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Twenty Four File for Open Seats on Leech Lake Tribal Council

By Patsy Gordon

As of Friday, February 1, 2008 the deadline for filing for open seats on the Leech Lake Tribal Council, 24 Leech Lake Band members had filed. Those filing for Chairman are Arthur "Archie" LaRose, who resigned his current position as Secretary/Treasurer, current incumbent, George J. Goggeye, Jr., Birdena Lyons, Uncle Dan White, Glen "Tuffy" Fisher, Jr., Raymond "Skip" Lyons, and David "Chief" Morgan.

Arthur "Archie" LaRose, recently resigned his position as the current Secretary/Treasurer, to become eligible to run for the Chairman position, as mandated by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Therefore, the resignation of the Secretary/Treasurer opened another seat for Leech Lake tribal elections this year. Those running for that position are Randy G. Finn, Burton "Luke" Wilson, Michael J. Bongo, Tobias A. Shotley, Franklin E. Bowstring, Roger T. Aitken, and Richard Robinson, Jr.

District III candidates include Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Val Pacheco, Samuel "Rocky" Papisodora, current incumbent Donald "Mick" Finn, Jerry Paul Morgan, Julian Francis Molash, Louise "Weedy" Masten, Martin "Mutt" Robinson, Donald J. Headbird, and Jennie Reyes.

During the week of February 14, 2008, all eligible candidates will be certified to run for office.

Candidates will have a chance to submit articles to the Debahjimon for inclusion in a special issue to voice their platforms. The special issue will be published for your review during the month of March, 2008. Dates of

upcoming forums for candidates to discuss and share their positions will be posted as they become available.

The primary election is scheduled for April 1, 2008. The top two candidates for each open seat will run against each other in the General Election scheduled for June 10, 2008.

Leech Lake Honor Guard Honorees & Award Program Held

The LL Post 2001 has participated in the National Boys State program for the 2nd year and proudly sponsored 4 high school junior boys to attend the one week intense governmental learning and leadership training summer camp at Southwest State University, Marshall, Man in 2007. The program is attended by 350-400 outstanding high school junior boys' state wide. Boys selected have demonstrated a strong aptitude for achievement in academics, school, community leadership and sports. The LL Post's students are only Native American students in the prestigious program. The High School boys selected to participate in this year's program are Keenan Humphrey from Cass Lake/Bena High School. Cole Hostetler from Walker/Hackensack/Ackley High School. Paris Johnson from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, and Kyle Kannas, from the Deer River High School who was ill and unable to attend the Awards program. They are pictured below.

While a US military soldier,

Specialist Dwayne McFarlane gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, his life. AS of this date, Specialist McFarlane is the lone tribal Leech Lake member from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to be killed in action during the current "Operation Iraqi Freedom" war. He died on January 9, 2005; a member of the 10th Mountain Division, 2nd Batallion, 15th Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, NY. To date, Spec. McFarlane received the following medals: Army Commendation, National Defense Service, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, Global War on Terrorism, Iraq Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation Award medals and the Combat Action Badge. He graduated from Cass Lake/Bena High School and his guardian parents

are Don Bellanger and Alvera Reyes of Cass Lake, MN. D. McFarlane: Leech Lake Tribal Council approved the request of the Post of name a portion of the Veterans Memorial Athletic Complex, a softball field in McFarlane's honor and name.

New Post Eagle Staff – the eagle is symbolized as a gift from the Great Spirit as a create, not a God, that soars highest in our world and often is asked to carry our prayers to the Almighty. The eagle is held in high esteem in the American India culture and world. The eagle staff, traditionally is the American Indian flag. It represents our nation, our elders, our warriors, and our way of

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The Seelye Family of Bena were overcome with emotion as their relative Eugene Seelye was honored at the Leech Lake Honor Guard's Annual Awards Banquet. Standing to the right of them is Sgt. Damian Thielke, a Leech Lake Band member from Hibbing, Mn who returned the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe flag to the Leech Lake Post on the day of the Awards Banquet.

Photo by Patsy Gordon



MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE ELECTION CALENDAR 2008

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| January 4: | Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office. | | TEC provides ballots |
| January 16: | Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat. | June 10: | General Election |
| January 18: | Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum. | June 11: | General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. |
| January 21: | Election Announcement | June 12: | General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results. |
| January 22: | Opening of period for filing for office. | June 13: | Deadline for Request for Recount. |
| February 1: | Close of filing period | June 17 (5 P.M.): | Deadline for Notice of Contest. |
| February 22: | Notice of Certifications to TEC. | June 18 (or 17, 16, if | Decision on Request for Recount and Results of request for Recount |
| February 27: | Deadline for appointment of Election Boards. | Recount, if allowed. | |
| February 27: | Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge. | is filed before deadline) | |
| February 29: | TEC provides ballots for Primary Election. | June 27, (or ten days | Decision on Contest |
| February 29: | Notice of Primary | from Notice of Contest, | |
| April 1: | Primary | whichever is sooner): | |
| April 2: | General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. | June 30: | Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. |
| April 3: | General Reservation Election Board publishes Results. | July 3: | Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals. |
| April 3: Primary | | July 7: | Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal). |
| April 4: | Deadline for Request for Recount. | July 8: | Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals. |
| April 8: | 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election. | | |
| April 9: (Results, if Allowed or 7 th or 8 th If earlier request) | Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount. | | |
| April 18: | Decision on Contest | | |
| April 21: | Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. | Ten days from Hearing on | Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal. |
| April 24: | Record of Contest to Court of Election Appeals. | Appeal: | |
| April 28: | Last Day for Hearing on Appeal | Day following Decision of | Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office. |
| May 7: | Last Day for Decision on Appeal | Appeal: | |
| May 9: | Notice of Regular Election | | |



Chairman's Report to the People

The Anderson Toole lobbying agency out of Washington, D.C. has been hired by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to lobby for and monitor legislative issues/activity on the federal and national level for the Band. Leech Lake Division Team Leaders have been working together recently on key issues that are important and dire to the operation of their respective divisions, and to the Band as a whole. These key issues will be pre-sented to Chairman Goggleye, who in turn, will present to the lobbyists at both the state and national levels. Jim Genia has been hired as the lobbyist at the state level. Genia will also be working closely with the Band on legislative issues/activity that affects the Band at the state level.

