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## New Leech Lake Tribal Council Members to be Sworn in on July 4, 2008.

The new Chairman-Elect, Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Bongo, and District III Representative, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird will be sworn in to office at the quarterly RTC meeting that will be held on Friday, July 4, 2008. The meeting/swearing in will take place at the Palace Bingo and Casino at 10:00 a.m.

The new Leech Lake Housing Authority Board members and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board members will also be sworn in at this time. (All election results can be found on page 2 and 3 of this issue.)

A meeting and feast will follow the swearing in and meeting.



Secretary/Treasurer Elect, Michael Bongo, Chairman Elect, Arthur "Archie" Larose, and District III Representative Elect, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird speak at a press conference on June 11, 2008, the day after being elected to serve on the Leech Lake Tribal Council.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

## Leech Lake Tribal College to Host Native American Art Fair

Artists, artisans and art lovers are invited to the campus of Leech Lake Tribal College for LLTC's inaugural Native American Artist & Artisan Fair. From 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, July 5th, Indigenous artists

will be showcasing and selling their creations. There is no admission charge, and the event is open to the public.

There are already artists registered from a wide variety of locations, including Fargo, Red Lake, Duluth and White Bear Lake, as well as several from the Cass Lake area. There will also be a variety of artistic media represented, ranging from stone carving and jewelry to painting,

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Native American Artist, Sam English autographs posters that he created for the Leech Lake Healthy Communities program at the Northern Lights Event Center on June 17, 2008. Beside him is his daughter, Haley. Photo by Patsy Gordon

## Sam English Visits Leech Lake

By Patsy Gordon

"Art inspires people to think and explore the unexplored", says Sam English, who is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chipewya Indians from South Dakota.

English has been in the business of art since 1981 and has produced many images in support of American Indians in regard to sobriety, diabetes, 2nd hand smoke, and other health related issues. English is diabetic himself, has 26 years of sobriety, and is now dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle. He is also dedicated to helping Native Americans in any way possible.

English is currently in town helping our young people with cre-

ating three billboards that will be displayed on the Reservation. They will be located near the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, the White Oak Casino in Deer River, and on the south side of the football field in Cass Lake. English said, "I am having a great time working with the kids!"

Haley English is following in her father's footsteps and has that special knack for creating art too. She has already produced artwork for the Pine Ridge Reservation and will be attending art school in the fall.

English and his daughter Haley will stay in the area for awhile and will attend the Leech Lake 4th of July Annual Pow-wow. If you see him, reach out a hand and greet him. You will be glad you did!

# Leech Lake Band Election Results

## General Election

June 10, 2008

### SECRETARY - TREASURER

CANDIDATES	BALL CLUB	INGER	S. LAKE	BEWA	SUGAR POINT	KEGO LAKE	CASS LAKE	MISSION	CASS RIVER	ONGUM	OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
BURTON "LUKE" WILSON	103	40	6	23	11	6	219	68	4	52	13	68	102	715	36.8177%
MICHAEL J. BONGO	85	44	25	40	27	48	377	111	30	81	28	132	199	1227	63.1823%

### DISTRICT 3 COMMITEEMAN

CANDIDATES	BALL CLUB	INGER	S. LAKE	BEWA	SUGAR POINT	KEGO LAKE	CASS LAKE	MISSION	CASS RIVER	ONGUM	OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
EUGENE "RIBS" WHITEBIRD							347	99	19	79	29	100	156	829	60.3348%
DONALD "MICK" FINN							257	80	16	57	13	47	75	545	39.6652%

### ELECTION CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes shown herein for the election held on the tenth day of June, 2008. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Election Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

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signed  
 Chairperson: Glenn M. White June 11, 2008  
 Member: Janice Hale - June 11, 2008  
 Member: Glenn Dornell - June 11, 2008  
 Member: Betsy Allen - 6/11/08  
 Member: Wallace W. Stroh - 06-11-08

## Art Fair

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beadwork and much more.

According to event organizer Waleya Matson, the Art Fair presents a great opportunity to generate interest in one of the Cass Lake area's hidden treasures, a vibrant local art community. "There are so many talented artists in this area whose work just hasn't been seen by the general public," explains Matson. "This event gives them a chance to showcase their creativity to a wider audience at no cost to them, and provides a way for art lovers to see a bunch of different styles, different media, all in one place."

Artists interested in participating can still register for the event by calling 218-335-4239 or 218-335-4286.



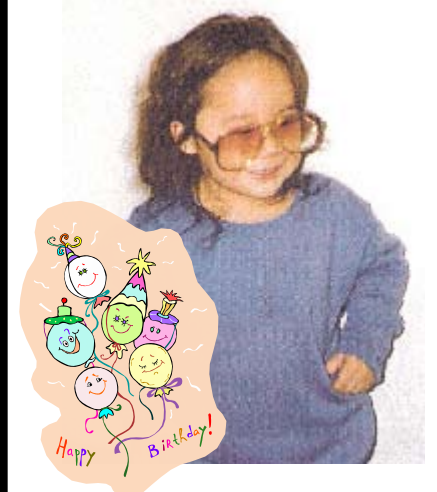
### About Leech Lake Tribal College

Chartered in 1990 by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Tribal College is a public, two-year college located three miles northwest of Cass Lake, MN. LLTC was separately incorporated in 2000, and in 2003 received its status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Leech Lake Tribal College currently offers six associate degree programs of study, as well as several certificate and diploma programs. The college is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



Chairman-Elect Arthur "Archie" LaRose covered with the Pendleton Blanket gifted to him, welcomes participants at MN State American Indian Mental Health Conference held at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, MN on June 11, 12, & 13, 2008.

Happy 9th Birthday  
 July 14, 1999  
 Jaime Ray Lynn



Love, Auntie Beebes, Naykota, Ashkii, Mitena, Yahto

## Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board & Leech Lake Housing Authority Election Results

All of the following results were verified and certified on June 10, 2008 by the Leech Lake Election Board.

Chair/Judge: Clarice White  
 Clerk: Lucy Donnell  
 Teller: Betsy Allen  
 Administrator: Janice Gale  
 Alternate: Wally Storbakken

### BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT I  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Ball Club	Inger	S. Lake	Absentee	Total
Lawrence "Sandy" Gotchie	45	8	6	0	59
Kimberly Egan	47	17	4	0	68
<b>Samuel Johnson Jr.</b>	31	33	12	0	<b>76</b>
Brenda White	46	23	7	4	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>283</b>

### BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT II  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Bena	Sugar Point	Kego Lake	Absentee	Total
<b>Shirley Young</b>	21	47	18	1	<b>87</b>
Jody C. DeVault (Dahl)	12	11	12	0	35
Robert G. Johnson	5	4	24	0	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>155</b>

### BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT III  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Absentee	Total
Barbara DuBois	13	7	4	1	1	1	27
Bev Bealieu-White	65	57	13	3	2	2	142
Shannon Northbird	85	15	12	4	3	6	125
Samuel "Rocky" Papasodora	67	8	16	0	6	4	101
<b>Donald J. Headbird</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>269</b>
Rodney White	19	11	13	0	3	2	48
Robin A. Windom Sr.	25	4	12	14	12	2	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>781</b>

### LEECH LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY

DISTRICT I  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Ball Club	Inger	S. Lake	Absentee	Total
Marilyn Bowstring	49	9	1	0	59
Melissa Bowstring	12	22	6	3	43
Lisa Kingbird Gulickson	10	14	6	0	30
Kimberly Egan	27	11	2	0	40
Mary Bebeau	35	7	2	0	44
Lawrence "Sandy" Gotchie	40	3	10	0	53
Rosanne Wilson	80	5	7	3	75
Brenda White	44	42	7	0	93
Mike Brown	21	16	3	0	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>477</b>

