer youth employment is something the band needs again." He stated more recreational activities with the most positive and productive things possible for our kids is essential. "We need to institute a policy where our youth take a career inventory test to match their interests up with possible summer youth employment, under the restriction of having a 'C' average in school." The Secretary Treasurer went on to mention to the employees that being solution oriented should be the mindset when someone comes to them with a problem. "When someone has a problem, help them, rather than just shuffle them along." As the chief financial officer for the Tribe Mr. Bongo mentioned that there has been some minor shifts in some budgets in order to progress in the direction that the leadership would like to go for future endeavors. "We need to be fiscally solvent and strong as an organization. We would like to do things like build new community centers in our local communities." He went on to restate something Executive Director Rob Aitken mentioned about how economic partnerships would aid the Band greatly in achieving this goal.

Before the employee meeting closed the Chairman took the stage to address the audience. He told us about when he was involved in boxing when he was a kid growing up in Cass Lake. Chairman LaRose mentioned that he used to travel around Minnesota from Band to Band and represent Leech Lake as a boxer. "I traveled around a lot to other Bands, when I was younger, and saw how economically and socially poor they were compared to Leech Lake. This is no longer the case. We need to change our ways and work habits as a people and individuals. We need to communicate with each other in order to live with and love each other."

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT
 115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
 Cass Lake, MN 56633
 218-335-3682
 Traffic Division

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Chapter, Section 304:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.

2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:

- a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
- b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
- c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
- d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
- f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE:	December 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.		
Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Bogda, Heidi Eileen	TR-07-39	Northbird, Rodney James	TR07-184
Durheim, Lawrence Jos.	TR-07-135	Reyes, Clyde Lee	TR-07-191
Gotchie, William Joseph	TR-02-457	Watkins, Marvin Raymond	TR-03-535
Greenleaf, Jennifer Lee	TR-08-23	Weaver, Cindy Sareen	TR-03-527
Johnson, Thomas Jay	TR-02-449	White, Deanna Kay	TR-02-469
Judkins, Rusty James	TR-04-736	Wind, Marion Alice	TR-03-573

APPEARANCE DATE:	December 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.		
Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Deegan, Byron George	TR-06-87	Rogers, Gordon, Jr.	CN-04-149
Deegan, Byron George	TR-06-113	Roy, Matthew Aaron	TR-05-82
Fairbanks, Larry Wayne	TR-01-309	Washington, Derek Anthony	TR-08-26
Fisher, Glen Anthony	TR-05-127	White, Adrian Wm., Sr.	TR-00-131
Fisher, Lowell Reed	TR-03-613	Whitebird, John Leo	TR-01-267

APPEARANCE DATE:	January 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.		
Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Anderson, Jerome W. L.	TR-06-29	Lindgren, Nathan Joel	TR-05-114
Anderson, Jerome W. L.	TR-05-121	Lindgren, Timothy Scott	TR-05-108
Day, Justin Craig	TR-05-71	Lindgren, Timothy Scott	TR-08-45
Gale, Travis John	TR-05-76	Locke, Kevin Lawrence	TR-05-12
Johnson, Ronald James	TR-05-115	Pacheco, Juanita Marie	TR-05-92
Lindgren, Nathan Joel	TR-06-37	Wright, Cassandra Jaye	TR-05-86

APPEARANCE DATE:	January 20, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.		
Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Beaulieu, Joshua John	TR-06-07	Harrison, Linda Rae	TR-05-97
Bellanger, Joseph Harvey	TR-05-96	Howard, William James	TR-06-25
Fahlstrom, Russell	TR-05-107	Hunt, Nate Bruce	TR-06-27
Goose Carol Anna	TR-07-211	Standing Cloud, Gina Rose	TR-07-61
Goose, Carol Anna	TR-07-210	Whitefeather, Howard Douglas	TR-06-04

APPEARANCE DATE:	January 27, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.		
Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Atkinson, Tammy Jo	TR-07-166	Raisch, Christine Anne	TR-07-125
Brown, Nita MiWaBiGoNeence	TR-07-139	Staples, Michael Allen	TR-07-119
Denasha, Leo Lawrence	TR-07-161	Thompson, Karla Jean	TR-07-110
Dunn, Sara Jean	TR-07-84	Woodward, Lucas Alan	TR-07-168
Kingbird, Charles Anthony	TR-07-123		

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 Application for
 Name Change of:

R.S.C, Minor Child/Applicant, and
 Valerie Cloud, Parent,

Petitioners.

