U.S. Attorney, Thomas Heffelfinger, Visits Leech Lake

National Priorities

United States Attorney, Thomas Heffelfinger, came to Cass Lake to meet with Leech Lake Tribal officials on January 20, 2004. Heffelfinger addressed the Tribal Council members and began with telling them that the U.S. has 5 national priorities that the nation, as a whole, is most concerned with.

The first and foremost national concern in the eyes of all Americans is the safety of the United States – homeland security. As we all know, since 9/11 the nation has remained on alert for potential terrorism acts.

Secondly, Heffelfinger stated he would like to address violence and crime in Indian country, “violent crime” being the nation’s second national concern. He stated that the chance of being a victim of crime on an Indian Reservation is two and a half times greater than off reservation. He also reported the following statistics. The crime rate is 54% higher for Native Americans than blacks. Domestic abuse crime is up amongst Native American women and children in the U.S. Drug abuse, gang activity and gun use has grown 10 times nationwide in the last 10 years.

Indian gaming concerns is third among national priorities according to Heffelfinger. In 2003, all Native Gaming organizations produced a revenue of 14.5 billion dollars. Heffelfinger reported that he is in support of the National Indian U.S. Attorney/Page 3

Leech Lake Tribal Police Safe and Sober Statistics

Recently, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department (LLTPD) had participated in the federally funded Safe and Sober campaigns. The campaigns are intended to promote traffic and vehicle safety. The LLTPD in conjunction with the Cass County Sheriff’s Department worked together to strictly enforce vehicle equipment and moving violations. For example, if a vehicle is missing proper equipment or if the headlights, tail lights are not working properly, the subject vehicle shall be subject to being stopped. This shall also apply to speeding, driving conduct, etc. More citizens are killed in the State of Minnesota due to traffic fatalities than all other deaths combined, except for natural causes. The main goal of the Safe and Sober campaign is to promote safety within the community, and let the citizens know that they are responsible for their own actions and the condition

News Briefs

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Receives a Visit from the Raptor Center

A representative from the Raptor Center in St. Paul came and gave students at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School a presentation on raptor birds. She brought in three different breeds of birds: a falcon, a red tailed hawk and an eagle. Her presentation was very informative and the students were impressed when she brought the birds out of their cages. The presentation ended with may interesting questions and answers.

Health Book for Native American Women

The Native American Women’s Health Education Resource Center has released a new book, Indigenous Women’s Health Book, Within the Sacred Circle, in a landmark effort to assist Native American women in developing self-advocacy skills to become active participants in managing their own health. Indigenous Women’s Health Book, Within the Sacred Circle provides guidance in both Western and Indigenous health approaches to specifically address Native American women’s health needs.

Topics covered range from traditional midwifery, pregnancy, the politics of reproductive health, contraception, domestic violence, barriers to Indigenous women’s healthcare, health effects of environmental contamination, traditional herbs and remedies, Native American nutrition and weight loss, smoking, alcohol, drug abuse, and much more. Written by a group of compassionate Indigenous women, activists, health experts, and health care providers, this pioneering book discusses both physical and mental health issues from a variety of perspectives. For more information on this book, please visit www.nativeshop.org or contact Charon Aestoyer at (605) 487-7072.

Eagle Lodge Transitional Center Holds Grand Opening

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Eagle Lodge held their Grand opening on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The Eagle Lodge is located at 6216 Upper Cass Frontage Road NW in Cass Lake. Eagle Lodge will provide temporary assistance for homeless families living on the Leech Lake Reservation. The Eagle Lodge has been undergoing a four-month long period of renovations to complete an old hotel establishment into suitable apartment units. The Eagle Lodge personnel are processing intake applications for those interested individuals in need of temporary housing.

The Eagle Lodge will have 7 family rooms, 20 single rooms, 2 handicap rooms, resource center (in progress), kitchen, and family room (in progress).

The Eagle Lodge staff will be assisting those individual that are temporarily displaced with alternative opportunities in searching and

Eagle Lodge/Page 3
The Election Calendar 2004 provides the dates for various election-related events and procedures. Here is a summary of the key dates:

- **04/07/04**: Deadline for appointment of Election Boards and Judges.
- **04/12/04**: Notice of Certification to TEC.
- **04/16/04**: Deadline for Request for Recount.
- **04/19/04**: Notice of Regular Election.
- **04/25/04**: Opening of period for filing for office.
- **05/06/04**: Deadline for Contest of Primary election.
- **05/09/04**: Notice of Rejection for Candidate for Regular Election.
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- **05/10/04**: Notice of Regular Election.
- **06/07/04**: Deadline for Notice of Contest.
- **06/07/04**: Deadline for Contest of Primary election.
- **06/08/04**: Notice of Regular Election.
- **06/08/04**: General Election board certifies results of election.
- **06/16/04**: Notice of Regular Election.
- **06/16/04**: General Election board certifies results of election.
- **06/16/04**: Notice of Regular Election.
- **06/25/04**: Close of filing period.
- **06/28/04**: Notice of Certification to TEC.
- **06/28/04**: Notice of Primary Election From TEC to RTCs.
- **06/28/04**: Notice of Primary Election From TEC to RTCs.
- **06/28/04**: Close of filing period.
- **07/05/04**: Deadline for Appeal to Tribal Court of Election Appeals.
- **07/07/04**: Deadline for deciding the complaint of the Vacant RTC seat.

In addition to these dates, the page includes an announcement for a Request for Proposals for Tribal Court Contracts for Tribal Court, Tribal Labor, and Tribal Prosecution.

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The text also mentions an upcoming event: **04/03/04**: Last day to establish residency on reservation and district. This is a significant date for those seeking to qualify for voting in the upcoming elections.

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**Gaming Commission (NIGC)** provides important updates on gaming regulations and enforcement. Notably, the NIGC states that "Race is a relevant factor." This statement is crucial as it highlights the importance of diversity and equity in the gaming industry.

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The page concludes with a note about **Eagle Lodge Page 1** and mentions that "Eagle Lodge personnel will be conducting a lottery for a limited amount of tickets." This is likely related to a fundraising event or a similar initiative to support the lodge.

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The Closing Notice is also included, reminding readers to keep the upcoming election dates in mind and to make necessary preparations accordingly.
The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCACED) is proud to announce its 18th Annual National Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Business Trade Fair (RES 2004) to be held February 9 – 12, 2004, at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The new toll-free number for NCACED is 1-888-ART-FAEKE (1-888-278-3233) to request consumer protection services.

Indian Arts and Crafts Board Introduces Toll-Free Number

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, announces a toll-free telephone number for inquiries and complaints related to Native American arts and crafts. The new service will begin under the National Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (the Public Law).

This is a true-cut-down-the-line, unaltered, tip-down-the-line phone for Native American arts and crafts products and artists. The toll-free number will be the same universally available through the Internet at www.iacb.doi.gov and the telephone at 1-888-ART-FAEKE (1-888-278-3233) to request consumer protection services.

The IACB is a leader in promoting tribal government economic development, loans and grants. In FY 2003, the IACB approved $2.2 million in loans and grants to 21 tribes, including the Portage Band of Potawatomi.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Donates $2 Million

A dually unit, housing relocation, substance abuse treatment, medical research, college scholarships, and family support programs are just a few of the dollars donated to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe this past year. The Bois Forte Band of Cree (Minnesota) received $775,979 to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe (South Dakota), for upgrades to their tribal schools including water lines, $480,000 to the Turtle Mountain Tribal Authority for a housing relocation, $15,039 to the Yankton Sioux Tribe (South Dakota) for a dually unit, and $49,440 to the Wastacott Education and Social Services Development, which has its national headquarters in San Francisco.

The SMSC, a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Prior Lake, Minnesota, has donated more than $3 million over the last six years to charitable organizations and Indian Tribes.

The SMSC is a lead economic development, tourist and entertainment destination, which fosters cultural values and provides services to both tribal and non-tribal businesses. The SMSC has donated more than $3 million over the last six years to charitable organizations and Indian Tribes.

Jim Hanko, President & CEO of North Country Health Services, serves a check for $2,500 on behalf of Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The amount was used for ongoing programming expenses in 2004.

Corporate America and the federal government – all with an interest in networking with American Indian suppliers and contractors. "I enjoy RES because of the synergy created with hundreds of Indian businesses and qualified buyers under one roof - at one time," said Hanko.

Economic Summit conference is organized annually by the National Development for American Indian Enterprise Development, which has its national headquarters in San Francisco.

For more NCAI-related business, visit NCACED’s website at www.iacb.doi.gov, or call 1-888-278-3233 for information on RES 2004 registration and conference information. or call the RES 2004 Hotline at: (800) 462-2433 Ext. 243.
Leech Lake Native, Frank Bowstring, Joins Forces Overseas.

By Peter Gordon

Although forty year old Frank Bowstring has not yet been identified of a victim of EOD work or sending him, he does know that he will be doing his duty of paying for his oversights in March of this year. He will first report to the Reserve Center in Brainerd on the 27th day, where he will spend a few weeks preparing for his deployment. As of this writing, Frank says, “I could be sent anywhere in the gulf area during this time period.”