The Dakota/Ojibwe Revitalization organization will promote their proposal for consideration as well. This revitalization effort is of utmost importance with the realization that our fluent Ojibwe speakers will not be with us forever and that time passes quickly. It is many of our elders that speak the language but the majority of our middle aged and young people do not, so time is of the essence.

There are no new updates to be brought forth regarding the Nelson Act Settlement. No vote has been taken in the Senate on previous bills that have been submitted regarding the act. Also, no new legislation has been presented by the 1854 Tribes; those are the Tribes that are attempting to get an even 1/6th split of the Nelson Act Settlement.

A thorough discussion and

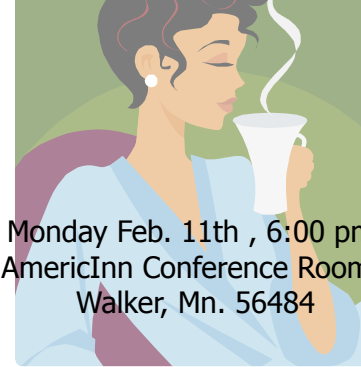
explanation of the Band's finances were discussed at the Quarterly RTC meeting held on January 4, 2008 at the Oak Point Community Center. Questions were raised as to why the casino profits were not divided up exclusively amongst the Leech Lake Band members instead of given out through Gaming coupons to Non-natives and Natives who patronize Leech Lake casinos. Chairman Goggleye explained that in order for the Band to stay in compliance with the \$42 million dollar Shakopee Mdewakanton loan with them, Leech Lake must maintain a net worth of \$12 million every year. If the Band should ever fall out of compliance with the loan, there is the potential for foreclosure. Goggleye said, "I'm not saying that's going to happen, but it's the reality of where we're at as a Band." Any profit in excess of the \$12 million gets distributed to Leech Lake Band programs, such as Education, Human Services, Tribal Referral, etc.



Pictured above are Senator Roger Moe, Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Goggleye, and Mike Ciresi, who is running for Senate 2008. Chairman Goggleye recently met with Senator Moe and Mike Ciresi on issues that are pertinent to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

First Widow's Club~



Monday Feb. 11th , 6:00 pm
AmericInn Conference Room.
Walker, Mn. 56484

Welcome to The First Widow's Club! You are warmly invited to come share a meal, participate in some hoopla and merriment with our guests, register for amazing door prizes, and enjoy an evening out getting to know other women who know how you feel...The most important thing to bring is yourself! There is no pressure at FWC, share if you like, sit and listen if you like. Come as you are...We recognize your grief journey is as unique as you are...You will leave feeling encouraged, we promise!!! Where widow's: meet, learn, share, laugh & heal together...Questions? Stacy Little: Facilitator, 547-1331 or e mail quake@eot.com

Book Teaches Children Positive Values

Cass Lake area 6 year olds have received a beautifully bound gift book about positive character-building traits entitled "My Favorite Book".

The book is delightfully illustrated in full-color and is organized into multiple stories concerned with teaching positive citizenship values to youngsters.

The core-character building traits covered in the "My Favorite Book" include the importance of family, taking personal responsibility, kindness and compassion, cooperation, honesty, gratitude, self-respect, and respect of others.

"My Favorite Book" published by Goodwill Publishers is being distributed to over 45,000 children in 240 Minnesota communities this year.

The Ambassador Company organizes distribution statewide by working with fire departments, libraries, police departments, sheriff departments, nursing homes, churches, and schools to get the book into kids' hands.

Distribution in the Cass Lake Community was assisted by Cass Lake Community Library and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School.

Home-schooled area 6 year olds may pick up a copy of "My Favorite Book" by contacting the Cass Lake Community Library.

Local businesses sponsoring the "My Favorite Book" distribution includes Merit Care of Cass Lake, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and Teal's Super Valu of Cass Lake, Mn.

The sponsors participate with the hope of helping to provide positive uplifting material that is influential to young people, their parents, and the community as a whole.