NOTICE OF LEGAL
 PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-08-67 NC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 14, 2008, an Application for Name Change was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. A Hearing will be held on January 9, 2009, at 1:00 p.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 the change of name of the above-referenced minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682.

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.

DATED: November 21, 2008.

/s/ Kimberly Anoka, Senior Court Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.

Dated this 20th day of November 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE:	December 09, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.	
Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Melissa Marie Baird	TR-08-066	No Driver's License Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 6/09/2008
Mary Ann Cross	TR-08-048	Owner permitting Unlicensed driver to drive Occurring On: 4/09/2008
Jeff Scott Donnell	TR-08-071	No Driver's License Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Light Occurring On: 5/25/2008
Jolyn & Jeff S. Donnell, Sr.		Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 9/07/2007
Myron John Ellis	TR-07-215	Failure to provide Proof of Insurance Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Occurring On: 9/16/2003
Heidi Ann Fairbanks	TR-03-653	Failure to use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Failure to show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 7/01/2008
Mark Leo Fairbanks	TR-08-077	Driving after Revocation No Insurance Occurring On: 6/26/2008
Jeanne Louise Goose	TR-08-076	Failure to use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 5/25/2006
Robert James Gotchie	TR-06-058	Driving after Revocation Occurring On: 5/13/2008
Nicole Lee Staples	TR-08-060	Driving after Revocation
Nicole Lee Staples	TR-08-014	Driving after Revocation
APPEARANCE DATE:	December 09, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.	
Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Kelly Ann Campbell	CN-08-004	Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Moving Vehicle-Dayime

Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
September 23, 2008
Tribal Chambers
Cass Lake, Minnesota

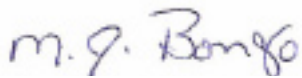
Chairman Arthur LaRose calls meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Arthur LaRose, Michael Bongo, Robbie Howe, Lyman Losh, Eugene Whitebird.

Motion by Michael Bongo second by Eugene Whitebird to approve the six (6) month contract for Gaylord Anoka in the amount of \$10,000.00, effective September 15, 2008 to March 15, 2009. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo second by Robbie Howe to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on September 23, 2008, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Michael J. Bongo, Secretary / Treasurer

Leech Lake Reservation
Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
October 7, 2008
Tribal Chambers
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Acting Chairman Eugene Whitebird calls meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Bongo, Robbie Howe, Lyman Losh, Eugene Whitebird

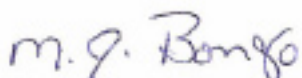
Absent: Arthur LaRose excused.

Motioned by Michael Bongo second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-57 concerning Funding Request to the BIA for \$85,000.00 in Litigation Support. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Lyman Losh second by Michael Bongo to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-58 concerning Funding Request to the BIA for \$90,000.00 in Attorney Fees. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Lyman Losh second by Robbie Howe to adjourn meeting at 12:08 p.m. Carried 3-0-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on October 7, 2008 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Michael J. Bongo, Secretary / Treasurer

LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE

Summary of Job Openings, updated weekly and posted on www.llojibwe.com
Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You may request a complete job description for any position listed
**ALL positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or be insurable (Unless otherwise stated)

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE T.E.R.O. office is establishing a five (5) member T.E.R.O. Commission, with one commissioner from each district (I, II, III) interested persons need to submit a resume` with a cover letter regarding their qualifications to:
LEECH LAKE T.E.R.O.
115 SIXTH STREET SUITE E
CASS LAKE, MN 56633

Or you may drop it off at our new location, located in the Dairy Queen Building. The deadline for accepting resumes` will be December 5th, 2008. Any questions you may have please contact the T.E.R.O. office at 218-335-8359.