Currently, Frank belongs to Company A 367 Engineers of the Army Reserve, and has been a member of the Reserves for the past 13 years. Frank’s job in the military will require him to do bomb disposal evacuation and demolition duties. He will also be operating heavy excavation and demolition equipment on an airfield as well as helping rebuild the towns that surround his duty station.

Frank and his wife Toni reside in Cass Lake with their children, Jenna, 17, Megan, 14, Bethany, 13, Joshua, 11, and Jillian 8. Frank is the son of Inger, Minnesota and was brought up in Inger, Minnesota.

Minnesota’s Indian Bands Bringing Back Banishment

Renee Ruble, Associated Press

For generations the Noland clan, from her modest blue homes nationally. As some Tribes seek more Minnesota…’It has a great deal of respect for community, as a recent release. It also is the reason for evicting Yvonne Hillaire said, ‘Just by being Native American Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe is also the reason for evicting Yvonne Noland, 46, the matriline of the one generation to the next. The clan of the concentrated efforts, etc. The weekend. These efforts will be concentrated on impaired driving. The LLTPD during the 2003 year has concentrated its efforts on guns, gams and drugs. The following statistics show the results of the concentrated efforts, etc.

L to R: Megan, Jenna, Toni, Frank, Josh, Jillian, in the front, Beth and fam-

MDH Joins National Effort to Alert Families to Dangers of Radon

Renee Ruble

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a major effort to inform Americans about the dangers of radon exposure and the need to identify and fix radon problems in their homes. In Minnesota, the MDH Radon Action Month, MDH and its partners are conducting radon awareness events and testing throughout the state.

North Star Radon Action Month kicked off in January with a presidential message from the White House asking Americans to take preventative action on this health risk. In Minnesota, events will conclude with a free home improvement show at the 2004 Home and Garden Show in Minneapolis.

Radon is a real public health hazard,” Dorschner said, "but it has a straightforward solution: Test your home and take action, if necessary, to keep radon out!"

For more information on radon, radon testing, and testing, and mitigation, call MDH at 651-215-0909 or 1-800-798-9050 or visit (www.mndot.mn.gov/health/)

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The cold winter months bring an increase in the number of infants who die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) or accidental death from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health. During colder months, parents often place their infants on soft bedding or on extra blankets. The cold winter months bring an increase in the number of infants who die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). In addition, do not place anything on the back of your baby to help control blood sugar levels. As they become more sedentary, they are at risk for diabetes: • Among all those in whom diabetes is diagnosed before age 40, women will lose an average of 2.5 years of life and 18.6 years of quality life, and will women lose an average of 14.3 years of life and 22.2 years of quality life as a result of the disease. • The reason for this frightening prediction is all too obvious: Americans are too fat and too inactive. The incidence of diabetes has increased significantly over the past several years. An estimated 18 million Americans have diabetes (more than 90 percent of them type 2), with about a third of them unaware of their disorder and its potentially serious consequences. About 16 million of these people are overweight or obese and are on their way to developing the condition. The incidence of diabetes has been rising in recent years. Among adults, the prevalence rose 40 percent in the 1990s, from 4.9 percent to 6.9 percent of adults. The incidence of diabetes increases with age. The risk of diabetes increases with age. The incidence of diabetes among children has also risen. The incidence among children and young adults increased 14 percent over the last decade. • The incidence of diabetes among children and young adults increased 14 percent over the last decade. Help Support Breast Cancer The makers of M&M candies has teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to raise funds through the sale of their new “pink & white” M&M candies. The 18-ounce bag contains the M&M candies sold in stores nationwide – you can buy a bag and help save lives! For more information, visit americansAgainstCancer.org, or call (301) 443-6197. For grants information, visit edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-食补的安全性、营养和作用。
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Participates in Arctic Transact 2004

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School will be one of the pilot schools that will be participating in the following of the Arctic Transact 2004. The Middle School students will be interacting with the explorers as they travel from Yellowknife across the Nunavut area in the Arctic. The Arctic Transact is an educational exploration of Nunavut to explore and document climate changing effects of the most unique and threatened environments in the Arctic. John Parmeter was invited to the Will Steger base camp several times since August, to acquire information on the 300 page curriculum that can be used by students and staff with out any charge and to exchange ideas with the explorers. On November 12, 2004, Paul Parmert (team leader) presented a program on what the Arctic Transact expedition will be like. Paul instructed the students in the use of the equipment, clothes and skis dogs. Paul Parmert and John Parmeter will be exploring how they can communicate with the explorers and talk to students from the Inuit Culture. The Middle School has been preparing lesson plans to allow the students to see what it would be like to travel in the Arctic climate. The students will try to track the explorers as they travel across the Arctic on the web site www.PolarHockey.com. The members of the expedition will be Will Steger, Paul Parmert, Mike Porštál, Eric Steger, Paul Pregont, and Hugh Dale Harris.