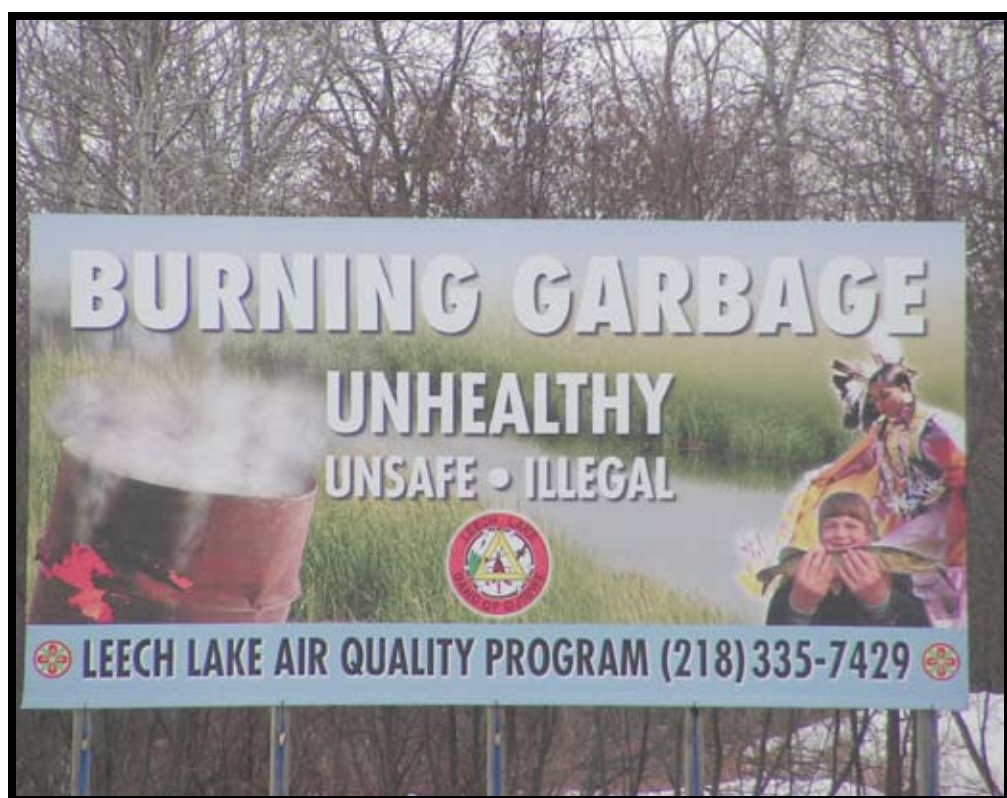
READ - READ - READ



Basketmaker Clyde Estey is surrounded by Deer River school students who are displaying the baskets they made under his supervision.

Submitted Photo

Recently, students from Deer River Schools participated in a basket making class presented by the Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area based at Deer River High School. Students heard from Clyde Estey about the tradition and heritage that led him to become a skilled basket maker. He showed students how to make baskets using some of the techniques handed down to him through the generations. Andrew Chandler, Interim Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area, said, "It seemed like the longer the kids listened, the more inquisitive they became. It's always great to watch youth who are excited to learn."



Honor Guard

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life. The eagle staff enters powwows and other ceremonial events first and is held high as a sacred emblem of our nation. The military eagle staff has strong and significant symbolism that it represents, recognizes, pays tribute to and praises our past, current and future military warriors.

TAPS – Each year we pay a special tribute to members of the Post who have passed on during the past year (2007). The Post honor guard provided funeral and cemetery services for our fallen comrades and we are proud to pay final tribute and recognition to them.

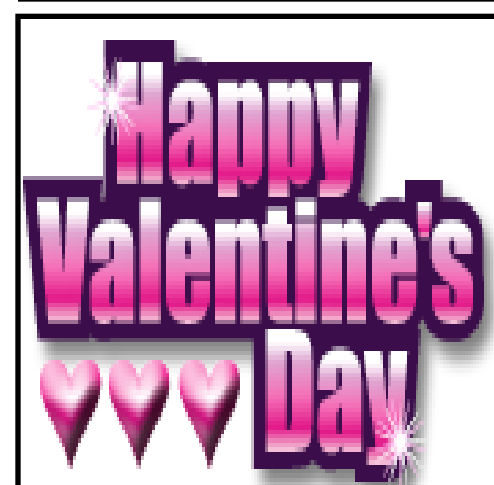
Return of the Leech Lake Tribal Flag from Iraq: On occasion, Leech Lake tribal military members who are deployed to Iraq request a Leech Lake flag they proudly post and display at their respective Iraqi locations. Upon completion of their tour of duty and their return home from Iraq, the soldier ceremoniously returns the flag to the Leech Lake Tribal Council. Sgt. Damian Thiele, a Leech Lake Tribal member from Hibbing, Man., returned the flag that he had posted at his company's location in Iraq.



Leech Lake Post 2001 proudly sponsored (L to R) Keenan Humphrey of Cass Lake Bena High School, Paris Johnson of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Cole Hufsterler of the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley High School, and Kyle Kannas of the Deer River High School (not pictured) for the National Boys States Program. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Leech Lake Band Member, Sgt. Damian Thielke of Hibbing, MN returns the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe flag that flew over his post while serving in Iraq. Post Commander, Frank Bowstring, accepts the flag from Sgt. Thielke. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area Launches Much-Needed Homework Assistance Program

Charity Projects Entertainment Fund/Idol Gives Back Supports Power Hour – A Proven Homework Program – in Boys & Girls Clubs



Cass Lake, MN – January 14, 2008 – In response to the call for more effective homework assistance programs for low-income youth, Charity Projects Entertainment Fund (CPEF)/Idol Gives Back is providing \$25,000 grants to support the continued implementation of Power Hour in 180 Boys & Girls Clubs in communities with high poverty rates across the country.

This highly successful homework assistance program, implemented by Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area helps young people come to view homework as an opportunity to learn to work independently, complete projects on time and feel positive about their accomplishments.

"We are grateful to Charity Projects Entertainment Fund for enabling us to continue utilizing such a high-quality homework assistance program like Power Hour," Tuleah Palmer, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake

Area. "So many of the children we serve simply do not have access to the resources necessary for successful homework completion, which is critical to their everyday academic success."

Power Hour: Making Minutes Count is an interactive, after-school homework assistance program for children ages 6 to 18. Unlike assignments done in class, Power Hour work is conducted in a non-threatening and fun after-school environment using adults or older students, who serve as "Homework Helpers," to supervise completion of Club members' homework.

In addition to homework help, these staff or volunteers offer age-appropriate activities to stimulate Club members' interest in learning. By explaining the relevance of learning fractions in order to cook a meal, for example, or by showing how geography can enable us to enjoy reading the newspaper, volunteers help Club members learn

to value the knowledge homework can bring. Power Hour's long-term goals are to ensure that youth graduate from high school, pursue postsecondary educations and become life-long learners.

"On behalf of the Charity Projects Entertainment Fund/Idol Gives Back, we are very proud of our partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America," said Rick Scott, Director, CPEF Board. "Through Power Hour, Clubs can continue their support and commitment to helping children reach the true 'Power of their Potential.'"

In addition to "Homework Helpers," Power Hour offers tips for establishing essential communication with teachers and parents. Research has shown that parental involvement is a must if children are to develop good homework habits. Power Hour also provides incentives for Club members, rewarding them with "Power Points" and charting their academic progress on a colorful

poster that is displayed prominently in the Club.

