

DEBAHJIMON



*Indebweyendizomin niinawind
Anishinaabewiyang.*

We believe in ourselves as we
live our lives as Anishinaabeg.

JANUARY 2013

VOL. XXVIII

NO. 7

FREE

INSIDE



6

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
DISTRICT II
REPRESENTATIVE
STEVE WHITE

7

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
SECRETARY/TREASURER
**Donald
"Mick" Finn**

8-9



Leech Lake Tribal College President Dr. Don Day accepts a scholarship donation from LLBO District III Rep. LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III.

LLBO District III Representative Starts Scholarship Fund

By Chris Haugene

As many of us can see and far too few understand, a lot of the deeply seeded problems that have come to exist in our communities require a cure that persists from one generation to the next. Cycles of undereducation and dependence have slowly bled into the way we think and live. We see evidence of these patterns on a daily basis in our friends, relatives, and in ourselves. And, it's easy to get caught up in blaming people or organizations for these problems we see and experience without thinking about how to change anything in a concrete way.

Last December, the Leech Lake Tribal College was the recipient of an effort to combat and inspire change with regard to breaking these generational issues.

LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III, Leech Lake's newly elected District III Representative, has committed a portion of his yearly salary to start a scholarship fund that will help second year students at the Leech Lake Tribal College. "There is no question that education is one of the keys to reducing poverty, and I want to be a part of that," said Staples-Fairbanks.

A promise made during his campaign a year ago has now come to fruition and when the new endowment fund issues its first check in 2014 the effort will come

continued on page 13

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

CHAIRWOMAN

CARRI JONES



Quarterly NewsLetter

We enter the fiscal year's third quarter energized by the endearing spirit of the past holidays and a little excitement for what the New Year will bring. The work we have accomplished over the second quarter leaves me very optimistic about 2013 and the achievements we will accomplish as a tribe.

I am pleased to report to our tribal members, that your council continues to encourage a culture of collaboration, commitment and forward-thinking within our tribal government. It is also my pleasure to share with you, the progress we have made on current initiatives and the activities that we have planned for the future.

We are engaged in some exciting work involving Self Governance and Business Operations. We have set some challenging goals that will require the Band as an organization to increase our own internal capacities by attracting, retaining, and developing a

continued on page 2

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
BEMIDJI, MN
PERMIT NO. 68

knowledgeable tribal government workforce. Over the past quarter the council has worked to fill vacancies in Administrative Management. After a drawn out application/ interview process and a little debate, we were able to fill key positions from a pool of qualified band members including Executive Director, Deputy Director, and the Legal Director positions.

Steven Howard, former Internal Auditing Director was hired as full time Executive Director after serving as interim through the administrative transition. Mr. Howard's experience involves the scrutiny and protection of Band resources, as well as the development of administrative procedures to assure accurate accounting practices within each department of the Leech Lake organization. His familiarity and working knowledge of tribal programs are strengths the council will rely upon to assist us with the development and implementation of effective strategies.

Peter Paquette, former Palace Hotel Manager comes to the Leech Lake Administration as Deputy Director, from the Gaming operation's employee assistance department. Mr. Paquette's experience involves management and interpretation of administrative policy applicable to the coordination of administrative priorities and expectations.

Leonard Fineday, *Jurist Doctorate* and former Executive Director will serve as legal director and chief legal counsel to the Band. Mr. Fineday's experience involves administration of self governance contracts as well as organizational management. Mr. Fineday's technical knowledge regarding tribal administration and the legal environment tribes are subject to, are both strengths the council will rely on to advance and protect our sovereign interests.

I am pleased to report that these gentlemen have assumed the responsibilities of their positions with a desire to perform at a high standard of productivity. I look forward to sharing their contributions in future reports.

The topic of future reports leads me to the subject of communications. I believe this is an area worth strengthening and that the tribe could benefit from improved communications strategies. Transparency and participation by all are concepts promised administration after administration with little investment truly made in the promotion of these concepts.

Communications technology requires minimal investment to disseminate information to the intended audience. Members of my staff are developing a web concept that will provide the general public with updated information regarding tribal council initiatives and serve as an online portal for tribal members to access information intended specifically for them.

The website will be available for view early in the third quarter. The tribal member login function will be up shortly thereafter. The web portal/ login concept requires internal dialogue with our MIS department. We are encouraging a login function to assure we are communicating directly with our tribal members while seeking input on tribal government business.

We will also post updated minutes, resolutions and other items pertaining to official government affairs. These items will be archived and searchable for future use by tribal members actively involved with our tribal government or those simply researching the history of the organization. The site will also host a calendar of upcoming events, meetings and important dates.

The topic of information sharing leads me to the subject of reporting the effectiveness of our efforts. I am currently working with my staff to resurrect the state of the band address. I believe this will help us obtain an accurate picture of the reservation from which we can measure the effectiveness of our efforts.



Executive Director Steven Howard, Legal Director Leonard Fineday, and Deputy Director Peter Paquette

The state of the band will require an organization wide effort to collect information specific to the reservation. It will also require us to identify the assets we have in place to deal with the reality of the reservations social disparities. I look forward to the challenge of collecting this information for tribal members and improving any of the areas deemed in need of attention.

Moving on to self governance, the council was pleased to host the recent LIC summit that took place November 9th 2012 at the Northern Lights Casino. This community lead initiative

was well received by all those in attendance and was truly reflective of a desire to advance our sovereignty through government reform. We are hopeful that these constructive conversations continue into the future and that band member participation continues to be the biggest success of this effort.

Additionally, the council has made inquiries to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to identify any legal roadblocks that may jeopardize the integrity of the people's reform efforts. Looking forward, the council's biggest contribution to any reform effort will be defending our sovereign right to undertake reform unmolested.

The council continues to demonstrate commitment to higher education. We were recently challenged with the decision to re-program grant dollars from a proposed trades building to the Leech Lake Tribal College's Library (LLTC) Project.

The decision to re-program funding for the library was based on the duplication of services proposed by a trades program that could be administered by the Tribal College itself. In addition, the Tribal College Administration has worked diligently to secure additional funding for the library. The re-programming of five hundred thousand dollars from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and an additional three hundred fifty thousand from the Band puts the library project four hundred thousand dollars shy of their final goal.

The Leech Lake Tribal College continues their mission to educate our people and community members. The council is dedicated to reasserting support for the institution and committed to working 'collaboratively' on future efforts. The library will not only increase the college's ability to fulfill their mission it will also serve as a monument to our community's capacity for knowledge.

On November 14th 2012 Former Tribal College president and Leech Lake band member Larry Aitken invited members of my staff and I to the Itasca Community College (ICC), where he is a member of the faculty, to participate in discussions regarding higher education. Mr. Aitken also invited participants from the Northeast Higher Education District, Blandin foundation, Northland Schools Indian Education,



3D plans for Interior of the Leech Lake Tribal College Library Project.(LLTC image)

Deer River Indian Education, and others from ICC, including students. The purpose of this meeting was centered on the familiar theme of relationship building.

I used this opportunity to express my familiarity with the unique geography of our reservation boundaries and how issues such as education require stronger regional efforts. I explained how our tribal communities were great distances from educational resources and that their location on the edges of both reservation and county boundaries creates a transportation barrier and limits access to education and employment. I expressed my support for Leech Lake band members attending ICC and volunteered Leech Lake's support to increase higher education amongst native students within our small corner of the arrowhead region. I am looking forward to any strategies we can develop from this relationship.

The topic of relationship building provides the perfect opportunity to report on the progress of initiatives outlined in my last newsletter. Taxation of tribal government programs, State Tobacco Tax issues, Human Services Infrastructure Projects, Economic Development, and Education.

Taxation – Tribes across the country continue to object to the discriminatory audits of tribal government benefits by the Internal Revenue Service. Leech Lake's involvement in this sort of audit required tribal leadership to join in the objection. I continue to be involved with national discussions, and was pleased to have represented Leech Lake in a presentation to other tribal leaders.

I am also pleased to inform tribal membership that our efforts have resulted in the IRS issuing guidance excluding certain tribal government benefits from taxation under a proposed revenue policy. The agency is continuing to seek input from tribes regarding final guidance. Final comments from tribes will need to be submitted in June 2013.

State Tobacco Tax Issues – The tribe is currently in negotiations to receive our portion of tobacco taxes collected by the state of Minnesota on the reservation. I expect the negotiations to be ongoing however I am confident the Dayton administration will release the two million dollars of tribal tax revenue currently withheld under the failed negotiation policy of the past administration.

To help us accomplish success we are asking our partners in the DFL to explore meaningful solutions with our other partners in the state. I have discussed this issue with State Senator Tom Saxhaug and Congressman Rick Nolan who have both assured me they will encourage the administration to release tribal tax revenues. I am confident in our ability to identify a solution that will see Leech Lake's resources returned and our commerce undisturbed.

Human Services Infrastructure Projects – We are looking to move forward with an expansion to our chemical dependency services by creating a culturally relevant treatment facility near the Bena Community. District II Representative Steve White is working to identify suitable land for development. In the absence of a Human Services Director we have a contracted former Executive Director and tribal



Floor Plans for the Leech Lake tribal College Project.(LLTC image)

member Roger Aitken as a consultant to coordinate our Health and Human Service Consolidation efforts.

On November 9th 2012 I participated on a panel with elected officials from local Beltrami county local government, Minnesota's 9th judicial district, and both the Commissioners of Health and Human Services to discuss chemical abuse. Suboxin, a prescribed treatment used by the tribe to treat opiate addiction, was the subject of community criticisms. Local law enforcement and judicial officials expressed their concerns with prescription treatments finding their way onto the streets.

Both commissioners expressed little support for the treatment and made an effort to collect the concerns outlined by members of the panel and taken from comments in the audience.

I have been informed that Leech Lake operates our treatment services under stringent policies that result in patients traveling great distances to other clinics resulting in medications being brought back to the community. Our efforts to provide a quality service may soon be overshadowed by the lack of responsibility of others.

