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Building A Legacy

Incidents of drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, violence of all kinds, truancy, unsupervised juveniles, and dysfunctional families continue to escalate and head the list of problems faced by all governments, tribal and state. Both court systems share the goals of improved outcomes for families, fewer children in out of home placement, and decreased incarceration and recidivism rates. Unfortunately, neither system can claim complete success in reaching these goals on its own, and "justice as usual" has not always resulted

in acceptable outcomes for those involved in the juvenile and adult justice systems in northern Minnesota. Over time, it has become clear that the solution to adequately addressing the needs of offenders and breaking the cycle of drug and alcohol dependence is inter-governmental and inter-agency collaboration. Each jurisdiction, be it tribal or state, brings to the table tools unique to its system, and by exercising jurisdiction cooperatively the courts can leverage scarce resources and achieve better results.

In 2006, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court teamed up with Minnesota's 9th Judicial District-Cass

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Drum Group walked into the court house past the Judges as they drummed and sang the Welcome Song on their way into the Itasca County Courthouse on February 22, 2008. Behind the Drum Group is Heny Wahwassuck, husband of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Judge, Korey Wahwassuck, who spoke to the Judges during the ceremony both outside and inside the courtroom.

Photo by Patsy Gordon



Leech Lake Tribal Council members and Division Directors met with Senators Frank Moe and Mary Olson, and the Leech Lake Lobbyist, Jim Genia on February 7, 2008, to discuss key issues that are of importance to the Band. (L to R) LL Dist Rep, Donald "Mick Finn, Senator Frank Moe, LL Dist. Rep. Robbie Howe, LL Executive Director, Rodney White, LL Lobbyist, Jim Genia, and Senator Mary Olson.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

County District Court to form a unique problem-solving court that was the first of its kind in the nation. This post-conviction, post-sentencing DWI Court was founded on the 10 principles of drug courts, and handles the cases of both tribal members and non-Indians. The Leech Lake-Cass County Wellness Court was made possible by a Joint Powers Agreement executed between the judges of the two jurisdictions. This ground-breaking agreement allows the Courts to more effectively and efficiently achieve their mutual goals of improving access to justice; administering justice for effective results; and fostering public trust, accountability, and impartiality. In February 2007, the official Leech Lake Tribal Flag was permanently installed in the courtroom of Cass County District Court Judge John P. Smith to memorialize the Joint Powers Agreement and the Wellness Court partnership. This historical event was attended by two Minnesota

State Legislators; a Minnesota State Senator; a Minnesota Supreme Court Judge; and the Minnesota State Court

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Leech Lake Chairman, George Goggl-eye, Jr., presented his Annual State of the Band Address on February 28, 2005. Text of address on page 5.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE VOTER INFORMATION

Approved Forms of Voter Identification

Photo Identification: (ID must be valid)

- * Tribal identification with current address
- * State identification with current address
- * If Tribal or State ID has a former address, you may bring a recent utility bill to use with your ID
 - * ID issued by the US Government
 - * US Passport
 - * US Armed Forces ID
 - * Student ID
 - * Employee ID

Non-photo identification:
(ID must show name and current address of the voter)

Current utility bill
Current Bank Statement
Current Paycheck
Government Check

Utility bill must come from the utility company, have your name, current address, and be due within thirty (30) days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, telephone, or cable TV.

Family Service Center Board Seeking Board Members

The Cass County Leech Lake Reservation Family Services Collaborative Initiative Board of Directors is seeking applicants interested in serving on the Board. There are currently four unfilled seats that need to be filled by Band members.

After attending a Collaborative Board meeting, the Family Service Center Director, Thom Blackbird, was informed of this situation and that the Leech Lake Reservation should fill these 4 voting board seats because there has been no active attendance on the Board for the past couple of years, which hinders the Leech Lake Band. The Board makes decision that affects a large number of Leech Lake Band members not only from Cass Lake but also the surrounding areas. Presently the board consists of the Family Center Director and School Board Superintendents make up the rest of the Board.

It would be in the best interest of the Band and the Family Center to get these seats filled as soon as possible by Leech Lake Band members.

If you are interested in sitting on this board and wish to get more information on it, please call the Director of the Cass Lake Family, Thom Blackbird at 218-335-7837. You may also reach him on his cell phone at (218) 209-5206.

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the LEECH LAKE Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on April 1, 2008 to fill the following positions:

ELECTION DATE: April 1, 2008

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I: Inger – Community Center
Ball Club – Community Center
Squaw Lake – Community Ctr.

DISTRICT II: Bena – Community Center
Sugar Point – Community Center
Smokey Point – Kego Lake C.C.

DISTRICT III: Cass Lake – Old Tribal Office
Mission – Community Center
Onigum – Community Center
Cass River – Community Center
Oak Point – Community Center

* GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD

Old Tribal Office
115 6th Street NW Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633

ABSENTEE VOTING

LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES VOTING PRECINCT

Minneapolis American Indian Center
1530 E. Franklin
Minneapolis, MN

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN – 4 Year Term

Arthur "Archie" LaRose
George J. Goggeye Jr.
Birdena Lyons
Dan White
Glen "Tuffy" Fisher, Jr.
Raymond "Skip" Lyons
David "Chief" Morgan

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER – For the Remainder of an Unexpired 4 Year Term

Randy G. Finn
Burton "Luke" Wilson
Michael J. Bongo
Tobias A. Shotley
Franklin E. Bowstring
Roger T. Aitken
Richard Robinson, Jr.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEMAN – 4 Year Term

Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird
Val Pacheco
Samuel "Rocky" Papasodora
Donald "Mick" Finn
Jerry Paul Morgan
Julian Francis Molash
Louise "Weedy" Masten
Martin "Mutt" Robinson
Donald J. Headbird
Jennie Reyes

PUBLIC NOTICE

To All Residents who live within the
Leech Lake Reservation Boundaries

Since February 11, 2008, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has assumed responsibility for responding to child maltreatment reports and providing child welfare services on the Leech Lake Reservation. Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Band and the counties provides an agreement for the orderly transfer of these responsibilities from the county to the Band.

Due to the change in government responsibility, child protection reports concerning a child who lives on the reservation can be made to the Leech Lake Child Welfare Program or any of the county child protection agencies:

- Leech Lake Child Welfare (218) 335-8270 1-866-252-5665
- Cass County Human Services (218) 547-1340
- Beltrami County Human Services (218) 333-8300
- Itasca County Human Services (218) 327-2941 1-800-422-0312
- Hubbard County Social Services (218) 732-1451 1-877-450-1451

Reports regarding the immediate danger of a child should continue to be made to law enforcement at the following numbers:

- 911
- Leech Lake Tribal Police (218) 335-8277 1-888-622-9225
- Cass County Sheriff (218) 547-1424 1-800-450-2677
- Beltrami County Sheriff (218) 751-9111 1-888-449-9111
- Itasca County Sheriff (218) 326-3477 1-800-458-8732
- Hubbard County Sheriff (218) 732-3331 1-888-732-3332

These are the numbers to use during weekends or after hours. Reports between the law enforcement agencies shall continue without change.

With all the changes that will take place, there are services that will remain the same. Here are some services that all residents may still receive from the county:

- Medical Assistance
- Child Support
- Adult Services
- Children's Mental Health
- Developmental Disabilities
- Adolescent Living Skills (SELF)
- Probation Services
- And other welfare benefits

For further information about the services provided by the Leech Lake Child Welfare Program, please request a brochure from the Child Welfare office at 218-335-4435, or toll free 1-866-252-5665.



Keely Huesers Headbird

Local Teen Joins Army

By Patsy Gordon

An ambitious 18 year old, Keely Huesers Headbird, from Cass Lake has joined the Army, and she is very excited about it. She left her mother, Susan Headbird, and her two brothers, on February 28th for basic training in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, where she will spend the next 10 weeks. Following a short leave home after basic training, she will travel to Texas where she will be educated in Advanced Individual Training for 27 weeks.