Among the available research on the importance of after-school homework assistance is a recent study conducted by the U.S. Justice and Education Departments. In Working for Children: Safe and Smart After-School Programs (2000), experts reported, "children who are left alone when school ends have more difficulties with their class work than those who participate in after-school programs. Not only is the latter group of students more likely to succeed academically, they are also much more self-confident." Other studies have linked after-school homework assistance programs to improved behavior at school and an overall increased interest in learning.

Power Hour is run daily after school at each of the Leech Lake Area's sites located in Cass Lake, Walker and Deer River. Each site is supported by trained staff and volunteers in partnership with respective school districts. Additional support for funding the programs is provided by local service groups and individual monetary gifts. For more information on the program please contact Rhonda Conn, Director of Operations, at 335.4058 extension 107 or visit www.bgcleechlake.com



*Happy 13th Birthday,
Jasmine!
February 9, 1995
Love, Mom, Dad,
David Jr., & Trevor*

Native American Marketing Firm Develops First National Campaign Targeting Methamphetamine Abuse in Indian Country

-Native Americans Have the Highest Meth Usage Rates in the Nation- (Phoenix, AZ)

At the recent annual conference of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) a new communications campaign was announced and previewed, and is designed to raise awareness and reduce use of the highly addictive drug methamphetamine in Native American communities. The public service messages were created by the Phoenix-based, Native-owned marketing agency Alternative Marketing Solutions (AMS) and are expected to launch in early 2008.

President of AMS, Patty Dimitriou worked with her team all summer to review research, visit affected reservations and develop creative concepts to best reach out to the Native community. The research-based campaign, which includes public service messages for radio and print, as well as posters, is the first national meth prevention initiative developed specifically for Indian Country. Campaign development is funded by a coalition of agencies including the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"We are very proud of this opportunity and think it's some of the most important work we've ever done," said Patty Dimitriou, founder and President of Alternative Marketing Solutions, Inc.

Nationally, Native Americans, including American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, experience the highest rates of methamphetamine abuse among all other ethnicities, a factor that creates a negative ripple effect throughout communities. A 2006 report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs indicates that 74% of tribal police forces rank meth as their greatest drug threat, and 48% report an increase in child neglect and abuse cases due to increased methamphetamine use.

The research-based campaign introduced has a dual focus, with radio, print and poster ads aimed at Native youth, and print and radio messages targeting Native adults and elders. "We are delighted with the work that Alternative Marketing Solutions has done. This campaign is meant to empower tribal communities to take action," said Mike Townsend, Executive Vice President at the Partnership. "Through increased education and communication between parents, elders and teens, communities can become more resilient to the meth threat. It's our hope that these public service messages will encourage that dialogue."

The campaign acknowledges that Native youth often straddle two worlds, the traditional way of life and modern society, exploring how identity struggles may increase teens' vulnerability to meth. The messages encourage youth to draw strength from their traditions, heritage and connection with other teens to avoid the trap of meth. They also send a powerful message to Native elders and adults, encouraging them to stay involved in kids' lives as a way to keep communities and villages safe from drugs.

"This is a crucial component of our ongoing fight against meth in Indian Country. Meth has a hold on Native communities and it is devastating to see Indian people suffer in its grasp," said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia. "The work that Alternative Marketing Solutions has done in this educational initiative will undoubtedly save lives."

The ads drive audiences to www.ncai.org for more information and a how-to guide of tips and advice for fighting meth in Native communities. Initial distribution will focus on Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Alternative Marketing Solutions is 100% Native Woman-Owned marketing agency that provides successful Corporate and Brand Identities, Marketing and Advertising Campaigns, Internet Marketing and Web Site Development, Product Development, Special Events and Logistics, Public, Media, and Community Relations, Crisis Communications and Multicultural Communication Programs. Clients include tribal enterprises and programs, major corporations, state and city projects, federal campaigns, non-profit organizations as well as fellow minority-owned businesses.

HELP WANTED

Leech Lake Tribal College Chief Financial Officer

Supervisor: Vice President of Operations

Leech Lake Tribal College seeks an experienced and educated applicant for the Chief Financial Officer

Function & Duties:

Oversee all financial responsibilities in accordance with Leech Lake Tribal College policies and procedures and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), and any other standards that may be required to ensure the safeguarding of all Leech Lake Tribal College assets.

In addition, the CFO will oversee the Finance Department and participate in policy development through membership on college committees and provide leadership in the college ongoing strategic planning.

Education Experience and Abilities:

A Bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance, or other related field required, CPA preferred, or graduate degree in business or finance. A thorough working knowledge of accounting (not-for-profit) principles and applications. Experience in post secondary education preferred. Ability to work effectively with Tribal College staff, students, and the staff of other colleges and universities and organizations; Commitment to the Leech Lake Tribal College Mission statement; strategic development skills to create and implement initiatives to enhance service, internal efficiencies and revenue generation; willingness to initiate and carry out complex tasks with minimum supervision.

Other Requirements:

Valid Minnesota driver's license and current auto insurance.

Application Process:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation and a complete LLTC application to Human Resources Director, Leech Lake Tribal College, PO Box 180 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone 218-335-4290. Visit our website at www.lltc.edu for more information

Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota Executive Director

The Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of victims of sexual abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence within the 9th Judicial District. The Center is located in North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji and governed by a Board of Directors with representatives from throughout the state.

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Center, including grant writing/management, billing and financial reporting, governance, and general organizational management.

Requirements: bachelor's degree in human services or other related field; experience in the Center's mission issues; and management/supervisory experience.

Apply on line by February 15, 2008, at nchs.com or send letters detailing interest in the position and resumes to: Human Resources, North Country Regional Hospital, 1300 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. EOE/AAP Smoke Free Environment.

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Tribal Land Management Training Opportunity

The White Earth Reservation Tribal Land Office will host two training opportunities in the field of tribal land management presented by ICC Indian Enterprises, in April, 2008 at the Shooting Star Casino – Hotel, in Mahnomens, Minnesota. The ICC Indian Enterprises organization will offer "Principles of Real Estate" April 7 to April 9, 2008, and "Managing the Indian Lands Office", April 9 to April 11, 2008.