Economic Development – We continue exploring viable solutions to economic development. I was honored to represent Leech Lake at the Minnesota Indian Chamber of Commerce's recent awards banquet November 8th 2012. I was honored to present the evenings awards.

US Forest Service Relations – A working group comprised of tribal resource management, economic development, and legal representatives worked alongside agency representatives from the regional forester's office to develop a draft MOU to guide collaborative resource management. The MOU was recently presented to the Band for review. We look forward to collaborating with the forest service to create future opportunity for our tribal members.

Higher Education - Unfortunately, we were required to reschedule our meeting with Commissioner of Higher Education Larry Pogemiller and LLTC President Dr. Donald Day. However, I am pleased that we have the opportunity achieve more student involvement in a future meeting with the commissioner as classes will be in session.

We have tentatively scheduled this meeting to take place January 23rd 2012. I am looking forward to demonstrating the college's efforts to our state partners and encouraging future dialogue between the state and our tribal colleges.

In conclusion the second quarter proved to keep pace with the first, which is very encouraging. I would like to acknowledge the efforts that are undertaken daily by our program managers and department staff for the many other initiatives not included in this newsletter. I am pleased to provide our members with this update and look forward to a productive third quarter. Miigwetch!

Carri Jones, Chairwoman

DeBahJiMon
A monthly publication of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
4,300 published monthly.

Carri Jones **Chairwoman**
Donald "Mick" Finn **Secretary/Treasurer**
Robbie Howe..... **District I Representative**
Steve White..... **District II Representative**
LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks **District III Representative**

Chris Haugene..... **Managing Editor**
Ryan White **Graphic Design/Photography**

Phone: (218) 335-8225 • Fax: (218) 335-3660 • www.llojibwe.org

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE LEROY STAPLES-FAIRBANKS III



Mid year report from District 3

Boozhoo, I hope this report finds you well and everyone had a pleasant holiday season. I am pleased to provide this report and inform the people on the progress we have made in the first 6 months of my term. Highlighted are some things that we have worked on since July, but also following up on some of the work that was already in progress.

Social studies standards, Tribal College Library Project, Endowment-

I have long been aware of the need to make education a priority for our people. One of my first goals was not to simply talk about education being a priority, but to show it is a priority through action. We want to prioritize formal education, but in many different ways. Regardless of what school they attend, all of our children require and deserve a quality education. Therefore, it is important for the Band to work with all local educational institutions to ensure our voices and opinions are being heard for the benefit of our children. To take that a step further, we also want to make sure our children have equal opportunity to learn about who they are as Ojibwe people. The Minnesota Department of Education is currently in the process of amending its rules concerning social studies standards for public schools statewide. Included in the proposed standards is information about Ojibwe and Dakota culture, history, governance, sovereignty etc. On December 20th, 2012 there was an administrative law hearing on the adoption of the standards, and there were some opposing groups who feel the new standard is not "American enough". We at Leech Lake will provide extensive support for the new standard, and will provide additional information as this issue continues. We will work toward increasing the amount of Ojibwe culture, history and governance contained in these standards, but feel the proposed standards are, at a minimum, a step in the right direction.

One project I would like to highlight is the Tribal College Library and Archive Center. I would like to thank the staff members at the college who are helping to make this project come to fruition. I would also like to thank the Tribal Council for giving their support for allocating \$450,000 (including \$150,000 inkind) and supporting the reallocation of \$500,000 from the Shakopee Mndawaketon Sioux Community. This Center will be a beautiful place for community use, a nice addition to the Tribal College and will assist the Band in developing its archives for generations to come.

On December 14th, 2012 I presented the first installment of the \$50,000 pledge to an endowment at the Leech Lake Tribal College. Starting this endowment is something I discussed prior to getting into office. I had many conversations about how (our) people felt the Tribal Council salaries were too high when compared to the average income on this reservation. Presenting the check to the Tribal College was very important to me, mostly because it shows our students and the people of Leech Lake that if we are going to become a thriving reservation again, we must start to invest in ourselves.



Bush Foundation, Constitutional Reform-

The Tribal Council and leadership staff participated in an all-day session on January 8th, 2013 with the Native Nations Institute and Bush Foundation. Primarily this session focused on identifying the current status of Leech Lake and helped to get us started on re-developing our vision. Initiating and building this relationship will go a long way, as the Bush Foundation and the Native Nations Institute are potential resources for our work with strategic planning and constitutional reform. Additional work within the partnership will entail doing a GANN (Governance Analysis of

Native Nations) with the Tribal Council, leadership staff, and community members. It will assist us as a strategy tool in defining the direction of the band.

Constitutional Reform is a discussion that we all need to have on a more consistent basis, and more within our own families. Some may think this discussion is very simplistic, but in reality it is very complex. There is a buy-in piece from the people that needs to start right away for the Tribal Council to get the support moving forward. We can look to other tribes to see how their government and constitutional reform processes have been accomplished, but ultimately this is something that will be tailored to fit our people. In order to be successful, the people need to be the power that drives reform.

General assembly-

Constitutional reform is a long-term goal and we will continue to work towards reforming our structure. In the meantime and more immediately, the Tribal Council is exploring the possibility of creating a General Assembly as a way to increase communication among Band members and the Tribal Council, promote transparency and provide for a formal role for the people to play in the decision-making process outside of elections. The Tribal Council is reviewing a draft General Assembly Ordinance and will publish it for public comment and input in the near future. Under our current structure, creating a General Assembly will not be perfect, but we are looking



at taking steps toward reform incrementally, do what we can now while planning on making more significant changes down the road.

Land Acquisition (Cobell) –

On December 18, 2012 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Environmental/Lands Department participated in a call regarding the Department of Interior Buyback Program for Fractionalized Indian Lands. This program is a result of the Cobell settlement and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is going to participate in the program. The Program is only in the initial phases and there is a meeting scheduled Jan. 31, 2013 with the Department of Interior and the tribes in the Midwest Region.

The Program will have 1.9 billion dollars available for tribes to buy back fractionalized land interests and MCT will be eligible for an estimated \$20.9 million. Below are some details about the program:

- The buy back program will spend 90% of the buy back funds on 40 tribes.
- The buy back program has a goal of having most of the funds spent within the next 4 yrs.(Program will only be active on each reservation for a limited time.)
- Pilot reservations will be selected based on tribal commitment, location and capacity. (LLBO is in good position because we are currently purchasing allotment interests under our 2011 land acquisition/ consolidation plan)
- Estimated ceiling for MCT is over \$20 million

Tribes won't directly be receiving funds; under the program, the Department of Interior will purchase interests on behalf of the each tribe.

Assisted Living Project-

We have been working toward the development of an assisted living facility in the past years and we are continuing with the development plans. A facility of this nature is greatly needed for several reasons. First and most importantly is that it will give our elder population a place to go while staying at home (on Leech Lake). Secondly and also very important is the economic factor. It will provide jobs, but also add to Leech Lake's diversity and economic portfolio. Another facet of this project is that it will identify additional skill areas where we can work with our tribal college to implement a nursing program there.

Open Forums-

In an effort to improve communications between the Tribal Council and the people, we have set up monthly open forums (except months where there is a quarterly meeting). We have had 3 meetings, starting in September, and we have been to the Palace (Birch Room), Northern Lights Convention Center, and Prescott Community Center. I believe the meetings have been very productive, and covered many topics including Tribal Council spending, constitutional discussion, settlement dollars, blood quantum issues, land and plenty of other constructive discussion points. I truly believe that if the people are more informed (with more public opportunities than 4 times a year), there will be less assumptions, and ultimately less discontent for lack of information. Our hope is that people feel more comfortable attending and participating in these meetings which in turn will be more beneficial for the communities. There has been an average attendance of about 65 band members at each meeting and we hope to build upon that.



LeRoy's Open Forum at Palace Casino

Licensing Standards and Quality of Care-

Developing licensing standards for some of our programs is something that is greatly needed. We reap the benefit of having the ability to define the criteria of who can work with our people in certain areas, like some of our human services programs. While we have the authority to define the criteria, we need to keep in mind that we are setting the standards for the individuals who will be working vigorously to help heal and serve our people. When we set those standards, we need to raise the bar. We want qualified, responsible, professional, ethical individuals to be in these positions. Even though I am specifically addressing our human services programs, I believe these standards should start from the top with the Tribal Council. As we move forward in identifying our path to a new treatment center and added infrastructure for our health and human services programs, our primary goal needs to be "quality care". Some of these programs have the luxury of self-sustainability, because of the ability to third party bill, but we can't lose sight of the primary reason these programs exist, and that is to give "quality care" to help heal our people in need. Ultimately we need to ask ourselves how are we measuring success, and, in the area of human services, I firmly believe the measure of our success is in how many lives we positively impact, not how many dollars we raise.

Local Indian Council Summit-

On November 9th, 2012 the 1st Annual LIC Summit was held at the Northern Lights and it was an all-day event. We had Representatives from all the Local Indian Councils present. The purpose of the summit was to organize the LIC's to redefine what and who an LIC is. Going forward, one of the main goals is the revise and updates the bylaws which are outdated (from 1992). Several of the LIC's agreed that there needs to be a follow up of the goals that were comprised at the summit. Therefore, another Summit was scheduled for the spring. Both short term and long term goals were discussed. Short term goals were to improve the lines of communication between all LICs, with each other and with the Tribal Council, to give local problems closer attention (youth, elders, drug & alcohol abuse, etc). Long term goals are to revise the bylaws, and hopefully organize LIC elections so that they are running concurrent with Tribal Council elections (LICs within those districts) meaning they will be on the ballots. Through these goals our hope is to redefine all LIC's into actual representatives of our communities, and ultimately empower our people.



