

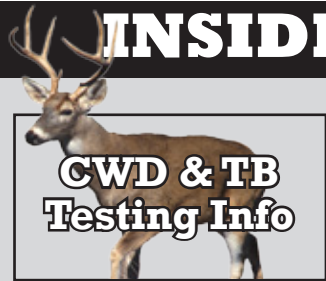
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## Leech Lake Tribal College Ranked Among Top Community Colleges in the Nation.

For years the success of Leech Lake Tribal College has been a relatively well-kept secret. As LLTC's success stories continue to grow and multiply, more people are beginning to take notice of what is happening on its campus.

In Washington Monthly's recently released list of college rankings, Leech Lake Tribal College was rated as the seventh-best community college in America, out of more than 650 colleges that were part of the study. The rankings are based on data collected as part of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The data includes five categories: active and collaborative student learning; student effort; academic challenge; student-faculty interaction; and support for learners.

LLTC scored second highest in the nation in active and collaborative learning and in student-faculty interaction, confirming the value of the college's holistic, student-centered approach to education.

"Leech Lake Tribal College is honored to be recognized as an outstanding community college," said LLTC President Dr. Ginny Carney. "Our dedicated faculty, strong academic standards, and commitment to service all work together to

## Field Hearing for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held

White Earth, MN- This September 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, marked both a somber National occasion, and an event that has never before transpired in Indian country. A Senate field hearing regarding the BIA's budget for the Bureau of Indian Education school construction was held at the White Earth Tribal Council government center. The sole reason for the hearing was to shed public light on the fact that the BIE's school construction budget has been consistently cut year after year over the past decade from over \$200 million now down to around \$50 million. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) and Senator Al Franken (D-MN) represented the Senate Committee and heard testimony from: Jack Rever (BIA) Director, Office of Management Support Services, overseeing the Office of Facilities Management and Construction, Chairwoman Erma Vizenor White Earth, Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and Lindsey White Senior Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School. The written testimony is included below from Mr. Rever, Mr. Bongo, and Miss White.

### Statement of Mike Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Field Hearing Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Good afternoon Chairman Dorgan, Senator Franken, and Members of the Committee. My name is Mike Bongo, and I am the Secretary/Treasurer for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Thank you for inviting me to testify today to discuss the Band's long struggle with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to replace our high school facility at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School (High School), which is administered and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

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## New Law Promotes Authentic Indian Arts and Crafts, Cracks Down on Fraudulent Art

WASHINGTON, DC--Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today highlighted the importance of legislation President Obama just signed into law that promotes economic opportunities for Native American artists and craftspeople and protects consumers from fraudulent art and craftwork.

“The Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act is good news because it increases economic development and job opportunities for Native Americans who produce and market authentic Indian art and craftwork while cracking down on counterfeit marketers who are hurting sales of this authentic Indian work,” said Secretary Salazar. The total market for American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts in the United States is estimated at a billion dollars, with an unknown but substantial amount of those sales going to misrepresented, non-authentic works.

The Secretary joined President Obama and Tribal leaders from across the nation yesterday at a White House signing ceremony for the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act and Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. The ceremony focused on the role of the law in helping tribal leaders combat violence and increase safety on Indian reservations by providing law enforcement resources.

The new law also strengthens the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, which makes it illegal to sell or offer or display for sale any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian-produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian Tribe. “The law signed by President Obama yesterday expands our ability to enforce the Indian Arts and Crafts Act by authorizing all federal law enforcement officers to conduct investigations of those who fraudulently market arts and crafts as Indian-made in violation of the Act,” the Secretary said.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), a federal agency under the Department of the Interior, administers and enforces the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Before President Obama signed the new legislation into law yesterday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the only federal law enforcement agency with statutory authority to investigate alleged Indian Arts and Crafts Act violations. Under the new law, the IACB may refer potential Act violations for investigation to all federal law enforcement officers--including those from Department of the Interior bureaus, and can work with federal law enforcement officers who uncover violations of the Act in the course of their regular duties.

In addition, the new legislation strengthens the penalties for violations of the Act by imposing harsher penalties on those involved in more significant sales of arts and crafts misrepresented as Indian-made. For fraudulent works with a total sales transaction amount of \$1,000 or more, a first-time violation by an individual will result in a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. A first-time violation by a business will result in a fine of up to \$1 million. For smaller cases with first-time violators, if the total sale amount is less than \$1,000, an individual will face a fine of up to \$25,000, imprisonment of up to a year, or both, and a business will face a fine of up to \$100,000. In the case of a subsequent violation, regardless of the amount for which any item is offered or displayed for sale, or sold, an individual could be fined, imprisoned for up to 15 years, or both; and a business could be fined up to \$5 million.

*Established by Congress in 1935, the IACB promotes authentic Native American art and craftwork of members of federally recognized Tribes, as well as to implementing the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. For more information, see <http://www.iacb.doi.gov>.*

## Cross Cultures Committee Dinner Celebration

By Chris Haugene

In the interests of bridging cultural divides, having cross culture educational sessions, bringing more native children to the Boy's and Girl's club at the Walker Area Community Center, and enhancing the lives of everyone in our community, a small group of local citizens comprised of Natives and non-Natives held an appreciation dinner to bring the two communities closer together.

The dinner took place on August 23, 2010 at the Walker Area Community Center. There was a handful of speakers and a documentary on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe during dinner.

Leech Lake would like to thank the Cross Cultures Committee for having the vision and resolve to not only implement and organize this event, but to have the ability to see a unique way to bring people together on a local level. We all share a common geography that should, and often does, bring our cultures together. And, it is through efforts such as these where we truly make leaps and bounds toward blurring and erasing the differences between us. Thanks once again to those involved in setting up the dinner and to all those that came and participated.

**District I 2010 Fall Festivity**

Sept. 25th, 2010  
Lone Eagle Comm. Center  
Ball Club, MN  
2:00PM to 6:00PM

*Fish Fry, Music  
& Door Prizes*

**LLBO Programs will have booths set up and will be available to give applications & answer questions about services provided to Band Members.**

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, District I Youth against area Law Enforcement**



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First, I would like to take a moment to thank Senator Franken for his tremendous efforts to assist us in addressing our High School's construction need, including requesting this hearing, and for pushing the BIA to step up to the plate. We share Senator Franken's deep frustration with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and with the Department of the Interior (DOI) over their lack of responsiveness to address this problem as well as the difficulties we have experienced in obtaining information about the situation from the BIA.

### History of Indian Education

Before discussing the specific needs of the High School, I would like to briefly discuss the history of Indian education in America. As this Committee is well aware, federal laws, treaties, and policies acknowledge the federal government's obligation to provide for the education of American Indian children.

After formation of the United States, Indian tribes ceded hundreds of millions of acres of our homelands to the federal government to help build this nation. In return, the U.S. made promises to make the resulting reservations permanent livable homes, including providing for the education, health, and general welfare of reservation residents. These treaty promises were made in perpetuity, remain the supreme law of the land, and do not have an expiration date. However, as you will see and hear today, these promises have not been kept, and our children suffer because of it.

### Pressing Need to Replace High School Facility at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School is located in Bena, Minnesota, operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and governed by the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board. The School serves nearly 300 Native American children in grades K-12 who commute from 14 communities located within five counties within a 70-mile radius of the School. The School was founded in 1975 with 35 Ojibwe students from the Leech Lake

Reservation in response to parental concerns that public schools were not meeting the academic and cultural needs of Ojibwe students. Since that time, the School has transformed itself into a magnet school, teaching state-approved curricula with Ojibwe cultural components. Given the educational opportunities the School provides to Native American students, enrollment in the School overall has steadily increased over the years.

The elementary and middle school facilities are in satisfactory condition, but the High School is in dire need of replacement. The current High School facility is a metal-clad pole barn, formerly used as an agricultural building. One-third of the high school facility was destroyed in a gas explosion in 1992. The facility has serious structural and mechanical deficiencies and lacks proper insulation. The facility does not meet safety, fire, and security standards due to the flimsiness of the construction materials, electrical problems, and lack of alarm systems. Further, the building lacks a communication intercom system, telecommunication technology, and safe zones, which puts students, teachers, and staff at great risk in emergency situations.