REALTY SPECIALIST ~ DRM ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-118 Closes: December 05, 2008

INTAKE WORKER ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-107 Closes: December 05, 2008

YOUTH BUILD COORDINATOR ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-097 Open until filled

PT/FT CASHIERS ~ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ~ \$8.25/hr ~
JOB CODE: 08-083 Open Continuous
Two locations: Che-We Store, Cass Lake and/or Northern Lights Express Convenience Store, Walker

TEACHERS ASSISTANT (ALL SITES) ~ EDUCATION ~ \$8.00/hr ~
JOB CODE: 08-082 Open Continuous
SPECIFY ON APPLICATION WORK SITE PREFERENCE

HOME CARE NURSE ~ HEALTH ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-081 Closes: December 05, 2008

LEGAL COUNSEL ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-068 Open until filled

CASE MANAGER/Child Welfare program ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~
JOB CODE: 08-055 Open until filled

POLICE OFFICER ~ TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ \$16.50/hr ~
JOB CODE: 08-031 Open until filled

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or they can download an application and disclaimer from our website at www.llojibwe.com. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources – 115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633. You may also FAX your documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com. Policy: Human Resources must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

Obituaries

SEAN PATRICK O'CONNOR

Sean Patrick O'Connor 27, of Savannah GA died October 19, 2008 at his home. The funeral will be held November 3, 2008 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.



A memorial service was held at the 603rd Aviation Support Bn. On October 29, 2008 Hunter Army Airfield, GA. Sean was currently assigned BN S-2 Officer.

Sean was born in Chicago, IL to Terry & Julia O'Connor; he was raised in Virginia through high school where he excelled in baseball.

Sean enlisted in the army in 2000 as an Infantryman, assigned to Ft. Lewis, WA. While as an enlistee he received the Army Service Ribbon, Expert Infantry Badge and the Army Commendation, Army Achievement and National Defense Medals. After 34 months as an enlisted member Sean received an appointment to West Point Military Academy in NY. He graduated with the class of 2007 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a specialty of Arabic Linguistics.

Sean was deployed to Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, returning in July 2008 to his wife of 1 year and to meet his new daughter Kylie.

He survived by his wife Marissa and daughter Klyie O'Connor of Hawaii, Grand-

mother Julia Gamboa, mother Julie Duprey, sister Amanda Duprey and brother Kevin Duprey of Virginia, Father Terry O'Connor and sister Desirae O'Connor of Cass Lake, Mn, aunt Ali Budreau of St. Cloud, great uncles Melvin Smith, Calvin Smith of Bemidji and Richard O'Connor of Chicago IL and many, many friends, relatives and fellow servicemen and women who will dearly miss him.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Robert O'Connor, Armondo Gamboa, grandmother Rubie O'Connor and sister Erin O'Connor.

HELENAROSE BIGBEAR-ELLIS

HelenaRose Denise Bigbear-Ellis of Walker, MN was born, and passed away at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, MN on November 4, 2008.

She is survived by her mother Elizabeth (Biz) Bigbear and her father Jonathon (Fin) Ellis, sister Veronica Joan St. Clair, Maternal Grandmother, Roxanne Reese, Paternal Grandmother, Denise Ellis, Maternal Step-Grandfather, Edwin Monroe, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Myron Ellis, and Maternal Grandfather Richard Samuel Reese.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at the Onigum Community Center with Pastor Mark Widman officiating. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker is handling funeral arrangements.



CLIFFORD JOSEPH DAY, JR.,

Clifford Joseph Day, Jr., 42, of Cass Lake, Mn died Sunday, November 16, 2008 at the Fairview University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis.



Clifford was born June 14, 1966 in Cass Lake, the son of Clifford Day, Sr. and Lorraine Day (Tuttle). He lived in the Cass Lake area until the time of his death. For the last several years he had worked at the Circle of Life Home Health Care in Cass Lake. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as deer hunting, bough harvesting, and ricing with his children. He was a friend to many, cared a lot about his family, and he always looked forward to spending time with his mother Lorraine who held a special place in his life. He would ride his bike to see a friend or family member, to enjoy the company of his sons or daughters, and most of all to be in the company of his three beloved grandchildren.

He is survived by his mother Lorraine Day, sons; Clifford Croaker (Carlotta Redwing), Marcus Croaker, daughter; Denise Croaker (David Erickson), and step-daughter, Tiffany Croaker, grandchildren; Lastacia Croaker, Nikkita Croaker, Nickilen Erickson, brothers; Donald Tuttle, Mussy Day, and special friend and life partner, Patricia Hart, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Day, Sr., and his grandparents.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the Veterans

Memorial Building in Cass Lake with Steve Jackson officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Walker. Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake is handling funeral arrangements.