Anishinabe Arts Grant Writing Workshop

Next Grant Deadline: March 10, 2004

Anishinabe Arts Grant Writing workshop

February 12, 2004

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Leech Lake Business Corporation

6280 Upper Cass Road, NW

Cass Lake, MN

Assistance will include (at no charge):

- Step-by-step instructions on filling out the grant application
- Tips and samples of successful grants

Answers to your questions

The purpose of the Anishinabe Arts Initiative (AAI) is to promote traditional and contemporary arts in the region.

There are three categories of AAI grants available:

- Individual Artists Grants
- School Residence Grants
- Community Project Grants

Contact: Terri Widman, Region 2 Arts Council Executive Director, 218-751-4557 or 1-800-275-5447

www.r2arts.org

Delina White, Cultural Arts & Tourism Director, 218-335-4245

Region 2 Arts Council Grant Application Deadlines

Applications are available for the R2AC grants listed below. Please pay particular attention to the application deadlines.

- Service Learning Projects Grants may be requested to help any Service-Learning nonprofit, for-profit, or non-profit organization create or produce an arts project or event. Deadline: November 15, 2003.

- Individual Artists Grants may be requested by individuals for assistance with projects that will enhance their professional development or growth. Deadline: February 11, 2004.

Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants may be requested by individual Native American artists, by schools that wish to engage the talents of an artist-in-residence, by organizations for community project grants. Deadline: March 10, 2004.

Please note that term "arts" refers to music, creative writing, visual art, dance, drama, art education, and other forms of creative expression.

To request an application form, write or have an interested in writing, the Leech Lake Facility Center Gym in Cass Lake, MN.

If you are a Leech Lake Band Member who has an interest in writing, the DeBahJiMon would like to publish your work. Creative writing, such as poetry and short stories, as well as non-fiction, such as news stories and feature articles are welcome. Send your work via e-mail to:

DeBahJiMon@gmail.com

Or at least that’s my plan,

To give positive advice and be a drug free man! Then maybe someday, we’ll all be drug free again!

Our Expression of Thanks

Gina M. Papasodora, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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And to personally thank all of the tribal members that took the time to fill out the survey. Those who committed services upon approval, we will strive to provide them for the Band to benefit its members in the near future.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Awarded Learn & Serve America Grant

Corporation for National & Community Service

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School has recently been awarded the Learn & Serve America Grant by organizations for community project grants. Deadline: March 10, 2004.

We offered gift baskets as an incentive to individuals that filled out the survey and the names that were drawn are as follows: Leah Vasques, Chuck Grass, Eric Steger, Ton Johnson, and Terri Johnson (pictured).

Due to the overwhelming support for these beneficial services upon approval, we will strive to provide them for the Band to benefit its members in the near future.

If you have questions, please call the MN Department of Education – Office of Indian Education, Roseville, MN at 651-582-8831 or 1-800-657-3927.

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DeBahJiMon newspaper is seeking elders to feature in a column titled “Elders Chair.” If you know an elder who would be interested in being featured, you may contact them or, if you are the elder who would be kind enough to share your story, please call with the following contact information:

(218) 335-8222
You can also e-mail us at: Ripaper@paulbunyan.net
The DeBahJiMon would be more than happy to meet the elder(s) for an interview.

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February 2004

Elders Chair: Leroy Fairbanks Enjoys Life Showing Cattle and Horses
By Patsy Gordon

Family Life
After being together for over thirty years, Leroy Fairbanks and his partner in life, Mary, decided to make it a done deal and tie the knot. In July of just last year, they got married. Leroy and Mary had no biological children together, but, from previous marriages, they have 6 children, each having three of their own. Mary had a son, a daughter and a little boy, Leroy had two boys and one girl. These children have a total of 15 grand children, and 3 great grandchildren.

Together they raised Erica, an adopted daughter, who today is 21 years old and is the name of her own named Angelo. When I entered the ranch house, I could hear 15 month old Angelo, screaming from the little boy, screaming from the room, while Leroy says Angelo started his “terrible two’s” early, and then he told me about how Angelo’s new toy was a kite out of butcher paper, old fish buckets he had picked up, and borrowed clothes line, and he thought they would see the kite was sturdily enough to hold a cat. So, they caught the cat and tied him in to the kite and sent him into the air. The boys thought, ‘hmmm, let’s try flying a kid in there?’ But before they could send him up into the air, Leroy said, ‘his mother caught us anyway!’