Also, the facility jeopardizes the health of the students and faculty due to poor indoor air quality from mold, fungus, and a faulty HVAC system. The facility also suffers from rodent infestation, roof leaks and sagging roofs, holes in the roofs from ice, uneven floors, poor lighting, sewer problems, lack of handicap access, and lack of classroom and other space. These are just a few of the facility's numerous deficiencies. Due to the unsafe and undesirable condition of the High School, many students leave after middle school to attend the public high school. Students are embarrassed about the condition of the High School, resulting in a negative image of the School in the community and a lower matriculation rate.

The High School is on the BIA's list of schools in need of replacement and has

exceeded its life expectancy by decades. The BIA categorizes the high school facility as being in "poor" condition. The BIA Midwest Regional Office for the Office of Indian Education Programs compiled a report in 2007, expressing strong concerns about the electrical problems, potential fire issues, and student safety. The BIA Office of Facilities, Environmental, Safety, and Cultural Management had documented the deficiencies of the High School; and the Director of that office, Jack Rever, who we understand is testifying today, toured the high school facility last year. We appreciate Mr. Rever's efforts to tour and to see first-hand the deficiencies and deplorable condition of the High School. We have prepared design plans for a replacement high school facility and estimate the cost to be approximately \$15 million.

While we appreciate Mr. Rever's efforts, in an August 26, 2009 letter in response to a letter from the Minnesota delegation, Secretary Salazar stated that DOI is still working to replace 5 of 14 other schools on a list generated over 6

years ago and must engage in a negotiated rule-making process that will take at least a year before it can determine DOI's future budget requests for BIE facilities construction as well as the priority of replacement of the High School. The letter also states, "As you point out in the letter, the condition of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School does not meet current education or construction code requirements and is among the more than 70 schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education that are in poor condition." This letter alarms us because it shows that DOI does not have a comprehensive plan of action to address these dire needs even though these schools have been in this condition for a long time. There is an urgent need to replace the High School, and we ask that DOI and the Congress treat it as such, especially considering that the lives of children are at stake.

Urgent Need for Action to address BIE Construction Backlog

The discussion of the construction needs  
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## Backyard Burning:

*The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe says "Not In Our Backyard!"*

The Leech Lake Air Program is collecting and disposing of burn barrels across the Leech Lake Reservation. In trade each household will receive two recycling bins to promote the ease of recycling and reduce waste. To date we have collected close to 50 barrels. We are challenging you to turn in your pollution producer and help clean up Leech Lake. The Tribe's statement is becoming clearer, "Not in Our Back yard!"

Burning household waste or garbage in a burn barrel, in a fire pit or any other form of backyard burning affects everything surrounding in the area. In as little as 15 minutes chemical contamination can be found 25 feet from the burner simply due to the fact that our garbage is twice as harmful to the air and its surroundings when burned than it was 20 years ago. The ashes alone contain pollutants such as lead, arsenic, mercury, chromium and cadmium which not only affects the air quality but also the soil and water in your own backyard.

Since our burn barrel collection started the Leech Lake Air Program has removed over four tons of harmful air pollution from Leech Lake Tribal lands. There are solutions to removing this pollution producer all together affecting our Tribal lands. The first and foremost action we can take as a sovereign nation is to stop or report illegal burning on the Reservation. In February of 2006 Tribal Council passed an open burning, burn barrel and fire prevention ordinance that

made burning household waste and other prohibited materials illegal. The average fine for illegal burning on the reservation ranges from 50 to 250 dollars.

The second sensible solution we promote at the Leech Lake Air Program is recycling, reducing and reusing. This can cut garbage and pollution in half and is highly beneficial for our land, our neighbors, our resources, and surrounding communities. This has an enormous potential positive impact in teaching the generations to come. Right now, the Leech Lake Air Program is offering two recycle bins in trade for free pick up of a burn barrel on the Reservation. This program has proven to be very successful. **WE WANT YOUR BURNER!** This simple positive statement begins with you and your want for a cleaner Reservation by standing with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe behind the bold statement, "Not In Our Backyard!"

Report illegal burning to the Leech Lake Air Program or Leech Lake Conservation Enforcement at 218-335-7400 and through the Minnesota DNR Forestry Department 218-335-6647.

For any questions, comments, reports or burn barrel pick ups please contact Brandy at the DRM at 335-7429 and join us in our fight for a cleaner Reservation for generations to come. We are setting up another burn barrel collection for October 2010. Call us to reserve your spot today! Mii-gwetch

## DRM to test for Chronic Wasting Disease and Bovine Tuberculosis in deer again this fall

For the past few years, the Leech Lake Reservation, Division of Resources Management has been testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), and Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) in white-tailed deer harvested by tribal members on the Reservation. Results of the past two years have come back negative for both of these diseases, but a third year of testing is needed to establish our deer as being disease free. For this reason we will be sampling again this fall with much the same procedures as last fall.

CWD has not been found in free ranging deer in Minnesota, but it has been found in captive herds of elk and deer within the state. It is also know to be present in wild deer in a few other states around us. This disease is not known to be spread to humans, but it can be detrimental to wild deer and elk herds.

TB has been found in Minnesota in livestock and deer just northwest of the Red Lake Reservation. It is believed to have been spread from domestic cattle herds to deer in this region. An extensive eradication program is underway in the infested area to try to eliminate the disease. This disease is caused by bacteria that can be spread to humans from direct contact with infected animals or by consuming undercooked meat.

Criteria for participating in the sampling is outlined below.

Like previous years, a \$25 gas voucher for the Che-We Store will be provided for the first 60 deer that we can get samples from. Starting October 4<sup>th</sup> you can bring your adult deer to the Leech Lake Division of Resources Management Office in Cass Lake from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

We will not collect samples from fawns (fawns are too young to have contracted these diseases and exhibit symptoms) and cannot except head-shot deer, or deer that have started to decay. Six lymph nodes will be collected from the head of each animal. The chest cavity will also be examined for lesions. Sampling takes about 15 minutes on unfrozen animals, so please do not allow the deer to freeze or sampling is more difficult. We prefer to collect samples from whole deer but can accept heads provided a significant portion of the neck remains to do the extractions. Bring your deer hunting license and tag information. You may not bring in more deer than your legal harvest limit. Be able to locate the harvest location from a map that we provide. In the event an animal test positive for these diseases the hunter will be notified of test results.

We would like to thank all the hunters who participated in this program in previous years and will appreciate you assistance again this year. For additional information on this program, Bovine TB, or CWD call the DRM office at 335-7421.

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create a life-changing college experience for our students."

In the Washington Monthly article (available online at [www.washingtonmonthly.com](http://www.washingtonmonthly.com)), columnist Kevin Carey points out that two-year colleges like LLTC generally receive far less funding per student than do most four-year colleges, despite the fact that they serve many students who need more academic and social assistance to succeed. Carey goes on to say that, "The right leadership, organizational structure, and approach to teaching can make a big and immediate difference, even when the colleges and students lack all the resources they need."

The success of Leech Lake Tribal College has also led to growth in enrollment, as students and graduates spread the word about their experience at the college. According to LLTC registrar Veronica Veaux, more than 250 students are registered for fall semester, and that number is expected to surpass 275 by the time classes start. That number will represent the largest ever student body in LLTC's 20-year history.

*Thank You!*

From District II Representative Steve White:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Divisions and Programs that participated in the District II public informational gathering earlier this summer. Also a fond thank you from me to all of District II Band members and Leech Lake employees. It is a great honor to serve as your District Representative and I look forward to working with and for you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns I can be reached at 218-335-8202. Miigwech!





## PUBLIC NOTICE

**WHOM:** Everyone that has interest or ownership on tract 407 1 and 66.

**ALLOTMENT DESCRIPTION:** Govt. Lots 1 and 4, Section 29, the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, and Section 21, the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, all in Township 146 North, Range 31 West, Beltrami County.