Breakout session at LIC Summit

Band member rebate for members under 18-

Since the inception of the annual \$200.00 tax rebate, 2012 was the first year that ALL band members have benefitted from the rebate. Putting money away for our children is another way we can help them as they develop into adulthood, when they have decided which college they want to attend and need that extra few dollars to help them "make it", it can make a difference for them. The annual rebate dollars will be put into trust accounts for the minors.

Uniformity of codes and laws-

The Tribal Council has tasked the Legal Department and the Tribal Court to work cooperatively on developing a uniform code of laws for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. This Code of laws will contain all ordinances and codes currently in place. The Code will be streamlined, organized and published for use by all Band members.

Subscribe to DeBahJiMon

This is a FREE subscription

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check one:

- New Subscription
- New Address: _____
- Remove From Mailing List

Mail to:

DeBahJiMon
6530 US Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III Mid year Report continued from page 5

Business Licensing-

The Band has had a Business Licensing Ordinance in place since 1977, but it has not been enforced in decades. The Legal Department is working with the Band's entities and the Tribal Council to revise the Business Licensing Ordinance and to develop a Vendor Licensing Ordinance. When these ordinances are in place, the monies from licensing fees would be earmarked for an Education Incentive Program for our students to award and incentivize educational achievement. This is a way for the Band to positively exercise its sovereign authority while actively investing in the education of our people.

Restorative Justice-

Currently the Band is exploring the possibility of expanding our Wellness Court to the Twin Cities area. Our award winning Wellness Court is known nationally for its work in Indian Country. Expanding services to the Twin Cities to assist Urban Band members is very important.

Another area the Band is exploring is the possibility of a reentry court in our Tribal Court. The Tribal Court and the Legal Department will work collaboratively on developing this program. It is in the early stages of exploration, but the goal is to provide direction and assistance to offenders who are released back onto the Reservation. The idea behind this program would be to utilize principles of restorative justice to work toward rehabilitating individuals as they reintegrate into the community.

District 3 Expenses-

The people have spoken loud and clear that they would like more transparency and would like to see the Tribal Council publish more information on our spending. In this report I will provide numbers ranging from application averages to gas vouchers.

The District 3 office averages 132 intake applications per month. The intake process consists of an interview (if possible), proper documentation check, research, determination, and follows up contact with constituent.

Here is a supplied breakdown of expenses and councilman travel.

- Gas assistance monthly average (July 2012-November 2012) – 53 vouchers and monthly average total, \$1381.65
- District 3 line item expenses (July 2012-December 2012) total people assisted were 152 and total amount spent \$36,232.81. This amount includes hotel assistance, but we did not get numbers for amount of people approved for hotel stays before the completion of this report.
- District 3 Representative travel- I traveled 8 times, all in state, for a total of \$2721.57.
- District 3 Representative credit card expenses (August 2012-December 2012) \$600.12.

In closing, I would like to say miigwech for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and provide this report. As we progress together your valued input will be greatly needed.

*Miigwech
District 3 Representative
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks*



**Big Winnie - Bena, MN
Off Denny's Resort follow signs
Saturday February 23, 10am -2pm**

**All Door Prizes will be awarded
during the contest starting at 11:00
90 plus Bikes and over 450 Toys**

Free to all area kids 16 years and under
are welcome to participate. Portable fishes houses are allowed.
Parent or Guardian must accompany children.

**Free Hot Dogs &
Pop for Everyone**

**Games, Raffles, Food, Door Prizes,
Drawings Trophies, and More Prizes**

**Biggest Fish Contest
Catch the biggest fish and win!
\$50.00 for each age group**

**Bait and Ice Holes provided.
Dress Warm!**

**Bring your Fishing Poles as there are
only a Limited Amount Available.**

Ages 0-5		
	Boys	Girls
1 st	\$75	\$75
2 nd	\$60	\$60
3 rd	\$50	\$50

Ages 6-11		
	Boys	Girls
1 st	\$100	\$100
2 nd	\$80	\$80
3 rd	\$60	\$60

Ages 12-16		
	Boys	Girls
1 st	\$125	\$125
2 nd	\$100	\$100
3 rd	\$75	\$75

For more information contact:

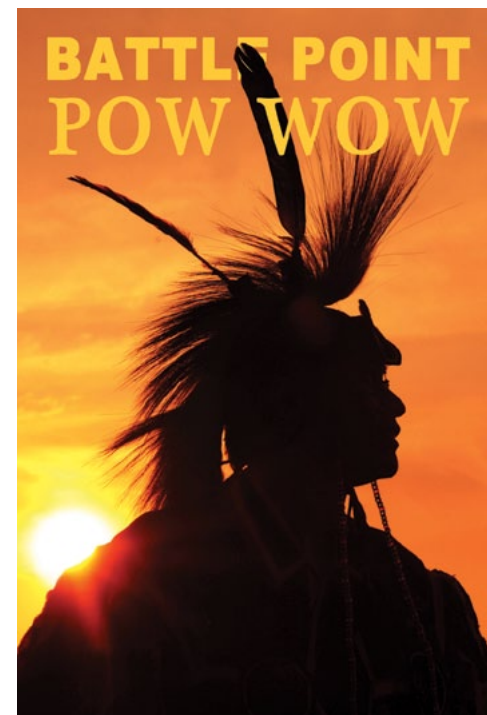
Jim Michaud 218-259-2402	Ken Washington 218-766-6064	Rory Haaland 218-760-7495	Brad Michaud 218-507-0721
-----------------------------	--------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------



**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
DISTRICT II
REPRESENTATIVE
STEVE WHITE**

Greetings, I am hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Since we last met in October the District II office has been working diligently on several projects. Since 2010 the District II office has been working on securing funding for improvements to the Boy River Bridge on CSAH 8, the Leech Lake Roads Department, Cass County and District II office have collaborated in lobbying efforts for funding for the Boy River Bridge project. We are pleased to inform you, the project has been awarded \$770,000 in Federal Grant funds and LLBO Tribal Roads has been able to secure the remaining funds in the amount of \$130,000. The project is scheduled to begin in July 2013.

In the month of October much planning for upcoming projects was done. The Quarterly Meeting was held at the New Sugar Point community center, it was nice to share the new facility with everyone in attendance. We are very pleased with this project and grateful for the opportunity to share it with everyone. Following the quarterly meeting we received comments and concerns on locating the community centers in the District II area; we are now working to place highway signs in the appropriate areas to assist in locating the three community centers in District II.



A calendar was developed displaying photos of the Battle Point Pow Wow 2012. Photos were taken by the DahBahJiMon Graphic Arts Designer Ryan White and these calendars are now available at the District II office.

The week of October 15th to the 19th District II Executive Assistant, Renee Gale attended the Blandin Leadership training to improve resources for the District II communities and to enhance the services available to constituents. Upon completion Renee will be eligible to apply for community improvement grants through Blandin for up to \$5,000; prior to her acceptance to the training a grant for \$1,000 was approved for the Sugar Point Community Center to enhance technology services available to the community members.

I attended the National Congress of American Indians 69th Annual Convention and Market Place October 21st, 2012 to October 26th, 2012. Over the course of six days, meetings and events focus on the rights and sovereignty of American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Throughout the week NCAI convened it's General Assembly, educational breakout sessions, and cultural celebrations, all with the purpose of engaging Indian Country in reconnecting with NCAI's original mission, to serve as the unified voice of Indian Country and protect the rights and sovereignty of tribal nations. One priority issue was bringing

Indian Country together in the Presidential Election. Leech Lake was well represented here and also did an excellent job being supportive and letting their voice be heard, I would like to thank all the band members that got out and voted.

On November 9th, 2012 the LIC Summit was hosted at Northern Lights Event center and was well attended. It was great to see the communities come together to discuss similar issues and begin improving the effectiveness of our LIC's. Mii-Gwetch to all of those in attendance.

The District II office would like to thank the Bena LIC and community members of Bena for hosting a Veteran's Dinner on November 10th. It was very well attended. All in attendance were pleased with the meal. I look forward to assisting with future community events such as this and will be supportive in securing funding for supporting these events.

The Leech Lake Early Childhood program opened the door to the New Sugar Point Headstart classroom on November 27th, 2012 and held an Open House on November 29th. The classroom is located in the new Sugar Point Community Center. This new headstart hosts a classroom of 18 students and employs 5 people.

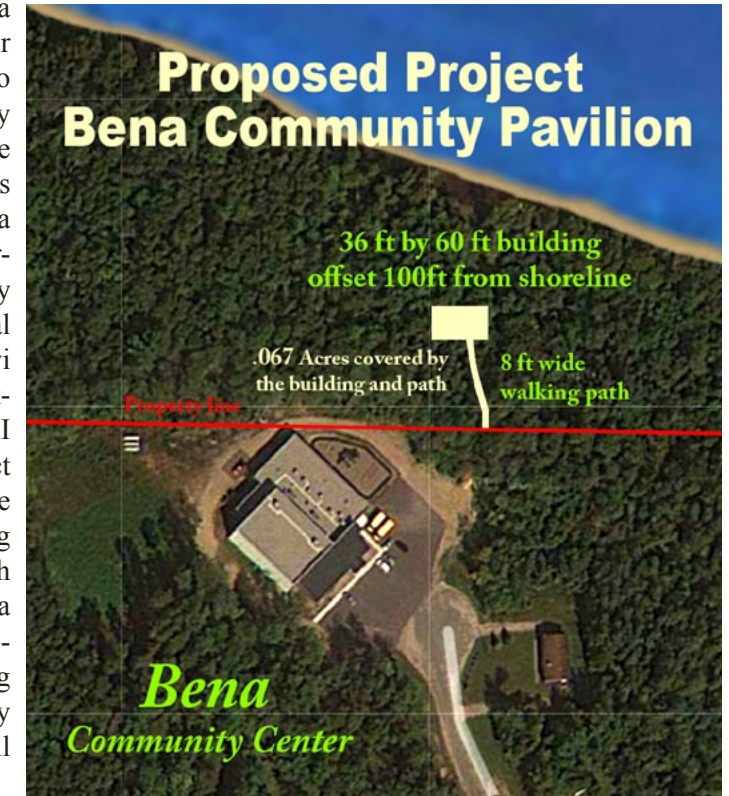
The District II office was instrumental in planning the Twin Cities Appreciation Dinner held on November 27th at the East Phillips Cultural and Recreational center. The menu consisted of many traditional foods. This was well attended by the Urban community a there were around 300 people in attendance and it was a great time to socialize and gather together.