ICC has developed one of the best Indian real estate training and services programs in all aspects of the Federal Indian land management. The ICC method of instruction includes the utilization of case studies to provide trainees with hands-on experience. The instructor, Mr. Terry Beckwith, has worked in the Indian Realty field for 35 years. Beckwith's Indian Realty career included positions in the Pacific Region, Western Region, Southern Plains, and Northwest Region and he has worked on several task forces drafting regulations. He has taught classes for ICC Indian Enterprises since 1998, and classes for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the American Indian Training Center of the Desert. Beckwith graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in 1970 and has received an award in Accounting from UCLA.

Federal Indian Realty consists of statutory and case laws relating to Indian lands; the field of Indian land management is more complex today than ever and is derived from the Tribes government-to-government relationship with the United States. Land titles include tribal trust lands, and individual ownership. The individual ownership primarily resulted from the General Allotment Act of 1887 which provided for tribal lands to be allotted in severalty to individual tribal members. The Allotment Act is responsible for a backlog of 8,000 probates nationwide. From 1887 to 1934 the Indian tribal land base decreased from 138 million acres to 48 million acres nationwide. Today the land base is approximately 54 million acres.

Registration for the classes can be made online at: www.iccindianenterprises.com. For hotel reservations call the Shooting Star Casino – Hotel at 1-800-453-7827. FFI: Terri, 218-983-3285, extension 1220.

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Some Mailboxes Unable to Stand Up to Heavy Snow

MN/DOT

If you have a rural mail box it's a good idea to check it every now and then for stability advises Don Holt, a maintenance supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Holt says his unit has received an unusually high number of complaints this winter from people who live along state highways in the Bemidji and Park Rapids areas, claiming damage from state snow plows.

"Drivers are reporting that most of the mailboxes that are unable to stand up to the weight of heavy

snow are old and worn and most of the snow received so far has been pretty heavy, said Holt. Regardless, Mn/DOT follows up on all complaints and if a driver hits a mailbox with a plow the department will repair or replace it."

Holt said Mn/DOT appreciates the cooperation received from mailbox owners when investigating damages and offers these reminders about mailboxes:

Owners are responsible for the care and replacement of damaged mailboxes along state highways unless directly hit by snowplows. Rural mailboxes are to be mounted and placed according to U.S. Postal Service and federal highway placement standards.

Mailboxes with damaged or worn latches should be replaced.

Wind and heavy snow can cause a mailbox door to fall open if the latch isn't working properly.

If mounting reflectors on your mailbox, use blue or clear reflectors as red and orange can be confused with vehicle taillights.

Holt also warns that attaching newspaper holders, chains and other types of ornamental displays under the mailbox doesn't leave much room for plow clearance and adds to the mass and weight of the mailbox.

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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 equal to the amount of the fine originally 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.

Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 5, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Bellanger, Joanne Ruth | TR-06-43 | Rodriguez, Mario Anthony | TR-07-102 |
| Brown, Dennis Keith | TR-99-27 | Smith, Tasheena Marie | TR-06-124 |
| Brown, Dennis Keith | TR-00-197 | Stangle, Diana Lee | TR-99-85 |
| Dunn, Adrian Richard | TR-05-41 | Staples, Diane Marie | TR-07-25 |
| Dunn, Adrian Richard | TR-07-38 | Staples, Zachery Michael | TR-99-17 |
| Jackson, Kerry Rose | TR-06-164 | Thibault, James Wilfred | TR-00-107 |
| Paquette, Warren Brad | TR-07-41 | White, Christopher Edward | TR-07-97 |
| | | White, Sandra Wadena | TR-06-80 |

APPEARANCE DATE: February 19, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> |
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| Barney, Frances O. | TR-03-571 | Oothoudt, Francis Lee | TR-07-55 |
| Belgarde, Bryan Nat | TR-07-77 | Ortley, Teresa Lynn | TR-05-72 |
| Cooper, Bryant Eugene | TR-07-173 | Ruther, Jasmine Marie | TR-07-146 |
| Fineday, Dawn Marie | TR-07-42 | Ruther, Jasmine Marie | TR-07-117 |
| Isham, Debra Ann | TR-06-187 | Tejohn, Thomas Lee | TR-07-109 |
| Isham, Debra Ann | TR-07-02 | Thompson, Charles Lee | TR-99-76 |
| Matthews, Thomas W | TR-07-65 | Tibbetts, Wesley Buck | TR-07-153 |
| Meeshenow, Robert S | TR-99-46 | | |
| Meeshenow, Robert S | TR-00-165 | | |

APPEARANCE DATE: February 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> |
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| Goggeye, Sam Joseph | TR-07-141 | LaRose, Julia Marie | TR-07-136 |
| Headbird, Tina Marie | TR-07-180 | Novak, Michael John | TR-07-154 |
| Jacobs, George | TR-07-40 | Quinn, Byron Lee | TR-01-250 |
| | | Tucker, Regina Louise | TR-05-01 |

APPEARANCE DATE: March 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Beaulieu, Brandon J | TR-06-166 | Kingbird, Daniel, Jr. | TR-07-147 |
| Brown, Bernard Douglas | TR-06-97 | Kraskey, Nikisha Kay | TR-00-203 |
| Cloud, Crystal Leah | TR-07-121 | Maxwell, Robert Roman | TR-00-100 |
| Harrison, Nathaniel Ray | TR-00-216 | Northbird, Sheila Marie | TR-03-660 |
| Headbird, Jessica Marie | TR-07-129 | Smith, Norma Helene | TR-07-130 |
| Jackson, Fred Kenneth | TR-06-99 | Staples, Joanne Marie | TR-07-160 |
| Jenkins, Emery James | TR-02-439 | White, Adrian William, Sr. | TR-00-131 |
| Jones, Gordon Nathaniel | TR-07-98 | White, Simon Anthony | TR-99-82 |
| Oothoudt, Mardelle D | TR-05-46 | | |