To know if you are on the list of individuals that has interest or ownership, please contact Norma Ducheneaux at the Land Dept., 218-335-7400.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 4, 2010

**WHERE:** Mission Community Center,  
2126 Finch Lane SE, Cass lake, MN 56633

**TIME:** 6 p.m.

**PURPOSE OF INFORMATION MEETING:** Discuss public concerns of route, provide description of potential effects of the project design on adjacent property, and address concerns of the area residents impacted by the project. To upgrade Mission Road from Roosevelt Road, north to Power Dam Road.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project was proposed by the County and LLR Public Works Department because this is currently one of the most dangerous roads in the county. The project consists of straightening corners, widening driving lanes and shoulders, repaving the road, and associated treatments.



Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird  
District III Representative  
218-335-8222



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*Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird*

August 25, 2010

To the Editor,

The Employee Picnic Committee of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe would like to send out a special "Thank You" to everyone who made this year's picnic at Norway Beach Picnic Area a huge success. Thank you to the U.S. Forest Service for use of the facilities at Norway Beach. The weather and facilities made for an enjoyable afternoon for the 800 plus employees and their families. Special thanks to all the door prize sponsors in the Leech Lake Area including The Leech Lake Tribal Council Archie LaRose, Chairman, Mike Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer, Robbie Howe, Dist 1, Steve White, Dist 2, Eugene Whitebird, Dist 3, Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, Tribal Development Division, Management Information Systems, Facilities Maintenance, Health Division, Environmental; Fitness Center, Healthy Heart; EMT Ambulance, Che We Express, Che We Office Supply, Education Division, MFIP Program, Education Division, Women's Services, Opioid Program, Human Services Division, Early Childhood Development, Tribal Referral, Leech Lake Child Welfare, Human Services Division, Youth Division, Temporary Employment Program, Leech Lake Tribal College, Leech Lake Fitness Center, Fleet Management, Leech Lake Housing, Veterans Services, Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, Human Resources, Leech Lake Gaming & Casinos, Shakopee Mdewakanton, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Treasure Island Resort Casino, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Shooting Star Casino, and Moondance Jam, Moondance Jammin Country. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Picnic Committee and all the employees of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Sarah Jones

Leech Lake Reservation Employee Picnic Committee.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

### Summary of Job Openings

#### Closing September 17th, 2010

*Finance Division:*

Accounts Payable Clerk I • Job Code: 10-122

*Human Services Division:*

2 FT A&D Service Coordinators • Job Code: 10-121

*Health Division:*

Public Health Nurse RN • Job Code: 10-052

*Education Division:*

Sr Youth Activity Coordinator • \$9.65/hr • Job Code: 10-082

#### Closing September 24th, 2010

*Human Services Division:*

OTP Licensed A&D Counselors • Job Code: 10-048

*Division of Resource Management:*

UGST/AIR Quality Technician • Job Code: 10-119

*Health Division:*

Office Manager- Ball Club • Job Code: 10-121

*Education Division:*

ECD Cook- Ball Club • Job Code: 10-124

#### Open Until Filled

*Health Division:*

Fitness Assistant • \$13.25/hr • Job Code: 10-116

Behavioral Health Provider • Job Code: 10-075

PT Emergency Medical Technician • Job Code: 10-056

*Education Division:*

10 FT Preschool Teachers Assistant • Job Code: 10-103

(4) Cass Lake • (2) Bemidji • (1) Onigum • (1) Inger • (2) Bena

ECD Health & Nutrition Assistant • Job Code: 10-102

ECD Special Needs Teacher Assistant • Inger, MN • Job Code: 10-085

ECD Family Service Advocates • Bena, MN • Job Code: 10-020

ECD Infant/Toddler Teacher (0-3) • Onigum, MN • Job Code: 10-014

***Full Job Descriptions available at <http://www.llojibwe.org>***

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You may request a complete job description for any position listed. All positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated). All positions DOQ unless otherwise noted.

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org). Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to:

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe HR**

**115 Sixth St NW, Suite E**

**Cass Lake, MN 56633**

You may also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to [LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com](mailto:LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com). LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

# Obituaries

## BEVERLY A ALLEN

Beverly Ann Allen, 71, of Minneapolis, formerly of Cass Lake, MN, passed away at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis on Friday, July 23, 2010. She was born to Mike and Alice (Cumings) Burnette on March 16, 1939 in Cass Lake, MN. She enjoyed driving, going to rummage sales, playing bingo at the casinos. She did a lot of people watching from her patio. Beverly had a green thumb and took very good care of her house plants. She liked crafts which included making key chains. Beverly always enjoyed fund raising and made various things to make money. She was very good at math and accounting. She worked at the metrodome, going from a cashier to a manager in a very little time. She always took care of her family especially at their time of need. Her house was always full.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Vivian Burnette and Charlene Smith, niece Sharon and a great niece Brenda.

She is survived by her aunt Helen Cummings of Cass Lake, sons; Kevin Lange of Lima, CO and Everett Allen of Minneapolis, daughters; Carla of Bemidji, Diane Grooms of St. Paul, Grace Howard of Minneapolis, Terri Allen of Minneapolis, Kathy Napper of



International Falls, and Laura Allen of Minneapolis, brothers; Ronald Burnette of Sugar Point, Willis Burnette of Cass Lake, and Michael Burnette of Marshall, MN, sisters; Gladys (Wayne) Sandland of Minneapolis and Sharon Burnette (Ira Johnson) of Cass Lake, many grand and great grand children, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers for Beverly are Brandon Howard, Everett Allen, Daniel Mitchell, Dale Burnette, Alex Bellanger, and Johnathan Whitefeather. Honorary Pallbearers are Brett Thorsen, William Kelly, Guillermo Zaragoza, Michael Grossehme, and George Matthews.

Interment will be held at the Boy Lake Cemetery/Village Cemetery in Boy Lake, MN.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family can be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## SHARON FINEDAY-SMITH

Sharon Aileen Fineday-Smith, age 46, of Duluth, passed away at her home on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Sharon Aileen was born to Joseph Jr. and Leona (Whitefeather) Fineday on March 9, 1964 in Cass Lake. She spent the first part of her life in Cass River. Sharon graduated from Blackduck High School in 1982. Sharon worked for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Educa-



tion Department for many years. She married Francis Augustine Smith on May 29, 2009. Since moving to Duluth Sharon was a full time stay at home Mom; taking care for her children Temperance and Richard. Sharon loved spending time with her family and friends. Sharon loved to raise hell !!!

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Burton and Duane Fineday. Sharon is survived by her husband: Francis "Auggie" Smith of Duluth; children: Marvin Jr., Temperance and Richard Staples; brother, Robert Roybal Sr. of Redby, MN; sisters, Lorna (Al) Kiehne of Redby, MN and Charlene (Ray) Jenkins of Cass Lake, MN; special niece Shauna FourStar and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Active Pallbearers for Sharon will be Raymond "B-Ray" Jenkins, Kristopher Roybal, Michael Burriss, Al Kiehne, Robert Roybal, Sr., Raymond Jenkins, Sr. Alternate Pallbearers are Donald Wind and Jimmy Oxford. Interment will be at the Fineday Family Cemetery in Pennington following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. On-line condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## MARGARET SMITH

Margaret Smith, 92, of Shakopee, MN, formerly of Cass Lake, died on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 am on Friday, August 6, 2010 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake began Thursday, August 5, 2010 at the Veteran's Memorial Building which began at 2:00 pm. Interment will be at the Mission Cemetery

in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Margaret was born March 13, 1918 in Beau-lieu, MN on the White Earth Ojibwe Res-

ervation. Her parents were Charles and Esther (Belcourt) Smith. She was the second oldest of 8 children. When Margaret was 5 or 6 years old (approximately 1924) she was removed from her family and sent to a boarding school in Hayward, Wisconsin. This was a traumatic experience for her and she often told the story of how she and other girls ran away from the boarding school because a custodian was mean to them. She was the one who went to a farmers' house to ask for something to eat as she was so young and was very hungry. The nice farmer and his wife took them in and fed them. The farmer called the school and reported that he had the young Native girls and that they had run away due to the mistreatment by a custodian who was later fired. In 1935, Margaret graduated from Flandreau Indian Boarding School. She tried to enroll in Nursing School but, was rejected because she graduated from Flandreau and admissions knew she was Native. However, she never gave up her dream of working in the health care. During WWII Margaret left Minnesota and worked in the shipyards in Washington State. During all those times she worked, she always sent money home to her mother and the rest of the family. In 1940, Margaret started a family with Paul Smith. Their oldest daughter, Marilyn was born in 1940, Paul Jr. was born in 1947 and Frank was born in 1949. Margaret worked in the Cass