Keely said, "I joined the Army to make sure I have a secure and steady job and to get a college education. I want to major in medicine, and I will be able to get my college degree during my tenure in the Army." When asked about how she felt about leaving home so young she said, "I know I will miss my family, but I also know it's something I have to do to get ahead in life, there comes a time sooner or later when you have to start your own life." Keely's mother, Susan said, "I am so proud of her, I love her and I will miss her!" Keely's father, Charles Heusers, passed away a few years ago.

Keely received her General Education Degree (GED) through the Leech Lake Education Division making

her dream of joining the Army a reality for her. She said, "After considerable thought, I called the Army recruiter in Bemidji to enlist because it was something I realized that I really had an interest in pursuing, and I wanted to serve my country." Within one year after training, Keely anticipates being sent overseas for her first stint in the military. She is enlisted for 8 years, 4 years and 40 weeks of that will be active duty, and after that time she will decide what she wants to do with the rest of her remaining time with the Army. She will be granted leave for one month out of every year, and she will be able to choose whether or not she wants to take that time all at once or she can split it up and come home for more than once a year depending on her decision.

Keely encourages other young people to enlist, because she has witnessed first hand how many other youth are not really doing anything with their lives and ending up on drugs/alcohol and living a hard life. She said, "It would be a good way to change your life for the better."



Pictured above is Ingrid Messarina and her son who won the pendleton blanket that was recently raffled off by the Leech Lake Health Division in honor of World Aids Day.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Event set for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Observance will be held Monday, March 10 at Indian Women's Resource Center, Minneapolis.

In observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD), local organizers will host an event to help raise awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS on women in Minnesota. The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 10 at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, 2300 Fifteenth Ave. So., Minneapolis.

"This will be our first event ever in Minnesota in commemoration of this national observance," said Sewella Mike, chairperson, NWGHAAD Planning Committee, Minnesota HIV/AIDS Cross Cultural Collaborative. "Nationwide, as well as in Minnesota, more and more women are becoming infected with HIV and we want to make sure our local communities become aware of the situation."

According to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the number and the proportion of cases among females has increased over time in Minnesota. Through 2006, 1,370 HIV cases have now been reported among women and an estimated 1,266 are currently living with HIV in Minnesota. Women of color, particularly African American and African-born women, continued to have higher rates of infection compared to whites in 2006.

"National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is important because it encourages women and girls in our communities to get tested and educate themselves about HIV/AIDS," said Mike. "We have an obligation to educate women and girls and provide support to prevent HIV/AIDS. Our event will do exactly that."

Under the theme of, "Honoring Our Sisters: Women of Color Living with HIV/AIDS," the awareness event will include an evening of testimonials,

expert speakers, exhibits, free HIV testing and food in commemoration of the observance.

The "Honoring Our Sisters" awareness event is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Sewella Mike, NWGHAAD Planning Committee, (612) 870-1723, ext. 14, or sewellam@indigenouspeoplestf.org.

Organizations sponsoring and hosting the event include the Annex Teen Clinic REACH Initiative, Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Minneapolis Urban League and MDH.

The department is an active member of the Minnesota HIV/AIDS Cross Cultural Collaborative, whose mission is to strengthen and support the work of populations of color and American Indians in HIV/AIDS activities by increasing culturally appropriate services, strategies and resources.

The state's HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report-2006, which includes data specific for women, can be found on the MDH Web site at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/hivstatistics.html>.

For more information on National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2008, visit the MDH Web site at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/worldaidsday/womengirls/index.html> or visit the U.S. Office of Women's Health Web site at: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/owh/campaigns> or call 202-690-7650.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is available on Thursday evenings at the Leech Lake Tribal College from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Filers must fall under specific guidelines (\$40,000 - family, \$30,000 - single). Appointments can be made by calling 218-335-4244.

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Administrator, among others.

The success of the Leech Lake-Cass County Wellness Court has been closely watched by other jurisdictions, and new partnerships are developing as a result. In April 2007 the 9th Judicial District (Itasca County) in Grand Rapids, Minnesota went operational with its own Wellness Court after months of development that included input from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Not only were tribal staff invited to participate in the planning stages, but Leech Lake Chief Judge Corey Wahwassuck now regularly takes the bench alongside Itasca County District Court Judge John Hawkinson to preside over Wellness Court hearings. The judges are part of a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary core team made up of representatives from Tribal, County, State and other agencies. On February 22, 2008, Judges Corey Wahwassuck and Anita Fineday of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, and Judges John Hawkinson, Jon Maturi, and Lois Lang of the 9th Judicial District Court (Itasca County) signed a Joint Powers agreement similar to that executed with Cass County. As part of the Itasca County Ceremony, Leech Lake Tribal Flags were installed in all three Itasca County Courtrooms. Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Russell Anderson and Associate Justice Lorie Gildea, Supreme Court liaison to the 9th Judicial District, participated in the ceremony, and Judge Jon Maturi took part not only in his capacity as Itasca County District Court Judge, but also as Chief Judge of the 9th Judicial District. Although scheduling conflicts prevented Minnesota Court of Appeals Chief Judge Edward Toussaint from participating, a representative from the Court of Appeals appeared on his behalf for the ceremony.

Leech Lake Band member and elder, Mike Smith, also spoke to the group of judges and smoked the ceremonial pipe with them. Leech Lake Chairman, George Goggeye, Jr. thanked the Judges, Mike Smith, and

Henry Wahwassuck for playing their part in this historic and long over due occasion. Chairman Goggeye said, "People will be able to tell the story of this historic day to their grandchildren." He ended by saying, "It has been a great pleasure to present these flags to the Itasca County Courthouse."



Pictured above is Leech Lake District III Representative, Robbie Howe, taking her turn at sharing the ceremonial pipe with Henry Washwassuck, (left), Chairman George Goggeye, Jr., (center) and the long line of Judges listed in the foregoing article.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

LEGAL NOTICE in the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Court, Nett Lake, MN

In the matter of the welfare of E.R.S., a minor child, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Division of Health Services, Petitioner, vs. Tara Lynn Sam, Respondent:

To: Tara Lynn Sam, Respondent and Mother of said child,

You are hereby summoned and ordered to appear before the juvenile division of the above-named court in its temporary courtroom, second floor, Fortune Bay Resort, Lake Vermilion Reservation, for a hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m. CT, on the 29th day of April, 2008, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. The purpose of said hearings is to determine the permanent placement of E.R.S., a minor child. This hearing will affect your parental rights. A failure to attend without lawful excuse will adversely affect those rights.

By the Court, Hon. Margaret Treuer, Chief Judge, Lucille Morrison, Clerk of Court Attorney for Petitioner, Thomas Sjogren PO Box 25, Nett Lake, MN 55772 Telephone: 218-757-3462

STATE OF THE BAND ADDRESS

NOTE: The following is the text of Leech Lake Chairman George Goggeye Jr.'s State of the Band Address.

"Good Morning and Greetings to all! In past years, when I had the privilege to share with you, the State of the Band, I would spend a lot of time covering the specifics of the Band's programs and divisions by bringing you all up to speed with what they had accomplished and what their future goals for the upcoming year would be. However this year, I am going to take a different approach and talk about issues, that I believe, transcend the everyday workings of our tribal operations and instead speaks to the core of who we are as a people.

When I first came into office almost four years ago, I was very focused on the financial condition of the Band. Back in 2004, it was decided by the Leech Lake Tribal Council to adopt a strategic plan that included in its mission statement the responsible operation of the Band's tribal government in order to enhance the economic well-being of our people.

Following that mission statement, we as a tribal government, set out with the goals to improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of our government and to enforce fiscal and financial accountability. Which at this time, I am very pleased to announce that as of the end of the fiscal year 2007, the Band's financial condition has been stabilized. We have come back from a \$6.3 million dollar fund balance deficit at the end of fiscal year 2004, to a current positive fund balance of \$1.6 million dollars. This has been accomplished by changing spending attitudes, enforcing budgetary and other internal controls thereby decreasing our dependency on Gaming revenues.

Although, we have stabilized our financial condition, there still exists much more work that needs to be done. Increasing efficiency and effectiveness of our Band's services and programs through Strategic Planning is an on-going task. But, as we all know, there are still far too many un-met needs that exist on our Reservation. Yet, it is my belief that the Strategic Planning process that the Band's tribal operations are currently undertaking, will eventually allow us to be able to meet far more of our un-met needs than we are presently able to do.