ANTHONY "TONY" BRISTLIN

Anthony Gordon William Bristlin, 24, of Walker, MN died Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at his home.



Tony was born December 30, 1983 in Wadena, MN the son of Teresa Gunter (Riewer) and Donald Bristlin. He grew up and attended school in the Twin Cities area. In 2002 he moved to Deer River where he lived until moving to Walker.

Tony was an avid reader and was purposeful about reading everyday. Because of his passion for "words", one of his favorite books was the dictionary. He also loved his music, movies, sports and computers. He received a degree in computers and was a certified tutor.

His legacy will be that he shall be remembered as a kind, sensitive, humble young man and will never be forgotten. He was never judgmental of others and always thought of others needs before his own. People of all ages were drawn to him even if didn't know him. He was adventuresome, athletic and never afraid to try anything new. He will be deeply missed by all who where privileged to know him.

He is survived by his mother, Teresa Gunter; Dad, Bob Jones; Father, Donald Bris-

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tlin; Sister, Ashley Jones; nephew: Hayden Anderson. Grandparents: Gloria Partridge, William G. Riewer (Vernalee), Kathy and Herman Wiese. Uncles: Jeff Riewer (Sue), William J. Riewer (Maria), Mike Bristlin, Mark Bristlin, Kevin Wiese, Roger Wiese (Amanda); Aunt: Kimberly Kern (Wade); and so many more loving relatives and friends. Proceeded in death by Grandparents: Gordon Bristlin, Gordon and Flavia Jones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the Onigum Community Center, with Steve Jackson officiating. Tony is buried in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker handled all funeral arrangements.

LOUISE ANN BUSH

Louise Ann Bush, 69, of Akeley, MN died Sunday, November 23, 2008 at NorthCountry Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



Louise was born March 4, 1939 in Cass Lake, Minnesota, the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Loons. She grew up in the Onigum area and attended school in Walker. Following her schooling she worked for a time in Mahanomen before moving to Akeley where she has lived until the present. She married Leonard Bush on August 17, 1963. Louise was happiest when she was with her grandchildren, and always looked forward to time spent with them. She also liked to sew, watch movies and bake bread. Some of her family's favorite memories of her will be of her love for blueberry picking, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. In the last few years the Casino was also one of her favorite destinations.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Loons, daughters; Debra Bush, and Cassandra Paul, four sons; Joseph Bush (Jackie His Gun), Gary Bush (LaDonna Anderson), Terry Bush, Jerry Bush (Ellen Whiteman), 13 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, former husband, Leonard Bush, brothers; Robert Loons, Jim Loons, sister, Cecelia Luiten, and special friend, Tom Buscher.

Louise was preceded in death by her father, two sons, two daughters, two granddaughters, brothers; George, Dave, and John, sisters; Joanne and Dorothy, half sister, Luella, and half brother, Joe Pell.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 1, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the Onigum Community Center with Fr. Mark Coen officiating. Interment will be in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Old Agency. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker is handling funeral arrangements.

CASSANDRA WHITE

Cassandra "Sag" White, 34 of Cass Lake died Monday, November 3, 2008.

Traditional Funeral Services were held Friday, November 7, 2008 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN. Interment will be at Ryan's Village under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born February 11, 1974 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Mervel Jones, Jr. and Justine White. She enjoyed beading, gambling, exercising and being outdoors. She loved being with her family and friends and enjoying life.

She is survived by her mother Tina White, 6 children Kenny, Garret, Kabryn, Kaleb, Chayton and Dion, 1 brother Mervel Jones III, 1 sister Lucy Jones, Special friend Michael Goose, Numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her father Mervel Jones, Jr. and grandparents Ramona and William White.

Honorary Casketbearers were Debra Brown, Yolanda Smith and her crew.

Active Casketbearers were Shane Losh, Michael Morgan, Kevin Goodbear, Pete Jones, Jason Brown and Ron Day.

THOMAS MITCHELL

Thomas Mitchell, 49, entered into rest at his home in Longville on November 25, 2008 after a long battle with diabetes and complications.