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Lake Indian Hospital while raising her family. In 1957, Margaret, Paul and their family moved to Minneapolis. Margaret worked at various jobs including Hennepin County General Hospital (which later became Hennepin County Medical Center), and the Minneapolis Park Board. While in Minneapolis, Margaret was active in community service. As a volunteer, (along with Emily Peake) she helped form the Upper Midwest American Indian Center. She sat on various boards in the Native and non-Native communities. She was instrumental in starting other Native programs that are still active today like the American Indian Center. In 1976, along with Paul, she retired to the White Earth Reservation and moved to beautiful Ice Cracking Lake where they built and maintained a home. There were always family members at the Ice Cracking home of Margaret and Paul and Margaret helped to raise many of her grandchildren. She was always there to assist her family when needed. During her "retirement", Margaret remained active in assisting her family and community. Shortly after returning to White Earth, Margaret and Paul, along with other Tribal Elders, were instrumental in bringing back the June 14th celebration to White Earth. From this time, this celebration has grown to an annual event in White Earth. During these years Margaret also worked for Tribal agencies. She helped to start the organization Ikwe, which was a program designed to assist Native craftspeople and harvesters to sell their Native-made goods to outside agencies. Because of her work with Ikwe, she was interviewed by National Geographic Magazine. She also helped Native Harvest with their Mino Miijim (Good Food) program to feed White Earth elders who were diabetic and disabled. Margaret has a legacy to follow her. She has a powerful presence and fun-loving spirit that never failed to tell it like it is. She was a jingle dress dancer and loved pow-wows. Her love and understanding of her culture was passed down through to her descendents. All who knew and loved her will sorely miss her. She will walk proudly into the spirit world to join her other family with her beautiful Anishinabe name of Ogitchida Ikwe (Warrior Woman).

She is survived by her 3 children, Marilyn, Paul, Jr., and Frank, her 26 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and all of her siblings, Buster, Ted, George, Jim, Frances, Gladys and Phillip.

Messages of condolence may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com).

## EDNA WHITEFEATHER

Edna M. Whitefeather, age 83, of Cass Lake, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, August 10, 2010 surrounded by her family, cherished friends of the Ojibwe Singers and Father George Ross. Edna, a well-known community member, Senior Companion and member of the Ojibwe Singers was active up to the time she was stilled by a massive stroke.



Edna Marion Ellis was born to Charles Ellis and Julia Cloud Ellis on October 26, 1926. She was born at home 6 ½ miles south of Cass Lake and was the 3rd of 7 children. She attended Pipestone Indian School and later attended and graduated from Flandreau Indian Boarding School in Flandreau, South Dakota, where she met many life-long friends.

In 1947 she married LeRoy B. Fairbanks in Minneapolis, MN. During their marriage they had five children. Their marriage ended in 1963.

In 1967 She married Robert Wesley Whitefeather and together they had one son. They lived in Fremont, CA before moving home to Cass Lake in 1979. In January 2002 Robert passed away after suffering from heart complications.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert, brothers Charles Ellis Jr., Lawrence Ellis, Phillip Ellis, Julius-Morris "Bug" Ellis and Mathew Ellis; sister Alice Ellis Hill; two sons Ralph Fairbanks and Baby Boy Fairbanks; and one granddaughter Breanna Leigh Wakanabo.

Edna is survived by her children: Deanna (Dee) Fairbanks, Donald K. (Maggie) Fairbanks, Dale Fairbanks and Robert Whitefeather, all of Cass Lake, grandchildren Benay Fairbanks, Jasmine Fairbanks, Leroy Louis Fairbanks, Donald K. Fairbanks, Jr., Michael RedEagle, Kari Fisherman, and Sarah Fairbanks Miles; 10 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and cousins. In addition, she leaves behind her three "babies"; her Yorkshire Terriers, Princess, Timothy and Baby Baxter, she loved them dearly.

Pallbearers for Edna will be Benay Fairbanks, Leroy L. Fairbanks, Michael RedEa-

gle, Doug Day, Justin Hill and Jay Northbird. Interment will be at the Ellis Family Cemetery following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. On-line condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## MARVIN STONE SR.

Marvin John Stone, Sr., "Mahkwa Baum" which means Bear Thigh of the Loon Clan, 59 of Eureka, CA, formerly of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at his home in Eureka, CA. Marvin was born to John Sr., and Sophie (Fairbanks) Stone on May 4, 1951. Marvin was born in the White Earth Village and raised in Pine Point. He attended schools in Pine Point and Park Rapids. He obtained his GED and joined the armed services where he was honorably discharged. Marvin danced his whole life at Pow-Wows. He was a pipe carrier and a spiritual leader to family and many people across the United States and dedicated the last 8 years to Sundance. Marvin will be loved and missed by his family and friends.



Marvin was preceded in death by both parents, 3 sisters Geraldine, Maxine and Bernadine Stone, 1 brother William Stone, 1 son Marvin John Stone, Jr. and grandson Marvin John Stone III.

He is survived by 6 sisters; Elizabeth Stone of Mpls, Pauline Stone of Bemidji, Darlene Stone of Mpls, Seraphine Chosa of Walker, Irene Stone of Mahnomen, and Jolene Ajoition of Las Vegas, NV. 2 brothers; Merlin Stone of McIntosh, MN and John Stone, Jr. of Fairbault, MN. 2 sons; Marshall Patrick Stone of Mpls and Keenan John Stone. grandsons, granddaughters, numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. On-line condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com).

## LORAYNE M TIBBETS

Tibbetts, Lorayne M. Born March 24, 1924, Bena, Minnesota and passed away August 30, 2010, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Preceded in death by husband, Ray; sons, Butch and Bernie; daughters, Sherry and Vicki. Survived by aunt Mel, and beloved granddaughters, Dr. Tiffany Beckman (Joe Geary), Shannon (Derrick) Thom, Lora (David) Berg, Kentress Peterson, special friends, Wendell Kluck and Carrie Day (Richard) Aspinwall, as well as many other relatives and friends.



Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM Friday, September 3, 2010 Basilica of St. Mary, Hennepin Avenue and Sixteenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Visitation 5-8 PM Thursday, September 2, 2010 at the Thomson-Dougherty Mansion, 2535 Park Avenue, Minneapolis as well as one hour prior to service at church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Historic Thomson-Dougherty 612-871-4407

### Monthly Talking Circle

September 29th 2010

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2PM- 4PM

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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 and Dog Ordinance, 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 30th day of August 2010.