As I mentioned earlier, at this time, I am going to diverge from my normal State of the Band topics. Instead,

I would like to share with you some very personal observations that I have made over the last several years. In my life, I have been truly blessed, from kind and loving Grand parents, parents to healthy children. Growing up, I was extremely fortunate in that whenever needed, I always had wise and understanding people to turn to for direction. Of course, it is no secret, that there has been times over the years, where I have strayed from the teachings of my youth and got myself into situations that caused me great pain... but more important, I also brought this pain to the ones I love and care for the most, which is my wife and family members.

But, like so many of our people, I have refused to let my poor choices, mistakes and addictions destroy my life. I was not comfortable waking up in the morning looking for my next drink or looking for that person who had the drug that I craved. I was not comfortable not being honest with my wife and my family members. Instead, through the grace of our Creator and the help of my friends and family, I was able to pull myself out of the situation in which my addictions controlled my life. And then, I sought forgiveness from the ones I love, and most important, I sought forgiveness from myself. This morning when I woke up, I did not have a hangover nor did I crave a drink. Instead, of looking for a fix, I chose to look forward through clean and sober eyes, to what the day held in store for me. The spirit that our Creator blessed me with, and the spirit that my family nourished throughout my life, was able to survive the self-inflicted ordeals that I placed upon it. And, the reason why I speak of such personal things at such a public event, is because when you break it all down, the of things I speak of, have not just affected me, but, they have affected us all in one way or another. Whether you have struggled with your own addictions or you have endured a loved one's struggle with addictions, we are all deeply familiar with the pain that alcohol and drugs bring to our lives.

And, in the same way that I have struggled in the past by not living the way the Creator intended me to live, I also see our people, today, struggling mightily with their identity and with what direction they want to go with their lives. It is well documented that throughout the years our people have struggled with the loss of land, the loss of culture and language, and the loss of the ability to self-sustain their existence by living off of the land.

But today, in my opinion, we face

something that is far more dangerous to our people's existence, because what I speak of robs our people's self-esteem, dignity, and compassion for others. HATE...is what I speak of. Hard, cold, HATE.

Just take a moment and look around our communities with open eyes and an open heart... and tell me what you see. The Band's workplace is filled with mistrust, tribal employees are in fear of speaking out against anything because they have been told repeatedly that they are employees at will or as many interpret it, employees at a whim... where if the majority of the Tribal Council decides they want someone's employment to end... then it ends... no questions asked.

Watch and listen to what is being told to our youth, the message that is being told by many is that... don't worry about an education... don't worry about a job...just sit back and wait for the tribal government to take care of you... **watch and listen** as many of our people flock to buy a certain paper that spreads the message of hate... like a cancer... throughout our communities...**watch and listen** as people in our communities, who claim to be in tune with our culture, speak with venom and disdain for anyone who does not agree with their point of view or who does not support the same political candidate as they do.

I do not speak to you... today... as a person up on a self-proclaimed soap-box... instead... I speak to you as a SURVIVOR.... Our people... have a long history of survival...have endured tremendous hardships but yet we have overcome our circumstances and survived. All of which has brought us to where we are today. But...where exactly is that...the way our people survived in the past was through honor, respect and compassion for one and another. We survived because our ancestors were concerned about the well being of others and the well being of their future generations.

Listen to the elders speak of the past...the picture that they paint with their words is that of respect and partnership... The traditional way of discussion was that one person would wait until the other was finished talking before they would begin to speak.

However, from my vantage point... I do not see our teachings being practiced today. Instead, I see a lot of anger, spite and greed. Yes, I fully understand that there are many who are unemployed...I fully understand that there are many who feel like they were not treated well by our local communities or for that matter, their

tribal government... But, I am here to say, in the same way I was not comfortable living within my addictions...we, as a people, should not be comfortable cultivating hate and discord within our communities.

We have pressing issues in our Communities that need solutions...there is a reason why it seems that we remain in a perpetual struggle without ever seeming to be able to move forward in a positive direction...it is hard to come to an understanding and a consensus on an issue when someone is more focused on their dislike for that individual instead of being focused on finding a solution to the problem...As my father always tells me bad follows bad...and...good follows good...meaning that no problem ever gets solved by infusing hate and discord in the discussion...but problems do get solved by infusing respect and understanding.

It is TIME...time to change the course of what is happening...we need to stop WAITING for someone else to make a change...we also need to stop BLAMING others for the way things are...Instead... the change needs to begin with each of us...it has been said that ...first, you must become the change you want to see in the world.

Positive change will not happen by DIVIDING...positive change will only happen by UNITING."

Included in the Chairman's State of the Band Address, but not included in the above text was the following:

The auditing firm of McGladrey & Pullen has done an audit on the Leech Lake Band finances. Goggeye says, "The audit shows that we are in much better financial shape than we've been in the last few years." He mentioned the Youth Build program and what a success that program has become for our young people. The Achievement Center that opened last year at the Cass Lake ENP site has provided many with computer skills and training. Funds are being sought to upgrade our Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. Thanks to the active role the Bena LIC played, the Bena Community Center will be hosting their Grand Opening sometime in March. The Health Division's opiate program generates much revenue for the Band, which is utilized by the Leech Lake health and human services programs. The Leech Lake small businesses are progressing toward good profitability. It is also possible that one day the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will have their own FM radio station.

He encourages Leech Lake Band members to buy local - buy gas from reservation businesses within the reservation. By doing so, the Band gets tax money back from the state which goes back into our reservation programs that supplement our Tribal programs and help our Band members.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
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 14th day of February 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE: March 11, 2008 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

APPEARANCE DATE: April 8, 2008 at 2:00 P.M.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Charles D. Croaker	TR-08-004	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 12/29/2007
Patricia Lynn Hurd	TR-07-203	Driving After Suspension Occurring on: 8/20/2007
Candice R. Jackson	TR-07-217	Driving After Revocation Failure to stop for Stop Sign or Stop Light Occurring on: 11/2/2007
Angela L. Jacobs	TR-08-003	Driving After Suspension Occurring on: 12/28/2007
Mardelle D. Oothoudt	TR-07-220	Driving After Revocation Failure to use seatbelt/child restraint device Occurring on: 10/19/2007
Kelly F. Robinson	TR-07-221	Driving After Suspension

Conrad C. Thompson	TR-08-008	Occurring on: 11/9/2007 Driving After Revocation No Insurance
Patrick J. White	TR-08-001	Occurring on: 2/16/2006 Driving After Revocation Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring on: 12/10/2007

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
218-335-3682/4418
Cass Lake, MN 56633
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: March 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Beaulieu, Brandon James	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 R	TR-00-100
Harrison, Nathaniel Ray	TR-00-216	Northbird, Sheila M	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 W. Sr.	TR-00-131
Jones, Gordon Nathaniel	TR-07-98	White, Simon A.	TR-99-82

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

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Brown, Marla Jean	TR-02-382	Northbird, Russell	CN-06-17
Butcher, Shaun Leon	TR-00-106	Novak, Tony Wayne	CN-07-04
Dunn, Beatrice Ann	TR-07-200	Robinson, John M	TR-00-163
Gotchie, Andrew John	TR-99-18	Smith, David J.	CN-06-03

Isham, Rommain Steven	TR-06-186	White, Peter Dale, Sr.	TR-05-126
LaRose, Sidney Timothy	TR-00-193	Whitebird, Myron J	TR-99-84
Littlewolf, Rueben James	TR-00-128		

APPEARANCE DATE: April 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Brown, Joseph	TR-00-160	Moose, Jacklyn Kay	TR-99-73
Cutbank, Mary	TR-00-168	Reyes, Mario	TR-00-162
Cutbank, Norman Wayne	TR-07-182	Smith, Brenda	TR-00-161
Jackson, Tracy A	TR-00-177	Smith, Emmilee Lynda	TR-00-171
Kingbird, Michael Anthony	TR-00-127	Smith, Emmilee Lynda	TR-05-27
Kingbird, Trevor Allen	TR-07-49	White, Rhonda Clarice	TR-07-63
LaDuke, Marla Kaye	TR-06-16	Wilson, Richard Dean	TR-07-165