### LEECH LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY

DISTRICT II  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Bena	Sugar Point	Kego Lake	Absentee	Total
Nadine L. Chase	28	7	9	0	44
Terrance "Chopper" White Sr.	19	27	27	1	74
Richard Johnson	10	3	22	0	35
Marc Lyons	5	1	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>159</b>

### LEECH LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY

DISTRICT III  
 GENERAL ELECTION  
 June 10, 2008

HOUSING BOARD	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Absentee	Total
Valentino Pacheco	21	12	7	2	7	2	51
Kenn Mitchell	15	3	1	2	0	0	21
Richard Cutbank	15	2	3	19	5	1	45
Margaret Jordan	13	4	63	0	3	1	84
Leroy Staples Fairbanks III	113	66	8	0	5	3	195
Lucille M. Wakanabo	35	3	5	0	2	0	45
Jennie Reyes	55	19	2	1	1	2	80
Fred K. Jackson Jr.	11	5	12	0	1	4	33
Samuel "Rocky" Papasodora	10	3	4	0	2	0	19
Martin "Mutt" Robinson	44	7	5	1	1	1	59
Cheryl Johnson	7	6	1	2	0	0	16
Bev Beaulieu White	15	14	0	1	1	0	31
Carla Littlewolf	10	5	4	0	2	1	22
Rodney White	9	7	5	0	5	2	28
Russell Goggleye Sr.	13	4	1	0	1	2	21
Maxine Manypenny	15	2	3	0	1	1	22
Sharon Northbird	37	5	3	1	3	5	54
Wilbur Humphrey	12	2	5	1	0	0	20
Franklin E. Bowstring	16	5	3	0	1	1	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>872</b>



## Presidential/ Political Candidates are Courting the Indian Vote

By Patsy Gordon

In terms of centuries that Native Americans have been around and the first to place foot on this continent, it was only 84 years ago in 1925 when Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 that allowed Native Americans to vote.

I recently returned from the National Congress of American Indians Conference that was held in Reno, Nevada in June. I went to the NCAI Conference with particular interest in researching and finding out everything I could about the Native American Vote and particularly the race for the U.S. Presidential election. Many Native Americans are becoming familiar with how the political candidates, including presidential candidates, are wooing the Indian vote to help them get elected. Candidates now want the Native vote because they realize that the time has come where Native American votes can finally and truly make a difference in how the political races turn out.

In the past few elections, Native Americans are turning out in record numbers all over the United States to vote in local elections and for the U.S. President, and the Native voter numbers are growing with each passing election.

The Democratic National Committee Convention which will be held in August in Denver, Colorado will officially endorse the Democratic nominee and the Republican National Committee Convention will be held in September in St. Paul, Minnesota and will also officially endorse the Republican nominee. Presumptive nominee for the Democratic candidate is Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain is the presumptive nominee for the Republican candidate. If endorsed at their respective National Conventions, these are the two that

will be running against each other in the 2008 election for the President of the United States.

Barack Obama recently visited Indian Reservations in South Dakota and Montana. Montana's Crow Nation even adopted Obama into their Tribe and honored him with an Indian name. The Crow Nation named him "Awe Kooda Bilaxpak Kuuxshish" translated means "One who helps people throughout the land," and Obama promised to live up to his name. He told the crowd, "I want you to know that I will never forget you. You will be on my mind every day that I am in the White House."

Political analysts say it is unclear which candidate is favored among Indians. I listened to a speaker at NCAI by the name of Samuel Winder from Colorado, who was speaking on behalf of "Native Americans for McCain." Winder said that this Native American group has met with McCain, and McCain has promised to also remember the Native Americans if he is elected into office.

Both Obama and McCain have also promised to create a Indian liaison position in the White House, to work specifically on Native American issues, if elected.

White Earth Band member, Peggy Flanagan of Wellstone Action provided Native Voter Engagement Training during the NCAI Conference in Reno. Flanagan and the Wellstone Action team is on a mission to make sure all eligible Native Americans exercise their right to vote.

But before you can vote, you must register. You must also update your registration if you have moved, changed your name, or have not voted in the last four years. You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day.

Native American election judges are being highly sought out on Indian Reservations across the Nation. Native American Election Judges are being recruited for polling locations with a high number of Native American voters such as our own Pike Bay Township, Part of an Election Judge's duty is to make sure that all voters are treated fairly and

equally. If you are interested in being an Election Judge contact the County Auditor's office where the polling place is located or any of the individuals or offices listed below.

Judy Hanks, Leech Lake Band member and Chair of the Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota is serving as the Minnesota Statewide Native American Vote Coordinator. Hanks can provide additional voting information by contacting her at [nativepr@paulbunyan.net](mailto:nativepr@paulbunyan.net) or at 218-556-0600. Eva Wilson, Leech Lake Band member and board member of the Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota, is serving as the Leech Lake Reservation Vote Coordinator. Wilson can also provide information by contacting her at 335-8201 or [evalou@llojibwe.com](mailto:evalou@llojibwe.com).

Voting information can also be found on the following websites: [www.cass.mn.us](http://www.cass.mn.us) for Cass County; Secretary of State's website [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) and at Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota website - [www.nativevotemn.org](http://www.nativevotemn.org).

Get out and vote on November 4, 2008. Your vote can make a difference!

## Donald Day Named BSU's AIRC Director

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Bemidji State University President Jon E. Quistgaard has named Donald Day as the director of BSU's American Indian Resource Center.

Day will officially join the Bemidji State campus community in July.

"Donald has an excellent combination of administrative skills and experience as an educator and faculty member," BSU Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Lisa Erwin said. "He has a passion for the education of American Indian students. We had an excellent pool of candidates. Donald had the right combination of skills and dedication to take us to the next level with the American Indian Resource Center."

Day, a member of the Martin

Clan and an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, comes to BSU after a five-year tenure as president of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minn.

Day was twice the director for the American Indian Center at St. Cloud State University, from 1997-99 and from 2001-02, taking a two-year break in between to serve as an assistant professor in the College of Education at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. From 1983-97, he worked at his alma mater, BSU, as the director of Indian Student Services.

He began his educational career as the higher education counselor for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in 1977. He served the tribe in various roles until 1983, when he briefly held a position as a curriculum development specialist with the Minneapolis Public Schools before moving into his first position at BSU.

Day was one of the founding members of the Minnesota Indian Education Association and was a member of the Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees. He has been a student advocate, counselor, coordinator, director, teacher and administrator.

Day holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies with a minor in Indian studies from BSU, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of North Dakota.

Day grew up near Walker. He and his wife, Priscilla, have three children.

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Herschel Ogema Jr., 20, a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, was selected to join the Team Hollywood celebrity basketball troop. Ogema first started touring with the team this spring. He hopes to be a positive role model for Native youth. Photo by Peter Adams, Indian Country Today

## Ojibwe Youth Joins Celebrity Basketball Team

By Rob Capriccioso  
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Ever since he was a little boy, Herschel Ogema, Jr., 20, a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, dreamed of playing hoops in the big leagues. Now, after being selected to join the Team Hollywood celebrity basketball troupe, his dream is becoming a reality.

Organizers with Team Hollywood say they immediately saw something special in Ogema when they played a tournament last year at his former high school, Four Direction charter school in Minneapolis. The team, composed of former NBA players, retired

Harlem Globetrotters and talented streetballers, has been around for about 10 years. The players have only lost one game during that span, with an average of 20 games played each year.