Leroy also enjoyed sports and being athletic as a young boy. He was a well-built, coal black baseball and football team as a high school student.

Growing Up
Some of Leroy’s fondest memories of growing up is when the family got their first radio when he was about 15 or 16 years old. He also remembers the family home finally being equipped with electricity around this time too. Before that, he and his family used kerosene lamps for light, a wood stove and an air tight heater in their living room for heat. He recalls having to haul the wood and water in to the house. He said, “It would get so cold in the house in the winter time, that the water bucket would freeze up.”

Growing up in the winter time, that the family had no indoor plumbing, so they had to use an outside latrine.

Playing a trick on Leroy and his friends while they were playing outside, a neighbor told them that if they dug a hole in the ground straight through which you thought a water bucket would sit, two to 3 feet down, you would be able to make it to some pretty hard work and gave Leroy. He says, “We decided since we couldn’t speak Chinese anyway, there was no use going there.”

After successfully building a box kite out of butcher paper, old fish buckets and borrowed clothes line, he and his friends thought they would see the kite was sturdily enough to hold a cat. So, they caught the cat and tied him in to the kite and sent him into the air. The boys thought, “hmmm, let’s try flying a kid in there?” But before they could send him up into the air, Leroy said, “his mother caught us anyway!”

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During the time of raising his horses and cattle and teaching men the trade, (which you would read about later) Leroy went back to school and graduated from college when he was 60 years old. He started at the Metro Community College in Minneapolis and finished up at Bemidji State University where he received his associate degree in general education degree at the Boys Vocational/Trade High School in Minneapolis.

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Northern Lights Casino and Convention Center Debt Consolidation / Loan Restructuring

The debt consolidation/loan restructuring project did not happen overnight. The consolidation of the Northern Lights Casino loans (Senior Loan and Sub-Loan) and the Hotel and Convention Center loans (Facility A and B), from 1999 and 2002, was a process that required five months of negotiations and meetings, with the Leech Lake Tribal Council, the Leech Lake Gaming Director and Controller, Business Corporation staff and Steve Erickson, of the Marshall Group Inc. to finalize.

The terms of the four old loans entered in the years 2001 and 2002, by the Current Tribal Council, and former Council were the following:

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Disadvantages of Old Loans:

• High monthly payments.
• Prepayment penalty.
• Many covenants and restrictions on the management of our gaming funds.
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Advantages of the Restructured Loan:

• No pre-payment penalty.
• Current debt consolidation loan locked in at extremely low interest rates for a 7/1/2010 and then will increase to $390,004 until 10/1/23.

Terms and Conditions of New Restructured Loan:

Monthly payments are $356,928 for the 15 years cited above.

The auditor determined which might be charged to prevent the creation of new balances. The projections report provided a response to our inquiry about the 2001 report states that travel balances are being researched. Old balances will be referred to the Tribal Council for decision about collection efforts and means, and new travel advances are anticipated to be closely monitored to prevent the creation of new balances. The progress report provided a response to our inquiry about the 2001 report states that the Band has reconciled its travel advances and strengthened its travel advances policies and enforcement of these policies. The Band is also awaiting a Tribal Council directive regarding the status of "old" outstanding balances. This status should be determined in the next module as a response to our inquiry about this report. We consider the finding resolved.

Finding 02-7 (Outstanding Receivables from Members)

We consider the finding corrected.

Finding 02-8 (Inventory)

The auditor found that there were large outstanding balances in its inventory, tribal member loans, and tribal referral loans, with a large offsetting allowance for doubtful accounts. This was determined to be a MATERIAL WEAKNESS. It is also a recurring finding (01-7, 00-7) and was determined to be a MATERIAL WEAKNESS in 2001 and 2000. The auditor recommended that the Band return all outstanding balances owed to it and either attempt to collect it the following year or write off any remaining balances. Finding 02-8 (Inventory) was determined to be a MATERIAL WEAKNESS. We consider the finding corrected.

The Band's correction plan states that it will implement its new software on October 1, 2001 and data will be completely converted by June 30, 2003. The Band's progress report plan states that travel balances are being researched. Old balances will be referred to the Tribal Council for decision about collection efforts and means, and new travel advances are anticipated to be closely monitored to prevent the creation of new balances. The progress report provided a response to our inquiry about the 2001 report states that the Band has reconciled its travel advances and strengthened its travel advances policies and enforcement of these policies. The Band is also awaiting a Tribal Council directive regarding the status of "old" outstanding balances. This status should be determined in the next module as a response to our inquiry about this report. We consider the finding corrected.