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

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Agard, Beau James	TR-04-716	Johnson, Lisa Michelle	TR-00-186
Bryan, Clinton Emmanuel	TR-04-716	Norton, Bryan Lee	TR-00-204
Ellis, Julie	TR-00-194	Rock, Lora	TR-00-207
Fineday, Robert	TR-00-229	Roy, Ron	TR-00-224
Harrison, Jimmie	TR-00-178	Schulman, Richard Jr.	TR-00-189
Hazeldine, Becky	TR-00-199	Schulman, Richard Jr.	TR-04-683
Isham, Curtis	TR-00-233	Schulman, Richard Jr.	TR-02-502
Stockwell, Katrina	TR-00-200		

APPEARANCE DATE: April 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Adams, Debra Ann	TR-01-249	Casey, Thomas	TR-01-265
Adams, Jean Marie	TR-00-242	Dunn, Adrian Richard	TR-07-38
Bellanger, Daniel Charles	TR-01-251	French, George Jr.	TR-00-238
Bellanger, Joanne Ruth	TR-07-124	Neadeau, Joseph	TR-00-244
Benjamin, Anthony	TR-01-262	White, Billy Joe	TR-05-91
Bowstring, Kelly	TR-01-246	White, Billy Joe	TR-00-236
Burnette, Rhonda	TR-00-234	Wind, Tony	TR-00-174

Correction of Breast Cancer Death Rate

By Korey Lyon, Program Director
New Beginnings Program

The women of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe do not have the highest death rate, in the United States, due to breast cancer. Current studies show Native American Women living on the Leech Lake Reservation, in the Bemidji Indian Health Service Area, have a higher breast cancer death rate than is seen in the general population of the United States. It is not the highest but is higher than the general population. This is why it is so important for women to be screened for breast cancer. The best form of prevention is early detection.

'Refer A Friend' Project

The 'Refer A Friend' Project, a project for Native American women, is looking for 15 women to become recruiters. The recruiters will educate women 40 years and older about breast cancer, and help women complete breast screening, by filling out paperwork and scheduling breast screening through the SAGE program, if help is needed. Two weeks after the completion of the mammogram, the recruiter and the participant will both receive a \$20.00 gift card.

Help women understand that they are important to their families and that it is necessary to 'take care of yourself for your family's sake'. Become a recruiter. Recruiters must be American Indian females with a current mammogram, 40 years or older, have a dependable vehicle,

and be able to share about breast health. The 'Refer A Friend' Project training will be **Monday, March 17, 2008**, 11:00-1:30 pm, at the Leech Lake Health Division in Cass Lake, MN. If you are interested in becoming a recruiter, phone Karey Lyon at the Leech Lake Health Division, at 218-335-4500 as soon as possible.

Breast Cancer Screening

According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation For the Cure, 'breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, but it can be successfully treated. The key? Early detection.'

Breast self-examinations (BSE) should be completed after your menstrual period. Your breasts will then not be as tender and swollen. This makes it easier to detect any unusual breast changes. If you have stopped menstruating, complete the monthly BSE on the same day of the month, such as the first day, so you won't forget when it is due. If you do not know how to complete BSE, ask your nurse or medical provider to instruct you or go to the Komen For the Cure website noted below. At the Komen website you can order a free BSE card or download a BSE card that you can print off on your computer.

See your healthcare provider if during your monthly BSE you detect any new breast changes that persist after your menstrual cycle or any breast changes that you are concerned about.

Conditions that should be checked by a medical provider include:

- An area that is distinctly different from any other area on either breast, such as a rash on the nipple.
- A lump or thickening in or near the breast or in the underarm that persists through the menstrual cycle.
- A change in the size, shape or contour of the breast.
- A mass or lump, which may feel as small as a pea.
- A marble-like area under the skin.
- A change in the feel or appearance of the skin on the breast or nipple that appears to be dimpled, puckered, itchy, scaly, sore or inflamed.
- Bloody or clear fluid discharge

from the nipples, other than breast milk, that starts suddenly.

- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening of the skin on the breast or nipple.
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts.
- New pain in one spot that does not go away.

The clinical breast examination (CBE), completed by your medical provider, is a part of your annual physical examination. Plan on having your physical examination on a date that you will remember, such as your birthday. You should have a CBE **every three years**, starting at age 20 and then **every year** starting at age 40. A CBE may be recommended more frequently if you have a family history of breast cancer. During a CBE, your health care provider will ask you detailed questions about your health, including your menstrual and pregnancy history. After the history, a thorough breast examination will be performed.

Breast self-examination and CBE are important in the detection of early breast cancer. Annual mammography, an x-ray of the breast where very low levels of radiation are used, is the third tool for breast cancer screening for women 40 years and older. All three of these examinations, BSE, CBE, and mammography, provide complete breast cancer screening. The US Preventive Task Force states the risk for developing breast cancer increases with age, beginning at age 40 years. Individual factors other than age that increase the risk for developing breast cancer include family history or a personal history of breast cancer, biopsy-confirmed atypical hyperplasia, and having a first child after age 30. Breast cancer screening may be recommended earlier or more often if you have a family history or a personal history of breast cancer. Complete your breast screenings as your medical provider recommends. "Be there for your family."

<http://cms.komen.org/Komen/AboutBreastCancer/EarlyDetectBSEMain>

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/content/CRI_2_2_3X_How_is_breast_cancer_found_5.asp

(Adapted from the Komen website and Screening for Breast Cancer, American Cancer Society, and the US Preventive Task Force.) Funded through a grant by the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Alumni in the Spotlight

Michiko Arima graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College in 1998 with AA Degree; she then transferred to Bemidji State University to complete a Bachelor's Degree. In 2004, Michiko earned a MBA in Management.

Michiko says "My mother is of mixed heritage from the south. My father is from the west – he is Japanese-American and a World War II veteran. I served in the U.S. Army for eleven years and I am a Desert Storm veteran. I have two adult daughters that have each blessed me with grandsons. I am currently the instructor of the courses offered in the Business Management Program at Leech Lake Tribal College.

There have been very many wonderful experiences here at the college. My first experience at LLTC was in 1997 when I returned to school after many years. It was a relief to know that I could learn in my own way. Having classmates that were also parents and sometimes grandparents was hilarious at times. We grumbled and mumbled just as any other student would do. My first instructor was Elaine Fleming. When one of my classmates complained that our teacher made her head hurt, I agreed. I added that it was because she was making us think and that was our brain muscles that were hurting. Now years later, I am an instructor and, hopefully, I am making their brain muscles hurt. It is a joy to watch students have an "ah-ha" moment. It

is even better thing to witness them have an all-empowering "ho-wah" moment.

To know that my history began on this continent thousands of years ago makes the last five hundred years seem short by comparison. It also makes my half century of life but a brief moment. I sometimes answer when asked where I am from, "zhaawaanoongindoonjibaa." Because of my upbringing, it is customary to acknowledge my mother's people. Therefore, in this way I honor my heritage, my mother, and my home "stomping grounds". Other times, I happily say, "Gaamiskwa-waakaakaag indoon jibaa," because home is where the heart is. To me this is heart speak (or put another way speaking from the heart) which is also a part of my way. The Anishinaabeg language and culture allows me to listen to and hear what my heart has to say.

I hope that my plans for the future involve continuing to experience growth. Not in the sense that my clothes won't fit, because that's not my future that's my present. I mean that I hope never to be too old to learn.

At most, the only thing that I can offer as words of encouragement for future graduates and/or current students is that they should live life now in a way that creates a future history that will serve as the best guidance for their children and their children's children."

Native American Art Students and Professional Artists to Display Work March 5-26 in UW-Superior's Kruk Gallery

SUPERIOR, Wis. -- Talented Native America high school artists and noted Native American artists from around the region display their works March 5-26 in the University of Wisconsin-Superior's 9th annual

American Indian Art Scholarship Exhibit in Kruk Gallery.