APPEARANCE DATE: March 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Butcher, Shaun Leon | TR-00-106 | Northbird, Russell | CN-06-17 |
| Dunn, Beatrice Ann | TR-07-200 | Novak, Tony Wayne | CN-07-04 |
| Gotchie, Andrew John | TR-99-18 | Robinson, John Michael | TR-00-163 |
| Isham, Rommain Steven | TR-06-186 | White, Peter Dale, Sr. | TR-05-126 |
| LaRose, Sidney Timothy | TR-00-193 | Whitebird, Myron Joseph | TR-99-84 |
| Littlewolf, Rueben James | TR-00-128 | | |

**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 Re the Application for Name Change of:
J.L.M.

J.L.M., Applicant;
Roxanne LaRose, Co-applicant/Parent.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CV-07-42

TO: Melvin Manypenny, General Delivery, White Earth, MN 56591.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 6, 2007, an Application for Name Change was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the above-named child. An Initial Hearing will commence on February 12, 2008, 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 the request for a change of name of the above applicant. 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 granting the request of the applicant.

DATED: August 9, 2006
s/ Patricia L. Pizzala
Patricia L. Pizzala
Court Administrator

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Traffic Division

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 15th day of January 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 12, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Charge and Date</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Charles F. Braman | TR-07-207 | Open Bottle (passenger) Occurring on: 8/23/2007 |
| Candice R. Jackson | TR-07-217 | Driving After Revocation Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Control Light Occurring on: 11/2/2007 |
| Delphine S. Littlewolf | TR-07-089 | Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit Occurring on: 4/19/2007 |
| Gary G. Miettinen, Jr. | TR-07-218 | Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 10/31/2007 |
| Kerry J. Morgan | TR-07-151 | No Proof of Insurance Occurring on: 6/28/2007 |
| Vanessa B. Ross Jones | TR-07-087 | Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit Occurring on: 4/16/2007 |
| Cameron Wayne Sayers | TR-07-195 | Open Bottle Occurring on: 8/7/2007 |

APPEARANCE DATE: March 11, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Charge and Date</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Dana Canty Thomas | TR-07-213 | Driving After Suspension Occurring on: 9/2/2007 |
| Angela L. TeJohn | TR-07-223 | Driving After Revocation Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Light Occurring on: 10/25/2007 |
| Crystal R. Hanson | TR-07-224 | Open Bottle Occurring on: 9/29/2007 |
| Michael White, Jr. | TR-07-226 | Careless Driving No Driver's License Occurring on: 9/29/2007 |

Food Safety 101

This class offers basic food safety concepts to ensure safety for you and your family from foodborne illnesses.

This is a free class and is open to the first 20 participants that call to register.

Wednesday, February 13th
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Food Distribution Conference Room

For more information or to register for Food Safety 101, please call Audrey at (218) 335-4500 or (218) 368-1672.

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WINTER TRADITIONAL GATHERING

Leech Lake Tribal College is sponsoring their Winter Traditional Gathering at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

The Gathering will open with a



Sunrise Ceremony
at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served.

There will be teachings, visiting, trading and activities for all ages.

The evening activities include Story Telling, Games, Night Skys, and ends with a Traditional Dance at 10:00 p.m.

Participants and volunteers are all welcome.
For more information, please contact Liz Aitken at 218-335-4254.

Leech Lake Reservation Career/Job Fair 2008



**Connections to your Future:
Your Choice, Your Decision**

**February 8, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Northern Lights Casino & Hotel
(5 miles south of Walker, MN)**

**Opening ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch will be provided**

**Open to:
High school students, grades 10-12
General Public**

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Employment & Training Programs
Applications/Resumes may be accepted
Financial Aid Applications**

Door prizes will be given away (Must be present to win)

**For more information contact:
Leech Lake Reservation Education Division
1-866-7738
Fax: 218-335-8339**

NorthCountryHealth Services Auxiliary Scholarships

Seven \$1,000 North Country Health Services Auxiliary Gift Shop Scholarships are available to students in the NCHS service region and to present employees of North Country Health Services. To be considered for one of these scholarships, an applicant must be pursuing a career in a health-related field, and not have been a previous recipient.

This scholarship is contingent upon enrollment in an accredited school. It will be sent directly to the financial aid office of the chosen school for credit toward the student's educational expenses when a fee statement or proof of enrollment is received by the Scholarship Committee.

A complete application **MUST** include the following information:

- A completed application form
- An official transcript(s) from the school's scheduling office, including ACT and/or SAT scores
- Two separate letters of recommendation (if currently a student, at least one must be from an instructor), in addition to the REFERENCE form enclosed in this packet
- A completed REFERENCE Form by a counselor/principal or supervisor
- Postmarked by the deadline, March 15, 2008.

Applicants are responsible to see that all necessary information is received by the committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified by April 15, 2008.

Please send completed applications to: The Scholarship Committee, c/o Volunteer Office, North Country Regional Hospital, 1300 Anne St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Fax: 218.333.6054. All the necessary information and forms are available online at North Country Health Services web site, www.nchs.com or by contacting the volunteer office at North Country Regional Hospital at 218-333-5654 or Celeste Skogerboe at 218-444-7775.

ABOUT NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

North Country Health Services is a community-owned, nonprofit healthcare organization. Nationally recognized for healthcare excellence, North Country Health Services is dedicated to providing healthcare services that set the standard

for high-quality, compassionate care. NCHS is comprised of the following entities – North Country Regional Hospital, North Country Home Care & Hospice, North Country Peak Performance, Senior Behavioral Health Unit, Neilson Place, Baker Park Housing, Bemidji Medical Equipment, Northern Medical Clinic, and the NCHS Foundation.



In regard to the funeral for Lorene Beaulieu (Dec. 18th), the Beaulieu family would like to express thanks to everyone involved in helping bring all the components together as smoothly as they did. A special thank you to the Leech Lake Tribal Council for their generous donation, the people at the Northern Lights casino and the Ojibwe singers, as this was something that was very close to Lorene's heart. We would also like to express our gratitude to George Thompson and Eli Hunt for all the arrangements they made in Onigum. We are appreciative of the Onigum community for the use of their community center and for all the people who volunteered their services, especially the people who helped out in the kitchen. We are most appreciative of the priests who provided their services, especially George Ross. He provided grace, humor and the personal touch, which Lorene was so fond of.

