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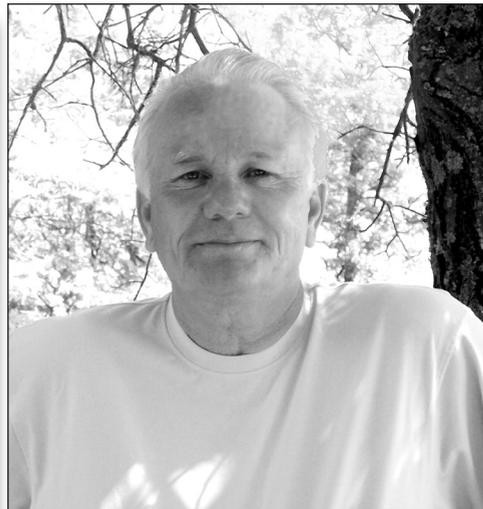
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Goggleye and Finn Win Tribal Election!



Pictured are:
(L) Chairman Elect,
George J. Goggleye, Jr.
and (R) District III Elect,
Donald "Mick" Finn.

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Coleman Announces Over \$3.5 Million in USDA Rural Development Funding for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Senator Norm Coleman announced on June 1, 2004, that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will receive over \$3.5 million in water and waste disposal funding to upgrade the community's water system.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development will provide a loan of \$1.4 million and two grants totaling \$2.2 million to construct a water

system that will incorporate the local assorted water systems into one unified waterworks that will serve the entire community.

"I have long been saying that the federal government needs to be making a greater investment in enhancing rural America and Minnesota's basic infrastructure needs," Coleman said. "This grant represents a move in the right

direction, but we need to do even more. That is why I have introduced my Rural Renaissance legislation, \$50 billion in federal grants aimed at revitalizing America's rural economy."

USDA Rural Development's water and waste disposal system is part of President Bush's efforts to spur economic development in rural areas of America.

Leech Lake Responds to Star/Trib's "The Lost Youth of Leech Lake" Article

By Patsy Gordon

On a few occasions, people were brought to tears by listening to some of the speakers that came forward and expressed their thoughts and feelings during the day and a half "We Are Not Lost" forum that was hosted by the Leech Lake Training Division. Training Coordinator James Allen and the Forum Planning

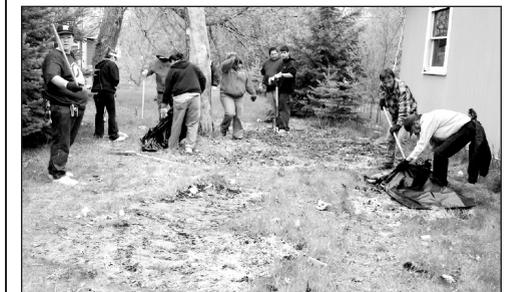
Committee did an excellent job on putting this forum together in short order.

"The Lost Youth of Leech Lake" articles ran in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in late April, written by Larry Oakes. A lot of mixed feelings were brought out by this series, anger, shame, depression, and some were

REZ BRIEFS

Tract 33 Clean Up Day

Tribal Referral Director, Chris Bedeau, organized and supervised a Tract 33 Clean Up Day. Many volunteers pitched in. Bedeau said, "This is a good way for the community to come together, something positive is happening. We've had a great cook-out for all the volunteers, and it's given the people living in their homes on Tract 33 some initiative to come out and help clean up too, many of them just pitched right in with us!" Chris said a follow-up clean-up day will probably be planned for the near future.



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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Official Election Results June 8, 2004 Election

Chairman

Candidates	Inger	Ball Club	S. Lake	Bena	Sugar Point	Smokey Point	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Mpls.	Absentee	Total	%
George J. Goggeye, Jr.	53	140	9	49	32	21	371	118	120	11	28	174	232	1358	59.77%
Peter D. White	54	101	20	30	21	29	276	93	30	17	8	78	157	914	40.23%

District III Committeeman

Candidates	Inger	Ball Club	S. Lake	Bena	Sugar Point	Smokey Point	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Mpls.	Absentee	Total	%
Donald "Mick" Finn							385	128	117	9	28	92	160	919	60.78%
Richard Jones							259	85	34	19	8	61	127	593	39.22%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Leech Lake Reservation, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, June 8, 2004. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with Election Ordinance #9 of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

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Chairperson

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Member

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Member

Sharon Nordlund
Member

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Member

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Dennis Banks Organizes Walk in Response to Star Tribunes Article "The Lost Youth of Leech Lake"