The students' artwork will be judged by a jury of faculty from UW-Superior's Art Department. The exhibit will conclude March 26 with an art sale from 3 to 5 p.m. in the lobby outside the gallery followed by an artists' reception at 6 p.m. in Kruk Gallery. At the reception, top student works will be named. A student artist selected by the jury will be offered a \$1,000 scholarship to UW-Superior.

"The American Indian Art Scholarship Exhibit is an opportunity for young artists from our region to exhibit their work in a gallery setting," said Ivy Vainio, a multicultural student specialist at UW-Superior. "It's also an opportunity for them to meet many of our region's best Native American artists and to learn from them about life as an artist."

The American Indian Art Scholarship Exhibit recognizes artwork created by outstanding Native American high school students from around the Northland. This year's exhibit will include work by students from Hayward High School, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Ashland High School, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School, and Deer River High School.

Also on exhibit will be works by featured artist Gordon Coons (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe.)

Other established artists exhibiting work will be Donald Carufel (Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe), Jill Fortin (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe), Carl Gawboy (Bois Forte Ojibwe), Joe Geshick (Bois Forte Ojibwe), Jerry Kirk (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe), Barb Lacapa (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe), Marcie McIntire (Grand Portage Ojibwe), Sharon Nelis (Bad River Ojibwe), Della Nohl (White Earth Ojibwe), George Perry (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe), Steve Premo (Mille Lacs Ojibwe), Josef Reiter (Ojibwe), Karen Savage-Blue (Fond du Lac Ojibwe), Eve Schultz (Lakota), Carol Ann Smith (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe), Rabbett Before Horses Strickland (Red Cliff Ojibwe), Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe), Sam Two Bulls (Oglala Lakota), Susan Zimmerman (Grand Portage Ojibwe).

The exhibit is free and open to the public in Kruk Gallery, located in Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center on the UW-Superior campus. Gallery hours during the show are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. For more information about gallery hours call 715-394-8391. Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center is located on Catlin Avenue and 19th Street on the UW-Superior campus. For directions to UW-Superior and maps of campus, go online to www.uwsuper.edu/directions.

ALS Board of Directors Meeting Anishinabe Legal Services

Serving Leech Lake, Red Lake & White Earth Reservations

The Anishinabe Legal Services Board of Directors will have its Second quarter board meeting Saturday, April 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. At Northern Lights Casino & Hotel, Walker, Minnesota.

The Public is invited to attend. For directions or questions please contact Carol White

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ARE YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW? WHAT IS A WILL? WHY HAVE A WILL?

What is a will?

- A legal document allowing you to decide who receives your property when you pass away
- Confidential. Other people will not know the contents of your will unless you tell them
- Not final until you pass away. Until then, you can change your will or give away your property

Why have a will?

- If 18 or older
- You have tribal trust land or non-trust land or personal property
- You have children or stepchildren under 18
- You want to leave property to someone who is NOT in your immediate, blood family
- Your spouse or partner is NOT a tribal member
- You recently married or divorced
- Someone you named in your will recently passed away or became mentally unable to handle their own affairs
- You recently had or adopted a child
- You recently purchased, sold or inherited property

What can be included in a Will?

- Who receives your property, including friends, or extended relatives
- The person to oversee distribution of your estate (your Personal Representative or Executor)
- A Guardian to care for your minor children

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The usual income and asset guidelines do not apply. An application for legal assistance is required. Income and asset questions are asked for statistical purposes only, but will not affect eligibility.

The purpose of the funding is to deliver estate planning services to members of Indian Tribes living on or near the White Earth and Leech Lake Reservations or who live at Red Lake Reservation but have trust allotment land at Leech Lake or White Earth Reservations.

For further information please contact Chris Allery or Mary Shequen Smith at Anishinabe Legal Services (1-800-422-1335.) Sponsored by: the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and The Institute for Estate Planning and Probate. Funding is scheduled to end on April 30, 2008.

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TO MY CHILD:

Just for this morning, I am going to smile when I see your face,
And laugh when I feel like crying.
Just for this morning, I will let you choose what you want to wear,
And smile and say how perfect it is.
Just for this morning, I am going to step over the laundry,
And pick you up and take you to the park and play.
Just for this morning, I will leave the dishes in the sink,
And let you teach me how to put that puzzle of yours together.
Just for this afternoon, I will unplug the telephone and keep the
computer off,
And sit with you in the back yard and blow bubbles.
Just for this afternoon, I will not yell once, not even a tiny grumble
When you scream and whine for the ice cream truck,
I will buy you one if he comes by.
Just for this afternoon, I won't worry about what you are going to be
when you grow up, or second guess every decision I have made where
you are concerned.
Just for this afternoon, I will let you help me bake cookies,
And I won't stand over you trying to fix them.
Just for this afternoon, I will take us to McDonald's
And buy us both a happy meal so you can have both toys.
Just for this evening, I will let you splash in the tub,
And not get angry.
Just for this evening, I will let you stay up late
While we sit on the porch and count all the stars.
Just for this evening, I will snuggle beside you for hours,
And miss my favorite TV shows.
Just for this evening when I run my fingers through your hair as you pray,
I will simply be grateful that God has given me the greatest gift ever
given. I will think about the mothers, who are visiting their children's
graves,
Instead of their bedrooms, and mothers who are in hospital rooms
watching
Their children suffer senselessly, screaming inside I can't handle it
anymore!
And when I kiss you goodnight, I will hold you a little tighter, a little
longer.
It is then that I will thank God for you, and ask him for nothing, except
one more day.

The above poem was sent in by Clarence "Tar Baby" Roy, formerly from Onigum, Minnesota. Roy says, "I think we get too involved in our daily routines that we tend to forget what great gifts our children really are."

Once again, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Education Division hosted it's Annual Job and Career Fair for the 14th consecutive year on February 8, 2008 at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, Mn.. This year's theme for the event was titled: "Connections to your Future: Your Choice, Your Decision".

It was the goal of the education division to provide information about employment and career/educational opportunities to area high school students, college students, and to the general public, which they provided more than adequately. The participants were able to observe and view the world of work through their own eyes by interaction with employers and other agencies who hosted their own booth at the fair. I noticed a large group of students, many were girls, talking to the Army recruiters. The Army booth seemed to be very popular.

Dorothy Robinson, who was the planner for the event said, "It gives students and others the opportunity to start thinking about their future and what they want to do with it."

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Erin L. Chase, daughter of David & Laurie Chase of Bena and Terrance W. Robinson, Jr., son of Mary & Terrance Robinson, Sr., of Federal Dam announce their marriage. The couple was married on February 14, 2008 in a private ceremony. The couple will reside in Bena, Mn.



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Spring is just around the corner!

Spring is almost here and the signs of new life will start springing up everywhere. The picture above was taken last spring of a nest of baby rabbits waiting for mama to come back with food. Photo by Patsy Gordon



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My Grandma

By Nate Seelye, Jr.

What you see here is a beautiful picture of Luella Seelye, of Bena, born Luella Matthews on February 28, 1923. She is my grandmother and a perfect one at that. I wouldn't trade her for the world. As you see her in this picture, she stands strong, beautiful and full of joy. But that's not all that explains this proud, sophisticated, independent Native American princess. If you take some time to vision beyond this picture of my grandma and into the journey she has taken in life, you will learn that she is so much more than this. Truth be told, she is beyond extraordinary.

As a child, my grandma was one of many to experience the hardship of being taken to Boarding School. She came back home when she was 9 years old and made a friendship with a young boy close to her age. This young friend eventually became her husband. I take pride in calling him Grandpa, better known

as Eugene Seelye, a great man of peace, courage and strength. My grandpa was very humble and sometimes very stubborn. He did not often show affection but we all know he loved my grandma very much. I know for certain, he would do anything for his children. Between my grandma and my grandpa, they raised each of their children to be kind and respectful people.