"When Herschel first played against us, we were very impressed with his knowledge of the game and his ability to shoot," said Peter Adams, president of Team Hollywood.

In one of Ogema's first games against the celebrity team, he managed to rack up a stunning 30 points, largely based on his uncanny ability to hit 3-pointers.

"We were like, 'Wow, where did this kid come from?'" recalled Adams, who soon decided to ask Ogema to join the team and become a part of its nationwide travel schedule this spring. Clay Johnson, a former NBA player of the championship Los Angeles Lakers, personally recruited Ogema to become part of this year's lineup.

Ogema's been playing the game since he was a little kid, when his dad would "drag him to the courts."

Since most players on the team have wild nicknames, like "Latino Heat" and "Big Chill", it was soon decided that "Herschel" alone just wouldn't cut it. Ogema relayed that his family and friends had long been calling him "H2O." The name worked well for Team Hollywood, since, in streetball language, when your jump shot is good, it's called "wet like water."

"He definitely makes it rain like water when he shoots," Adams said.

When Ogema first started touring with the team this spring, his teammates expected his shooting ability to become his crowning asset, given his earlier high school performance. However his tossing skills have turned out to be his best quality thus far.

"I would have to say on the tour so far, H2O has been the best passer out of everyone," Adams said.

"That impressed me so much that we decided to keep him around. I believe he has the potential to be a real star."

The 6-foot, 1-inch player said he's most comfortable playing point guard, and he's been practicing hard to develop his skills for the next leg of the tour. He's also working on completing his GED so he can eventually pursue a college degree and hopefully play basketball for at least a couple of seasons before he gets too old.

The team's summer "Giving Back" tour will see Ogema travel to hospitals, children's centers and schools throughout the country, including stops in Georgia, New York, and Alaska. Ceragem, a medical supplies company, is on board to sponsor the tour. All of Ogema's travel is paid for, and he is given a stipend upon completion of each leg of the tour.

Adams started Team Hollywood as a result of working with members of the Harlem Globetrotters; his aim was to give underprivileged kids a chance to witness and interact with professional athletes. Depending on the venue they're at, the players perform a variety of basketball tricks and always encourage crowd participation. They also play straight-up competitive games against college teams and other top athletes.

With so many professional athletes surrounding him, including J.J. Smith, formerly of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, Ogema has sometimes found the experience to be overwhelming.

"At first, I felt like there was a lot of pressure on me. But I just played through it, and hit my shots to try to impress the guys and coach."

His Native heritage has also provided for some cultural learning opportunities, both for him and his mostly black teammates.

"They always ask me questions about being Indian,"

Ogema said. One lesson that he's taught his new comrades is that he doesn't say goodbye because, to him, that's permanent expression. Instead, he says "See you later," which now his teammates have begun saying instead of goodbye, too.

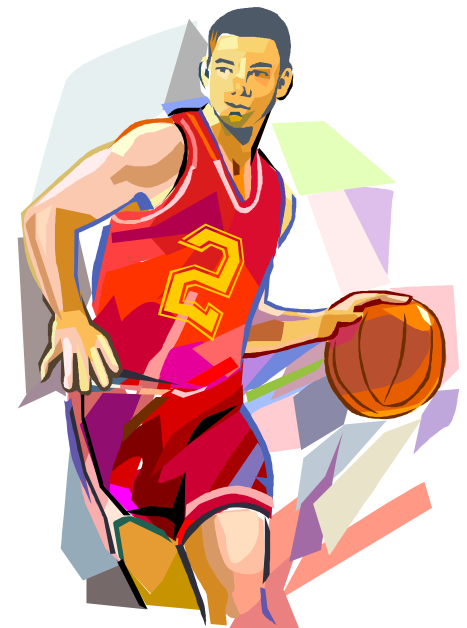
"We see so many Native Americans on our tours, and they need to be inspired by their own," Adams said.

Ogema's mother, Debi Bruce, a member of the Red Lake Reservation, said she thinks it's important for Native kids to see that there are positive things to do with their time that don't involve drugs or getting into trouble.

"Too often, we see bad things in the press about our kids," she said. "It's nice to have a positive story like Herschel's to tell, and we're all so proud of him."

Adams is currently working on scheduling an official Team Hollywood game, starring H2O, in conjunction with a reservation or an Indian-owned organization in the Kansas City area. Email him at [ada795@aol.com](mailto:ada795@aol.com) to suggest more Indian-focused venues for upcoming tours, as well as Native players he should start scoping out.

Fans can write to Ogema on the team's website: [www.myspace.com/teamhollywoodstreetball](http://www.myspace.com/teamhollywoodstreetball).



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

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
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: July 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Canty, Dana Thomas	TR-07-213	LaRose, Sidney Timothy	TR-00-193
Chosa, Henry Fredrick	TR-02-456	Losh, Charles Lyman	TR-02-442
Cutbank, Neil Curtis	TR-02-377	Morgan, Beau James	TR-02-420
Howard, William James	TR-02-432	Sundahl, Kelly Ann	TR-02-399
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-02-446	White, William Joseph	TR-02-451
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-114	Wilson, Edith Bernice	TR-02-417
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-115		

**APPEARANCE DATE: July 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Brown, Brian Keith	CN-07-08	Ogema, Joseph Marcel	TR-02-464
Dauphinais, Edwin F.	CN-06-02	Reyes, Daniel Ruben	TR-02-459
Fairbanks, John Howard	CN-05-03	Roy, Melissa Sue	TR-02-467
Gale, Janice	CN-04-140	Smith, Shirley Marie	TR-02-426
Headbird, Donald L.	TR-02-415	TeJohn, Angela Lynn	TR-07-223
Headbird, Jesse Michael	TR-02-371	White, Michael, Jr.	TR-07-226
Jenkins, Elisabeth Rose	TR-02-458	Wittner, Donohue Tim	CN-05-04
Northbird, Gerald Scott	TR-02-461		

**APPEARANCE DATE: August 12, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bellanger-White Wing,	N.TR-02-460	Jacobs, Angela Lee	TR-08-03
Croaker, Charles Dean	TR-08-04	Northbird-Finn, Mikele	TR-07-36
Day, Stephanie Lynn	TR-04-713	Robinson, Kelly Fay	TR-07-221
Gale, Renee Ann	TR-02-484	Smith, Belinda Lea	TR-02-468
Hanson, Robin Lee	TR-02-366	White, Patrick Joseph	TR-08-01
Jackson, Candice Rae	TR-07-217	Wind, Dean Carl	TR-02-481

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Applebee, Thomas S	TR-02-523	Dunn, Gordon Lee	TR-02-496
Armstrong, Yvonne M	TR-03-563	Fineday, Glenn	TR-03-509
Brown, Brandon Charles	TR-03-513	Goggleye, Russell Wayne	TR-03-562
Brown, Sheldon Thomas	TR-05-63	Hunt, Roland Leslie	TR-02-501
Brown, Sheldon Thomas	TR-02-494	Ortega, Davina Frances	TR-03-507
Connor, Timothy David	TR-02-491	Ruby, Mindy Esther	TR-02-505
Decker, Roberta Jean	TR-03-516	Woodward, Alvin Earl	TR-02-499