By Patsy Gordon

In response to the series of "The Lost Youth of Leech Lake" that appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in late April, Leech Lake Band member, Dennis Banks, organized the "We Are Not All On Drugs" walk that took the walkers from Federal Dam to Walker to Cass Lake to Bena and back again to Federal Dam. This walk took them all around Leech Lake. It is hoped that this walk will bring awareness to the fact that not "all" Leech Lake Youth and Band members are addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Most of you, as De-Bah-Ji-Mon readers, will recall "The Lost Youth of Leech Lake" series of articles, as I know they were read by many of you. The articles talked of several different young people who are also Band members and how the drugs and alcohol has affected their lives. The ordeal of Darryl Headbird and

Sierra Goodman and the story of Tara Hare, amongst others, was included in the series. The article brought out many different feelings and opinions of its readers. The reactions were amongst sadness, shame, anger, disgust, and there were some that agreed with the authors. Many felt that the articles made it appear that all Leech Lake youth and residents were doomed to live a life of despair addicted to drugs and alcohol.

In reality, there are many Leech Lake Band members who are living productive lives, do hold down jobs, take care of their children, and are not addicted to drugs and alcohol. But no mention of this was made in the series of articles.

The "We Are Not All On Drugs" walk began every morning for four days at 7:00 in the morning with a pipe ceremony. Walk organizer, Banks, said "I am disgusted at the



Dennis Banks and Luke Wilson lead walkers in "We Are Not All On Drugs Walk" around Leech Lake. Photo by Patsy Gordon

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glad that these types of situations were finally brought to light. After some time has passed and the forum was presented in regards to this, I heard and witnessed that many feelings have changed from anger to even thanking Larry Oakes, that "he brought a wake up call to Leech Lake".

Chairman Peter White opened the forum with an introduction and a healing song. White said, "I don't think the Anishinabe will ever be lost. This is who we are, this is where we're from." He went on to say, "I guarantee you the same kinds of stories heard here can be heard in any community around." He said "From the streets of Inger to Capitol Hill I will represent the Anishinabe people with proudness and with no fear."

Cass Lake Mayor Elaine Fleming talked about how as a young woman she wanted to get away from Cass Lake. She said she just wanted to get in her second hand car and go. She said, "I was going to leave the drugs and the alcohol and this

dysfunctional community behind, but everywhere I went, it was there too!" She got the audience up and clapping and yelling for the good things the community is doing now and for all the good things it's going to do in the future. Fleming told about the "Healing Garden" that has been planted and how it has been dedicated to young women. Two of those young women are Heather Casey and Faye Nelson, who both lost their lives where drugs and alcohol played a part in both of their deaths, either directly or indirectly. The Mayor said, "Our young women are sacred."

Cass County Judge, John Smith, talked about his role as a judge in the court systems. He told how he's witnessed many tears, hardship and loss because of crimes committed. He said, "It's a sad thing, so needless."

Gary Charwood challenged teens to do their part in the fight against drugs and alcohol. Eight young people took him up on his challenge on the spot and agreed to

Star Tribunes articles' inference that Native youth are lost and that our households are rampant with

drug use. This is not the land where dreams are lost, it is the land where dreams are made and begin!"

be sober and drug free for one year. When they committed themselves to this venture they were given a "Lakota Rose" bracelet that symbolized their commitment. At the end of one year, they are to pass it on to someone else that commits themselves to the same venture.

I believe it was the general consensus of almost everyone in attendance that not only the family has to heal, but the community has to heal as a whole. Brian Shotley from the White Bison Society said, "There is hope. The Creator doesn't give us a problem without giving us a solution and our solution is right here in our own community."

Fran King maintained her composure while reading a very emotional and touching statement that she had read to the court as an impact statement in the sentencing of the young man who was charged with the death of young Heather Casey. Many people felt her anguish and pain and were brought to tears. Fran's daughter was best friends with Heather. Fran said her daughter

is still grieving today and trying to recover from her best friends death.

Sienna Mulbah, 23 year old college graduate, sat on a panel and testified that "not all youth are bad" and that they can succeed. She is living proof.

Randy Finn from the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors said they have raised \$5,000 seed money to start building a new Boys and Girls Club. Construction will start on this endeavor in the next 2 to 3 years. Randy said, "If you help the kids, they will help you!"

I, myself, came away from this forum, with the thought of "What if we (this community) are being used as an example?" and "wouldn't it be wonderful if we could recover from all of the drug addiction, alcoholism, poverty, etc., and go on to be a living example of how you can come back from the depths of despair?" The forum was an excellent meeting and everyone has high hopes that we are now on the "brink of recovery" in the words of Fran King!

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Nation and U.S. Government Public Meeting

The U.S. Federal Government (Army Corps of Engineers and Forest Service) and the sovereign Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Nation will conduct public scoping meetings to gather input on the potential effects of new reservoir operation plan alternatives to be studied under the Mississippi River Headwaters Reservoir Operation Plan Evaluation (ROPE). The meetings will be used to present potential impacts that will be studied in detail within the ROPE, and to obtain additional tribal input regarding possible alternative plans and associated impacts that should be studied but are not currently planned. These meetings will serve to meet the National Environmental Policy Act scoping requirement. As part of the environmental impact statement, comments are requested from persons or organizations that may be interested or affected.