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As Minnesota Turns 150, How Will it Face up to its Original Sin?

Nick Coleman, Mpls. Star Tribune

History is not just in books. It's also found in tears. Twenty years ago, I watched a group of Dakota Indians stand by a trench dug in the prairie dirt alongside St. Cornelia's Church on the Lower Sioux Indian Reservation in Redwood County. There were men I had known for years: Ernest Wabasha, Dave Larsen and the late Amos Owen, a Dakota spiritual leader.

They had come to bury 31 Minnesotans -- their relatives -- who died almost 125 years earlier, in a prison after the Dakota War of 1862. The anonymous remains -- labeled only as male or female, adult or child -- had been placed in cardboard boxes, which were laid above the grave.

The bones had been kept for decades by a museum. Once they had been men, women and children. Few, if any, had taken a major part in the war that cost the lives of hundreds of white settlers and was the last desperate act of a people whose culture and land were being taken from them. But they were all punished. They were all Dakota. This isn't an ancient story. It is the story of Minnesota's original sin. And as we prepare for next year's 150th anniversary of statehood, we should remember history is a living and often painful thing.

Some Minnesotans already are arguing -- on opinion pages and in letters to the editor -- over the Dakota War. If you thought the Sesquicentennial was going to be a Whiz Bang party celebrating Wheaties and Scotch Tape, you have been eating bad lutefisk. I mean, really bad lutefisk.

Minnesota was baptized in blood, and reminders are scattered across a vast landscape: A monument in a cornfield that marks the spot of a small settlement whose settlers -- all of them -- were surprised and killed on the first day of the war. A marker in a

woods where more than 1,000 Indian women and children were imprisoned in a pen.

A barren place on the Missouri River where hundreds died of starvation and disease after being "deported" by a new state that exiled the people whose language gave the state its name. At the time of our Centennial in 1958, the story was reduced to Manifest Destiny skits about brave pioneers and wild Indians.

Fifty years on, how do we talk like grown-ups about the war that made Minnesota at the same time we are celebrating the Eelpout Festival?

'A lot to work on' "Part of the idea is to take a sober look back," says Jane Leonard, executive director of the Minnesota Sesquicentennial. "Minnesota has a lot to celebrate, and a lot to work on," says Leonard, who has met with tribal representatives to discuss ways to make sure the story gets told. "There's a lot to put our arms around. We want to learn from the past as we also look ahead to the future."

For many American Indians, the past is always present. On the day after Christmas, there will be, as usual, a small gathering in Mankato on the anniversary of the mass execution of 38 Dakota men. They were sentenced to die by an Army tribunal that devoted mere minutes to the convictions of hundreds of Indians who admitted participating in the war.

The hanging was ghastly. At least one warrior was hanged by mistake -- authorities had a difficult time distinguishing between Indian prisoners with similar names. Others were guilty of nothing more than fighting in a war they had seen as a last chance to save their people.

When the platform dropped -- hushing a crowd estimated at 10,000 -- 37 men died. The 38th man's rope broke. He was hanged again.

Doctors wanted the corpses. Most of the bodies were dug up from shallow graves along the Minnesota River by frontier doctors who wanted corpses for anatomical studies. One was taken by Dr. William W. Mayo.

The Mayo Clinic owned that skeleton of 1862 until it vanished in the 1960s or 1970s, only to be quietly returned to tribal hands a few years ago. And returned to the earth. We are still burying the past. Twenty years ago, as I witnessed the reburial of the 31 unnamed Dakota who died in prison, I shared the common belief that history is old. Then my eyes were opened.

As Ernest Wabasha and the other men lowered the boxes of bones into the trench and Amos Owen prayed in Dakota, the men began to sob, and to bend in grief. It wasn't an ancient wound that had brought us all to a mass grave. It was a deep one.

Bush Threatens Veto of Indian Health Care Bill

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Bush administration threatened to veto Senate legislation designed to improve health care on Indian reservations, objecting to provisions involving pay and benefits for workers on some projects. The legislation would increase screening and mental health programs at the Indian Health Service, improve tribe members' access to Medicare and Medicaid, and lead to new construction and modernization of health clinics on reservations. The bill would also require that the Davis Bacon Act, under which contractors and subcontractors must pay workers locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits, be applied to some of the projects. The administration said in a statement that the labor provision would violate longstanding administration policy.

March of Dimes Awards Grant to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division

Emily Bakken, Health Division

March of Dimes awards grant

to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division in order to improve the Health of Mothers and Babies on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The March of Dimes Minnesota Chapter has awarded a grant to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division to support Saving of Future Generations initiative. This program will provide the availability of a culturally designed prenatal service to all women of the reservation that carefully blends traditional PHN prenatal services with Native American doula services in efforts to reduce the infant mortality rates of our reservation. This unique community based outreach program is designed to recruit participants who choose a home birth not supported with education, health care referrals or infant care services.

This grant is one of many that the March of Dimes awards in pursuit of its mission to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

"We will use the March of Dimes grant as seed money to meet our objective of providing mothers and babies with prenatal care" said Emily Bakken, Nursing Director. "We are grateful to those volunteers who support the March of Dimes by participation in events like WalkAmerica and who donate in other ways. That participation and those donations make this grant possible." She said.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division is here to promote and enhance physical and mental well-being through the provision of comprehensive, high quality Health Care services.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies and in 2003 launched a campaign to address the increasing rate of premature birth. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com.

Donald Fisherman

Donald "Skel" Wayne Fisherman, 49 of Cass Lake, MN died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at his home.