Finding 02-9 (Accounts Payable)

We consider the finding corrected.

Finding 02-10 (Accounting Software)

The auditor found that the Band's accounting software package was not designed for fund accounting and its reports, and that the Band's needs, because it does not provide a subsidary back up for grants receivable and deferred revenue in the special revenue funds. The Band's correction plan states that it will implement its new software on October 1, 2001 and data will be completely converted by June 30, 2003. The Band continues its efforts to fully implement and use its new fund accounting software package. The Band's correction plan states that it implemented its new software on October 1, 2001 and data will be completely converted by June 30, 2003. The Band's progress report plan states that travel balances are being researched. Old balances will be referred to the Tribal Council for decision about collection efforts and means, and new travel advances are anticipated to be closely monitored to prevent the creation of new balances. The progress report provided a response to our inquiry about the 2001 report states that the Band has reconciled its travel advances and strengthened its travel advances policies and enforcement of these policies. The Band is also awaiting a Tribal Council directive regarding the status of "old" outstanding balances. This status should be determined in the next module as a response to our inquiry about this report. We consider the finding corrected.

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Finding 02-11 (Bank Reconciliation)

The auditor found that due to/du to from other funds not being adjusted in a timely manner, until well after year-end. This is a recurring finding (01-5, 00-5).

The auditor recommended that these accounts be reconciled and that the reconciliation be timely. The Band's correction plan states that these accounts will be reconciled at June 30, 2003. In response to our inquiry about the 2001 report, the Band indicated that during fiscal year 2003 these accounts were reconciled at the end of the third and fourth quarters, and that these accounts were reconciled quarterly. We consider the finding corrected.
The auditor found that supporting programs on this finding. The requirements. The finding resolved and could it may recur in the 2003 report. Finding 02-19 (Closed Checks) The auditor found that outstanding checks were incorrectly voided after the cut-off date. This was a recurring finding (01-15). The auditor recommended that outstanding checks be reviewed monthly and timely entries made to void checks. The Band's correction plan states that it is now doing this. We consider the finding resolved with corrections underway. Finding 02-14 (Bank Reconciliations) The auditor found that certain bank reconciliations were not reflected in the general ledger and reconciliation reports. As a result, the corrected balance is reflected in the general ledger balance. The Band's correction plan states that the reconciling items will be resolved more timely in the future and at the end of the fiscal year 2003 (June 30, 2003) there will be no remaining reconciling items. We consider the finding corrected. Finding 02-15 (Uninsured Deposits) The auditor found that the Band does not keep insured deposits at its bank and it is not in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. A bank is only required to maintain a reserve for uninsured deposits on the 20th day of the month following the end of any calendar month. The Band's correction plan states that all deposits will be insured or have adequate pledged collateral. The Band's correction plan states that it received pledged securities and a surety bond for covering deposits in excess of FDIC insurance from the bank. We consider the finding resolved with corrections underway. Finding 02-16 (Financial Reports) The auditor found that the financial reports that the Band prepared for the two previous years were not submitted to the Band's independent HHS program. This is a recurring finding (01-14). We consider the finding resolved with corrections underway. The auditor recommended that all required reporting be completed and submitted as per the Band's correction plan. Finding 02-17 (Headstart Observations) The auditor found that there was no required documentation. The Band's correction plan described its revised Headstart Program procedures. We have no comment on the finding. Prior Year Finding 01-11 (Poll Governance Expenditures) The auditor found that federal refund calculations were not made before the Maintenance Agreement (MA) was closed and the required reporting be completed and submitted as per the Band's correction plan. Finding 02-18 (Indian School Equalization Program) The auditor found that required documentation was not implemented. The Band's response to our observation states that required documentation and reports are now accomplished on a semester basis. We have no comment on the finding. Observation (Use of Federal Funds) We had observed that the cash balances did not exceed the cash liabilities in the funds that were designated on page 22 and requested that the Band provide documentation of the contract for the Special Revenue Fund, would be submitted to the Auditor and reported to the Board of Directors of the Band's 2003 audit report. Based on the above, we recommend that you review this 2002 audit report be closed.

NCAI State of Nations Address Presented by NCAI President Tex G. Hall, National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

Dasha. Welcome leaders of the United States, members of the press, and friends of Indian country – my greetings and thanks to you for joining us today as the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convenes its annual address on the State of the Nation to tribal leaders.