The scoping meetings will be held in an informal open house format that will consist of a short presentation of current information

Department of Veterans Affairs Announces Native American Outreach

The Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with various service organizations, will be sponsoring a Compensation and Informational Fair in the Facility Center on August 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2004, in Cass Lake, MN from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. All veterans are welcome to attend. Veteran's service organization representatives will be available from the American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), etc. to assist all veterans, dependents, and survivors, with their claims. This is an opportunity for the veteran community to apply for veteran's benefits in one location without having to travel to the Medical and Regional Office Center of Veterans Affairs in Fargo, North Dakota.

A VA disability examiner will be available to provide compensation

on the ROPE followed by a session for gathering citizen and stakeholder inputs. Participants are welcome to come at any time during the session; they should plan to spend at least 20 minutes to view the presentation and have their questions answered.

The first meeting for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Nation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the American Legion Post #284, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

The second meeting will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the Northern Lights Casino, 6800 Y Frontage Road NW, Walker, MN 56484.

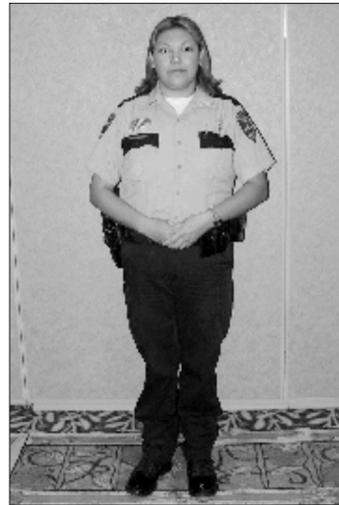
Meeting are also being coordinated with interagency and other public interests to gather additional pertinent study related input. For more information on these meetings, please contact Aaron Snyder at 651-290-5489 or Aaron.M.Snyder@usace.army.mil or Gina Papisodora at 218-335-2940/1-800-442-3942 or llthpo@paulbunyan.net.

and pension examinations along with VA Rating Board specialist to adjudicate certain disability and pension claims. All veterans are encouraged to bring a copy of their DD214 (discharge papers), service medical or personnel records, medical records, and any Department of Veterans Affairs paperwork they may have received at an earlier date.

In conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Compensation and Informational Fair, a staff representative from the office of United State Senator Ken Conrad will also be on-site to visit with veterans and other members of the community who may have questions or concerns regarding federal matters.

Questions can be referred to Peggy Wheelden, Public Affairs Officer at 701-239-3724.

Chairman Pete White swears in Shauna Jenkins as a new Leech Lake Conservation Officer. Welcome aboard, Shauna!



Photos by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Family Services Programs

The programs in the Human Services Division are designed to stabilize Indian families and to protect and safeguard children from problems that endanger themselves and the family. Specific program objectives are to provide in-home family counseling to prevent family violence and out-of-home placements; support the reunification process; provide education and resources on basic living and parenting skills; provide crisis intervention; serve as court advocates; license and monitor foster home care; and provide information and referrals regarding available social services as needed or requested.

The following are some of the programs that the Social Services program offers:

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) – The social workers provide child protection services in conjunction with the various counties surrounding the Leech Lake Reservation. The workers attend court cases, advocating for families with the best interest of the child in mind.

FOSTER CARE – This program

provides Indian foster care license on and off the reservation. The Leech Lake foster homes are intended to provide a safe, stable environment for children until they can be reunited with their families.

ADOPTION – This program provides interested persons with information concerning adoption. The worker will complete a home study and this person will then become a prospective adoptive parent. If a child becomes available, the worker will attempt to match this child with the prospective parents on file. The worker will become an advocate for the family until the final adoption decree.

ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION – This program is set up to intervene when a child is missing a substantial number of school days. It is the policy of the Leech Lake Tribal Council to encourage education and learning among its members. In order to facilitate this policy, the Tribal Council enacted a resolution on compulsory school attendance. The intervention staff will work with a family to resolve issues that are contributing to the attendance problem.

Consider Fostering or Adopting an American Indian Child

"There is no resource...more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian Tribes than our children."

The Federal Indian Child Welfare Act recognized "that there is no resource...more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian Tribes than their children" and also recognized the essential Tribal relationships of Indian peoples and their cultural and social standards prevailing in Indian communities and families.

The Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act reflects the state policy to protect the best interests of Indian children and promote the stability and security of Indian families by placements into homes, which reflect the unique values of Indian communities.

FAMILIES: American Indian foster and adoptive parents come from all walks of life. They are

married, single (male or female), divorced or widowed. Some have large families and some are childless. They may have large or small incomes, own their home or rent an apartment.