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bebeau, Duane Michael	TR-03-569	Jenkins, Anthony David, Jr.	TR-03-576
Brown, Mariza Renee	TR-03-566	Lagou, Tammi Jo	TR-03-570
Goose, Michael Dean	TR-03-538	Losh, Joseph Walter	T R - 0 6 -
47Grigsby, Eric Damion	TR-03-557	Michaud, Barry Wayne	TR-03-578
Howard, Michael David	TR-03-547	Michaud, Barry Wayne	TR-04-693
Jackson, Nathan Daniel	TR-03-544	Ryan, Darrell Gordon	TR-03-554
Jackson, Renae Lori	TR-03-540	Tibbetts, Todd Charles	TR-03-534

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

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



- c. obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates; 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: July 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Canty, Dana Thomas	TR-07-213	LaRose, Sidney Timothy	TR-00-193
Chosa, Henry Fredrick	TR-02-456	Losh, Charles Lyman	TR-02-442
Cutbank, Neil Curtis	TR-02-377	Morgan, Beau James	TR-02-420
Howard, William James	TR-02-432	Sundahl, Kelly Ann	TR-02-399
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-02-446	White, William Joseph	TR-02-451
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-114	Wilson, Edith Bernice	TR-02-417
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-115		

**APPEARANCE DATE: July 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Brown, Brian Keith	CN-07-08	Ogema, Joseph Marcel	TR-02-464
Dauphinais, Edwin F.	CN-06-02	Reyes, Daniel Ruben	TR-02-459
Fairbanks, John Howard	CN-05-03	Roy, Melissa Sue	TR-02-467
Gale, Janice	CN-04-140	Smith, Shirley Marie	TR-02-426
Headbird, Donald Lavern	TR-02-415	TeJohn, Angela Lynn	TR-07-223
Headbird, Jesse Michael	TR-02-371	White, Michael, Jr.	TR-07-226
Jenkins, Elisabeth Rose	TR-02-458	Wittner, Donohue Tim	CN-05-04
Northbird, Gerald Scott	TR-02-461		

**APPEARANCE DATE: August 12, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bellanger-White Wing,	TR-02-460	Jacobs, Angela Lee	TR-08-03
Croaker, Charles Dean	TR-08-04	Northbird-Finn, Mikele	TR-07-36
Day, Stephanie Lynn	TR-04-713	Robinson, Kelly Fay	TR-07-221
Gale, Renee Ann	TR-02-484	Smith, Belinda Lea	TR-02-468
Hanson, Robin Lee	TR-02-366	White, Patrick Joseph	TR-08-01
Jackson, Candice Rae	TR-07-217	Wind, Dean Carl	TR-02-481

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Applebee, Thomas S	TR-02-523	Dunn, Gordon Lee	TR-02-496
Armstrong, Yvonne M	TR-03-563	Fineday, Glenn	TR-03-509
Brown, Brandon Charles	TR-03-513	Goggeye, Russell Wayne	TR-03-562
Brown, Sheldon Thomas	TR-05-63	Hunt, Roland Leslie	TR-02-501
Brown, Sheldon Thomas	TR-02-494	Ortega, Davina Frances	TR-03-507
Connor, Timothy David	TR-02-491	Ruby, Mindy Esther	TR-02-505
Decker, Roberta Jean	TR-03-516	Woodward, Alvin Earl	TR-02-499

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bebeau, Duane Michael	TR-03-569	Jenkins, Anthony David, Jr.	TR-03-576
Brown, Mariza Renee	TR-03-566	Lagou, Tammi Jo	TR-03-570
Goose, Michael Dean	TR-03-538	Losh, Joseph Walter	TR-06-47
Grigsby, Eric Damion	TR-03-557	Michaud, Barry Wayne	TR-03-578
Howard, Michael David	TR-03-547	Michaud, Barry Wayne	TR-04-693
Jackson, Nathan Daniel	TR-03-544	Ryan, Darrell Gordon	TR-03-554
Jackson, Renae Lori	TR-03-540	Tibbetts, Todd Charles	TR-03-534

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**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 19th day of JUNE 2008.

**APPEARANCE DATE: July 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Bendix, Terri Lee	TR-08-07	Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 01/14/2008
Mary Ann Cross	TR-08-48	Owner allowing illegal operation <b>Occurring on:</b> 04/09/2008
Jeanette Rae Ellis	TR-08-44	Driving After Revocation No Proof of Insurance <b>Occurring on:</b> 04/09/2008
David Joseph Jackson	TR-08-40	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 01/27/2008
Jones, Michael Norman	TR-08-19	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph over the limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 01/24/2008
Kohler, Michael Dean	TR-08-29	Driving after Revocation No Insurance <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/25/2007
Gary Gene Miettinen, Jr.	TR-08-49	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 04/09/2008
John David Munnell	TR-08-51	Driving After Revocation Leaving the Scene of an Accident Property Damage <b>Occurring on:</b> 04/07/2008
Barbara Ann Shipley	TR-08-35	Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 03/14/2008
Jacob John White	TR-08-41	Failure to use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Devices <b>Occurring on:</b> 01/08/2008

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Mark Leo Fairbanks TR-08-10 Speeding in Excess of 1-10 mph Over the Limit  
**Occurring on:** 01/04/2008

**APPEARANCE DATE: July 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Jimmie Derek Harrison	CN-03-139	Untagged Game Animal <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/23/2003

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Amanda Leigh Fairbanks	TR-08-038	No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 3/10/2008
David Wayne Fairbanks	TR-08-037	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 02/27/2008
Joseph Walter Losh	TR-03-568	Speeding No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 4/18/2003
Shirley Marie Smith	TR-02-426	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 5/28/2002
Timothy Lee Smith, Jr.	TR-08-057	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 3/20/2008
Ronald Joseph Staples	TR-08-034	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 12/16/2006
Thomas Lee Tejohn	TR-08-032	No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 2/14/2008
Diana Michelle White	TR-08-033	Driving After Suspension <b>Occurring on:</b> 1/23/2008
Marcy Jean Whitebird	TR-08-031	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 2/17/2008

**APPEARANCE DATE: August 5, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Royal S. Rock	CN-07-014	Shooting at Big Game Down/Across a public road <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/05/2007
Timothy Lee Smith	TR-08-53	Driving after Revocation Speeding in excess of 20 mph Occring on 3/21/2008
Timothy Lee Smith	TR-08-54	Driving after Revocation Occuring on 04/09/2008

## Availability of Lower East Winnie Vegetation Management Project Environmental Assessment

The environmental assessment for the Lower East Winnie Vegetation Management Project is available for review and comment. The Forest Service is interested in your comments on the proposed activities. The project area is centered on Highway 2 from Bena to Ball Club and extends to the north to Lake Winnibigoshish and south to the district boundary in the Deer River Ranger District of the Chippewa National Forest.

The Responsible Official for this project is District Ranger Joseph Alexander. There are three action alternatives (B, C, and D) and a no action alternative (A). Alternative B (Proposed Action) proposes 2,982 acres of harvest providing an estimated 33,000 Ccf. Upon completion of regeneration, fuels treatment, and activities to increase stand diversity, 9.6 miles of Forest Service system roads would be decommissioned; 3.9 miles of system roads would be gated and 0.1 mile of unclassified road would be closed.

A decision on this project is expected in August 2008. We anticipated the official notice will be published in the Western Itasca Review on June 26, 2008. To receive full consideration and maintain standing to appeal, comments must be submitted within 30 days of the actual date of publication in the Review. The full document is available for review: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects/>. To request a paper copy of the EA contact Barbara Knight by phone at (218) 246-2362, in person or by mail at 1037 Division Street, Deer River, MN 56636 or by email at [bknight@fs.fed.us](mailto:bknight@fs.fed.us).