December was very busy as well. Much planning went into the check distribution, Toy Drive, Christmas Parties in the communities and also office events. I would like to thank the employees that donated to this year's toy drive either monetarily or volunteering at the Toy giveaway. This year was a great success and many children were served.

I would also like to congratulate Leah Monroe, District II community member from the Sugar Point area on being supported by the Tribal Council to deliver Ojibwe Language to ALL students at Northland Community Schools. Mii-Gwetch to Leah and her staff for working so hard to expose all students to the Ojibwe language and culture.

On December 17th, 2012 Leech Lake DRM, Minnesota DNR, Chairwoman Carri Jones and myself met at the Bena Community center to discuss leasing prop-

erty between the Bena Community center and the lake shore to serve as a Community Pavilion to provide the residents and neighbors with a recreational area to host family gatherings and community events. Environmental Program Director, Levi Brown has been working with the District II office on this project since 2011 and we are in the process of coming to an agreement with the State of Minnesota on the lease of the property and are anticipating the Bena Community Pavilion project will begin in May 2013.



LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SECRETARY/TREASURER Donald “Mick” Finn



Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

Greetings to each Band member, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and happy holiday season. The cold of winter has come upon us with the recent ice storm and I urge everyone to practice caution in your daily activities.

As we start the New Year, many of us have made New Year’s Resolutions. One of my resolutions is to do a better job of consistently putting my reports in writing to you, our Band members. At quarterly meetings, I provide a financial

update, but I have not been submitting these reports in writing to our newspaper, the DeBahJiMon. Going forward, I will put my reports in writing to the people so everyone, including those who do not attend quarterly meetings, is aware of our financial condition and what my report entails.

One of the reasons I have been somewhat reluctant to place my reports in writing is because of a perception that I am doing things on my own. I want to stress that the Tribal Council is a team and we work together. This report is not about me or the Secretary/Treasurer’s office, but about the work that we as a Tribal Council and as a Tribal Government are doing together to serve all the people of this Reservation.

FINANCES

LLBO Budget

First, I’d like to provide an overview of our financial situation starting with our Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. December 31, 2012 closed out the second quarter of the Fiscal Year and in the aggregate, we are on track to meet budget. The General Fund budget of \$24.6 million has \$12 million of recorded expenditures. We have restricted (reserved) funds of \$3,141,000 from the Salazar settlement, \$1,500,000 from the powerline settlement, and an additional \$200,000 from the Nez Perz settlement.

We have also started working on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget so we are not approving the Budget after the Fiscal Year starts. According to the Band’s Budget Ordinance, all budget information is to be disclosed in public forums and opened up for discussion. These dates for the public forums will be determined in the near future.

Settlements

The Band currently has three different settlements that were recently distributed to the Band. As I discuss each of these settlements, please note that all settlement funds are currently in separate accounts (not the General Fund), and the Tribal Council is developing a process where the people can decide how these funds should be used.

The first settlement is the Nelson Act settlement for the Band. This is the 1/6 split, which totaled \$2,451,280. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the Nelson Act settlement and what it means for Leech Lake. The unfortunate reality is

we fought for our appropriate share of the settlement and lost due to the influence of other MCT Bands. We, along with the other five bands, accepted the settlement amount of \$20 million in 1999. Then, there was a mail-in ballot referendum on the issue where the voters accepted the settlement by a wide margin. The discussions and arguments since 1999 have been on the distribution of the settlement that we accepted. To go back now, more than 13 years later, and say we do not accept the settlement because we are unhappy with the distribution simply would not work. The Tribal Council drew down the settlement, but we are going to ask the people to decide how to use the money.

In December, the Tribal Council attempted to have the interest the MCT earned on the Nelson Act Settlement returned to the Bands. However, the resolution we presented at Legislative Subcommittee failed as only Leech Lake and White Earth supported it. However, it was an attempt by the Tribal Council to receive more funds under the Distribution Act passed by Congress.

The Band did receive \$76,029 from the MCT as repayment and interest on a loan from the Band to the MCT to litigate the Nelson Act Claims. The Tribal Council has supported placing these funds into an Education Incentive Fund to assist Band members seeking higher education. More details about this program will be forthcoming.

The second settlement we received is the Salazar settlement. The Salazar settlement is from a class action lawsuit Leech Lake joined that sought an accounting of the trust assets held by the Department of Interior for the benefit of the Band. The Salazar case is for Tribes as a whole what the Cobell case was for individuals. The Band received \$3.7 million in this Settlement. Again, how the funds are used will be decided by the people.

The final settlement the Band has received is the Power line settlement. This settlement totals \$1.5 million. The Band originally negotiated a much more lucrative deal. But we once again engaged in a losing fight and lost. We are fortunate that we were able to come out with this much in the end.

Taxes

The issue with our State Tax Agreement continues. The State continues to withhold 100% of the tobacco tax due to the Band under the Agreement. We have had constructive lobbying efforts through our elected officials including Congressman Rick Nolan to address this issue with the Governor and the Commissioner of Revenue. We are confident that some progress has been made thanks to the efforts of the Tribal Council and our elected officials.

LAND

One of my strongest priorities is our expanding our land base as land is one of our most important resources. The Band has a land acquisition policy in place where we can repurchase land over the course of time.

Fee to Trust

We are also working diligently on fee-to-trust issues. Due to a number of factors, the Band has not had a parcel successfully complete the fee-to-trust process in several years. The result is that the Band has to pay taxes assessed on fee land it owns to local and state taxing authorities, usually the County. I, along with staff from the Land and Legal Departments, met with the BIA Realty Office in October 2012 and again in January 2013. We have had fruitful discussions and now we have staff members working through the application process to ensure that we complete the appropriate follow-through. The fee-to-trust process is long and complex, but it is my sincere hope that we will have at least a couple parcels placed into trust within the next year.

Cobell Buy-Back Program

As part of the Cobell settlement, the Department of Interior will purchase

fractionated interests of trust land throughout Indian Country. There are trust allotment parcels of land throughout the U.S. that are owned by hundreds or even thousands of people; these lands are known as “fractionated” lands because so many people hold an interest in the title to the land. These fractionated lands came about through many generations of allotments passing to different heirs. Because so many individuals own an interest in these parcels, using the parcels has become too burdensome to manage when several hundred signatures are needed to obtain a majority of interest holders.

To address this problem, the Department of Interior will seek to buy fractionated interests in these allotment parcels so they can be used, leased and managed more appropriately. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is listed as one of the priority tribes under this Buy-Back Program. The Band is in a good position because we have a policy in place to purchase fractionated allotments. Going forward, there are still many questions to be answered, but the Band will be an active participant in all discussions and will work diligently to ensure that our fractionated parcels are manageable.

U.S. Forest Service Administrative Land Transfers

Our Division of Resource Management has been working on the issue of Administrative Land Transfers that took place years ago where the Department of Interior transferred trust land to the U.S. Forest Service for use in the Chippewa National Forest. We have identified the land that we lost this way and are working with Congress and federal agencies to address this situation. This is an on-going issue and I will have more to report as this new session of Congress gears up, but our early discussions with the federal lobbyist and Senator Franken’s office have been fruitful. I hope to have more progress to report on this front in the near future.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Rights

In December, I had the opportunity to attend the White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. One of my priorities in Washington was to address the issue of our water rights. Several years ago, the Band entered into a ROPES agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers, who manage the dams on

the Mississippi River watershed (this includes Power Dam, Knutson Dam, Winnie Dam, and Federal Dam as Leech Lake is part of the watershed). The goal we have is to protect and maintain our water rights going forward as our water levels have dropped. Like land, water is a precious resource and we want to ensure that our rights to it are protected.

Wolf hunting

In the fall, Minnesota held its first wolf hunt. This hunt represented a travesty in that the State did not communicate or consult with tribes in any meaningful way. The Minnesota DNR is planning another hunt this fall. We are planning to meet with the Commissioner of DNR as well as other State officials to ensure that the Band is consulted. We will work to stop the hunting of any wolves within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

White Oak and Inger Stores

For years the Band has discussed opening a gas station/convenience store in Inger and outside the White Oak Casino on the eastern edge of the Reservation. This is a key location as the stores would be on the eastern edge of the Reservation where we have little business development. Furthermore, there are no gas stations on the eastern end of the Reservation on the Highway 2 corridor; this means that the Band does not collect 50% of fuel taxes from gasoline. Opening these stores will provide jobs, revenue and extra tax dollars to the Band.

Separate Corporation

The Tribal Council has tasked the Economic Development Department to begin the process of separating our business operations from our government operations. This move will assist the Band as our businesses will be operated like businesses and not government programs.

Native 8A Certification

The Legal Department is working on obtaining Native 8A Certification for our Temporary Employment Program and Che-We Office Supply. Obtaining this certification will allow TEP to contract with the Chippewa National Forest for more services and bring added revenue into the Band. Certification for Che-We will allow the Office Supply to contract for products with the federal government, again increasing revenue and profitability to the Band.

This is my report to the people. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at (218) 335-8200. I practice an open door policy and enjoy hearing Band members’ ideas on how to improve our government. Miigwetch to you all and have a safe and Happy New Year!

Donald “Mick” Finn

January is National Radon Action Month Free Carbon Monoxide Detector available

In an effort to ensure Leech Lake Band members are aware and protected, we want to share this information and incentive to test your home.