CHILDREN: American Indian children who wait for families of their own are children ages birth to seventeen years and may have physical, emotional or educational disabilities, or their special need may be only that they are brothers and sisters who should be placed together. Indian children have tender roots. Loving mature families are needed to be foster care and adoptive parents.

FOSTER CARE: Foster care is intended to provide a safe, stable environment for children until they

can be reunited with their families. Interested families will participate in an educational process in which the family and the agency will get to know each other. The agency wants to know if you are loving, mature, know how to discipline in a non-physical way, and if you have financial support to care for yourself without the foster care dollars. You will want to know what the agency expects of you and whether they will provide training to handle children with special needs.

ADOPTION: Adoption is the legal and emotional acceptance into your family, a child not born to you. That child carries the same legal rights as a birth child and bears your name. Adoption must be approved by a court of law, and that approval

is followed by an official adoption decree and a birth certificate with your name as the parent.

To be an adoptive parent you don't have to be rich, own your own home, be married, or be a "super parent". You do need to be loving, mature, know how to manage your income, and be over 21 years of age. The agency will expect you to participate in an orientation meeting before assigning you a social worker to begin your individual adoption or home study. This is not an investigation, but an educational process to learn more about the kind of child you might best parent and the agency learns how to best match a child to your family.

Your Rights Under the Indian Child Welfare Act

What is the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)? The ICWA is a federal law that creates strict standards for state courts to follow in Indian child court proceedings. The ICWA declares, "The policy of this Nation is to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian Tribes and families.

What proceedings are governed by the ICWA? The ICWA governs state court proceedings concerning the custody of an Indian child, including foster care placement, termination of parental rights, and adoptive placement. The law does not apply to parental custody in a divorce proceeding, or to placement based upon an act, which would be criminal if committed by an adult. ICWA does not apply to Tribal Court proceedings, which are governed by Tribal law.

How does ICWA define the Indian child? ICWA applies only to proceedings involving the custody of an "Indian child", which means any unmarried person who is under age 18 and is either a member of an Indian Tribe or eligible for membership in an

Indian Tribe. ICWA defines the term "Indian" to include Tribal members and Alaska Natives.

What rights do Indian parents/custodians have under ICWA? State courts must notify the parents and any person who has legal or temporary custody whenever the court has reason to know the proceedings involve an Indian child. Indigent Indian parents/custodians are entitled to court-appointed counsel and to rehabilitative services designed to preserve the family. Indian custodians = persons who have been granted temporary physical custody by the parent – no writing or court is necessary. An Indian parent's voluntary consent to foster placement or termination of parental rights is invalid unless executed before a judge in writing at least ten days after the birth of the child. Consent may be withdrawn at any time prior to entry of a final order or within two years in the event of fraud or duress.

What rights to Tribes have under ICWA? The United States Supreme Court has recognized that Tribes have no interest in their

children that is distinct from and on a par with that of parents. Tribal courts have exclusive jurisdiction concerning custody of reservation-domiciled Indian children who are wards of Tribal Court. Tribal courts have concurrent jurisdiction concerning all Tribal children, wherever they reside. State courts must give "full faith and credit" to Tribal court proceedings, meaning they generally must respect and enforce such rulings. State courts must ensure notice of an Indian child custody proceeding in State court is given to the child's Tribe, which has the right to intervene. The Tribe may request transfer to Tribal Court, or advocate for family reunification or other placement. The Tribe may by resolution alter the ICWA placement preferences. The Tribe may obtain upon request a record of any state court placement of a Tribal child, together with evidence of efforts made to comply with the ICWA placement preferences. Tribes and States may enter into agreements regarding jurisdiction and custody matters.

PUBLIC HEARING

Leech Lake
Early Childhood Development
Child Care Development Fund

The Leech Lake Reservation community is invited to attend this Public Hearing to provide feedback to the Leech Lake Early Childhood Development program for activities provided through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

**Thursday, June 10, 2004
6:00 p.m.
Leech Lake Early
Childhood Complex
Cass Lake**

Some of these activities include:

*Dik-in-aa-gan Child Care Center
*Child Care Subsidy Program
*Child Care Provider Grant Program
*Child Care Compliance & Monitoring
*Child Care Training



Questions? Contact Becky Littlewolf at (218)335-8257

Cass Lake Area Take A Kid Fishing 2004

Thanks to the tremendously positive response from area fishing enthusiasts and the many civic-minded people, organizations and businesses of the community, there will definitely be a **2004 Take A Kid Fishing Event!!** The event will be held on Saturday, June 12, rain or shine. Kids and their guides will register at the Cass Lake Wayside Rest Area from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The kids will be treated to a fish fry at the Wayside Rest Area at 2:00 p.m. Gary Frazer and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe employees have generously volunteered to handle the task of preparing the food for the kids, their guides, and any

parents/grand-parents that care to join us. A short spiritual ceremony will precede the meal.