Comments may be submitted to: Gina Lemon, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, (218) 335-2940 or District Ranger, Joseph Alexander, Deer River Ranger District, 1037 Division Street, Deer River, MN 56636, 218-243-2123.

## Requests for Use of Rest Area in Cass Lake Must be Submitted to City Clerk

Groups and individuals interested in scheduling events at the Minnesota Welcome Center – Cass Lake Area, formerly known as the Cass Lake Rest Area, must submit written requests to the Cass Lake City Clerk 120 days in advance of the event, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The Cass Lake rest area is a popular place in the summer and the city of Cass Lake and Mn/DOT receive multiple requests for its use. It is essential for the coordination and proper use of the facility and grounds that groups respect this process.

Under an agreement, with MN/DOT, the city will provide staff for managing the rest area as a travel information center and will accept and process all requests for use of the facility and grounds. The city has the authority to permit such events provided the event does not interfere with the facility's primary purpose as a travel information center and rest area. The city will submit requests to and consult with Mn/DOT on events that may extend over a period of several days and draw large crowds.

To request use of facility and grounds, contact Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk, 330 Second Street NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 or at 218-335-2238.

More information on Mn/DOT's rest area can be found at [www.dot.state.mn.us/restareas/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/restareas/).

### Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Bena, MN, is issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for a boiler removal and replacement project.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday July 7th at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Elementary Office. A copy of this RFP may be obtained by contacting Ernie Johnson at the Maintenance Department.

This project requires a 100% performance bond. The Tribal Rights Employment Ordinance is also required. A fee of 3% of the total project will be assessed.

Proposals delivered after the slated deadline will be returned unopened and will not be considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject proposals which the Owner determines do not meet the criteria or objectives identified by the School.





## Chippewa National Forest Marks 100 Years

It is the Centennial Year for the Chippewa National Forest. In 1908, what was the Minnesota Forest Reserve became part of the National Forestsystem. It seems a simple enough idea, but what does it mean for national Forest to mark a Centennial? That probably depends on who you are and your history with the land. We are reminded of the history of this National Forest each day, whether it is simply walking through the doors of the historic Forest Supervisor's Office, or driving along Highway 2 through the original Ten Section area near Cass Lake .

In 1889, the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs launched a campaign to set aside pine lands in northern Minnesota which were planned to be sold to private interests. As controversy grew over how the area would be managed, the Women's Club became a strong voice and continued to lobby, at first for a National Park, and then a Forest Reserve. Gifford Pinchot, head of the national division of Forestry and friend of Theodore Roosevelt, approved. The Reserve represented a compromise between logging interests and conservation groups. In June 1902, President Roosevelt signed the Morris act and the Minnesota Forest Reserve was set aside under the Department of the Interior. On May 23, 1908, the Reserve was officially transferred to the Department of Agricultural and became a National Forest. While a gain for the American public at large it was a sharply felt loss for those who inhabited the area long prior to European settlers - the Anishinabe.

Of course, the history of a place does not start or stop so abruptly. There are names, faces of people, and places throughout this landscape that tell larger stories. Each day, you travel through this history. Whether you live in Bena or Blackduck, Walker or Marcell, Deer River or Cass Lake, you have passed by

sacred sites, fur trade posts, the first ranger station east of the Mississippi, the village of Ozawindib. The names, Winnibigoshish, Shingobee, Simpson Creek, Knutson Dam, Cuba Hill, Joyce Estate, become the building blocks for this National Forest story.

The Chippewa National Forest remains unique among this Country's national forests by virtue of our relationship with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. No where else in the country does 'on reservation' also mean on the National Forest. The Leech Lake reservation encompasses approximately 40% of the Chippewa National Forest. Managing a National Forest, while honoring a diversity of local values, assumes an added challenge as we strive to build an effective and respectful government-to-government relationship with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Regardless of your heritage it is not hard to not to appreciate the wonder and value of the Chippewa National Forest. The importance of the Forest will only grow, and not only in importance for traditional uses. Emerging environmental issues and social concerns are emphasizing the value of National Forests to provide clean water, sequester carbon in a changing climate, supply biomass for alternative energy sources, and serve as reserves for biodiversity as private lands are developed and divided into increasingly smaller parcels.

This Centennial provides an opportunity to tell the story of public lands in America, and reflect on the unique history of the Chippewa National Forest. I ask that you also look forward to the potential of National Forests in the century to come. How might we work together to ensure a future for the National Forests in a rapidly changing world? Until then enjoy your National Forest.



## Reserve Your Summer on the Chippewa

By Nancy Salminen, Blackduck Ranger District CNF

Make your reservations for summer fun! Beat the high cost of fuel and explore the Chippewa National Forest and the beautiful shores of Cass Lake and Winnibigoshish.

This year you will be able to make your plans and be assured of getting the perfect campsite. Log on to recreation.gov to start your adventure. Campsites at Cass Lake Loop, Wanaki Loop, Chippewa Loop and Norway Beach Loops in Norway Beach Recreation all can be reserved. You will also be able to reserve campsites at South Pike Bay and Knutson Dam on Cass Lake and West Winnie campground.

You can make reservations 6 months in advance or just 4 days before your trip.

Norway Beach Recreation Area has 4 full service campgrounds with over 170 sites. The campgrounds have showers and flush toilets. Chippewa Loop has electrical hookups at each campsite. There are two boat accesses, the Mi-gi-zi bike trail and visitor center and a nature trail that winds through towering pines. Walk the white sand beaches or enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach. A large picnic shelter can also be reserved for larger gatherings.

Knutson Dam is located on Cass Lake and the Mississippi River. There are 14 campsites, a fishing platform and boat ramp with a harbor.

South Pike Bay Campground has beautiful lakeside sites, a boat access and is next to the paved Mi-Gi-Zi bike trail. The loop from Norway Beach Recreation area around Pike Bay winds through part of the Ten Section Area, one of the first forest reserves and is 17 miles long. Plan to stop for a picnic lunch and spend half a day exploring Pike Bay, Moss Lake and Norway Beach.

West Winnie Campground has a boat access and 35 campsites and

is located on the north-west shore of Lake Winnie near the Mississippi River.

All of these sites are within 1/2 hour drive from Blackduck, Bemidji or Cass Lake. Explore your National Forest experience the great outdoors just outside your back door.

## Chippewa National Forest Looking for Campground Fee Feedback

The Chippewa National Forest is looking for feedback on a proposal to implement an electric hook-up surcharge in two campgrounds in 2009. Any proposal for camping fee increases will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC), which was recently established to represent all national forests within the Eastern Region of the Forest Service.

The campgrounds proposed for three dollar surcharge:

- Chippewa Loop at Norway Beach Campground
- Stony Point

Presently the fee at both campgrounds is \$23 per night. Campers making use of the electric hook-up will pay \$26.

Fee increases help reflect more accurate costs of administering and maintaining high quality campgrounds, are comparative to fees at other private and public camping facilities in the area, and allow the Chippewa to continue providing amenities and improve services.

These fees are used in the same places where visitors paid them.

To provide feedback on this proposal, you may contact Sonja Hoie, Recreation Program Manager at 218-335-8633 or email shoie@fs.fed.us before August 8, 2008.