APPEARANCE DATE:	September 24, 2010, at 9:00 AM
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u> <u>Charge and Date</u>
Duane S. Bedeau	CN-99-65-FI      Transporting or Possessing Illegally Taken Fish Occurring On: 08/27/1999
Aaron Brown	CN-99-53-FI      Unattended Net Wanton Destruction of Fish Commercial Rough Fishing Without Permit Occurring On: 04/20/1999
Arno W. Dick	CN-99-66-FI      Netting Without a Permit or Valid License-Game Fish Transporting or Possessing Illegally Taken Fish Occurring On: 08/27/1999
Franklin LaRose	CN-99-60-FI      Untagged Nets Illegal Size or Use of Nets Wanton Destruction of Fish Wanton Waste of Game Fish Occurring On: 08/16/1999

APPEARANCE DATE:	October 5, 2010, at 9:00 AM
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u> <u>Charge and Date</u>
Rhonda F. Bunker	TR-10-090      Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/09/2010
Autumn R. Cambron	TR-10-083      Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 06/01/2010
Emerejirido D. Carmona	TR-10-091      Driving After Suspension Failure to Use a Seatbelt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 06/14/2010
Clifford L. Croaker	TR-10-071      Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Floyd R. Desjarlais	TR-10-059      Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit Occurring On: 05/20/2010
Jayne R. Finn	TR-10-066      No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/27/2010
Jacob L. Headbird	TR-10-055      Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/19/2010
Jordan T. Headbird	TR-10-080      Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/03/2010
Jason D. Howard	TR-10-050      Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 05/13/2010
Justin R. Howard	TR-10-096      Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 06/06/2010
Tara R. Jones	TR-10-082      Failure to Use a Seat Belt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device

Autumn L. Harper-Tanner	TR-10-053	Occurring On: 05/30/2010 No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/18/2010
Dustin D. White	TR-10-062	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/25/2010
Darlene M. Wind	TR-10-061	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seat Belt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/24/2010
LeRoy J. Whitebird, Jr.	CN-99-70-HU	Shooting at Big Game Down or Across a Public Road Occurring On: 10/13/1999

APPEARANCE DATE:	November 2, 2010, at 2:00 PM	
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u> <u>Charge and Date</u>	
Marcelia K. Brown	TR-10-094	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/26/2010
Sue A. Brown	TR-10-075	Failure to Use a Seat belt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Kayla R. Fisher	TR-10-097	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/21/2010
Bobbie J. Hislaw	TR-10-100	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/27/2010
Elizabeth C. Jones	TR-10-089	Driving After Suspension Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 06/12/2010
Terrance L. Jones, Jr.	TR-10-078	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/04/2010
Tonya L. Luna	TR-10-086	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/06/2010
Sharlene R. Roy	TR-10-073	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Jonathan C. White	TR-10-088	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/14/2010
Raymond K. Wittner	TR-10-084	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/04/2010

APPEARANCE DATE:	November 19, 2010, at 9:00 AM	
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u> <u>Charge and Date</u>	
Richard W. Laroque	CN-10-01-BO	Burning During a Burning Ban Occurring On: 04/23/2010

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Traffic Division

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

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

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

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty 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/ Joseph Plumer, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: October 22, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bowstring, Franklin Edward	CN-00-80
Howard, Lloyd Eugene, Sr.	CN-02-114
Northbird, Patrick Dennis	CN-01-99
Robinson, Franklin Lee	CN-01-105

APPEARANCE DATE: November 19, 2010, at 9:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Raisch, Maynard James	CN-02-112
Staples, Michael Wayne	CN-99-68
Whitebird, Leroy John, Jr.	CN-09-09

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/S/ Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: October 19, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Birt, Stephanie Ann	TR-09-167	Grigsby, Eric Damon	TR-09-228
Buck, Rhonda Lee	TR-09-223	Jackson, Renae Lori	TR-09-18
Buck, Rhonda Lee	TR-10-14	Jackson, Renae Lori	TR-09-17
Bush, Amanda Kay	TR-09-168	Northbird, Stephanie Mae	TR-10-10
Fairbanks, Eric Anthony	TR-09-138		

APPEARANCE DATE: November 23, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Donovan, Rowa John	TR-10-02	H.C.P, Minor Child	TR-10-1
Fairbanks, Benjamin George	TR-10-30	Pauline Johnston, parent	
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-10-25	Swan, Cynthia Cleo	TR-08-104
White, Rosalie Marie	TR-09-212		

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

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

Leech Lake Housing Authority,  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

Tina Bebeau,  
 Defendant.

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
 PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-10-22

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 20, 2010, an Unlawful Detainer and Complaint in Eviction was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the residential lease for the property described as Unit No. 208 at 31536 Hawk Street, Deer River, Minnesota 56636. A Trial will commence on Friday, November 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of a judgment for arrears and a Writ of Restitution for restoring possession of the property to the Leech Lake House Authority.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a resolution of this matter. If you fail to appear, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Judgment and a Writ of Restitution regarding the above-referenced property.

DATED: September 2, 2010.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

#### -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:  
 Bethany Reese, Custodian; Valentine Solis,  
 Father;  
 Mary Jane Susunkewa, Child, DOB: 1/23/1995.  
 Court File No. CP-08-28

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 7-30-2010, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on September 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

#### -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Guardianship of:  
 Arabella Mae Johnson, Child, DOB:  
 6/07/2010.  
 Debra Lynn Johnson and Jeremiah Park Hess,  
 Parents;  
 Colleen Frances Hess-Mitchell, Petitioner.  
 Court File No. CP-10-31

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 6-29-2010, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (Minor) was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on October 8, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

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of Indian schools has been ongoing for more than a decade. This Committee has held numerous hearings where the issue of Indian school construction was discussed. Federal officials testify, point fingers, and yet nothing has been resolved.

When we have met with the BIA and OMB over the past couple of years, they each tell us that it is not their agency's fault but the other agency's fault that there is no funding to replace the High School. BIA tells us that they have no money for school construction and to talk to OMB, and OMB tells us that they provide funding to BIA for construction and that BIA is not utilizing the funding effectively. At the end of the day, DOI and OMB are quick to blame each other but provide no solutions, forcing our children to shoulder the burden. Further, it is extremely difficult navigating the byzantine BIA bureaucracy and its layers to obtain school construction information.

This run-around is unacceptable. Section 7101 of Title VII of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) states: It is the policy of the United States to fulfill the Federal Government's unique and continuing trust relationship with and responsibility to the Indian people for the education of Indian children. The Federal Government will continue to work with . . . Indian tribes . . . toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

In accordance with its obligation to Indian children, the United States must work with us to seek a solution to this problem instead of ignoring the issue and finger pointing.

We recognize that previous Administrations had a hand in creating the BIE construction backlog, which is at least \$1.3 billion; however, looking at the current Administration's funding requests

since it has been in office, it seems that – despite statements to the contrary – the need to improve BIE school facilities is not a priority.

Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk testified at this Committee's May 13, 2010, hearing on Indian school safety stating, "The Administration is committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities for the students who are educated in the 183 BIE-funded elementary and secondary schools, consistent with the Government's trust responsibility for Indian education. In order to fulfill this responsibility, it is imperative that the Department provide these students with safe and healthy environments in which to learn." Unfortunately, DOI's budget requests do not match the Assistant Secretary's statements.

The FY11 budget request for Indian school construction funding is \$53 million, a \$60 million cut from the FY10 enacted level of \$113 million. The Administration justifies this proposed budget cut by pointing to Recovery Act funding for BIE school construction needs. However, we all know that one-time funding under the Recovery Act of \$277.7 million for BIE construction will not address the tremendous backlog and that there needs to be sustained increased funding over multiple years to truly address this need.<sup>1</sup> Looking at the Administration's FY11 request of \$53 million, it only proposes implementing a partial replacement of one school campus and a partial of replacement of one school facility.

These cuts for Indian school construction represent a disturbing trend that spans both the Bush and Obama

**1** *The Recovery Act authorized the issuance of \$400 million in qualified Indian school construction bonds (\$200 million for each calendar year in 2009 and 2010). The bonds provide tax credits to investors in lieu of interest. However, to date, zero dollars have been allocated. DOI indicates that it lacks the authority to establish an escrow account to provide tribes with funding to pay bondholders. We urge Congress to provide this authority to ensure that this opportunity is not lost.*



Administrations and both parties' control of Congress. The enacted levels for Indian school construction over the past 7 fiscal years have steadily and rapidly declined. The FY05 enacted level for Indian school construction was \$263.3 million, the FY06 enacted level was \$208.9 million, the FY07 level was \$204.9 million, the FY08 level was \$142.9 million, the FY09 level was \$128.8 million, the FY10 level was \$113 million, and as noted above, the proposed level for FY11 is an appalling \$53 million.

The Administration's failure to request and Congress' failure to appropriate sufficient funding for BIE school construction is unconscionable in light of recent DOI Office of Inspector General reports finding "severe deficiencies" at BIE schools that "have the potential to seriously injure or kill students and faculty and require immediate attention to mitigate the problems."<sup>2</sup> 1/3 of the 183 BIE schools are in poor condition and in significant need of repair or replacement. Of the 4,495 education buildings in the BIA inventory, half are more than 30 years old and more than 20% are older than 50 years. On average, BIA edu-

**2** *Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General Flash Report, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education: Schools in Need of Immediate Action, C-IN-BIA-0008-2007 (May 2007) (emphasis added).*

cation buildings are 60 years old, while the national average for public schools is 40 years.