Children interested in participating should pre-register as there are only a limited number of guides to take the kids fishing. Pre-registration forms will be distributed through the schools and are also available at LeRoy's Minnows, Froggy's Bait, and the Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club administrative office just west of the bank on Main Street.

Completed form should be returned to the Boys and Girls Club office by June 5th. For further information contact Bill Stocker at 335-2999.

"Niigaane"

Endazhi-ojibwemowaad
(Immersion Program)

Bugonaygeshig School is beginning an Ojibwemowin Immersion Program at the Kindergarten level. All lessons will be taught in Ojibwemowin and rooted in our culture as much as possible. There will be no English spoken in this classroom. We will be accepting only 8 students. If you have already filled out a survey form, we will contact you soon to arrange a meeting. Questions? Contact Adrian Liberty (218) 335-3022.

Applications to be considered for enrollment in "Niigaane" Ojibwemowin Immersion Program are now being taken at the school front office.

Application For Consideration
I wish my child (child's name)

to be considered for enrollment in the "Niigaane" program.
Date of application _____

Ojibwemowin Immersion program is a kindergarten program where all things are taught using our language and culture. No English will be spoken at anytime in this classroom.

Thank You From Leech Lake Youth Division

Leech Lake Youth Division would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the following people and departments who helped make the Youth Activity Day Event at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on May 15, 2004 a huge success.

Leech Lake Gaming –Palace Hotel and Casino
Leech Lake Health Division
Leech Lake Department of Public Safety
Leech Lake Emergency Medical Transport
Leech Lake Security
Leech Lake WOLF Program
Leech Lake Diabetes Prevention Program
Cass Lake Family Service Center
Red Lake Reservation Youth
Boise Fort Reservation Youth
Fon Du Lac Reservation Youth
White Earth Reservation Youth

Miss Indian World Delana Smith
"Native Reign" of Lame Deer Montana
VERB – Maryann Girst
The National Center for Disease Control – Gerald Grey Sr.
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School
Leech Lake Education Division
Leech Lake Housing Authority

Debahjimon – Patsy Gordon
Cass Lake Times – Charmaine
Photographer or the NCDC – Aaron
Fairbanks
Youth Activity Coordinators
Youth Peer Mentors
Education Division After School Youth Program
Tobacco Prevention Program and
Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Program

We had expected upwards of 1000 kids, but we were competing with the Minnesota State Fishing Opening

Day, which is an event in itself so we were very excited with the amount of kids we had. Once again, "Thank You" to all who helped to make this day a thrilling and memorable day for the 400 plus kids during the day-time events, and 200 plus youth who attended the evening events.

There were so many thoughtful and generous people who have assisted in the Youth Activity Day, if we have left anyone out, please accept our most genuine apologies.

MINI WORKER PROGRAM

Applications available Now!

Leech Lake Education Division, WIA Office
1-866-638-7738 ext. 8360 or 8391

This year the Mini Worker program will change. We will be working in collaboration with the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Language/Cultural Camp and Youth Division.

Completed Mini Worker Applications MUST be turned in prior to attending the Camp. First come first served basis, maximum 2 per household.

You will be required to follow the rules and guidelines of the Language/Cultural Camp.

Transportation by school bus will be provided; there will be pick up points in selected communities. Parents are responsible for rides to and from pick up & drop off spots.

Pick Up Points	Time	Drop Off Time
Northern Lights	7:30 AM	4:00 PM.
Inger Community Center	8:00 AM	3:30 PM
Ball Club Center	8:00 AM	3:55 PM
Cass Lake Facility Center	8:25 AM	3:20 PM

There will be sign-in person at the various sites at the camp to verify your attendance, please make sure that you sign in to get credit for your hours.

Attending Summer School at your school on these dates will also count toward your Mini-work hours, with verification sent to us, from your teacher.

Location Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

Start dates for ages 8-10, June 14, 2004 thru June 18, 2004. Day Camp 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Breakfast and Lunch will be provided attendance for the week will count as your participation for the total hours required.

Start dates for ages 11-13, June 21, 2004 thru June 25, 2004. Camping available must provide own tent, 3 meals a day, showers available. Attendance for the week will count as your total hours required for participation.

Language Classes • Birch Bark Making
Meat preservation • Ropes Course • Drumming and Dancing
Beading Classes • Pottery Making

Leech Lake Youth Division Gets Involved With VERB Program

By Patsy Gordon

Thanks to G&G Advertising from Albuquerque, New Mexico, the company coordinated and implemented a **VERB, It's What You Do, Native Style** activity zone day in collaboration with the Leech Lake Youth Division. The Youth Activity Day was held on Saturday, May 15, 2004 from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. Kids from different reservations throughout the State of Minnesota attended and participated. It was a sunny day, with just the right amount of breeze for the kids to really enjoy themselves as they took part in sac races, 100 yard dashes, 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, hula hooping, football toss, and lacrosse, to name some of the activities.