Radon test kits are free and you can receive a Carbon Monoxide detector for testing your home.

Radon is the # 1 cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers in America killing 21,000 a year and rising.

Radon is an odorless, colorless, toxic gas that comes from the decay of radium in the soil beneath your home.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is a byproduct of the combustion of fuel oil, propane, gas, wood, etc... CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those made by cars and trucks, lanterns, stoves, gas ranges and home heating systems. CO can build up in areas that don't have a proper ventilation and thus you can be poisoned by breathing it and can cause sudden illness and death.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning can be: Headaches, Dizziness, Fatigue, Nausea, Vomiting, Chest pain, Confusion, Shortness of breath, and Loss of coordination. Don't ignore symptoms, especially if more than one person is affected.

Obama holds 4th Tribal Nations Conference

Tribal leaders flocked to Washington DC in early December of 2012 to attend President Obama's fourth Tribal Nations Conference, a gathering of over five hundred Tribal leaders from across the United States. Making good on a campaign promise to enhance the dialogue between tribal nations, this event has been underlined by the Tribal Law and Order Act, HEARTH Act, Affordable Care Act (which permanently authorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act), Violence Against Women Act, Recovery Act (expanding access to broadband in Native communities), an Executive Order President Obama signed in December 2011 (establishing the White House Initiative on American Indian Education) as well as numerous other regular meetings on American Indian issues and concerns.

Sovereignty, Self-determination, culture and economic issues have been the highlights of the gathering. The conference itself is a symbol of willingness on the part of the Obama administration to continue and foster the relationship between Indian country and the Federal Government.



Onondaga Tadodaho Sid Hill offered the opening greeting and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn

Paul Day Sworn in as Chief Judge, Leech Lake Tribal Court

On December 14, 2012, Paul Day was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Carri Jones, Chairwoman of the Tribal Council, administered the oath. Ms. Jones said Leech Lake is fortunate to have a Band member with Paul's experience in private industry as well as public service.

Paul Day graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978. In the past, Paul has been in private practice, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for District of Minnesota and worked in the Legal Department for Honeywell Inc. as Senior Counsel. Most recently, Paul was the Executive Director of the Anishinabe Legal Services, a program to provide legal services to low-income residents at the Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake reservations.

Paul comes from a large family. He is the eighth of fifteen children born to John and Gladys Day. As a youngster, Paul grew up hearing his elders speak Anishinabemowin, the language of the people. Today Paul is involved in language revitalization so the ceremonies given to the people for health and well-being can be available for future generations.



Native American Women Warriors member and U.S. Marine Sarah Baker of Camp Lejeune, pose for photographs with Members of the Navajo Code Talkers Association Bill Toledo, George James Jr., Peter MacDonald Sr. Marine and Marine Justin Fisher.



Donald "Mick" Finn, Kimberly Teehee, Lenny Fineday, and Eli Hunt



Holiday Toy Drive Thank You

The Gift of Love Christmas toy committee wishes to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all of those that helped with making our Christmas toy drive and give-away a huge and wonderful success!

A very special thank you to the Leech Lake Honor Guard for their generous support and donation. Once again they came through for the children. THANK YOU! Thanks goes out to the Leech Lake RBC, local Indian councils, Cass Lake Lions, Trinity Lutheran church women, KOJB radio, CLB school students and staff, W.E. local Indian council, ALC/B & G club for use of the gym as well. Also, the Leech Lake health division for being a sponsor of this event for our children and to all those who have made a contribution in this regard, thanks. The community opened their hearts and reaching out to a family less fortunate, you have brought joy and happiness to a child on this special day. You made it happen! With deepest appreciation and gratitude from the Gift of Love Committee. Thank you.

Ken Mitchell.





LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III, Carri Jones, Donald Mick Finn, Elaine Fleming, and Steve White



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School welcomed Sally Fineday, Congressman Rick Nolan, Security Manager John Parmeter and Minnesota House Rep. John Persells with a drum welcome. Submitted photo



Chief Bemidji Statue Submitted image

LLBO Donates to Chief Bemidji Statue Fund

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation is close to reaching it's goal to fund a new statue to stand at the Bemidji waterfront that commemorates Chief Bemidji. The statue that is being replaced is made of wood and is deteriorating.

The Chief Bemidji statue committee picked Gareth Curtiss, from Olympia Washington, to create and produce a full life-sized, half-bronze, sculpture of the American Indian leader. The finished sculpture will stand over nine feet tall including the base on which it stands. The current statue was carved by retired lumberjack Eric Boe.

Tax deductible donations can be made to "The Chief Bemidji Statue Project" fund at Northwest Minnesota Foundation. Secure online donation is available at www.nwmf.org, or checks can be sent to Chief Bemidji Statue Fund-NMF, 4225 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji, MN 56601.



Congressman Rick Nolan 8th District Victory Celebration in Duluth



Kyle Pemberton, Rick Nolan, and LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III.

Minnwaaajimo (Telling good news)

~from the desk of Cynthia Johnson, Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Superintendent

The return of Congressman Rick Nolan to Washington D.C. will give the students of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School a new voice who will lobby on their behalf. We can only hope that 2013 will bring positive change for children and families of Leech Lake.

On December 5, Congressman Nolan visited the school and saw for himself the need for a new high school facility.

Students organized a drum welcome for the group and they toured the main building as well as the Niigaane Immersion School located on campus.

The following weekend, Culture Director Bruce White accompanied students to the Congressional District #8 celebration in Duluth. Again, students provided a drum welcome and sang to honor Congressman Nolan. One of the students, Casey Smith, was invited to visit Washington D.C. as a guest of the Congressman, and he will be representing the school. We are all counting on Congressman Nolan to make the new high school a reality and to help provide the learning facility our students deserve.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School's Feature Teacher

The featured teacher this month is Amber Bellino. Amber is the K-12 art teacher and she also serves as the student council advisor. Amber grew up in Lake George and then attended and graduated from Bemidji State University with a degree in Art. She has two children ages 3 and 17 months and she enjoys reading, gardening, being outdoors. She enjoys volleyball and she follows the Vikings "because her husband does."

Amber's favorite quote is one she heard a long time ago and she doesn't know who said it. "We all need someone who inspires us to do better than we know how."



Following the ceremony, McKinley Kingbird welcomed Congressman Nolan to the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. Submitted photo

M N I N D I A N E S T A T E P L A N N I N G P R O J E C T



WILLS AND BASIC ESTATE PLANNING OFFICE HOURS

FEBRUARY 5th 10a.m. - 3p.m. at the Northwest Indian OIC

WHY: To help tribal members plan for and be in control of their future, land, income, assets, property and minor children
FREE! For tribal members—we will draft wills, power of attorneys, health care directives, etc., for FREE

Project staff will be available to meet with Band members to prepare wills or other estate planning documents. We will also be available to take information from Band members to get the estate planning process started. Watch for upcoming sessions and office hours.

Don't delay, call today: 651-739-9615 for appointment or visit www.Facebook.com/MinnesotaIndianEstatePlanningProject. Also visit: www.iltf.org for more information.

SWANSON, DROBNICK & TOUSEY P.C.

Attorneys at law



Call to make an appointment | phone: 651.739.9615 | fax: 651.731.6386
www.sdtlaw.com

Land Department Needs Call Backs from Band Members

County Road #33 or Mission Road project is reaching a point where the following individual Band members need to call the Leech Lake Land Department. Please call 800-442-3942 or 218-335-7414 for more information. We need your approval to proceed with completing this road project. Please contact our office as soon as possible. Miigwech.

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Richard Cunningham | Sandra Amy Headbird | Elizabeth M. Johnson |
| Dorothy Conklin | Sarah Agnes Headbird | James E. Johnson |
| Janice Conklin | Shari Arles Headbird | Brian Lagou Mr. |
| Jean Amy Dilts | Susan Headbird | Tammi J. Lagou |
| Gloria Marie Headbird Wind | Lorraine Headbird Huelett | Peter Raish, Jr. |
| Amanda Lynn Headbird | Sheryle L. Headbird Wark | Frank Raish Jr. |
| Charlee Kai Headbird | Endonnis J. Headbird Baird | Travis L. Raisch |
| Nylene Headbird | Randolph Lee Headbird Jr. | Robert Ridley III |
| Robert Ashley Headbird | Bertina Hjeltness | Nicole Antoinette White |

Endowment Fund Continued from pg1

full circle, literally pushing back against these cycles in a most concrete way.

As the announcement of the new scholarship fund has reached the community at large others have come forward with donations of their own or offers to start their own reserve fund and some have expressed that they would like to donate to the LeRoy Staples Sr. and LeRoy B. Fairbanks Endowment Fund, named for two family members who inspired and challenged our District III Representative from a young age.

Our culture puts an incredible amount of stock in circles and patterns that revolve and come back to a place where we find ourselves starting over and continuing forward, all at the same time. From the seasons, to the phases of the moon and even within the weeks and days we find ourselves in the midst of cycles of the circles of life. Unfortunately, there exists circles of bad behavior and negativity that some of us find ourselves fighting over and over again as well. However, it takes strength and sheer power of will and faith to break these patterns. It takes understanding and the vision to know that if you force change into the world that change will happen. It is within these ideas that I applaud Leech Lake's District III Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks with his latest effort in trying to help break the cycles of poverty and ignorance through giving.

Family Fun Night At the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 4-7 p.m

Family Conferences and fun for the kids.
Transportation and meal provided.
Call Carol at 218.665.3038 for information.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Member Survey Attention all Minnesota Chippewa Tribe members!!

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) will be conducting a survey to help us learn more about the blood quantum of MCT members and their descendants. We will use the information from this survey to determine what other tribal affiliations (non- MCT) exists within families of enrolled members. However, no enrollment criteria will be changed as the result of this survey – it is for information gathering purposes only.