*Native Youth*

*Crisis Hotline*

**1-877-209-1266**

## New Regulations for Hospice Provision Published by CMS

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Welcomes Publication of Final Rule

For the first time since the Medicare Hospice Conditions of Participations were created in 1983, the regulations for Medicare certified hospice providers issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have been significantly revised. The new Conditions of Participation (CoPs) have a strong focus on patient centered care that emphasizes quality assessment and performance improvement and patient outcomes.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the nation's oldest and largest leadership organization representing hospice and palliative care providers and professionals, applauds the publication of the new CoPs. NHPCO looks forward to working collaboratively with regulators hospices to ensure that patients and family caregivers receiving hospice care at the end of life can be assured of the highest standards of care.

The final rule for the Medicare Hospice CoPs was published today in the Federal Register. Medicare certified hospices have 180 days in which to become compliant with the new regulations that go into effect on December 2, 2008.

NHPCO hosted a two-day intensive conference for state leaders, the organization's board and regulatory committee, and invited guests in Baltimore on June 4 and 5. The two-day event was carried out to NHPCO members throughout the country via live-streaming Internet broadcast; more than 650 programs audited the proceedings via the Web from their offices.

Presenting at the event were CMS staff members involved the

development of the final rule that provided insight into the reasoning behind some of the changes in regulation. Additionally, Barry Straub, MD, chief medical officer at CMS and the director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality joined the more than 300 hospice leaders at the meeting on Thursday, the official publication day of the new rule.

In his remarks at the NHPCO meeting, Dr. Straub said, "This rule will improve quality of care overall and provide flexibility for hospices to do the work they need to do – and this is a framework we must build on."

Since the proposed CoPs were released three years ago, NHPCO has been actively developing initiatives and programs focusing on quality and performance measurement. These include NHPCO's Quality Partners initiative and several research, data collection and benchmarking tools available to hospice providers.

"The hospice community has eagerly awaited the publication of the new Conditions of Participation since the proposed rule was released in May of 2005," remarked J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of NHPCO. "The new CoPs will ensure a framework of quality that benefit patients, families, and the organizations providing care at life's end. The new CoPs along with tools and resources available from NHPCO will help all providers continue to strive for the highest levels of quality and access."

More than 1.3 million dying Americans received care from the nation's hospice providers last year. This number has risen and continues to grow as more patients learn of the wide range of beneficial services and the compassionate care that hospice offers.

Hospice care is considered to be the model for high-quality care at the end of life. Hospice involves a team-oriented approach to care that includes expert medical attention, pain-and-symptom management,

and emotional and spiritual support. The quality of a person's life is emphasized, not the duration. Moreover, services and support are provided to family caregivers, in addition to the patient.

The economic value of hospice care has been validated by research. An independent study released late last year by Duke University found that the use of hospice saved Medicare an average of \$2,300 per patient who received this care. Noted Schumacher, "It's wonderful to know that the care so highly-regarded at life's end also provides savings to Medicare."

The Wednesday Night Leech Lake Grief Support Group thanks the following organizations for their support.

*Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
Teal's Super Valu  
Che-We Supply  
Big Tap Grill  
Great River Pizzeria*

Your graciousness and support are greatly appreciated!



## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 4th of July Pow-wow

July 4, 5, & 6, 2008  
Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Grounds  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

*Happy 4th of July*



*from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*



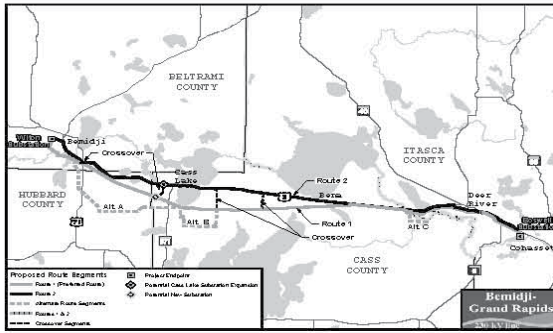
## NOTICE

## Utilities recommend new high-voltage transmission line between Bemidji and Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, Xcel Energy, and Great River Energy recommend building a new 230-kilovolt electric transmission line that would run about 68 miles from Minnkota Power's and Otter Tail Power Company's jointly owned Wilton Substation just west of Bemidji, to Minnesota Power's Boswell Substation in Cohasset, northwest of Grand Rapids.

### Project Need

The Bemidji-Grand Rapids line is needed to maintain reliability of the electric transmission system that serves the Bemidji/Cass Lake area in north central Minnesota, as well as to maintain regional transmission reliability for the larger northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota region. This need was identified in the 2005 and 2007 Biennial Transmission Projects Report. The 2007 report is available at [www.minnelectrans.com/2007 Minnesota Biennial Report.pdf](http://www.minnelectrans.com/2007_Minnesota_Biennial_Report.pdf).



### Project Information

The transmission line route begins at the Wilton Substation and ends at the Boswell Substation. Route 1, shown on the above map, is the preferred route. The utilities expect to use primarily two-pole H-frame structures averaging about 70-90 feet in height. Right-of-way width for a 230-kV line is up to 125 feet. The utilities intend to acquire property rights for any right-of-way the transmission line would require.

### Public Process

The Bemidji-Grand Rapids line cannot be constructed without first obtaining a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The utilities filed a Certificate of Need application with the MPUC on March 17, 2008, and a Route Permit application on June 4, 2008. As part of the Certificate of Need and Route Permit processes, the Office of Energy Security (OES) in the Department of Commerce, jointly with federal agencies, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and host public scoping meetings to solicit public comment. Sometime after June 26, 2008, a letter from the MPUC will be sent that lists the dates and places of the public scoping meetings.

The regulatory process to determine the need for and route of the recommended line emphasizes public participation. The Certificate of Need and Route Permit applications are submitted. The OES and the MPUC will hold public meetings and hearings in the area. These meetings will allow the public to participate in the review process. Minnesota Statutes, sections 216B.243 and 216E.01 through 216E.18, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 7829 and 7849 govern requests for a Certificate of Need and Routing Permit for a high-voltage transmission line.

We encourage area residents to get involved in these important electric energy decisions.

To learn more about the process or to be added to the MPUC and DOC mailing lists, you may contact the following people.

#### Certificate of Need Process

Bret Eknes  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
651-201-2236  
[Bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:Bret.eknes@state.mn.us)  
<http://www.puc.state.mn.us/>

#### Routing and Environmental Review

Suzanne Steinhauer  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198  
651-296-2888  
[suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us](mailto:suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us)  
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/>

You can also contact the Bemidji-Grand Rapids project team with questions by calling Routing Lead Bob Lindholm or Communication Specialist Cindy Kuismi at 888-373-4113 or by email at [bemidjiinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:bemidjiinfo@capx2020.com).

## 2007-2008 Leech Lake Headstart Royalty Princess Kionna Johnson Brave Melvin Ogema-Bellanger Photo by Joe Thunder



**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Business Development Center**  
Cass Lake, MN 56633 1-888-322-7688; (218) 335-8582  
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The Center provides free technical business development services to northern Minnesota Tribal members (MCT & Red Lake enrollees) in the following areas:

**Business Plan Development**  
**General Business Counseling**  
**Business Loan Packaging**  
**Certification Assistance (State & Federal)**

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe also has a Business Loan Fund available to qualified MCT tribal members residing in Minnesota. Call our office or email us at [jbrunelle@mncippewatribe.org](mailto:jbrunelle@mncippewatribe.org) for further information. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For further information, visit our website:  
<http://www.mctfc.org>



## Olson Plan Would Sustain, Promote Dakota and Ojibwe Languages

By Brad Swenson Bemidji Pioneer  
Published Sunday, June 22, 2008

American Indian languages could become extinct unless renewed efforts to make Dakota and Ojibwe classroom subjects succeed, believes Sen. Mary Olson, DFL-Bemidji.