Tom was born at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital to Tom and Lucy Mitchell on February 2, 1959, the youngest of 8 children. He lived most of his life in Longville and the surrounding area. He was employed many years with Leech Lake Reservation as a laborer, carpenter and Northern Lights

Casino employee. His love for the outdoors was spent hunting, fishing, and trapping. He knew every part of the woods, rivers, streams, swamps and lakes in our area. His love for cars brought many conversations about cars, fixing cars, reading about cars, and dreaming about cars. He was very humorous and loved to joke with everyone, especially his sister-in-law Gerri, and mother-in-law Daisy.

He will be remembered by his best friend, Marlene, his children; Rodney, Sr. of Longville, Missy (Scott) of Longville, Charlene (Chad) of Remer, Jenna (Francis) of Remer, and Lucy (Terry) of Longville, his grandchildren; Ethan, Rodney Jr., Alexis, Rodger, Erica, Daizie, Cassandra, Vanessa, Jerrod, Savannah, Kayci, Amarrrod, Camryn, Jorja, and Kayden Thomas. He is also survived by his sisters; Margaret, Barb and Irene, special nieces and nephews; Christina, Rachel, Stanley, Mikey, and Scott.

Gone to rest before him are his parents, sister Linda, brother Rick, nieces, Lola, Birdena, and Evie.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who participated in the visitation for Ronald "Andy" Hunt. Your kind words of respect for him and your presence showed us that he touched your life in some way. We know he treasured his friendships with you too.

*The Hunt Family
Old Agency, MN*

THANK YOU

There are so many people that we would like to give our thanks to. For those that were by our sides helping us with all the details, you hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you all for your support, for being there, for the lovely flowers and plants, cards and donations of food. Mostly thanks for being our friends, relatives and just loving Tony.

Miigwetch,
Teresa Gunter and Gloria Partridge

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, different paths along the way.

We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.

For some the journeys quicker, for some the journeys slow.

And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward, and find an everlasting peace.

(Poem sent by my friend Joanne)

Leech Lake Tribal Police

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of the 2008-2009 BIA Highway Safety Officer Grant Program. This is a one-year grant initiative program that is designed to support intense enforcement of Tribal and State Laws regarding traffic safety on the Leech Lake Reservation.

As part of the guidelines for the grant, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department will be participating in the three National Mobilizations:

- "Dont Shatter the Dream" Impaired Driver Mobilization from December 21st, 2008 to January 3rd, 2009
- "Click it or Ticket", May 2009
- "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest", August 2009

Following these mobilizations, there will be a written narrative outlining the project highlights to be published as a Public Service Announcement.

In a collaborative effort, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department and the Leech Lake Health Division have begun an initiative called, "Every Child Deserves a Safe Ride". This initiative will require intense enforcement by the Tribal Police Department to enforce violations of unrestrained children riding in motor vehicles. As part of the initiative for those who are willing, the Leech Lake Health Division and the Leech Lake Tribal Court will work together to divert violators from the court system to participate in a class on child safety restraints and their proper use.

Many adults are misinformed regarding the child restraint law. Any officer who observes a child, under the age of four, riding in a motor vehicle, unrestrained, or unbuckled may stop that motor vehicle for violating the child restraint law. Officers observing this violation are making it a priority to stop and cite drivers found in violation of this law.



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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Memorandum

Date: November 25, 2008

To: Doris Jones
Director
Health Division
Leech Lake Reservation

From: Michael J. Bongo *M. J. Bongo*
Secretary Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

Re: Commendation

CC: Rob Aitken, Executive Director

As the Secretary Treasurer of the Leech Lake Reservation I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and the staff of the Leech Lake Reservation Health Division for your recent successful efforts in securing and winning six new Health Division grants totaling over \$812,000.

Please rest assured in knowing that the hard and dedicated team work put forth by yourself and the staff of the Health Division is greatly appreciated.

Again I wish to congratulate and commend you and the Health Division staff on a job well done and to express my sincere appreciation. Please keep up the good work and I trust that you and the staff of the Health Division will continue to be a most valuable asset to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Again congratulations and keep up the good work.