Approximately 3000 enrolled MCT members will be invited to participate in this study using scientific random sampling – all MCT Band members eighteen (18) years of age and older have an equal chance of being selected to participate.

MCT hired Wilder Research to conduct this survey. We will start contacting MCT members in fall 2012. If you are invited, we hope you decide to participate. Your participation and accurate information are vital to the validity and success of this survey. With a completed survey, you will be entered into a drawing with other survey participants. If you are not selected to participate, but you would like to participate or learn more about the survey, you can visit www.mnchippewatribe.org.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please call Joel Smith, Special Projects Coordinator or Brian Brunelle, Director of Administration at (218) 335-8581.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-3682 • (218) 335-4418

Honorable Korey Wawassuck, Judge of Tribal Court

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Traffic Division

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:

- 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.
- You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:
 - Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
 - Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
 - Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
 - Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
 - 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.
 - Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Korey Wawassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: January 15, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Bowstring, Shanelle Rose	TR-10-185	No Driver's License	12/18/2010
Dalton, Hannah Lee	TR-10-130	Careless Driving; DAR/DAS	08/18/2010
Jones, Vydell Bernice	TR-11-108	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	09/03/2011

APPEARANCE DATE: January 15, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Fisher, Glen Bryan, Jr.	CN-06-21	Open Burning With a Permit	10/02/2006

APPEARANCE DATE: February 5, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Bobolink, Jean Marie	TR-12-05	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device	12/21/2011
Jones, William Clifford	TR-09-133	No Driver's License	07/27/2009

APPEARANCE DATE: February 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Kingbird, Nicole Rene	TR-10-42	DAR/DAS	04/03/2010
Archambault, Clarice Evelyn	TR-11-62	No Driver's License	08/28/2011
Armstrong, Donald D., Jr.	CN-11-25	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	09/01/2011
Beaulieu, Jesse Allen	CN-11-22	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	08/29/2011
Bebeau, Abigail Marie	TR-11-74	Depositing Non-Hazardous Material	09/15/2011
Brown, Byron Asiniabinooji	TR-11-64	DAR/DAS, Failure to Use a Seat Belt, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	09/01/2011
Butcher, Rhonda Lee	TR-12-31	DAR/DAS	03/13/2012
Clausen, Clayton John	TR-11-121	Open Bottle	12/01/2011
Dahl, Richard Lloyd	TR-11-120	DAR/DAS	12/01/2011

APPEARANCE DATE: March 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. (Continued)

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Headbird, Tina Marie	TR-12-56	DAR/DAS, Failure to Use a Seat Belt	04/08/2012
Howard, Lloyd Eugene, Sr.	CN-11-35	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	08/26/2011
Isham, Joseph Edward	TR-12-49	DAR/DAS, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	04/03/2012
Isham, Joseph Edward	TR-12-50	DAR/DAS	03/31/2012
Jones, Marc Geoffry	TR-12-27	DAR/DAS	01/12/2012
Kinchen, Anthony Scott	TR-12-36	Failure to Use a Seat Belt, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	04/04/2012
Morgan, Beau James	CN-11-33	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	08/26/2011
Munnell, Kari Ann	CN-11-31	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	08/26/2011
Nason, Eugene	CN-11-30	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours	08/26/2011
Ogema, Herschel John, Jr.	TR-12-37	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	04/04/2012
Raisch, Travis Lee	TR-11-12	DAR/DAS	02/02/2011
Raisch, Travis Lee	TR-11-59	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner	07/07/2011
Reese, Faith Marie	TR-11-97	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	10/15/2011
Rice, Cassandra Rae	TR-12-53	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device	04/14/2012
Rice, Jonathan James	TR-11-89	DAR/DAS	10/14/2011
Robinson, Nicholas Cody	TR-12-44	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	04/03/2012
Roper, Gahshi Marie	TR-11-113	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	12/08/2011
Sam-Thunder, Shanowa B.	TR-12-59	DAR/DAS	02/05/2012
Starr, Beverly Ann	TR-12-54	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	03/30/2012
Tiessen, Timothy Dale	TR-12-55	DAR/DAS	03/30/2012
White, Brandon James	TR-12-39	No Driver's License, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	04/02/2012
White, Daniel Charles	TR-11-90	Open Bottle	10/08/2011
Wilson, Joseph Dean, Jr.	TR-12-40	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	04/02/2012
Wilson, Marisa Gayle	TR-11-103	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device	12/01/2011
Wind, Levi George	TR-11-96	DAR/DAS, Open Bottle	10/15/2011

Civil Division

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority,	Plaintiff,	vs.	Charlene A. Mitchell,	Defendant.	NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION CASE NO. CV-12-35

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 22, 2012, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court alleging a breach of Lease Agreement. A Default Hearing will commence on **February 8, 2013, at 1:30 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 eviction against you, the defendant.

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, the defendant, fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Judgment and Eviction. If you, the plaintiff, fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may dismiss this matter.

DATED: November 15, 2012. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

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.

/s/ Patricia Pizzala, Court Administrator.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 7, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Brown, Bernard Douglas, Jr.	TR-11-78	DAR/DAS	10/28/2011
Headbird, Ashley Olivia	TR-11-51	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	05/16/2011
Isham, Kelly Rae	TR-11-42	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	06/08/2011
McArthur, Wakinyan W.	TR-11-15	DAR/DAS	01/07/2011
Pemberton, Jarred Allen	TR-11-77	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	10/15/2011

APPEARANCE DATE: March 5, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge	Date
Armstrong, Kayla Francis	TR-12-100	DAR/DAS, Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	08/06/2012
Beaulieu, Bonnie Marie	TR-12-65	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	05/23/2012
Carmona, Emerejirdo D.	TR-12-105	DAR/DAS	08/22/2012
Hare, Kymberly Marie	TR-12-102	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device, DAR/DAS	08/22/2012
Headbird, Charlee Kai	TR-12-04	Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Driving	12/21/2011
Headbird, Donald Lavern	TR-12-114	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	08/22/2012
Headbird, Jesse Michael	TR-12-116	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance	08/22/2012
Howard, Eugene Paul	TR-12-82	DAR/DAS	03/24/2012
Madigan, Cynthia Ellis	TR-12-113	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit	07/11/2012

Othoudt, Clayton, Sr.	TR-12-96	Failure to Use a Seat Belt or Child Restraint Device (4 Counts)	06/12/2012
Pemberton, Savannah L.	TR-12-103	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	08/20/2012
Reese, Faith Marie	TR-12-109	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over the Limit	07/14/2012

Rivers, Rockelle Sydney	TR-12-112	No Driver's License	12/02/2011
Ross-Jones, Vanessa B.	TR-12-21	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device (2 Counts)	02/23/2012

Standingcloud, Gina Rose	TR-12-99	DAR/DAS, Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device (3 Counts)	07/26/2012
Taylor, Clinton Lavern	TR-12-106	DAR/DAS	07/27/2012
White, William Joseph	TR-12-115	Failure to Use a Seat Belt	08/22/2012
Johnston, Pauline Anne	TR-12-104	Failure to Use a Seat Belt or Child Restraint Device	02/20/2012

Family Division

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

YOU, THE RESPONDENTS LISTED BELOW, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a State Court Order Establishing Child Support has been registered with the Leech Lake Tribal Court. If you wish to contest the registration of the Foreign Child Support Order against you, you must request a hearing within twenty (20) days following the final publication of this notice. Your deadline to request a hearing is **February 15, 2012**. You may contact the Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program located at 222 Second Street, Cass Lake, Minnesota, 218-339-5640, to obtain a form to request that hearing.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that this Order will be enforced unless you file your objection with the Tribal Court.

If you do not wish to contest the validity or enforcement of the Registration of Foreign Order and Petition for Affirmative Relief, you do not need to take any action. The Leech Lake Band will continue to withhold your wages in the same manner as your wages have been withheld in the past.

DATED: November 14, 2012 /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

Respondent	Case No.	Respondent	Case No.
Archambault, Mikeal	FA-12-224	Keezer, Gary	FA-12-137
Belcourt, Richard K.	FA-12-495	LaRose, Noo-Din E.	FA-12-245
		Littlewolf, Rueben	FA-12-334
Dunn, Adrian, Sr.	FA-12-456	Losh, Duane	FA-12-331
Earth, David	FA-12-386	Losh, Duane	FA-12-331
Erickson, Lance	FA-12-374	McDougall, Christian	FA-12-234
Fairbanks, John H.	FA-12-216	Monroe, Dennis	FA-12-491
Hardy, Delainey	FA-12-454	Moose, Marvin	FA-12-319
Hunt, Jage	FA-12-346	Rushman, Angela	FA-12-205
Hurd, April	FA-12-123	Rushman, Cheyenne	FA-12-277
Jackson, Dana	FA-12-212	Sherman, Matthew	FA-12-452
Jackson, Dana	FA-12-214	Therriault, Lucas A.	FA-12-278
Jones, Aaron J.	FA-12-429	Thorne, Myron Lee	FA-12-037
Jones, James G., Sr.	FA-12-209	White, Raleigh	FA-12-355
Keezer, Gary	FA-12-207	Williams, Shiloh	FA-12-267

Family Division

Leech Lake Child Support Enforcement Program by Assignment of	vs.	SUMMONS & NOTICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACTION Case No. FA-12-514
Loren Lyons, Jr.,		
MerriAnn Whiteeyes,		

YOU, RESPONDENT MERRIANN WHITEYES, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Judge of this Court for an Initial Hearing on **February 21, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.**, in the Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, then and there to answer to and defend against the Petition for Adjudication and Establishment of Paternity, Establishment of Child Support and Income Withholding filed with the undersigned Clerk of Tribal Court.

You are notified that judgment by default may be taken against you unless you file with the Tribal Court an Answer and appear for the Initial Hearing at the date, time and place specified above.

DATED: November 14, 2012. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.