Behind my grandma's pretty smile in this picture, there are some very sad memories that will stay with her forever. In the past few years, her husband and two of her children took their journey in to the Spirit World. All of a sudden five children in her life dwindled down to three and the love of her life was gone. In this world, the children left with my grandma are my father, Davy Seelye, my uncle, Lanny Seelye, and my auntie, Peggy Treuer. The first tragedy of losing my uncle Eugene "Sonny" Seelye, Jr. was difficult for all of us. But my grandma kept us all together and kept us strong. When her precious daughter, my auntie Barbara, passed on we were all overwhelmed with grief especially to lose two family members so close together. Then with the recent passing of my grandpa, we were all so devastated. But my grandma has a way of, time and time again, bringing the family together, helping us to heal and keeping us strong as a family.

Although there has been sadness in her life, as with us all, my grandma has many happy memories too. She has accomplished many great things in her life and many people, myself among them, are very proud of this distinguished lady. One of my grandma Lou's goals in life was to help the American Indian elders around the Leech Lake Reservation and beyond. She did that many

times over in her years of working for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. During those years she received numerous awards and made life special for the elders she came in contact with on a daily basis. In her personal life, she takes care of everyone and anyone who needs her. I think my grandma's greatest accomplishment is how she gives her heart to everyone around her. Her children, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren have always felt loved and cared for by this sweet, humorous and affectionate woman.

I could go on and on about the wonderful things my grandma has done and the wonderful person that she is, but there are not enough words to explain what she means to all those she has touched and words could never explain how much I love and cherish my Grandma Lou!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
GRANDMA LOU!

WE LOVE YOU
Nate Seelye, Sr. and Family



Leech Lake enrollee Lance Kingbird recently competed in the 45th Annual B.I.A. Bowling tournament which was held in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Lance won the master's tournament by beating fellow Minnesotan Herb Snow by a score of 178-199. Lance moved on to the final match play event beating North Dakota native Deon Foorhorn, by the score of 156-234.

Lance would like to to this opportunity to thank everyone involved with him during this quest to finally seeking his first Master's Championship at this annual bowling event. Lance say's thanks to all his sponsor's and friend and relatives who cheered him on at this event.

House Includes Bemidji Regional Events Center in Bonding Bill

ST. PAUL—State Representative Frank Moe (DFL-Bemidji) said \$20 million in funding for the Bemidji Regional Events Center was included in the House Capital Investment Bill, along with several other local projects.

"This is good news for the region," Moe said. "Competition for funding was very high this year. These projects were included because of all the work of Bemidji citizens, including thousands of letters from students at Bemidji State that arrived just last week."

The Senate Capital Investment Bill, which was unveiled last week, provided \$22 million for the Events Center. The project was left out of the Governor's bonding proposal in January.

"Sen. Olson did a good job getting the \$22 million in the Senate bill. Hopefully, we just take their number. I also hope the Governor will remember his commitment to Bemidji to support the project when it reaches his desk," Moe said.

In addition to the Bemidji Region Events Center, there was a \$2 million appropriation to complete the paving on the Paul Bunyan Trail from Walker to Guthrie and \$8.9 million for the Sattgast Science Building addition and renovation at Bemidji State, as well as funding for science lab renovations at the Bemidji State Nursing School and funds to help with the purchase of the old high school by Bemidji State. The region will also benefit from \$5 million in reforestation grants.

"These projects were included because they are important to our region and are ready to go," Moe said. "Because we've already invested in planning for these projects, we're going to be able start the projects quickly and put people to work. These projects will provide a nice boost to the region's economy."

Democrats Committed to Giving Native Americans the Health Care They Deserve

Washington, DC — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recently made the following statement on the floor of the U.S. Senate regarding the Indian Health Care Improvement Act:

"In the month since this year's session was gaveled open, we have focused on many of the domestic priorities our country faces. Today, we turn to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Although we often have legitimate disagreements on matters of policy, Senator McConnell and members of the Republican caucus worked with us in a bipartisan manner on this critical bill for the Native American community, and I appreciate their efforts.

"Chairman Dorgan and Senator Murkowski also deserve our thanks for their exceptional leadership and hard work managing this legislation. Chairman Baucus and Senator Grassley followed suit – working together on a bipartisan basis on provisions to improve the ways by which the Indian health care system and tribal recipients can participate more fully in Social Security Act health benefit programs. Senators Kennedy, Bingaman, Kyl and Enzi, and many others, have spent years working on this bill. Because of their efforts, and those of countless tribal leaders and federal agency staff, this is a bill that Democrats and Republicans can all proudly support.

"A final word of praise is due to the tribal advocates who have stood behind this cause from the very beginning.

- the National Congress of American Indians;
- the National Indian Health Board;
- the National Council of Urban Indian Health;
- the Indian Health Board of Nevada ; and
- other state tribal organizations have all played crucial roles.

"I can say with confidence that this bill reflects their priorities, their varied interests, and their solutions to the problems that plague the health care system upon which Native Americans rely. I was glad to sign on as an original cosponsor of this bill. Over the past eight years, my staff and I have had countless meetings with tribal leaders in Nevada. They made it clear to me how badly this legislation is needed for the 30,000 Native Americans living in Nevada – and millions living throughout the United States.

"Right now, our Native American communities have access to some of the least adequate health care in America. Far too many native children are diagnosed with diabetes, suffer from abuse and neglect, or die prematurely because of accidents or illness that could be prevented or cured. Far too many adults get lost in a sea of bureaucracy and fail to receive the preventive care and other health benefits they need and deserve.

"We can and must do better – and this bill will help federal and tribal health professionals deliver quality health care to Native Americans of all ages.

· It supports the recruitment and retention of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals for Indian health programs.

· It strengthens and expands health services to American Indians. For the first time, tribes will be allowed to use federal funds

to provide hospice, long-term care, home-based and community-based care for elders and the most vulnerable tribal members.

· It increases individual access to health services by facilitating third-party reimbursements from private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and other federal health benefits programs.

· It expressly addresses behavioral health needs of adults and children by authorizing programs to address suicide, substance abuse, sexual abuse and domestic violence problems affecting some communities and households.

· And it furthers tribal self-determination and sovereignty by authorizing consultation and rulemaking on important programs affecting health care delivery and access.

"My colleague Senator Dorgan has often said that America spends more on health care, per person, on federal prisoners than on Native Americans. This bill is only a part of the solution, but it is a critical first step. I urge all of my colleagues to finish work and approve this bill in the same spirit of bipartisan cooperation that it has seen from the very beginning.

"Millions of our first Americans await our action. Let's quickly pass this bill and send it to the President for his signature. Let's let our country's Native Americans know that they are not forgotten, and that we will deliver them the care that they deserve."

"Our work isn't over yet. We still need to get these projects to the Governor's desk and as a community convince him to sign the bill."

Diabetes Seminar

Friday, March 28, 2008
12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.

North Country Regional Hospital Education Center (east entrance)
Special Guest Speaker: Janie Sutherland, RN, CDE

Janie Sutherland received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Bemidji State University in 2007. She has been employed at NCRH since 1989. She worked as a medical/surgical/orthopedic nurse from 1990 to 2000. She is now working in the Education Department as a Diabetes Nurse Clinician and a Patient Education coordinator. She also provides diabetic management to Neilson Place, Goldpine, and Havenwood. Janie currently works part-time at Northwest Technical College as a nursing instructor.

This seminar is free and open to the public with a light lunch provided. Reservations are required as seating is limited.

Please RSVP by March 24th by calling 218-333-5505.

North Country Hospital Visitor Restrictions

BEMIDJI, MN—North Country Regional Hospital would like to remind the public that we are in the midst of cold and flu season and we have begun to see signs of respiratory illness in the community. We ask that you please refrain from coming to the hospital to visit patients if you have any sign of respiratory illness such as cough, runny nose, and/or fever. Patients are typically very susceptible and at great risk for complications when exposed to these respiratory viruses. Here are some fast facts about influenza:

-Influenza activity continues to increase in Minnesota.

-Fifteen outbreaks of influenza were reported from Minnesota long-term care facilities in one week.

-42 possible or probable outbreaks of influenza-like illness were reported from Minnesota schools.

-Remember that good hand washing and hygiene practices, such as covering your cough, can prevent influenza and other respiratory illnesses that are prevalent this time of year.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting our patients and your loved ones.