Everyone that went out and participated in at least one of the activities, were given a VERB t-shirt, a VERB ball, stickers, and a VERB poster. Bottled water and granola candy bars were available to keep the kids hydrated and energized.

In addition to these events,



Lacrosse was one of the activities that these youth chose to take part in. Jerry Morgan coached. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Miss Indian World, Delana Smith from Red Lake attended the event and danced with the crowd while Jerry Morgan drummed and sang. Leech Lake honored Miss Indian World with a quilt. Also honored with quilts, were Mary Ann Gerst and Gerald Gray, Sr. from the VERB office and Leech Lake Band member, Jerry Morgan.

Closing out the day was "Native Reign" a Native American dance group from Montana who put on a spectacular performance. One of the members I remember in particular was Lauren, one of the young women dancers. The leader of the group announced that she was drug and alcohol free and had not missed one single day of school all through her high school years. That's amazing.

I visited with Mary Ann Gerst of G&G Advertising. She said, "It's very important for kids to go out and get at least one hour of exercise every day!" That's what VERB is all about, making physical activity fun and challenging. The following is some of what the VERB program says:

The challenge is a lack of

physical activity. Physical inactivity is a serious problem for many children. The solution is making physical activity fun and challenging. Encourage children to participate in 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity every day. Motivate kids to get involved in supervised activities or support their initiative to be active on their own. Investigate whether your school and community center have recreational activities, such as basketball and soccer, for youth on weekends or after school. Search for activities to do "around the house" like shooting hoops, dancing, picking berries, hiking, playing catch or kickball, riding horses or bicycles. Use the seasons to inspire outdoor activities, like skiing and snowshoeing in winter, and swimming in the summer.

The challenge is that communities or schools lack resources. Some areas lack playgrounds, courts, or after-school programs. The solution is becoming an advocate. Talk to teachers and administrators. Ask them to support daily physical education and other school programs that promote lifelong physical activity. Make sure your



Miss Indian World 2004, Delana Smith, of Red Lake attended the Youth Activity Day. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Tribal College Holds Annual 2004 Art Show

By Duane Goodwin

The 2004 art show was again a very successful event for the Leech Lake Tribal College and Bemidji State University. The May 7th awards banquet attracted people from the community and provided them with the opportunity to meet the artists and hear their stories behind their art.

Carl Gawboy honored us with being our guest speaker while Jon Romer, Rocky Mountain, and Helen Wassegijig added music with a very warm and relaxing pleasure to the art show environment.

It was said by many people that "The feeling here is electrifying and extremely joyful. The excitement is so high it's like being at the academy awards!"

The evening came to an end with a fine dinner prepared by faculty, staff, students, and volunteers from the community. We had door prizes with the size of a give away. Contributors included the



This beautiful dress placed 2nd in fabric, hand made by Fran King. Behind the dress is Ernie Dunn's first place winner in the oil/acrylic painting category. The painting is of John Smith. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Tribal Council, Ernie Dunn, and Carl Gawboy.

Chi-migwetch to the artists and all the workers and the community who made this moment in time a very wonderful memory!

Winners were as follows:

Best of Show:

Contemporary: Andrea Carlson – Bear is her Clan

Traditional: Andrea Littlewolf – Gift for Dad

Oil/Acrylic:

1st: Ernie Dunn – John Smith

2nd: Bentley Winnans – Giiwed

3rd: Morris Branchaud – Coming Home Nikak

Honorable Mention: Krista King – First Fall Moon

Watercolor:

1st: Ernie Dunn – Dream Keeper's

2nd: Theresa Goodwin – When I was 50 Winter

Honorable Mention: Daniel Pemberton – No Name

Drawing:

1st: Bernard Means – Mato's Cikala

2nd: Theresa Goodwin – Personal Shield

3rd: Tim Stone – Bear

Honorable Mention: Marvin Bunker – No Name

Mixed Media:

1st: Kay Houdek – Woman in Mourning

2nd: Jim Jones – Necklace

3rd: Merle Stone – Gourd Rattle

Sculpture:

1st: Karen McCarter – Greed

2nd: Theresa Goodwin – A Good Winter

3rd: Will St. Cyr – Dancing Across

Honorable Mention – Jon Green

Baskets:

1st: Launtia Colhoff – Willow Basket

2nd: Rose Sumante – Black Ash/orange

3rd: Shari Bebeau – Black Ash/blue



Launtia Colhoff proudly stands by her 1st place winning Willow Basket.