While we understand budgetary constraints, the Administration's and the Congress's strategy to counter the recession has been to stimulate economic growth through construction projects that create jobs and that provide skills for workers. The replacement of our High School -- and other BIE schools for that matter -- fit perfectly within the economic recovery strategy; however, the funding requested by the Administration and provided by the Congress for BIE school construction does not even make a dent in the construction backlog. Instead, it seems that we are going backwards not forwards in meeting the educational needs of Indian students, which includes providing adequate facilities that foster learning.

As noted above, the United States owes our students the opportunity to attend school in a safe environment that maximizes their educational opportunities. Instead, our students attend high school in a sub-standard, dangerous environment that is not conducive to learning. This affects their self-worth, creates feelings of inferiority, and sends a message to them that their education and even their lives are unimportant. Our hope is that this hearing will shine a spotlight



on this problem and that, as a result, the Administration and the Congress will work together to quickly develop a comprehensive plan of action to address the construction needs not only at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School but also at all other BIE schools. The federal government's responsibility for the education of Indian people is in response to specific treaty rights; and anything less than full funding of Native education programs signifies increased negligence of its trust responsibility.

#### Recommendations

Due to the serious health and safety concerns at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, the BIA should ensure that the replacement of the High School is one of its highest priorities.

Further, the United States should address the tremendous backlog in BIE construction. The only way that this backlog can be addressed is if the Administration and the Congress work together aggressively to not only develop a comprehensive multi-year plan but also to adequately fund its implementation. An example of a comprehensive plan is the Indian Health Service's 5-year priority construction list, which it updates once a year. Even though there is a construction backlog at IHS, at least there is transparency. In addition, IHS works cooperatively with tribes so that they know the status of their health care facilities projects at IHS, which is not the case with the BIA. However, a plan is only as good as its execution, and the Administration and the Congress must commit to implementing it.

#### Conclusion

As you know, Indian tribes ceded millions of acres in exchange for adequate education, health care, and other basic services. The failure to meet these obligations is jeopardizing an entire generation of Indian children. We thank you for your efforts to ensure that the United States lives up to this solemn responsibility, and look forward to working with you and the Administration to rebuild BIE schools and provide a safe learning environment for our children.

#### Statement of Lindsey White, Student at The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Field Hearing Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Hello, everyone. My name is Lindsey White. I'm a member of the wolf clan and I live in Cass Lake. I am currently a senior at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. Thank you for the invitation and opportunity today to represent my school.

I've been attending the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School for the past thirteen years. All thirteen years I've been told that education is very important, but it's hard for me to believe this when I see how my school looks compared to the other local schools.

The Bug-o-Nay-Ge-Shig School was formed in 1975. My school was not constructed with the intention of being a long-term structure for a high school. It is a metal clad temporary structure

that was built over twenty years ago. Today we have almost three-hundred Native American students from across the many reservations around Minnesota.

Currently, the carpet in our high school is soaked with water because leaks from the ceiling and the windows. Our building fails to meet safety and security standards because this. We have air quality issues that include mold and fungus. This cannot be safe for our students and staff. Also, our heating and cooling system is insufficient. Another safety concern is the lack of security during emergencies. There are no "safe" areas in our building to use during an emergency or disaster; we often have to run to the elementary building during severe weather. Students and staff have also seen evidence of rodents in our building. Our school also lacks up-to-date communication technology and basic integrated alarm systems. Large group school and community meeting areas are insufficient as

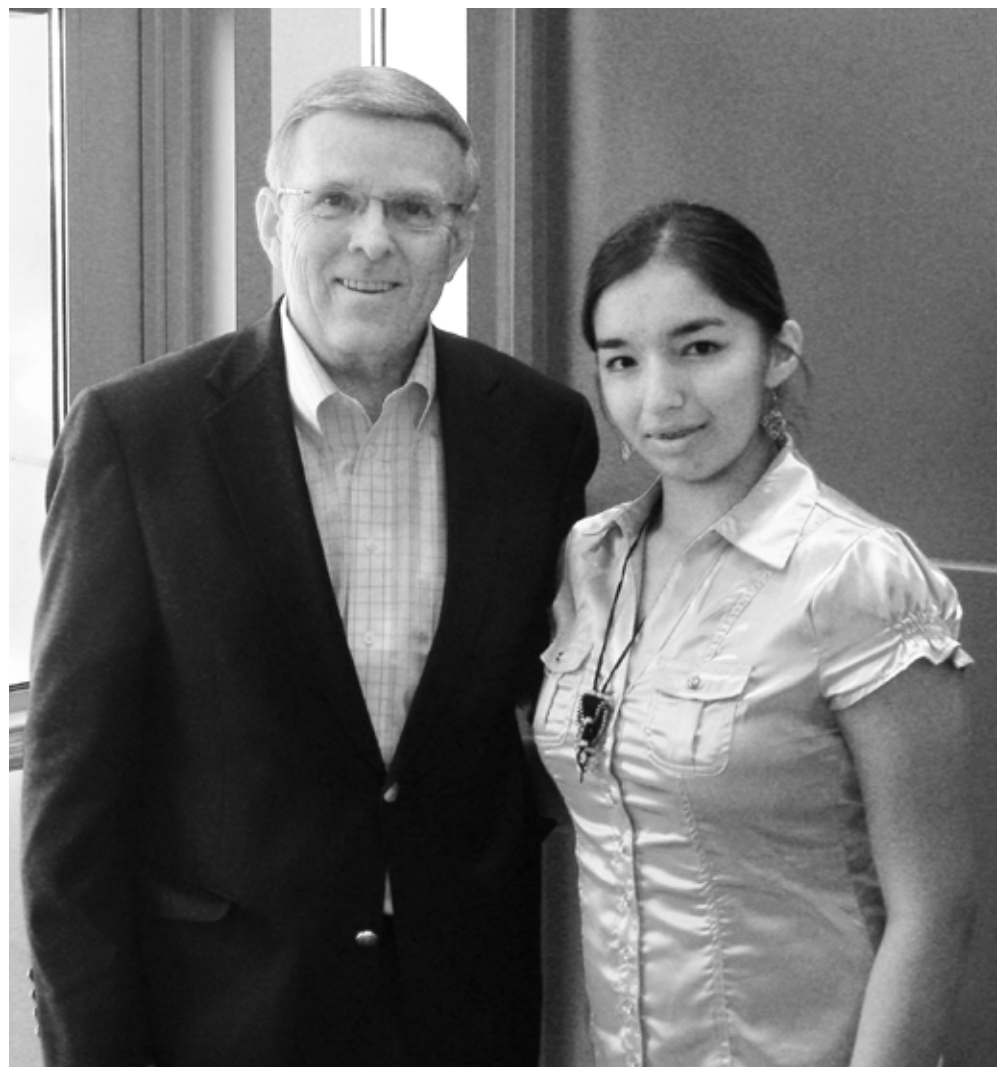
well; we have to meet in the gym, which is located almost a quarter mile away, or crowd into a small room in our high school building.

All of these problems have effected my education in a negative way. Many of the classrooms I'm in lack windows, which makes the air stuffy. With an insufficient heating and cooling system, I have some classrooms that are very cold and others that are very warm. This is distracting when trying to do my work. The many fluorescent lights give me a headache when I'm trying to concentrate in class. Our hallway has uneven floors. This creates safety issues for students and staff walking through our hallways. Overall, the quality of our high school building is in poor condition. When students are expected to attend and work in a school like ours, it's very difficult to work and take school seriously when our building is in the shape that it is.

For me, as a student going to school in these conditions, it is frustrating because these things are distractions and take away from our academics. It's disappointing that our classrooms are small and inadequate. I am embarrassed that our school is this way, when many other schools look more like a high school should. Despite these serious concerns, our school provides a quality education when we don't have to worry about safety issues. The Bug School focuses on integrating culture into academics. Students have the opportunity to participate in classes such as seasonal activities, Ojibwe Language, drum and dance, cultural arts, and Ojibwe History. We also have a language immersion program.