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Memorandum

Date: November 25, 2008

To: Garr Pemberton
Chief of Police
Leech Lake Tribal Police Department

From: Michael J. Bongo *m. j. Bongo*
Secretary Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

CC: Rob Aitken, Executive Director

Re: Commendation

As Secretary Treasurer of the Leech Lake Reservation I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and the officers and staff of the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department for your recent successful efforts in securing two new U.S. Department of Justice grants totaling over \$700,000 for new equipment and salaries for additional police personnel.

I also would like to commend you, your staff and officers for your efforts to improve community relations through your community meet and greet initiative and your recent and on going Police Officer Cultural Diversity Training Program and your institution of additional sensitivity training for all of your officers.

Again I wish to commend and congratulate you, your officers and staff for a job well done. Please keep up the good work and I trust you, your officers and staff will continue to be a most valuable asset to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Thank you.

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Review was performed by EPA in 2000 and 2005. The Second Review, conducted after EPA resumed control over the remedial activities at the Site, included sampling and data assessment to fill data gaps identified by the first Five Year Review. EPA's sampling and data assessment activities indicate the presence of dioxins that exceeded EPA action levels and have resulted in several unilateral Administrative Orders for soil removal and Residential Dust Reduction.

An Additional Unilateral Administrative Order resulted in a Draft Human Health and ecological risk assessment sent out for review in December 2005. Agency partners have been reviewing and working through significant deviation in data collection, method analysis and exposure scenarios and calculations. All Partners hope to resolve these outstanding issues by the end of May 2007 and allow International Paper to prepare a second draft based on agencies comments and recommendations.



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging is seeking an artist to design a logo that will represent our agency and the elders & families we serve.

For more information contact:
Shauna Jenkins
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
PO Box 217
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-8585 Ext 121
1-888-231-7886

Voices from the LLTC Student Senate

Aaniin Anishinaabeg,

The Leech Lake Tribal College Student Council would like to wish happy and safe holidays for all our people. We are proudly holding multiple community events here at LLTC. We began a Wednesday night Language Table from 6-8 p.m. and we also hold community feasts which the proceeds will go towards supporting activities like AIHEC. AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) is a gathering of tribal college students across the states to promote education and compete with other tribal colleges in knowledgeable based competitions. We have been holding fundraising events like the community rummage sale held here this past Friday November 21. We would like to extend our thanks to the community for attending. We raised \$485 from this event! We appreciate everyone who came to this and helped spread the word.

We are organizing another fundraising event for Friday December 19th from 9-6p.m. We will have arts and crafts for sale along with a taco sale. Santa Claus will be taking a break from watching who's naughty and nice to come to greet the children. If anyone is interested in selling their arts and crafts we do have vendor slots available. Please feel free to contact the college for more information at 218-335-4200.

Aside from all of the events that are occurring here at the Tribal College we would just like to say that this year has been going by good. It is a very positive atmosphere and we are looking forward to the upcoming semester.



Student Senate Christmas Extravaganza

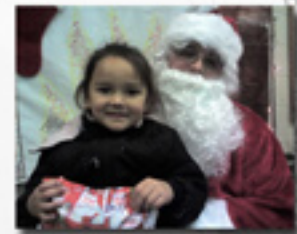
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Announcement

To: All Leech Lake Band Members

From: Michael J. Bongo *m. j. Bongo*
Secretary Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council

Subject: Correct Band Member Mailing Addresses & Social Security Numbers

In anticipation of the Leech Lake Reservation rebating a portion of our 2008-09 Tax Rebate Revenue to individual Band Members age 18 and over, we are requesting that all Band members update their correct mailing addresses and social security numbers. To date we have over 2,000 Band members who have yet to contact Tribal Enrollment and update this information. We ask that you do this immediately.

This may be done by contacting the:

Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Enrollments Office:
115 6th Street NW Suite E
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633
(218)-335-3601 or (218)-335-3602

To help ensure accuracy and timeliness we request that Band Members take a few moments of your time to complete this process.

Thank you.

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what the goals, objectives and priorities of the Reservation are. This is of vital importance if we are to be successful in advancing the Leech Lake Reservation both socially and economically.