Obituaries

William Bobolink

William Joseph Bobolink, "Awonabetung", which means Fog Mist, 86, of Sugar Point, Mn, died on January 14, 2008.

Funeral services were held on January 19, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. A wake began on January 17, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of services. Burial will take place at the Battle Point Cemetery in Sugar Point, MN. Military honors were provided by the Leech Lake Honor Guard.

The Carroll Funeral Home in Deer River assisted the family with arrangements.

He was born on April 16, 1921, to Jim and Jenny Bobolink in Sugar Point, Mn.

He is survived by his wife, Ima Bobolink of Bena; daughters, Gloria (Duane Beaudreau) of Cass Lake, Marian Bobolink of Bena, Joann (Donald) Staples of Cass Lake, Mary Ann (Arno) Bobolink of Bena; son, Bruce Bobolink of Bena; special daughter; Caroline Monroe of Battle Point, Mn; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one infant sister, one grand-daughter, and one great granddaughter.

William Norcross

William G. Norcross Jr., age 60, resident of Bemidji, MN, died February 4, 2008 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo, ND. Funeral Services for William were

held on Friday, February 8, 2008 at St. Theodore Catholic Church of Ponsford, MN. Interment followed at St. Theodore Catholic Cemetery. Military Honors were presented by the White Earth Veteran's Association.

Visitation was held at Old Pine Point School in Ponsford Thursday, February 7, 2008 and continued until the time of service on Friday.

William George Norcross Jr. was born May 4, 1947 to William B. Sr. and Eunice (Pell) Norcross in White Earth, MN. He was raised and educated in Ponsford, MN graduating from Park Rapids High School. William was drafted into the United States Army on August 21, 1967 and served in the Tet Offensive in Vietnam. He was wounded in combat and was Honorably Discharged in March of 1969. After military duty William worked as a mechanic at a car dealership in Minneapolis. From 1975 until 1979 he worked at the Anishinabe Long House as a counselor for inmates while they were detained and after they were released. William married Jacqueline Cameron on December 23, 1978 and they resided in Minneapolis. Starting in 1980 he drove a cab until his health permitted him from doing so. In 1998, Jacqueline and William moved to Park Rapids. In 2002, they relocated to Bemidji. William enjoyed boating, fishing, watching Nascar, football, boxing, wrestling and going to Pow-wows. He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in sporting activities.

William will be remembered and missed by his wife, Jacqueline of Bemidji; his children, Victoria and her husband Tim Janke of Akeley, MN, Michael Cameron and his wife Kathy of Menahga, MN, Scott Cameron and his wife Yvette of Owatonna, MN, Kelly and her husband Brian Charmoli of Nevis, MN; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his

brother, Charles and his wife Kimberly of Champlain, MN and sister, Marlene and her husband Tim Schulman of Cass Lake, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Donald and Ronald; one sister, Mary Ann; several aunts and uncles.

The David-Donhower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes is assisting the family with arrangements.

Geraldine Rose Fairbanks

Geraldine Rose Fairbanks, 44, of Cass Lake, MN, died on January 22, 2008 in Ball Club, Minnesota. Geraldine was born on August 8, 1963 to Charles and Louise Fairbanks in Cass Lake, Mn.



She grew up in Ball Club and attended school in Deer River, Mn and went on to attend the Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake, Mn.

On October 31, 2003 she met the love of her life, Steve Kmett. She had been with him from this day on. They made their home in Cass Lake. Geraldine and Steve loved to be in the woods together either cutting boughs, hunting, camping, boating, and fishing. They were always together. The four years that they spent together were the happiest times for the both of them. They will someday be together again.

Geraldine was a member of the Leech Lake Reservation Honor Guard Post 2001 Bena, from 2004 to

present. She was a teachers aide at the Leech Lake Headstart from 2005 – 2007. She loved teaching and working with children. She enjoyed doing her beadwork and loved sewing (Native arts and crafts). She had just started working as a PCA in Ball Club taking care of her brother-in-law, Jack Warner. She loved her new job and enjoyed being with Jack who was like a father figure to her.

She is survived by her two sons, Kevin (Melissa) Lyons, Samuel Lyons and a very special friend, Steve Kmett. She has three sisters, Carol Lee, Judith Marie (Kirby), and Annette (Jack). She has numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding her in death were her parents, a son, one sister and one brother.

Burnham Lyle Tibbetts

Burnham Lyle Tibbetts (B.L.), age 85, died peacefully at his home in Grand Portage, after a courageous battle with cancer. B.L. was born on Jan. 8, 1923, to Jim and Nellie Tibbetts in Ball Club, Minn.

B.L. served in the Navy and was a WWII veteran. B.L. worked as a carpenter for the White Earth Reservation for many years then moved to Grand Portage in 1980, where he worked for the Elderly Nutrition Program and Lodge.

B.L. had a wonderful sense of humor that was well known among



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his family, friends and throughout the community. He liked to play the slots at the casino, work on his wood piles and tend his yard and flower beds.

He is survived by his significant other of 21 years, Hope Deschampe, daughters: Judy Tibbetts, Ella (Bill) Vogel, Deb Uran, Stormy Deschampe, Dawn (Henry) Bushman and sons: Burnham Jr. (Mary), Bernard (Bette), Marvin (Lynn), Terry (Carol) Tibbetts and B.J Deschampe. Also surviving him are two sisters: Nettie Grauman and Delores Lindberg; one brother, Sewell Tibbetts; 24 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion; daughters: Joyce and Carol; grandson, Andrew Vogel; his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

A traditional wake was held on Feb. 29 at the Naytahwaush Community Charter School and the funeral service followed on March 1 at Samuel Memorial Church in Naytahwaush. Blessed be the Memory of B.L. Tibbetts.

Jordan James Sherman

Jordan James Sherman, infant son of Ruth Bellanger and Franklyn Sherman, Jr. passed away on Friday, February 15, 2008 at his home in Cass Lake, MN. Jordan was born on February 7, 2008 in Bemidji, MN. He was a special baby who was loved deeply by his parents and will truly be missed.

He is survived by his parents, Ruth Bellanger and Franklyn Sherman, Jr.; three brothers, Justin Bellanger, Brandon Sherman, and Franklyn Sherman, III; grandmothers, Mary Bellanger and Evelyn Howard; grandfather, Franklyn Sherman, Sr.; aunts, Jodi Bellanger, Lana Bellanger, Lisa Herron, and Jacklyn Sherman; uncles, Michael Littlewolf, Sr., Joseph Bellanger, Donald "Auggie" Bellanger, James Bellanger, and Edward Whitefeather; and special great aunt, Marilyn Littlewolf.

Preceding him in death were grandfather, Harvey Bellanger; great-grandmother, Catherine Littlewolf; special cousin, Michael Littlewolf,

Jr; great-uncle, John Littlewolf; and great-grandmother, Kate Sherman; great aunts, Ruth Littlewolf, Kathleen Garbow, Lisa Schulman, Marion Munnell, and Lillian White; great uncle, Lyman Sherman; great-grandfathers, Joseph Littlewolf, Ernest Howard, Jr., and Thomas Sherman.

A wake began on February 20, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until time of services. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 22, 2008, also at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Pastor James Moses officiated. Active pallbearers were William Hart, Jr. and Dominic Meeshenow; alternates, Joseph Littlewolf, Gilbert Littlewolf, Sr., John Fairbanks, and Chuck Jacobs, and honorary pallbearers, all his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Interment followed in Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements were handled by Dennis Funeral Home.

CORRECTION: The full candidate platform of Julian Molash was mistakenly left out of the Special Issue of the Debahjimon that was recently published. Following is Molash's complete statement.



Julian Molash

I am seeking your support for District III Representative.

I was born in Bemidji, Mn to Frances (Garbow) and Frank Molash. I was raised in Minneapolis, attended North Minneapolis High School, and served four years military service stationed in Germany. After an honorable discharge, I continued living in Germany, completed

technical school for carpentry, working in construction management, while raising a family. I returned home to Cass Lake in 1995 where I met the love of my life, Beverly, and two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Kathleen.