In closing, I want to say we deserve a building that is secure and safe. Our education is just as important as anyone else's. Because we choose culture as a part of our education, we should not suffer a second or third rate building. If education is a priority, why has nothing improved in our high school building after so many years?

Again, thank you for this opportunity to represent my school and for listening.  
Miigwech Biizendawieg



U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Senior Lindsey White

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A workforce development program that focuses on green jobs training for Native Americans who are unemployed, have low income and may be high school drop outs, or have a criminal record, and are able and willing to receive training to aid in locating employment to find a pathway out of poverty.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**800-763-8629**

Monday- Friday 8-4:30

wepathways@whiteearth.com

### APPLICANT CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Unemployed
- At least 18 years of age
- Enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe
- Live on or within 25 miles of the White Earth Indian Reservation
- Meet HHS Income Guidelines
- Must be registered for selective service



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# Leech Lake Reservation

## 2010-2011 Waterfowl - Hunting - Trapping Season Dates & Limits

### Migratory Waterfowl

#### Ducks, Coots, Mergansers

Season Dates: Sept 18th - Dec 31st

Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions; Daily limit may not contain more than (5) Pintails, (5) Canvasbacks and (5) Blackducks

Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions; No more than (10) Pintails, (10) Canvasbacks and (10) Blackducks

#### Geese

Season Dates: Sept 4th - Dec 31st

Daily Bag Limit: Ten (10) All species in any sex or combination

Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) All species in any sex or combination

Youth Waterfowl hunting day is Sept 18th, 2010

### Big Game

#### White Tailed Deer

Season Dates: Sept 1 - December 31st

Bucks &amp; Does:

- (1) Deer Tag - Resident Non Band Members
- (2) Deer Tags- LLBO Band Members

#### Black Bear

Season Dates: Sept 1st - Dec 31st

1 per permittee

### Trapping

#### Beaver

Season Dates: Oct 16th - May 14th

Seasonal Limit: No Limit

#### Bobcat

Season Dates: Nov 20th - Jan 31st

Seasonal Limit: Five (5) per Permittee

#### Coyote

Season Dates: Continuous

Seasonal Limit: No Limit

#### Canada Lynx

No Season, Report Sightings to DRM

#### Fisher

Season Dates: Nov 20th - Jan 31st

Seasonal Limit: Five (5) per Permittee

#### Fox

Season Dates: Oct 16th - Feb 28

No Limit

### Small Game

#### Rabbits & Squirrels

Continuous Season - No Limit

#### Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock, Snipe & Sora Rail

Season Dates: Sept 1 - December 31st

Daily Bag Limit: Six (6)

Possession Limit: Twelve (12)

#### Mink/Muskrat

Season Dates: Oct 16th - Feb 28

No Limit

#### Pine Marten

Season Dates: Nov 20th - Jan 31st

Seasonal Limit: One (1) per Permittee

#### Raccoon

Season Dates: Oct 16th - Feb 28

No Limit

#### River Otter

Season Dates: Oct 16th - Feb 28

Seasonal Limit: Four (4) per Permittee



# Palace Casino Bingo Hotel Rolls Out the Red Carpet with a 3-Day Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Cass Lake, Minnesota – The Palace Casino Bingo Hotel is putting the final touches on their property renovations as they get ready to roll out the red carpet to their valued guests. The star-studded three day grand opening celebration that kicks off on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a complimentary dinner, and live entertainment with “Indian Country” in the tent beginning at 8:00 p.m!

The management and staff at the Palace have been extremely busy over the past few months with renovation projects which have included an expanded gaming area featuring 50 of the latest and greatest new slot machines, the addition of a high denomination slot area, new carpet & chairs throughout the casino & 16 new Jacuzzi suites in the hotel. The team is very proud of the enhancements that have been made to the property and cannot wait to show off their accomplishments to their guests.

Don Fairbanks, General Manager of the Palace addressed the employees during the pre-opening Employee Pep Rally's and stated that “the success of the Palace Casino depends largely upon our ability to consistently meet and exceed the expectations of our guests – and our employees”. “We asked our guests what they were looking for in a gaming experience, we listened to what they said, and we've made some great new changes as a result of their input”, said Don.

This Hollywood style premier celebration will feature hot seat drawings, Hollywood game show entertainment, Family Feud Bingo, blackjack tournaments and a slot tournament where guests can win their share of more than \$8,000. There's also the Saturday night Grand Prize Drawing, where 10 lucky guests are going to walk away with \$1,000 each. Saturday night features live entertainment including a Beatles Tribute band that will take the stage at 6 and 8p.m. – so be there early to get in on the action and the fun!

Visit the Palace Players Club for more information on the Palace Grand Re-Opening events and activities and be sure to check it out this weekend. You are not going to want to miss this event - you just never know who might be there!

**Palace**  
CASINO & HOTEL

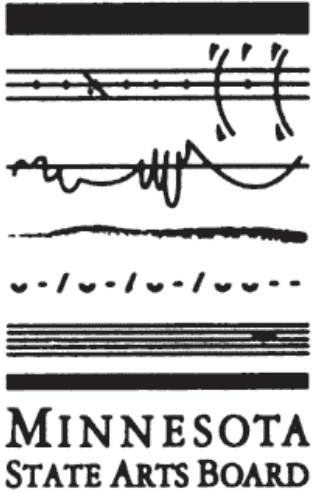
## GRAND RE-OPENING DAILY EVENTS

<p><b>THURSDAY- SEPTEMBER 16, 2010</b> <b>“COMMUNITY DAY”</b></p> <p>5:00pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony</p> <p>5:30 - 7:30pm Buffet (Outdoor Event Center)</p> <p>6:00pm Hollywood Hot Seats 2 per hour (6pm - Midnight)</p> <p>6:00pm Registration for Premier Slot Tournament (Tournament at 7:00pm - Limit 150)</p> <p>6:00pm Register for “Reel Deal” Blackjack Tournament (Tournament starts at 7:00pm)</p> <p>7:15pm “Family Feud” Bingo</p> <p>8:00pm Live Entertainment: “Indian Country” (Outdoor Event Center)</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2010</b> <b>“PLAYER APPRECIATION”</b></p> <p>6:00pm Hollywood Hot Seats 2 per hour (6pm - Midnight)</p> <p>6:00pm Registration for Slot Tournament (Tournament at 7:00pm - Limit 150)</p> <p>6:00pm Register for “Reel Deal” Blackjack Tournament (Tournament at 7:00pm)</p> <p>7:00pm Hollywood Game Show Entertainment (Outdoor Event Center)</p> <p>9:00pm Hollywood Game Show Entertainment (Outdoor Event Center)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday &amp; Saturday</b> <b>\$5.00 Slot play coupon for all</b> <b>Players Club Members</b> (one per person daily)</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 2010</b> <b>“PALACE PREMIER”</b></p> <p>1:00pm Registration for Pre-Qualified Premier Slot Tournament Finals, Tournament at 2:00pm</p> <p>6:00pm Hollywood Hot Seats 2 per hour (6pm - Midnight)</p> <p>6:00pm Register for “Reel Deal” Blackjack Tournament (Tournament at 7:00pm)</p> <p>7-10pm Blackjack Drawings</p> <p>6:00pm Live Entertainment: Beatles Tribute (Outdoor Event Center)</p> <p>8:00pm Live Entertainment: Beatles Tribute (Outdoor Event Center)</p> <p>8:30pm Roulette Bingo</p> <p>11:00pm Grand Opening Grand Prize Drawing for <b>\$10,000!</b> <small>(10 winners win \$1,000 each, 1 entry per person Thursday-Saturday. Earn additional entries by earning 50 points in one gaming day)</small></p>
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## Grants available for artists up to \$5,000



Workshop on Wed Oct. 6, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Cass Lake, MN.

Minnesota State Arts Board Cultural Liaison will be available to provide information and answer questions about current State Art Grants available. Specific Focus will be given to the FY 2011 Cultural Community Partnership Grant which is due Wednesday, November 5, 2010. This grant is for individual artists.