Other messages of importance that I also believe needed to be communicated to the staff Reservation wide included; the need to encourage staff to take initiative and to be more solution orientated by helping Band Members find and gain the necessary services they are seeking and in need of as opposed to shuffling problems and issues to someone else; to remind and reinforce to the staff of the Leech Lake Reservation to always treat our Band Members and customers with the utmost professionalism and courtesy; to encourage the staff to take pride in their work and in the fact that they work for the people of the Leech Lake Reservation; and finally rekindle a sense of pride, honor and unity in the staff that will hopefully inspire a greater spirit of teamwork amongst the staff.

In late August I was appointed by the Tribal Council to serve as the Tribal Council's representative to Indian Health Service and the Hospital. As the Tribal Council representative I recently served on the Indian Health Service Interviewing and Screening committee to hire a new CEO for the Cass Lake Indian Health Service Hospital. At this time I am pleased to report to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation that as a result of this work we have selected and recommended the hiring of a new Hospital CEO to the Indian Health Service Federal Administration. While I can not share the individual's name with you presently since Indian Health Services has yet to make a formal public announcement, I can share with you that the individual selected is an American Indian from the local area and I believe possesses a comprehensive understanding of the past problems and issues surrounding the hospital.

As a result I believe that as the new CEO this individual will work very closely with the Leech Lake Tribal Council and the people of Leech Lake to improve the quality of care at the hospital and improve the level of customer service as well. Once a formal announcement is

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made by Indian Health Service I will be recommending to the Tribal Council that we host a public reception to give the community the opportunity to meet and greet the new Hospital CEO.

A couple of final points of information regarding Indian Health Services, Doris Jones, Leech Lake Health Division Director and I will also be serving on the Hospital's Executive Management Team representing the Leech Lake Reservation. Finally I have also been designated by the Tribal Council to serve on the Hospital's Budget team and during the first week of December I will be traveling to Rockville, Maryland with local Indian Health Service officials in an attempt to negotiate a new budget for the hospital.

Upon my return I will attempt to update the Band's membership as to the future progress of these on-going efforts.

I view all of these initiatives as a positive first step in the right direction. If we are to make the necessary positive changes to ensure quality health care we must have continued open communications and dialog, and above all else we must work together for the common good of our people and community. Finally we must follow up and follow through from start to finish. I point this out because the progress we have made to date is a result of the public meeting to address the hospital issue held back in August of this year.

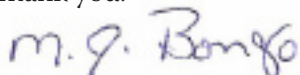
Presently I am recommending the Tribal Council host a one day Elders Conference at Northern Lights Casino tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch provided. The purpose of this mini-one day Elders Conference is to seek the guidance and input of our elders in determining what elder services they would like to see provided by the Leech Lake Reservation and how they would like to have these services delivered. We often talk about the value and wisdom of our elders, but all too often we listen but sadly more times than not we fail to hear. The reason that I am promoting the December date is if necessary I am hoping that we can utilize some of the school buses at the Bug School to provide transportation reservation wide for those elders in need of transportation. I am hoping that we can formulate our plans quickly and that we can begin to get notices out to our elders as soon as possible.

I would like to also take this opportunity to commend Doris Jones, Health Division Director and the Health Division staff for their recent successful efforts in securing over \$875,000 in new health grants for the Leech Lake Reservation. Please join me in congratulating Doris and the Health Division staff on a job well done.

Equally as well I would also like to take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Garr Pemberton, Chief of Police and the officers and staff of the Leech Lake Reservation Police Department for their recent successful efforts in securing two new U.S. Department of Justice grants total over \$750,000. Again I would ask the Band membership to please join me in congratulating Chief Pemberton and the officers and staff of the Leech Lake Reservation Police Department on a job well done.

In closing I would ask our Band membership to exercise a little patience and understanding. As a tribe we have many, many pressing priorities, problems and issues. These problems and issues did not just happen overnight. They are the result of many, many years of tribal government living financially for today while failing to plan financially for the future. If as a tribe we are to truly correct these deficiencies it is going to require tightening our collective belts, being smarter, wiser and more prudent in how we do business and in how we manage the collective affairs of the tribe. However the result of these efforts will be the successful, positive long term financial health and future of our people and our Reservation.

Thank you.



Michael J. Bongo
Secretary Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation.