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Honorable Mention: Larry Barber – Birch Bark

Fabric:

1st: Sylvia Gale – Little Boy Star Shirt

2nd: Fran King – Traditional

3rd: Kathy Fairbanks – Black Ribbon Shirt

Honorable Mention: Nicole Rae Lussier & Pam Martin – Small Star Quilt

Bead work:

1st: Wanda Howard – Velvet Vest

2nd: Roberta Neirson – Buck Skin Beaded Bag

3rd: Merle Stone – Ojibwe Beaded Bag

Honorable Mention: Darla Brown – Yellow Beaded Bag

Moccasins:

1st: Chamisa Johnston – Ojibwe Moccasin

2nd: Darla Brown – Many Colors

3rd: Sylvia Gale – Traditional Moccasin

Honorable Mention – Jonie Johnson – Traditional Moccasin

Photography:

1st: Aaron Fairbanks – Eagle in the Tree

2nd: Jim Jones – Canoe Tradition

3rd: Theresa Goodwin – Ira Hayes

Honorable Mention: Joe Wade

– Morning on the Dock

Woodburning:

1st: Tim Stone – Big Bear

Pottery:

1st: Theresa Goodwin – Spring Thaw

2nd: Jim Jones – Oopp's

Jingle Dress:

1st: Roberta Neirson – Green Jingle Dress

2nd: Judy Harper – Hot Wheels

3rd: Candace Fast Horse – Yellow Jingle Dress

Honorable Mention: Fran King – Makwa's Dream



Jon Green displays his honorable mention winning sculptures.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Tribal College 2004 Graduation

The Leech Lake Tribal College graduated 27 students on May 19th, 2004. The graduation ceremony was held at the Northern Lights Convention Center.

Student, Valerie Smith, was presented with the 2004 Trio Student of the Year Award. Steven Jackson was presented with the Lucille Wakanabo Award.

Graduating students were Milissa Alger, Richard Armstrong, Melissa Bowstring, Gerald Brown, Kristen Brown, Connie Bruce, Doug Bryan, Michael Burnette, Michael Burris, Carol Carlson, Laura Chase, Cynthia Fairbanks, Patricia Frazer, Sylvia Gale, Deborah Geving, Ronald Haubrich, Steven Jackson, Raymond Jenkins, Cheryl LaDuke, Wenona Littlewolf, Candace Partridge-Gotchie, Rebecca Pemberton, Joel Roy, Genevieve Sherman, Patricia Turney, Dora Wind and Clarinda Waybenais.



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Holly Evans was sworn in Thursday, May 20, 2004 by Secretary/Treasurer Arthur LaRose to Serve on Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees (Photo Unavailable)

2004 Graduate List

NAME	SCHOOL/TRAINING	DEGREE	MAJOR
Anoka, Sheryl	American Indian OIC	Diploma	Customer Service Representative I/II
Armstrong, Richard	Leech Lake Tribal College	BS	Elementary Education
Barry, Tanya	College of St. Catherine	BS	Nursing
Beckman, Tiffany	U of M - Twin Cities	Masters	Public Health in Maternal & Child Care
Bellecourt, Lenny	Bemidji State University	AA	Industrial Design
Blue Thunder, Leane	Minneapolis CTC	Diploma	Apparel Design
Bowstring, Melissa	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Early Childhood Education
Brown, Barry	UMD	BS	Computer Science
Brown, Gerald S.	Leech Lake Tribal College	Diploma	2nd year Electrical
Brown, Kristen	Leech Lake Tribal College	AAS	Business Management
Bruce, Connie	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Liberal Education
Bryan, Douglas	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Liberal Education
Brunette, Michael	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Liberal Education
Butcher, Anthony	NW Tech/Bemidji	Certificate	Boiler License
Chase, Laura	Leech Lake Tribal College	BS	Elementary Education
Day, Jessica	U of M - Twin Cities	BS	Psychology
Edberg, Jeffrey	Augsburg	BA	Business Administration
Fairbanks, Cynthia	Leech Lake Tribal College	AS	Nutrition
Fineday, David E.	Prosource	Certificate	Appraisal
Fineday, Gordon	Fond du Lac CTC	AA	Education
Gale, Sylvia	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Liberal Education
Geving, Deborah	Leech Lake Tribal College	Diploma	2nd year Electrical
Goggleye, Derek	Minnesota School of Electricity	License	Master Electrician
Goggleye, George	Prosource	Certificate	Appraisal License
Goggleye, Leila	College of St. Catherine	BA	Early Childhood
Goggleye, Megan	St. Cloud State University	BS	Social Work
Graves, Scott	Dunwoody	Diploma	Electrician
Hazeldine, Becky	Minnesota School of Nursing	License	Registered Nurse
Headbird, Niibin	U of M - Twin Cities	BA	American Indian Studies
Jackson, Charles	Minneapolis CTC	AS	Human Services
Jackson, Steven	Leech Lake Tribal College	Diploma	2nd year Electrical
Jenkins, Raymond	Leech Lake Tribal College	Diploma	2nd year Electrical
Johnson, Melissa	NW Tech/Bemidji	BA	Accounting
Johnson-Budd, Lawrence	Bemidji State University	BS	Computer Science
Jones, Carri	Bemidji State University	BA	Accounting
Kingbird, Dawn	Bemidji State University	BS	Business
Kruse, Mabel	St. Mary's Clinic	Certificate	Massage
Lawrence, Clayton	MN West CTC	Diploma	Electrician
Mainville, Sharon	Itasca CC	AA	
Nicolas, Calvin	American Indian OIC	Diploma	Human Services
Partridge-Gotchie, Candace	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Early Childhood Education
Pemberton, Rochelle	Bemidji State University		Accounting
Robinson, Bernadette	Northland CC	AA	Nursing
Robinson, Earl	Bemidji State University	BA	American Indian Studies
Roy, Joel	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Early Childhood Education
Sherman, Genevieve	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Liberal Education, Nutrition
Smith, Melissa	Itasca CC	AA	General Education
Strandjord, Diane	U of M - Twin Cities	BA	American Indian Studies
Washington-Buffalo, Angela	College of St. Scholastica	BS	Nursing
White, Linda	Fond du Lac CTC	AA	
Wind, Dora	Leech Lake Tribal College	AA	Early Childhood Education.