I've worked for the Leech Lake Weatherization Program, as carpenter, supervisor, and State certified auditor/inspector, then Program Coordinator, Leech Lake Housing Authority as Carpenter Crew Leader/Inspector. Currently, I am a Local 606 Union Carpenter.

As District Representative, I would challenge the following issues:

- * Ensure that policies are enforced for managerial and elected officials. Random drug testing, vehicle usage, and travel authorization.

- * Audit gaming management and budgets, publish the outcomes of audits and test results to the constituents of Leech Lake.

- * Research "Day Labor" employment. Establish employee incentive(s) to report mismanagement. Create more child care for Leech Lake employees. Hire those for economical reason, not political gain.

- * Quarterly payments for tribal elders to supplement low-income. Create an elder's council; appoint elders from each community to seek their input and advice. Utilize their wisdom and lifelong experiences.

- * Construct assisted living units and apartment building complexes exclusively for Leech Lake band members closer to their employment.

- * Provide community shuttle service for all LL band members for medical/health care transportation needs. Construct a substance and mental health rehabilitation center for adults and youth.

- * Increase youth activities in rural communities and funding for the Youth Division.

- * Recognize and encourage LL Band members who demonstrate a conscience effort to higher education, with a stipend.

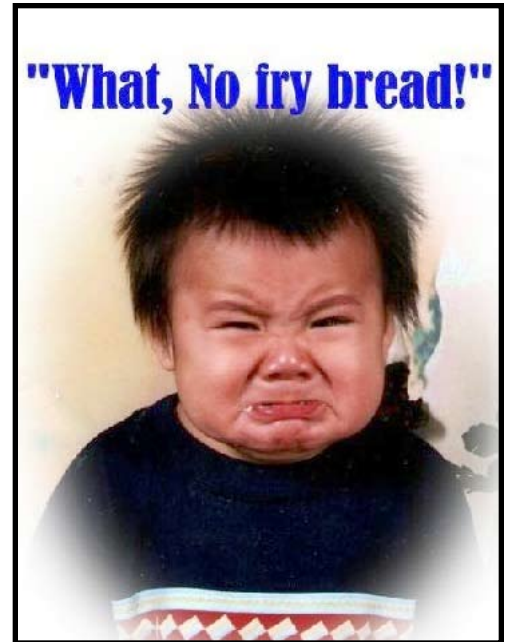
- * File liens on assets and income on those who have been convicted of theft of Tribal funds.

At this point, the majority of LL enrollees, living on Leech Lake, have very little or not benefits. It is the responsibility of this working Tribal Council to ensure quality services be provided in the areas of health care, safe communities, supportive educational programs, and most importantly, an open communication between tribal members and their elected

officials. As District III Representative, I will uphold the high moral standards of office, and will show no favoritism or nepotism.

I am honest, hard working and family orientated. I am open and always willing to go out of my way for others. People who know me well will tell you the same.

I will make a positive contribution to the members of the District III as your Representative. I would be honored to have your vote and with your support we will succeed.



A very special and heartfelt Thanks goes out to the Big Tap, Teal's Super Valu, and Great River Pizzeria of Cass Lake for donating food and beverages to the Wednesday night Grief Support Group at the Cass Lake.

Public Service Announcement '08

The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project-ACLU-MN, of Bemidji, is looking for members of our communities to become volunteer court monitors in the following counties: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnomen, and Becker.

Our presence in the courtroom promotes accountability, and raises public awareness. Our data collecting will provide a forum for constructive dialog, will allow us to become better advocates for resources, and be used in statistical research.

If you are interested in the judicial process, are 18 years of age or older, and are available weekdays beginning at 8:45 a.m., please call 218-444-2285 to make an appointment.

Volunteer internships are also available at The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project-ACLU-MN. Our office is located at 303 Railroad St., Bemidji, in the Warehouse.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 133, Bemidji, MN 56619, Phone: 218-444-2285, Fax: 218-444-7860

The family of William G. Norcross, Jr. would like to express heartfelt thanks for all of the beautiful flowers, delicious meals, prayers, and kind words so lovingly extended in memory of Bill. They thank and acknowledge the White Earth Honor Guard and the John Bridges Post 15 of the American Legion for the military honors they provided. They sincerely thank each person who attended Bill's funeral. He was blessed to know and love so many wonderful people.

Sincerely,
The Norcross and Schulman families.



Job Description: NIEA Project Coordinator

Deadline - *EXTENDED* March 10, 2008

The National Indian Education Association is seeking resumes from highly motivated individuals to work on a full time basis as Project Coordinator that will coordinate and facilitate a new organizational initiative focused on high school reform

Tasks and Duties:

The Project Coordinator will be responsible for the management of daily operations of the initiative; serve as the primary point of contact for the initiative; liaise with taskforce members and other partners; research high school reform in Indian Country; coordinate logistics for meetings and travel; write publications, including newsletter inserts, broadcasts, and briefing papers; manage website content related to the initiative; coordinate production of documents with consultants; and participate in the Campaign for High School Equity, a coalition of organizations working on high school reform initiatives.

The coordinator will also interview schools that have demonstrated success in graduating Native students through the use of language and cultural instruction to provide a basis of what is working in high schools in Indian Country and to collect the information need to support policies promoting culturally based education.

The Project manager will be expected to travel approximately 30 days through-out the year, including the NIEA Annual Conventions.

About the NIEA and the High School Reform Initiative: Founded in 1969, NIEA is the largest organization in the nation dedicated to Native education advocacy and professional development issues, embracing a membership of over 3,000 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian educators, tribal leaders, school administrators, teachers, parents, and students. NIEA collaborates with all tribes to advocate for the unique educational and culturally-related academic needs of Native students and to ensure that

the federal government upholds its responsibility for the education of American Indians.

The primary goal of the NIEA's CHSE Initiative is to raise national awareness regarding

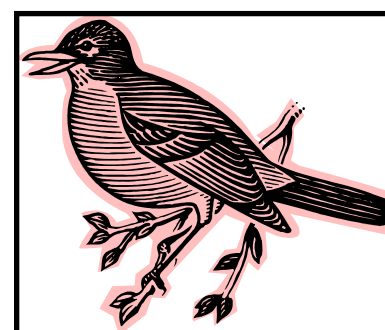
1) achievement levels/gaps in Native student performance, access to high quality teachers, access to college ready curriculum and funding for high school reform in Indian Country and
2) policy recommendations for garnering wider implementation of best practices and college ready policies.

Employment Requirements:

- * Research in the field of education and policy experience required.
- * Experience working with tribes preferred.
- * Experience collecting and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data.
- * The applicant must be able to commit to a two year contract.

Salary range is \$50,000.00 to \$58,000.00 plus benefits. Interested individuals may submit a cover letter outlining related experience, resume, and writing sample to NIEA through fax, (202)544-7293, or email to spark@niea.org, subject: Project Coordinator Application.

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Beltrami, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen Counties

Those who feel that the visual, performing, and literary arts are an important contribution to the quality of life in north central Minnesota are encouraged to consider serving on the Board of the Region 2 Arts Council.

The Council is currently seeking board members from Beltrami, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnomen counties to fill two-year terms beginning July 1, 2008. The Board is responsible for planning, setting policy, and reviewing and awarding grants. It meets eight times per year in Bemidji on the third Monday of the month. Members are reimbursed for travel.

The Region 2 Arts Council is one of 11 arts councils in the State of Minnesota and awards over \$64,000 annually for arts activities in the five counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen.

The Council operates with funds from the Minnesota State Legislature along with a generous grant from the McKnight Foundation.

To receive an application, please email: r2arts@paulbunyan.net or call Executive Director Terri Widman at 218-751-5447 or 800-275-5447.

Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2008.

Wednesday night Grief Support Groups have moved. Their new location is in the basement of the Methodist Church located across the street from the Boys & Girls Club in Cass Lake. Use the downstairs entrance on the street side of the building. Come and share a meal with us before the support groups gets started. You can choose to talk if you like, or just sit and listen. Come and share with others who can provide you with comfort and hope. It really helps!