Please look for more information in the near future.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Office of Direct Service  
Rockville, MD 20852

Mr. Arthur LaRose  
Chairman  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Dear Chairman LaRose:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) extends its appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and members of the Tribal Council on July 21, 2010 at IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

During this meeting, the IHS was provided with an overview of the Tribe's desire to pursue the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), Section 307, Indian Health Care Delivery Demonstration Projects (c) (B) Priority, that identifies Cass Lake, Minnesota among the five service units.

The Tribe was informed that while the five Service Units were identified as priority areas for the demonstration projects including Cass Lake, the inclusion is not new to the IHCIA. The IHS also shared that some provisions in the IHCIA will require additional funding/appropriations to implement, such as some of the provisions that authorize new programs or demonstration projects. The IHS will consider these during the budget formulation process in the context of Tribal priorities, for future funding.

Your concerns are very important to Dr. Roubiceaux, IHS Director. To further assist you, a copy of this letter will be shared with Ms. Jenny Jenkins, Acting Area Director for the IHS Bemidji Area. Our office will continue to track the issues and concerns raised by the Tribe and will provide a follow-up letter within 60 days.

If you have any questions or if my office may be of additional assistance, please contact Ms. Verna Miller, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at (301) 443-1104, or by e-mail to [Verna.Miller@ihs.gov](mailto:Verna.Miller@ihs.gov).

Sincerely yours,

Roselya Tso  
Acting Director  
Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 27, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

The high school facility at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School (School), administered and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), poses serious safety, fire, and health risks to students, faculty, and staff and does not provide an adequate physical environment for learning. We support your stated commitment to improve Indian education at the BIE. However, the Department of the Interior (Department) has not met its trust obligations to provide an adequate facility for the Native American students attending the School. We urge you to address this situation as quickly as possible.

As conveyed to you in a previous letter dated June 10, 2009, the School is located in Bena, Minnesota. The school is operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and governed by the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board, and serves nearly 300 Native American children in grades K-12 who commute from 14 communities located in five counties within a 70-mile radius of the School. The School was founded in 1975 with 35 Ojibwe students from the Leech Lake Reservation in response to parental concerns that public schools were not meeting the academic and cultural needs of Ojibwe students. Since that time, the School has transformed itself into a magnet school, teaching state-approved curricula with Ojibwe cultural components. Given the educational opportunities the School provides to Native American students, enrollment at the School has steadily increased over the years and it has received many national awards for its innovative academic programs that incorporate tribal traditions, customs, and language.

In an August 26, 2009, letter, you acknowledged that the Department considers the School in "poor condition" along with over 70 other BIE schools but that the Department has no immediate plans for replacement. You stated that the Department is still working to replace 5 of 14 other schools on a list generated over 6 years ago and must engage in a negotiated rule-making process that will take at least a year before it can determine the Department's future budget requests for BIE facilities construction as well as the priority of replacement of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School.

Your letter is alarming because it shows that the Department does not have a comprehensive plan of action to address the needs for new facilities even though many of the BIE schools, including the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, have been listed as being in "poor condition" for a very long time. Further, the Department's budget

requests for BIE facilities construction have done very little, if anything, to address this tremendous backlog. There is an urgent need for a replacement high school facility at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, and we ask that the Department treat it as such. The BIA Midwest Regional Office for the Office of Indian Education Programs compiled a report in 2007 expressing strong concerns about the electrical problems, potential fire issues, and student safety at the School.

We request that the Department provide us with a specific plan of action for the replacement needs at the School as soon as possible. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, and we look forward to working with you to ensure that the students at this school have a physical environment that is safe and fosters a quality learning environment.

Sincerely,

Senator Amy Klobuchar

Senator Al Franken

Rep. James L. Oberstar

Rep. Betty McCollum

Rep. Keith Ellison

Rep. Timothy J. Walz



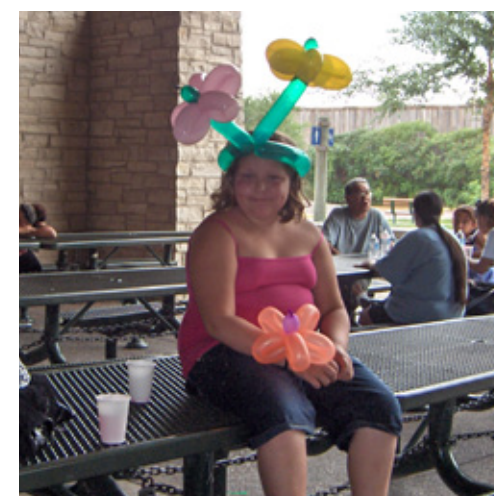
## Leech Lake Twin Cities Office Holds Annual Picnic



The Leech Lake Twin Cities Office annual picnic was held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the North Mississippi Park Pavilion in Minneapolis. The picnic was held from 4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M to accommodate urban band members work schedules. Around One-Hundred to One Hundred and Twenty Leech Lake Band members and their family and friends attended the gathering. The park included walking trails, a wading pool complete with water spouts and a large play ground for the children. The pavilion overlooked the Mississippi River, which added a nice breeze to our picnic attendees. The picnic site was a new one this year and perhaps that was the reason for the low attendance.

The Director of the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office, Valerie Larsen welcomed our picnic goers with a few remarks. Staff and Volunteer band members served hamburgers, cheese burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, fruit salad, chips, meat and cheese trays and chocolate chip cookies; all bought from our local COSTCO. Leech Lake Twin Cities LIC Chairman, Faron Jackson brought home-made potato salad; Leech Lake members are always welcome to bring potluck dishes for their fellow members to enjoy at our get-togethers!

This year we decided to have a Fry bread contest, two of our urban band members entered the contest. Linda Staples, the winner, won a set of glass Tupperware and also a Bingo packet for the Palace Casino in Cass Lake, MN; Brenda Morrow, another urban band member was the runner-up. Anita Lovelace, a Leech Lake urban band member had a balloon twisting table and the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office Manager and 7th Generation Tribal Mentor Coordinator, Norma Smith painted faces. Sally Fineday, Executive Director of the Native Vote Alliance of MN set up a voter registration table from 5-6 p.m., she was able to register 10 Leech Lake band members in the time she spent at our picnic, and she also donated Native Vote t-shirts for our drawings. Drawing prizes included: beach chairs, backpacks, 3 AMC movie theater ticket packs for two, aluminum water bottles, bath towels, Bingo packets for the Palace casino as well as complimentary hotel packages for either Northern Lights Hotel/Casino or The Palace Hotel/Casino.







**Big Boyz Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday September 18, 2010**  
**Tianna Country Club • Walker, MN**  
*\$60.00 per man*  
*3-man scramble format*

**“Big Boy” Flight**  
 1st- \$700 2nd- \$500 3rd- \$200  
 1 Mixed and 2 Regular Flights  
 1st- \$500 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$200

*Based on 36 team participation*  
*Contact : 218-760-9390 or 218-339-2004*



**Elder’s Expo**  
*Sponsored by Elders Service Providers Network*

- Informational Booths
- Door Prizes!
- Good Food!!!
- Music by Gil Applebee

**Elders & Caregivers 55+**  
 Join us for a day of fun at  
**Ball Club Community Center**

**Thurs. Sept. 30th**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Early Registration is encouraged. Contact Carol @ 888.231.7886 or 218.335.8585  
 Elders Advocates, ENP Sites will also have registration forms available.



**FOOTBALL**  
*Fridays*

**Random Hourly Drawings:**  
**7:00pm-11:00pm**

*Earn an additional 2 entries by earning 25 points on the Fridays of the promotion!*

**Fridays**  
**August 27th - December 10th**  
**Registration: 6:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Win either a pair of Minnesota Vikings tickets with motor coach transportation or a \$100 NFLShop.com gift card!**

All winners will be invited to attend a Tailgate Party at Northern Lights on January 7th, 2011 and have the chance to **win one of 3 pairs of tickets\* to the “Big Game”**

\*Must be present to win tickets.