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TRIBAL HEALTH DIVISION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The community Health Representative Program (CHR) provide services such as light house keeping, vital monitoring, personal care, just to name a few of the services for clients referred to us by the Leech Lake Nursing Program.

The CHR Program does provide medical transportation for the following priority clientele:

Priority clientele are as follows:

1. Elders
2. Diabetic/Dialysis
3. Chemo/Cancer patients
4. Heart and Handicap
5. Remaining population

In order to receive transportation from the program specific information is needed from the client:

1. Client full name
2. Appointment date and time
3. Client date of birth
4. Phone or message number for client
5. Complete physical address
6. Name of hospital or clinic
7. Doctors name and contact number

Two weeks notice is needed for all transports. We network with the staff at I.H.S., surrounding county agencies, L.L. Tribal referral and other tribal entities, social service programs, medical personnel within medical facilities. Clients who are eligible for MA/MC through their county social services program will be required to utilize those services first.

The CHR Program will provide transportation services found not eligible for services from the county. Priority clientele will be given preference over the remaining population.

For patients under the age of eighteen (18) years, they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A parent or legal guardian must provide car seats for infants and toddlers.

Those excluded from transportation services, which is defined by GSA Fleet Management:

1. Those needing a ride to and from a treatment facility.
2. Those who are currently incarcerated.
3. Those who have an active warrant for arrest in any one of the surrounding counties of the reservation
4. Those who appear to be under the influence of drugs and alcohol, as defined under the "Reasonable Suspicion" in the LLBO GAPP.
5. Those clients receiving services from a methadone treatment program.

Medication deliveries/pick-up:

1. CHR's will provide this service for elder, heart, cancer, and diabetic as requested by our Leech Lake Nursing staff.

Exclusion: No pain meds will be handled by the CHR staff, no exceptions.

Obama Makes History

By Chris Haugene

In an historic win that will be revered for years by millions of people, minorities especially, Barack Obama will be our country's first African American President when he gets sworn in on January 20, 2009. It hasn't been fifty years since the civil rights movement rippled across the canvas of the country's fabric, slowly changing how we see and treat people both in our hearts and minds, and out in the world. Obama's name will be etched in history along side Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., James Bevel, and Rosa Parks to name just a few. With his win, he continues the work these organizers and civil leaders began decades ago, by standing up for themselves and others they saw were being treated unfairly. With his win, he starts a new chapter in American history where the brutally oppressed will lead a new generation through new barriers uncovered and new obstacles to be overcome.



His victory over John McCain was not only ground-breaking but has seemed to reset our nation's collective timepiece. It feels as if a small weight has been gently lifted from our shoulders for the time being and, for a day or two after the Super Tuesday results were in, words like hope, and pride, were being used again in conversations about our country and government. People were smiling more often, and for the first time in a long time it seems the system of government that, as of late, seems only to get in the way has given the nation a bit of a reprieve from the harsh realities we all see everyday on the news and in our own back yards.

His win is historic and he did make numerous strides towards greatness during his campaign, but the easy part is over. The easy part of, fifteen to twenty

hour days on the campaign trail; the easy part of besting one of the smartest and the most politically astute opponents the democrats have in Hillary Clinton, not to mention Obama's Republican counterpart John McCain. Now the work begins, and there is plenty of it for our new President-Elect.

From the housing bubble and credit crunch, to the stock slump, bail-out, education gap, health care crisis, national deficit and debt, to the two fronts upon which we are fighting wars-our President Elect has a long list of issues the country needs help with.

And, it's nice to see his transition team in full swing crossing tasks off the list expeditiously, having named Congressman Rahm Emanuel to the post of Chief of Staff for the next administration as well as having offered Secretary of State to Senator Hillary Clinton. Former Sen. Tom Daschle could be appointed to Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the former Senate majority leader

might be utilized as a health "czar" or a point person regarding the drafting of President-Elect Obama's health plan to be submitted to Congress next year. Eric Holder will be attorney general; Holder, served as Bill Clinton's deputy attorney general. Homeland Security Secretary to go to Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano. Additionally, Obama named New York Federal Reserve President Tim Geithner as Treasury Secretary and former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers as chief of the National Economic Council, surely to underline how important he believes it is to get the country back on track economically.

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Position Title:

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December 3rd, 2008

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6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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