This morning, my colleagues and I watched as the nine justices of the United States Supreme Court argued the case did not exceed the cash liabilities in the funds that were designated on page 22 and requested that the Band provide documentation of the contract for the Special Revenue Fund, would be submitted to the Auditor and reported to the Board of Directors of the Band's 2003 audit report. Based on the above, we recommend that you review this 2002 audit report be closed.
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February 2004

We are proud citizens in these United States of America. We are patriots who have fought and been injured for our country, and who have armed forces in greater numbers per capita than any other racial or ethnic group. In the current conflict in Iraq, I want to particularly raise up the contribution of Lori Piestewa, a young woman of Hopi-Dineh descent, who served in the United States Army as a Ranger in Henry Shinelden Eagle Hawk of the Cheyenne River Oyate Tribe, who was killed in action defending the lives – their lives, their futures, their dreams – in battle for this country. I want to applaud the efforts of my own tribe Delmar Crows Breast, the Lakota Nation, for providing emergency service in Iraq, when he was grossly injured.

I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq – know that you are heroes. Know that your children are counting on your safe return.

Our contributions have been great from the first days of this nation’s history through today. Yet as I attended the State of the Union Address last night, I was told that our nation’s health and safety in Indian Country is being grossly disregarded.

I call upon Congress and the Administration to fully fund the Indian Health Service, to address the epidemic of diabetes among the American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The federal government runs only two school systems: the Department of Defense school system, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs school system.

We need a national commitment to tribal nations as just as important as rebuilding Iraq or revisiting the moon. Tribal nations are sovereign nations, and make this nation’s commitment to the First Americans a priority in the budget process.

We need to support our current and future leaders in Washington better understand the important role that Tribal Nations play in our nation’s fabric. I want to share some stories of how contemporary governments are exercising their sovereignty to improve the lives of all people living in Indian Country.

This funding is particularly important in light of the current debate on infrastructure development – or bringing it to a functional level that infrastructural development can go a long way toward facilitating the safety in Indian Country.

While states spend an average of $4,000 to $5,000 per mile for road maintenance, the federal government spends only $500 per mile for all Indian Country.

Because of this lack of funding, only 33 percent of roads in Indian Country are paved, a full quarter of the bridges on tribal lands are structurally deficient, and 72 percent of the roads in Indian Country are officially rated as “poor.”

Because of these hazards, the Indian Health Service has found that the rates of vehicular-related deaths on tribal roads is 400% of the national average. This is the leading killer of Native youth.

Last month, a tragic accident claimed the life of Jonathan James, one of the most energetic and promising youth leaders, Brandon James Eagle.

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month in every tribe in this nation, there is a devastating loss to families as a result of vehicle deaths. This fully preventable crisis requires that we all take immediate action to end this tragic loss.

Transportation Development and safe infrastructure is one aspect of governance that is absolutely critical in our communities. With reauthorization of this nation’s federal transportation fund to move forward now before Congress, it is of life and importance to us as tribal leaders to be addressed in this process.

Tribes are funding innovative ways to fund their roads and transit. Several tribes in southern California are issuing governmental bonds to fund road programs. Several tribes in Alaska have joined together to pool their resources to use one amount of money they receive.

Tribes such as the Salish-Kootenai Band of Chippewa Indians in Montana and the Kiowa Tribe in Oklahoma have loaned their tribes with their states to share road funds and to build public transit programs.

We will continue to work together and with states to identify the funding needs of all tribes, but we also expect Congress to work with us from federal government to end the terrible shortfalls in our tribes’ transportation needs.  

Trust Reform

Finally, I want to touch upon another issue of critical importance to tribes in the U.S. today – securing meaningful reform of the badly mismanaged trust accounts by the federal government for individual tribes and their members.

The history of this issue is extensive, and in essence, the U.S. government appointed itself as tribes’ resource manager many generations ago – and ever since, they’ve been losing sacred trust.

Today, the system is such a mess that a recent federal government study suggested that billions of dollars that belong to individual Indian people are being mismanaged by the federal government.

The trust management processes within the federal government has just been turned over to many tribes, who moved forward a plan to reorganize trust funds and to get this important information was before them.

NCAI has called upon the Department of the Interior to implement this ill-conceived reorganization and work with tribes to ensure a reorganization that will be more responsive to local needs. We do not need another top-heavy bureaucracy. Yet the Department has ignored our call.

The Department of the Interior and the Congress and the Administration are moving forward with a new trust reorganization so we can do this right the first time. We should not waste taxpayer dollars to write an extension that is bound to fail.