Ojibwe Service

Ken Johnson
Entrepreneur
218-335-9846

422 Basswood Ave, NW Cass Lake, MN 56633

Family Division

In Re the Marriage of:
Sheryl Ann Hill, Petitioner,
and
Gary Eugene Keezer, Respondent.

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION
CASE NO. FA-12-461

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above named has filed a legal action against you, Gary Eugene Keezer, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, upper level, on or before January 14, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: September 27, 2012. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Job Summary

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 18th, 2013

A&D Outpatient Driver ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-012
Licensed Practical Nurse ~ Opioid Treatment ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-011
Security Guard ~ Opioid Treatment ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-010
Receptionist ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-009
Sports & Recreation Coordinator-Dist. III ~ Youth ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-008
FT Shift Worker/Custodian ~ Facilities Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-007
Technician-Men's Halfway House ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-006
Youth Activities Coordinator-Oak Pnt/Wilkinson ~ Youth ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-005
Sports & Recreation Coordinator-Dist. II ~ Youth ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-004
Infant/Toddler Teacher-Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-003
Lead Cook-Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-002
Registered Dietitian ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-148C

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JANUARY 11th, 2013

Part-time Driver-A&D Outpatient ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-199
CD Counselor-A&D Outpatient ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-198
Narcotics Investigator ~ Leech Lake Tribal Police ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-197
Diabetes Clinic RN ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-194
2 Cooks ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-161B
Custodian-Sugar Point ~ Facilities Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-142B
Special Needs Teacher Assistant ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-167B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Controller ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-110B
WIC CPA ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-173
Human Services Director ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-156
RN-Maternal Child Health ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-132B
Health Division Director ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-107B
RN Homecare ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 11-192
Social Worker EW/AC Program Manager ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 11-128

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$9.00/hr ~ Job Code: 12-001
Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$9.00/hr ~ Job Code: 12-000

Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Tribal Clinics

Ball Club Clinic 30995 Arctic Drive Deer River, MN 56636 (218) 246-2394 Phone (218) 246-8695 Fax Monday-Friday 10am-4pm Medical Provider 5 days a week.	Bena Clinic (218) 665-5303 Phone (218) 665-5304 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Proiver Monday & Tuesday only.	Onigum Clinic (218) 547-0521 Phone (218) 547-0522 Fax Please call for availabiltiy.
Bemidji Clinic 705 5th Street, Suite D Bemidji, MN 56601 (218) 444-7186 Phone (218) 444-2460 Fax Mon - Thurs 10am - 4pm Friday - walk-ins a.m. only Medical Provider 4 days a week.	Inger Clinic 53736 County Road 146 Deer River, MN 56601 (218) 659-2764 Phone (218) 659-2625 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Provider 4 days a week.	Nest Clinic 6055 161st Street NW Cass Lake, MN 56633 (218) 335-8315 Phone (218) 335-4578 Fax Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm Medical Proiver 3 days a week.

LLBO WIC FOR January 2013

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe WIC Program will be holding WIC clinics for the month of December as follows:

WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only

8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Monday: January 7, 14, and 28
Tuesday: January 8, 15, 22 and 29
Wednesday: January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Friday: January 4, 11, 18 and 25

WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS

1st Thursday, January 3rd – **Onigum Community Ctr.** Appointments 10am – 12pm
2nd Thursday, January 10th – **Inger Clinic** Appointments 10am – 2pm
3rd Thursday, January 17th – **Ball Club Community Ctr.** Appointments 10am – 3pm
4th Thursday, January 24th – **Bena Clinic** Appointments 10am – 12pm

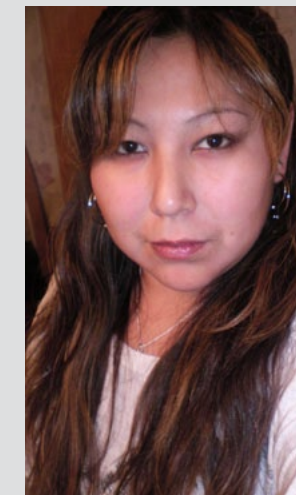
If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call 218-335-8386 or 1-866-289-5995. In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Professional Office Space Available

One to four person office space across From Western Bank Cass Lake. Some furniture Available if desired. Based on space Needed, rent varies from \$550-\$650 per month

Call Larry Refsland at Western Bank (218) 335-4131

Congratulations Karen L. Tuttle.



I would like to submit a congratulations to my daughters achievement in college.

Recent graduate: Karen Tuttle graduated from Walden University with her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology on December 2, 2012. She has been accepted into the Master's program with Walden University and is currently a student for Mental Health Counseling with a specialization in Forensic Counseling. Karen is the daughter of band member Harriet Martin and Fond Du Lac band member Bill Tuttle. Congratulations Karen L. Tuttle.

Harriet Martin

Honoring & Celebrating District I Elders (62 and over)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
Lewis Bowstring
Marc Grauman
Francis Grauman
Hope Thompson
James Wilson

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!

District I office
Robbie, Penny, & Sarah

A special Happy Birthday to Robert "Johnny" Mitchell, his birthdate was wrong on our database 10-14-1922

Cass Lake-Bena Independent School District #115 Board of Education 2013

Rick Haaland, Chairperson
P.O. Box 781 Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 308-0441 (c)
E-mail: oldbenaboy@yahoo.com

Steve Howard, Vice-Chairperson
48349 309th Ave. Laporte, MN 56461
Telephone: 987-6000 (h)
E-mail: steve@thehowards.com

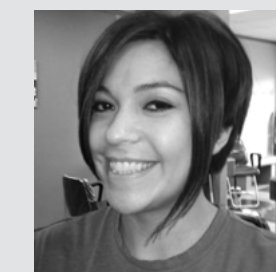
Beth Norenberg, Clerk
522 Lyle Chisholm Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 335-6657 (h)
E-mail: dbjc@midco.net

Terri Vail, Treasurer
16134 65th Ave NW Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 308-4959
E-mail: tmvail@live.com

Jolyn Donnell, Director
P.O. Box 115 Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 751-6619 (w)
E-mail: jolyndonnell@yahoo.com

Sherry Palmer, Director
P.O. Box 1152 Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 308-4164
E-mail: sherry.palmer52@gmail.com

Jennie Reyes, Director
P.O. Box 143 Cass Lake, MN 56633
Telephone: 556-8628
E-mail: biggirl200510@yahoo.com



Come See me Katie Guthrie for a new look Kut N Style

Paul Bunyan Dr NW Bemidji
Appointment Necessary #444-3310

Northwest Indian OIC



CNA Training

Sign Up Now For Classes in December
Sign up will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. Only the 1st 15 will go through training.

Qualifications for CNA Training: HS/GED graduate, No Felonies or No Charges Pending, Background checks will be completed, Driver's License or State Issued ID Strong Commitment

Wednesday Night Drum @ the Northwest Indian OIC 5:30pm – 7pm

You are welcomed to bring a dish to share or just come & enjoy a refreshment.

GED TUTORING & GED PRE-TESTING

Monday through Friday 2pm-4pm

We pay for testing if you are in the NWIOIC Job Placement Program

GED Testing Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Every month

GED Testing Location: 201 15th Ave. NW Bemidji, MN 56601 (located SE Corner of 15th & Beltrami)

For More Information Please Contact: Northwest Indian OIC

520 4th St. NW Bemidji, MN 56601
218.759.2022 www.nwioic.org
We are located in the BLUE building on the corner of Mississippi Ave and 4th St., south of the Post Office)

Leech Lake Tribal College Job Opening Open Until Filled

Position Title: Accounts Receivable Clerk

Primary Function: Perform professional accounting duties including the examination, analysis, maintenance, reconciliation and verification of financial records; and performs related work as required.

Requirements: Associate's or Bachelor's degree in accounting or business preferred. 1-3 years accounts receivable and general accounting experience desired; equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Position Title: Student Development & Enrollment Administrative Assistant

Primary Function: Provide operational and administrative support to the Office of Student Development and Enrollment.

Requirements: Requires a minimum of 2-3 years business or office experience, as well as at least two years of college (AA degree), or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Visit our website at www.lltc.edu for more information. Send LLTC application and resumé to: Human Resources Director, Leech Lake Tribal College, PO Box 180 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone 218-335-4289

Ball Club LIC Election Notice

All enrolled Leech Lake Band Members who reside within the Ball Club area, 30 days prior to the election and who are at least 18 years of age shall be eligible to hold office /vote at the Ball Club Local Indian Council elections per Organizational By-laws of the Local Indian Councils, Article IV.

Vacant Positions

Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Secretary/Treasurer
Elder Representative ~ age 62 and over (2) Community Representative

Youth Representative will be appointed by the newly elected Local Indian Council. Elections will be held at the Lone Eagle Community Center in Ball Club, Minnesota on February 6, 2013 beginning at 6:00 pm. The regular monthly meeting of the Ball Club Local Indian Council will be held at 7:00 pm on February 6, 2013 following the elections.



Obituaries



Clifford George Howard, Jr.
“Awishtoyaa”

Clifford George Howard, Jr. “Awishtoyaa” which means Blacksmith, 62, of Boy River, began his spiritual journey on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at the St. Joseph’s Hospital in Park Rapids, MN.

Clifford enjoyed hunting, netting and harvesting. He appreciated the natural world and spent time outdoor as much as he could. Clifford spent time fixing, painting and renovating his home and always kept busy with odd jobs. He was a wonderful cook who loved preparing meals for his family and friends. He loved being a grandpa and was raising his special grandson Elijah. Clifford would spend as much time with all his grandchildren as possible.

He was born on January 25, 1950 in Winnebago, NE the son of Clifford and Shirley Howard.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Wayne Howard and John Howard, one sister; Christine Howard.