And she apparently has Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren on her side, as a meeting is planned this week to set an agenda and formally establish a committee to study over the legislative interim how to sustain and promote language immersion programs.

"There are no textbooks written in the Ojibwe language, and that's a real lack in the immersion program," Olson said. "There's a real need that the immersion program has."

Olson authored a bill this past session that the state Board of Teaching establish a task force for language immersion programs for Dakota and Ojibwe language preservation.

Among provisions, the task force would "identify barriers to teacher licensing, teacher certification, fluency certification and licensing for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 Dakota and Ojibwe language programs."

The task force would focus on changes needed in licensure to ensure the continuation and development of Dakota and Ojibwe language immersion programs in U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs programs, charter schools, private schools, non-profit organizations and public schools in Minnesota.

The bill recognizes the responsibility of tribes in Minnesota to oversee the revitalization of

Dakota and Ojibwe language in the state, and would ask the task force to identify strategies to ensure existing funding sources will be used for the immersion programs.

But providing licensed and certified teachers of Dakota and Ojibwe isn't enough, said Olson. A curriculum needs to be developed, backed up by proper materials and textbooks.

Olson said she held a meeting during the session's last days that included Seagren and members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, to which Olson is a member, to talk about a wide range of American Indian language issues.

"One of the people who attended the meeting pointed out that there are only nine fluent Dakota speakers left in our state," Olson said. "There are fewer than 100 fluent Ojibwe speakers. So this is really at a crisis point in terms of preserving this language before it becomes extinct."

Providing for Dakota and Ojibwe language programs in Minnesota schools will not only help preserve the language, but also history itself, she said.

"It's not just important to the culture of American Indian people, but it's really an issue of national and statewide significance for everyone because it's part of our history of this country," the Bemidji Democrat said.

The group is slated to meet again Wednesday at the State Capitol to further discuss the issue, Olson said.

"We've made plans for another meeting, and we're going to put together a committee over the interim," she said. "This isn't anything where there's any public money going into it, it's just basically people who are interested who are volunteering their time to work on this project."

Many materials are handmade, but not universally available.

"There's a lot of work ongoing already, but no one is really aware of what everyone else is doing," Olson said. "The program down in the Twin Cities had a couple of really fantastic handmade stories that had been written and illustrated by a 17-year-old young lady. They copied that through their regular program."

There are some elders at Mille Lacs who have handmade some materials in Ojibwe about traditional medicines and plants and animals, she said. "But they haven't been comfortable putting them out to the public yet until they are comfortable with how they will be treated. The tribe wants some control over how they will be utilized."

After pulling together the meeting two days before the Legislature adjourned, Olson said she "was delighted with the turnout we had. We had a two-hour meeting and people were very excited, not only about just getting some publications — there are actually some handmade materials that are already available — but there's kind of a broader issue that has to do with language preservation and pulling together some of the different pieces that are already happening, making sure there is a central place to store this information."

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council "wanted to make sure that the tribes have control over decisions that are made related to these things and the storing of these materials, and also the intellectual property rights — that's actually a pretty significant part of this," she said.

The Minnesota Historical Society is also interested, she said.

An English major in college before going to law school, Olson said she wanted to "do something to address this issue because it seems like an important thing to do. ... I am really grateful to Commissioner Seagren for coming on such short notice (to the May meeting) and really supporting my goal to move

this issue forward. She's going to give this high priority for next session."

While Olson's bill on teacher licensure and certification didn't move forward, the current effort is "different but related," she said.

"There are so many different components to this," Olson said. "One of them is working this into early childhood training, one is making sure that the texts are available."

She said someone at the meeting noted that in Hawaii, there are spots on television that just make people more aware of native Hawaiian words, vocabulary words.

"We see that with the Spanish language often, but we don't have anything like that for the languages that are unique to our country, and particularly to our state," Olson said.

She was, however, successful in having parts of another bill make it into law. The omnibus education policy bill provides that teacher preparation programs provide "instruction in historical and cultural competencies related to Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities and their contributions to Minnesota."

And the competencies related to Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities "must include, among other components, standards for instructional practices most effective for successfully teaching elementary and secondary American Indian students."



## Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Niigaane Ojibwe Language Program Recipient of Blandin Foundation Award

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The Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion program offers students grades K-4 the only opportunity throughout the State of Minnesota to be entirely immersed in the Ojibwe language. The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is committed to attaining the highest levels of achievement identified in the No child Left Behind legislation, with a focus on developing a language revitalization program that is built on effective instruction and adaptation of research-based practices utilizing curriculum designed specifically to teach all subjects in the Ojibwe language. During the three years of existence, continual reflective assessments gauged through student testing, community surveys, and parental feedback, has identified two critical issues we need to address: 1) lack of lesson materials available in Ojibwemowin, and 2) the non-availability of certified teachers fluent in the Ojibwe language.

Niigaane intends to address these needs by creating story books and lesson materials based on Ojibwe oral teachings utilizing

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## Obituaries

### Carmen Kingbird

Carmen Rene' Kingbird, 31 of Minneapolis, formerly of Cass Lake, MN died Friday, June 6, 2008 in Minneapolis, MN.



Funeral services were held on June 13, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. A wake began on June 11, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until the time of services. Interment followed at the Fairbanks Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Carmen was born September 7, 1976 in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Jim Wilson, Jr. and Cynthia Kingbird. She was raised and educated in the Cass Lake and Bemidji area. She moved to Minneapolis in 2004 and had lived there since. She enjoyed reading, stock car races and being with family and friends.

She survived by her 2 children, Danielle and Damien Kingbird, father, Jim Wilson, Jr., 4 sisters, Tammy LaRose, Nicole Kingbird, Kelly Kingbird and Tanya Sayers, 5 brothers, Byron Wilson, James Wilson, Jr., Michael Kingbird, Sr., Kevin Kingbird, Sr. and Corey Sayers.

She was preceded in death by her mother Cynthia Kingbird.

Honorary casket bearers were Donald Wilson, Daren Wilson, Flower Kingbird, Franny Kingbird, Becky Headbird, Christine Jackson, Connie and Diane Whitebird.

Active casket bearers were Dominick LaRose, Fudd Wilson, Mike Kingbird, Sr., Kevin Kingbird, Sr., Julian Charnoski and Aaron Wind.

### Elizabeth Tanner

Elizabeth Leona Tanner, infant daughter of Alexandra Tanner of Cass Lake was born and died Friday, May 23, 2008 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Funeral Services were held on May 26, 2008 at the Pike Bay Town Hall in Cass Lake. A wake began on Saturday, May 25 at the Pike Bay Town Hall and continued until the time of the services. Interment followed at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She is survived by her mother Alexandra Tanner of Cass Lake, sister, Danielle Jourdain of Cass Lake, Grandparents, Bob and Lois Jourdain of Cass Lake, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Casket bearers were Kevin Mainville, Tony Mainville, Dean Jourdain, Arthur Jones.

### Samuel "Kevin" Goose III

Samuel "Kevin" Goose III, age 50, of Sugar Point, Mn, died on June 15, 2008 at Sugar Point, Mn. Kevin was born on December 27, 1957 in Cass Lake, Mn.

He is survived his wife, Patricia Gale, daughters, Desiree Gale Goose, Dawn Lynn Budreau, Gabrielle Grace Budreau, Amelia Frazer; son, Gerald James; mother, Caroline Monroe; sisters, Iolanthe Goose, Eva Magnum, Carol Goose, Loretta Monroe, Patty Monroe, Mary Lou Reich; brothers, Terrance White, Sr., Rick Goose, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Kevin Goose, Jr.; a sister, Norma Hough, and a son, Shane Kingbird.