In my region of the Great Plains, we graze cattle. In the Northwest, we work in the woods. In the Southwest, we work in the resource management functions for trees and cows are different.

We need trust management that is flexible and responsive to the very unique circumstances of these trust funds.

We need to redirect dollars to the local BIA functions that are necessary to meet the Department’s trust responsibilities.

We call upon Congress to require the DOI to work with tribes to develop local organization of tribal trust funds within each tribe and each region, and to develop independent evaluation of the trust funds, to ensure that trust reorganization is working or not working.

We asked Congress to pursue a full and fair settlement of the Cobell v. Salazar case. Sixty years ago, that tribes’ management of lands and dollars was handled by BIA accounts.

I also ask Congress and the Administration to work together to place a moratorium on foreclosures in light of the Keepoge lawsuit filed by American Indian farmers against the Department of Agriculture for discriminatory practices, until the case is resolved.

I believe it is the responsibility of all tribes to work on the support of the American Dream for all Indians that the United States has committed itself to fulfill.

We believe that the federal government must that tribes must be informed and involved in the development of any legislation that is passed that would affect their rights.

This “consultation” principle is very much alive today in Indian country, but not many people know that it came from that NCAI document.

Termination was intended to be a nationwide policy that covered all the tribes of the country. The move was first, blunted, then extended, and then finally, efforts of tribes nationwide coming together in the unified forum of the NCAI ended the move.

I believe we must face a similar watershed today. We are in the process of removing the termination threat growing with each passing year.

Tribes nationwide face increased challenges and threats to their unique tribal governments.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara Fairbanks of Motley; five daughters: Barbara Fairbanks of Motley, Minnesota; Darlene Jackson of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; and Darlene Jackson of White Earth, Minnesota; five sons: Michael Dunkley of Lida, Minnesota; Tim Therrault of Pipestone, Minnesota; and Craig Jackson of White Earth, Minnesota; one infant son, five sisters, three brothers, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by death by his grandparents, parents, and Pipestone, Minn. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, and appeared on their commemorative stamp. He married Della Jane Hare on Nov. 1, 1945, at Watertown, S.D. He went on to make his living as a farm laborer and was also a hunter with the Leech Lake chapter of the United States Forest Service. He enjoyed berry picking, riding, fishing, hunting and sugarbushing, and was a member of the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and appeared on their commemorative stamp.

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Legal Notices
Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Blenda Bains, Defendant
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Jeannette Ellis, Defendant
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jeannette Ellis, Defendant is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on February 17, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code: 1. Chapter 200, Section 215.C., Driving after revocation.
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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. David Allan Cronin, Defendant
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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Anattee Lausche, Defendant
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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Susan Sayers, Defendant
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Local Alcoholics Anonymous/ Dependency Anonymous and Alanoon Meetings
MONDAY
5:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. / ABO Of Lake County – Closed Safe Haven, North on Palace Drive, 1st floor of the left building
TUESDAY
7:00 p.m. – N.A. (young people) Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:30 p.m. – Chemical Dependency Support Group Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. North of Third Avenue, Cass Lake
6:00 p.m. – A.A. Lake Multi-District

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. / ABO Of Lake County – Closed Safe Haven, North on Palace Drive, 1st floor of the left building

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m. – A.A / N.A. / ABO Of Lake County – Closed Safe Haven, North on Palace Drive, 1st floor of the left building

FRIDAY
3:00 p.m. – Substance Abuse Prevention Support Group Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
9:00 a.m. – A.A. / N.A. / ABO Of Lake County – Closed Safe Haven

SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. – Open A.A. Meeting Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake 6:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. Lake Multi-District

SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. – A.A. (12x12) Meeting 1st house on left, 335-0147 7:00 a.m. – 12x12 Meeting 11:00 a.m. – A.A. Lake Multi-District

Contact 335-2219 for more information.
All meetings are held on a weekly basis. For more information please contact 335-2219.
All area kids welcome to the 1st Annual

**“KIDS PERCH JERK”**

Big Winnie - Bena, MN
February 21, 2004
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**THE BIGGEST UGLY FISH CONTEST**

Catch an eelpout, dogfish, bullhead, sucker, old shoe or tire and win!!!
$50.00 for each age group.

**FREE!! NO ENTRY FEE!!**

Kids 15 years and under.
Bring your jig pole. Limited amount available.
Bait and ice holes provided. Dress warm!!
Parent or Guardian must accompany chil(ren).
Free hotdogs and pop for kids. Other food available.
Fun for the entire family.

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February 13, 2004
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Opening Ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.

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Applications/Resumes/Financial Aid Applications may be accepted

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