He is survived by his significant other; Myrna Whitebird of Boy River, son; Jason (Coree Sargent) Swan of Cass Lake, daughters; Willow (Michael Reyes Sr.) Howard of Cass Lake, Kate Whitebird of Boy River, Elise (Richard Dahl) Howard of Bena, and Amelia Howard of Boy River, brothers; Loren Howard of Cass Lake, sisters; Mary Howard of Minneapolis, Vikki Howard of Bemidji, and Lorie Howard of Cass Lake, 12 grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Clifford will

begin at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012 and continue until the 10:00 a.m. service on Thursday, December 12, all at the New Battle Point Community Center. Spiritual leader will be Steve Jackson. Pallbearers for Clifford will be; Kenneth Whitebird, Loren Howard, L.J. Howard, Jr., Jason Swan, Ervin Swan, Michael Reyes and Richard Dahl. Honorary pallbearers will be all his grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com



Darrin Charles Losh,
“NIIGABOW”

Darrin Charles Losh, “NIIGABOW”, which means “Four Standing”, 43, of Bena, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at his home. He was born on May 27, 1969 in Chicago, IL, the son of Leonard Losh and Gladys Sherman.

Darrin liked being at the casino, sitting outside with his friends and visiting. He enjoyed dancing, music, watching videos, canoeing, sitting around bon fires, going for rides and being around all his great nieces and nephews.

Darrin was preceded in death by two aunts; Leota Luskey and Gloria Wright, paternal and maternal grandparents.

He is survived by his father Leonard (Marolyn) Losh of Cass Lake, mother Gladys Sherman of Bemidji, sons; Lorin Allen Losh and significant other Jessica Robinson of Bena, Joshua Leonard Losh of Bena, brother; Duane (Wanda Bebeau) Losh of Bena, two sisters; Kelly Losh of Bena and Linda Losh

of Alaska, baby granddaughter Laila Allena Losh.

A wake service for Darrin will begin at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, December 20, 2012 and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Saturday, December 22 all at the Bena Community Center. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Levi Losh, Derek Gould, Alex Gould, Joe Munnell, Perry Sherman and Keevin Losh. Honorary pallbearers will be his sisters and brother. Interment will be held in the Lakeview Cemetery at Bena following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Gloria Jean Partridge

Gloria Jean Partridge age 68 of Cass Lake, MN began her spiritual journey on Monday October 29th, 2012 surrounded by her family. Gloria was born to Clarence Partridge and Julia (Sherman/Partridge) Cutting on June 22nd, 1944 at the Cass Lake IHS Hospital. She lived at Winnie Dam until she was 9 years old. By age 11 she had found her way to Helen and Lloyd Gilmer and grew up on Pokegama Lake in Grand Rapids, MN. She attended and graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1962 and just attended her 50th reunion. She went on to achieving her goal of getting her LPN nursing degree at Bethesda School of Nursing in Crookston, there she met her husband William G. Riewer. Together they had three children and settled down in Wadena, MN. After raising her children, she followed them to the cities but only for a few years until she had the opportunity to move closer to the relatives she so longed to be with on the Leech Lake Reservation. That was fifteen years ago! She lived in Deer River for several years before moving to Onigum with her daughter then finally to Cass Lake where she was born (A full circle.) It always amazed us how she knew who we were related to and how. She remembered everyone’s name, birthday or special events. Her smile was



Gilbert Joseph Starr,
“Mush-Ka-Waush”

Gilbert Joseph Starr, “Mush-Ka-Waush”, which means “Strong Wind”, 73, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Cass Lake Hospital. He was born on April 18, 1939 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Albert Sr. and Rose (Kickum) Starr.

Gilbert really enjoyed horse-shoes often participating in leagues. He has attended several state competitions and has gone to the World Horseshoe Pitching Championships. Whenever he would attend Gilbert would always succeed in placing in his category. He was well known and respected by all who knew him and always approached with a warm welcome. In his younger years Gilbert bowled and was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved being in the outdoors. Gilbert spoke fluent Ojibwe. Gilbert was employed for the Leech Lake Reservation for 40 plus years working in many different positions. Gilbert was

very kind, never had a bad word to say about anyone. He was always there for anyone who needed help. Gilbert was very dedicated to his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed going to the casinos, often times visiting with friends and listening to old country.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents; Albert and Rose Starr, brothers; Albert Jr., and Leonard Pete Starr, grandson; Byron Northbird, one son in-law; Louis “Acey” Northbird, aunts; Susan and Catherine and one uncle Dan.

He is survived by his wife; Marilyn Littlewolf, sons; Marvin Littlewolf and Gilbert (Lena) Littlewolf, Jr., daughters; Sandra Littlewolf, Sharon (Russell, Sr.) Northbird and Cathy (Mike) Northbird, brother; James Starr, sister; Anna Mae Starr all of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Brandon, Brittany, Kevin, Ashton, Erik, Russell, Jr., Kristie, Ashley, Nicole, Nichelle, Gilbert, Jr. and Deelia, two great grandchildren Scott, Jr. and Haylee. Very special sister in-law Mary Bellanger, many other friends and relatives.

A wake service for Gilbert will begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 29, 2012 and continue until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service, on Saturday, December 1, 2012 all at the Veteran’s Memorial Building at Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Gilbert will be; Dave Wittner, Rick Lego, Wilfred Korpela, Pete Raish, Jr., Fred McDougall, Jacob Fuller, and Ray Jenkins, Sr. Alternates will be, Larry Starr, Michael Howard and Russell Northbird, Sr. Honorary pallbearers will be, Mert Lego, Richard Burnett, Earl Erion, Rich Robinson, Jr., Jim Jones, Sr., Alfred “Tig” Pemberton, Joseph “Joe” Holstein, Fred Teal, Roger Teal, Dave Yates, Mel Stoa, Ira Johnson, Al Robinson, Dave “Chief” Morgan, Wayne LaDuke, James Whipple, Donald “Mick” Finn, Hildi Bogda, Weedy Masten, Sue Robinson, Judy Harper and Suzanne Erion. Interment will be held at the Chippewa Bible Church Cemetery rural Cass Lake, MN.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com



Donald Lee Bellanger

Donald Lee Bellanger, 64, of Cass Lake, MN, started his

journey ahead of his loved ones peacefully on Saturday, December 1, 2012 in Minneapolis. He was born on December 29, 1947 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Edward and Irene (Wilson) Bellanger.

Donald thrived on working with the youth for over forty years and enjoyed coaching basket ball and taking care of them every opportunity he could. He would always try to teach the kids values and respect. He would take his kids all over the United States to get them different experiences. In his younger years he was an exceptional basketball player himself. Donald was very motivated and lived his life to the fullest. He enjoyed being with his family especially his grandchildren.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, brothers; Benjamin Bellanger and Michael (Bellanger) Wilson, sister; Mary Jane (Wilson) Medrono, special son; Dwayne Lee McFarlane (Bellanger).

He is survived by his significant one; Alvera Reyes, sons; Chris, Clyde, Steven, and Brent Reyes all of Cass Lake, sisters; Beverly Starr, Shirley Stiyer and Darlene (Harding) Bellanger all of Cass Lake, brother; Kenneth Bellanger of Cass Lake, significant granddaughters; Renae Bellanger and Waabigwan Reyes, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Donald will begin at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 4, 2012 and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Thursday, December 6 all at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers for Donald will be Jeremy Ince, Darrell Johnson, Sr., Tom Fairbanks, Shiloh White and Michael Reyes. Honorary pallbearers will be Henry “Crock” Harper, Blaine Freeman, Harold “Z-Man” Graves, Darrell McFarlane, Donald Cook, Buckwheat

Graves and Leech Lake Hoopsters. Interment will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service at the Vet’s building.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com



TERRY “TR” LEE ROBINSON

Terry “TR” Lee Robinson, 56, of Cass Lake, Minnesota lost

his battle with cancer and passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at his home.

Terry was born September 4, 1956 in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Richard and Gladys (Bobolink) Robinson, Sr. He lived a short time in Montana and then returned to Cass Lake where he has remained his entire life. Terry worked various jobs including being employed at the casino in maintenance.

Terry enjoyed trips to the casino, visits from friends, playing chess and cribbage, and reading and doing word puzzles. He was a die-hard Vikings fan, even in the losing seasons. Above all Terry loved his family, and looked forward to spending time with his grandchildren. He will be missed.

Terry is survived by Judith Fairbanks, sons; Ronald Shabaiash, Chris Shabaiash, Byron (Shanowa) Garbow, Terry (Rikki) Robinson, Jr., Charlie Bongo, daughters; Judee (Benjamin) Garbow, Amber (Travis) Fairbanks, brothers; Richard (Valerie) Jr., Martin “Mutt” (Lila), Larry “Weiner” (Helen), sisters; Kelly (Tony) and Sue, twelve grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gladys and Richard Robinson, two sons; Zach and Skye, sister Bonnie, and aunts Doege and Babe.

The wake for Terry will begin Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake and run until 1:00 pm service time on Monday, January 7, 2013 with Father

George Ross officiating. Interment will be in the Chippewa Bible Church Cemetery. The Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake assisted the family in making service arrangements. Share on-line condolences at www.dennisfuneralhome.com



Mary Jane Fairbanks

Mary Jane Fairbanks, 96 formerly of Cass Lake MN, was currently living in Brighton, MI.

She was a member of Leech Lake Reservation in Cass Lake MN., passed away on December 7th, 2012, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Born in Onigum, MN on August 15, 1916 to Susan (Allen) and Albert Howard. Her daughter, Suzanne Wilkoff, preceded her in death 11/11/2006.

She is survived by her children, John O. Fairbanks of Cass Lake MN, Patricia Rubio of West Bloomfield, MI and David (Jan) Fairbanks of Brighton, MI.

Twelve grand children: Dale, Vickie, Patrick, Anthony, Michael, Kathleen, Teri, Phillip, Simone, Nicole, Andre' and Dessiree.

Thirteen great grand children: John, Courtney, Erin, Lucas, Tristen, Christopher, Ryland, Averi, Josie, Zofia, Landen, Carolina and Derek.

Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com