A wake started on June 19<sup>th</sup> and continued until the times of funeral services on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sugar Point Community Center.

Kevin passed away peacefully at home on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He was raised in Sugar Point and attended school in Remer, Mn. Kevin was employed with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as a blackjack dealer for approximately five years. He and his family then relocated to Washington, D.C. where his occupation was an administrative assistant for Indian Health Services. Thereafter, Kevin became employed with the LLBO MIS division as a computer technician for three years. Kevin was an avid Golden Gloves Boxer throughout his years, while winning several trophies, and was featured in a book for his boxing skills. Kevin enjoyed reading, writing, watching the Twins, Vikings, and most of all, he loved his grandchildren. They were and are his whole world.

Burial took place at the Sugar Point Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River, Minnesota.

### William Jack Wilson

William Jack Wilson, age 34, of Squaw Lake, Mn., died on June 6, 2008 in Deer River, Mn.

He is survived by a brother, Andy; two daughters, Miranda and Marisa, and a son, Billy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellie and Bill Wilson. A wake began on June 10, 2008 and continued until the time of services on June 11, 2008 at the Ball Club Community Center.

### Ronald Eugene Lyons

Ronald Eugene Lyons, age 41, of Deer River, MN died on June 20, 2008 in Duluth, Minnesota. He was born on April 10, 1967 in St. Paul, MN.



He is survived by his father Kenneth Lyons, Sr.; brothers, Kevin, Sr., and Myron Lyons of Winnie Dam; sister, Naomi Bellanger of Bemidji, Mn., Lisa (Kingbird) Gullickson of Squaw Lake; aunt, Brenda Bellanger; nieces, Tara Ann Bellanger and Cassandra Lyons; and nephews Ryan White, Kevin Jr, Samuel and Ken Lyons III of Winnie Dam.

Preceded in death by his mother Deanna Lyons; brothers, Ken Jr., and Gerald Lyons.

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service on June 25, 2008 at the Ball Club Community Center.

Ron accomplished lots of things in his life. He graduated from high school, he went on to college and received a degree. He enjoyed working with birch bark, picking wild rice, going to pow-wows, singing with his brothers, and reading. Funeral arrangements were handled by Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River, Mn.

## Plans Duel for Chippewa Cash

By Emily Kaiser, Star Tribune  
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Although the U.S. government settled a lawsuit with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in 1999, agreeing to pay \$20 million to resolve disputes over a 19th-century land deal, the tribe's six bands still haven't received their money.

The unpaid funds, up to nearly \$27 million with interest, have now divided the bands, federal government agencies and Minnesota Democratic Reps. Jim Oberstar and Collin Peterson, all of whom are arguing for different methods of splitting the dollars among the bands.

Oberstar and Peterson, whose districts include different bands entitled to portions of the settlement, have each proposed distribution methods. Each plan embodies a different definition of equality and sovereignty.

The congressmen testified this month before the House Committee on Natural Resources, alongside members of the tribe and a Bureau of Indian Affairs representative.

The issue dates nearly 60 years to lawsuits growing out of the 1889 Nelson Act. Under that law, reservation land -- about 2 million acres at Red Lake in northern Minnesota and 650,000 acres from other reservations -- was allotted to individual Indians and ceded to the United States, with much of the land subsequently being sold to non-Indians.

Proceeds from the land - which is now in national and state forests, as well as farmland,

private timberland and other private ownership -- were intended to benefit the state's Chippewa Tribe. But in its suit, the tribe claimed that the government sold the land for less than it was worth and misspent some of the funds.

The Red Lake Band, which is an independent tribe, also sued for similar claims, settling separately for \$27 million.

Shortly after the 1999 settlement, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee voted 10 to 2 to divide the \$20 million evenly among the six bands, whose total population is about 40,000. The two dissenting votes came from the White Earth band, which says an even split would be unfair because their members make up about half of the tribe's population yet would receive only about one-sixth of the settlement.

The Department of Interior and Congress must approve any plans for distributing the money, which led to the legislation before the House committee.

### The Peterson-Oberstar plans

Oberstar's legislation upholds the tribe's vote for equal division among the bands because "it is imperative to uphold tribal sovereignty," he testified.

Peterson's legislation upholds a 2001 U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs report, which concluded that distributing the money on the basis of band membership would be fairest.

"The report said that equally splitting the funds six ways, without the consent of every band, is unjust and would give preferential treatment to the membership of four smaller bands at the expense of the two larger bands," Peterson testified.

His proposal would give the White Earth band, which is situated in his district, 53 percent of the settlement. Among the five other bands, all in Oberstar's district, Leech Lake would receive 20 percent and the others would each get 10 percent or less.

Still, Peterson said he hopes the tribe can come to a compromise. "My position has always been that

Congress should not take an active role in this issue," he testified. "I believe that all of the bands should come to an agreement on how to allocate the money and only then should Congress get involved."

Erma Vizenor, chairwoman of the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, testified in support of Peterson's legislation, which she said accurately distributes the money to the people who suffered most from the Nelson Act because of their forced removal from land across the state.

The four smallest bands strongly disagree with the Peterson proposal, saying that their lawsuit was a group effort by one entity -- the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe -- and that each band paid the same amount to prosecute the claims.

But critics of Peterson's legislation say their biggest objection is that it would result in Congress overruling the decision of the tribe's own governing body.

"The Tribal Executive Committee believes that if Congress were to disregard its views on how to spend its money, that would set bad precedent," said Mark Anderson, the tribe's general counsel.

Norman Deschampe, president of the tribe and chairman of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, testified that "failing to accept the Tribal Executive Committee's proposed distribution is tantamount to disregarding the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's sovereignty."

On the executive committee, each band has equal representation, regardless of its population.

### The Leech Lake plan

In addition to the two distribution plans in the legislation, George Goggeye, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe chairman, testified for a third method that would divide the settlement on the basis of actual damage suffered by each band.

"Neither bill will result in equitable distribution of the judgment fund that adequately reflects the aims of contemporary federal Indian policy," he said.

In the Leech Lake formula,

Leech Lake would receive 69 percent of the settlement based on the band's loss of valuable timber resources under the Nelson Act. White Earth, the most populous band, would receive just 9 percent.

Although the debate can get heated, Deschampe said conversations remain civil and open. Neither bill has moved forward, and the House committee hopes to debate the muddled issue again in the coming months.

"I think everything is on the table," Deschampe said. "I am hoping in the near term that we can get something worked out."

## Letter to the Editor:

On Memorial Day, May 26, 2008, the Priest of the St. Joseph's Church of Ball Club gave families permission to place boxes on the graves at the St. Joseph's Cemetery for family members to put things in for their deceased loved ones in honor of Memorial Day. So I put a box out there. It was redwood with varnish. It read on the inside Everette Armstrong from Tom & Cheryl. My son is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

I put dirt in the box, and I had also put a statue of a bear, a buffalo and memorial flowers in it. I went back to check on the box and to talk to my son on June 1, 2008. The box was gone, but the bear, buffalo and flowers were still there. Why would anyone do this to the family and friends that seen the box that day? It is a disgrace to us.

My son was only 16 when we buried him. I hope that whoever stole the box from my son felt that God was watching you steal. I thought one of the Ten Commandments in the Bible is "Thou Shalt Not Steal". Even with the church nearby, you still stole it.

I would like the box put back where it belongs! Nothing will be done to you, but I feel you owe us to bring it back to us. No questions will be asked!

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