Funeral Services were held on January 5, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake began on January 3 at the Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of service on Saturday. Interment followed at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Skel was born July 28, 1958 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Donald Fisherman and Nancy Whitebird. He was educated in Cass Lake and Bemidji. He attended Leech Lake Tribal College; majoring in early childhood development. May 9, 1998 he married Diana Day. He spent most of his life around the Cass Lake Mission area. He was a past member of the Minnesota CHIPPS softball team; winning MVP several times. Their team won numerous National Championships; he was well respected among other softball teams. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his granddaughter Maria Mayberry. He enjoyed going to the casino and playing bingo.

He is survived by his wife: Diana Fisherman of Cass Lake; Mother, Nancy Whitebird of Cass Lake; 3 sons ,Donald Wind, Robert Budreau and James Raish all of Cass Lake; 2 step-children, Cheryl and Aaron Brown both of Cass Lake; 3 sisters; Lisa and Linda Fisherman both of Cass Lake, Pearl Battles of Minneapolis; 5 brothers, John Fisherman of Cass Lake, Scott Whitebird of Cass Lake, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird of Cass Lake, LeRoy Whitebird, Sr. of Cass Lake, Lloyd Fisherman of Sugar Point, MN; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by father Donald Fisherman, grandparents and granddaughter Allison Wind.

Honorary Casket bearers were all of the members of the Minnesota CHIPPS softball team; past and present and Fred Isham and Michael Robinson.

Active Casket bearers were Eric Fairbanks, John Mayberry, Tony "Slick" Smith,

Jerry Northbird, Jr., Walter Gross, Dennis Dale Robinson, Sr., Darian Fisherman, Sr. and Robert "Jappy" Headbird, Sr.

Jackson, Darrell D.

Age 40, of Cass Lake - Onigum, MN. Preceded in death by father, David. Survived by mother, Edith; daughters, Alise Marie, Cindy, Lana; sons, Dante, David, Dino Jr. and Devon; siblings, Faron, Dave, Chuck, Keith, Ricky, Salina, Shirley and Sharon; special friend, Anita Brown and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Traditional Wake was held at Division of Indian Work, 1001 E. Lake St., followed by services at the Onigum Center with burial the following day. Funeral arrangements were handled by Historic Thomson-Dougherty of Minneapolis, Mn.



James "Bubba" Dean Adams

James "Bubba" Dean Adams, (Azhoowanakawad - "Cloud Passing Over"), 42 of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, December 22, 2007 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Funeral Services were held on December 28, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake began on the previous Wednesday afternoon at the Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of service on Friday. Interment will be in the spring under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born February 16, 1965 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Harold and Catherine (Staples) Adams. He grew up and spent his entire life in the Cass Lake area. He enjoyed visiting with his family and friends, watching the stock car races and football. He attended

the Leech Lake Tribal College's Carpentry Class and planned to return in the spring '08 semester. He also enjoyed golfing and working on cars.

He is survived by his mother Catherine Adams of Cass Lake; brother Robert (Sandy) Adams, Sr. of Starbuck, MN; sisters Karen (Mike), Debbie (Charlie), Jean (Jim) Roper, Kim (Ernie), Kathy (Jim) Littlewolf all of Cass Lake; 2 great uncles Alvin Staples and Glen Fisher, Sr.; 2 uncles Patrick Staples and Donnie Masten; 7 aunts and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by father Harold Adams, 1 brother, 1 sister, 1 nephew, and his grandparents.

Honorary Casket bearers were Dave Staples, Mike "Julio" Staples, Charlie Staples III, Ken Staples, Sr., Dan Kingbird, Jr., Thomas "Hoss" Headbird, Jim Harrison, Edward Fisher, Christopher Fisher with alternates Doug Staples, Zac Staples, Burnham Drouillard, Darryl Drouillard and Cory Jones.

Active Casket bearers were Tim Adams, Tom Adams, Rob Adams, Jr., Jeremy Stangel, Darryl Adams, Chris Cross, Ron Staples, and Jim Littlewolf, Jr.

Betty Ann Staples

"Min-Di-Moo-Ye" "Old Lady"

Betty Ann Staples, 71, of Cass Lake, MN died on January 10, 2008 at her home in Cass Lake, MN.



Funeral Services were held on January 14, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN, with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake began at the Veteran's Memorial Building on January 12, and continued until the time of the service. Interment will be in the spring under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born on July 19, 1936,

in Onigum, MN, the daughter of Charles Sr. and Margaret (Charwood) Staples. Her family moved to the Mission area when she was an infant. She attended the Mission School, and later went to school in Cass Lake, MN. She married Daniel Kingbird in 1955. They had five children. She worked for 39 years for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. She retired from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in 2003. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, playing bingo, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her Son, Daniel (Bitsy) Kingbird Jr. of Cass Lake, Daughter, Patricia (Scott) Kingbird of Cass Lake, Brother, Patrick (Carol) Staples of Cass Lake, Sisters, Catherine Adams of Cass Lake, Cecelia Drouillard of Cass Lake, Roberta Staples Wind of Cass Lake, Naomi Countryman of Cass Lake, Barb (Jim) Perleberg of Minneapolis, Uncles, Alvin Staples of Cass Lake, Glen Fisher Sr. of Cass Lake, 15 Grandchildren, 29 Great-Grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, her infant son Michael, daughters Cynthia, and Linda Kingbird, brothers Charles Staples Jr., Samuel Staples Sr., Richard Staples, and her sister Delores Morrow.

Honorary Casket bearers were Veda Harrison, Della Kingbird, Nancy Whitebird, Bernice VanNett, Rosella Garbow, Mary Beckett, Ester Dudley, Bitsy Kingbird, LouAnn Graves, Viola Kingbird, Mary Reich, Carol Staples, and Jane Rea.

Active Casket bearers were Mike "Julio" Staples, Arnold "Barney Kingbird, Will Kingbird Sr., James Kingbird, Kevin Kingbird Sr., Michael Kingbird Sr., Darryl "Duck" Drouillard, and Douglas Staples. Alternates: Tyler Butcher, Scott Swanholm, Shane Swanholm, Isaiah Kingbird, Norm Kingbird, and Austin Swanholm.

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