Congratulations 2004 High School Graduates!!!

Bemidji - 23

Leslie Baldeagle
Cleona Beaulieu
Preston Beaulieu
Natalie Charboneau
Sean Demery
Alec Erdrich
Sara Frericks
Katherine Fullmer
Melissa Henry
Emma Jennings
Brandon J. Johnson
Dustin Johnson
Sundown Lattergrass
Bryan Lussier
Sarah Molash
Richard Newago
Jesse Ness
Hannah Phelps
Allen Sargeant
Clarence Stately
Mikwam Thomas
Veronica Wakonabo
Teddi Wind

Bugonaygeshig - 8

Derek Kingbird
Michelle Losh
Teri Losh
Ingrid Mesarina
Cassandra Rice
Naomi Rice
Ronald Skinaway
Nicole Wade

Cass Lake/Bena - 37

Brittany Bennett
Kristina Bennett
Lauren Bennett
Sophia Brown
Daneane Budreau
Dustin Burnette
Krista Connor
Ami Fineday
Alisha Fisher
Therese Haugen
Jesse Hinkemeyer
Douglas Howard
Lavender Hunt
Angella Jackson
Misty Johnson
Kristopher Kolkun
Corey Littlewolf
Aaron Morris
Beth Ostlund
Jessica Pequette
Kimberly Raisch
Alexis Rea
Ivie Roberts
Michael Robertson Jr.
Alisha Schulman
Jennifer Smith
Jennifer Wind
Timothy Smith
Aundria Dunn
Jennifer Durant
Frankie Graves
Cassandra Iceman
Rosalind Kingbird
Brenda Littlewolf
Tyler Roy
Shiloh Williams
Christina Dahl
Clinton Fairbanks

Deer River - 13

Josh Adkins
Randi Amy
Casondra Bowstring
Tamera Brown
Ashly Cloud
Rian Dahl
Nathan Gill
Kathleen Goggeley
Fawn Grauman
Sondra Jackson
Melissa Mauricio
Jasmirre Thompson
Patrick Warner

Blackduck - 1

Luke Lajeunesse

Grand Rapids - 13

Kristin Boyd
Sam Donnell
Megan Gordon
Anna Grossman
Molly Grossman
Wyatt Jepson
Jennifer Laverdure
Jacob Oakley
Larissa Scott
Randall Stangler
Timarah Stedman
Nicholas Villebrun
Rudolph White
David Whitebird
Terrance Wilson
Linda Zallar

Remer/Longville - 2

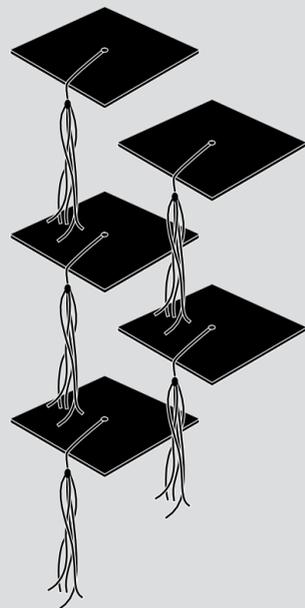
Josh Fenning
Emma Giffen

Walker - 8

Eric Alger
Matt Chosa
Thaddeus Dreschler
Leroy Gale
Travis Goose
Marcella Libby
Terry Lindenmuth
Terry Sayers

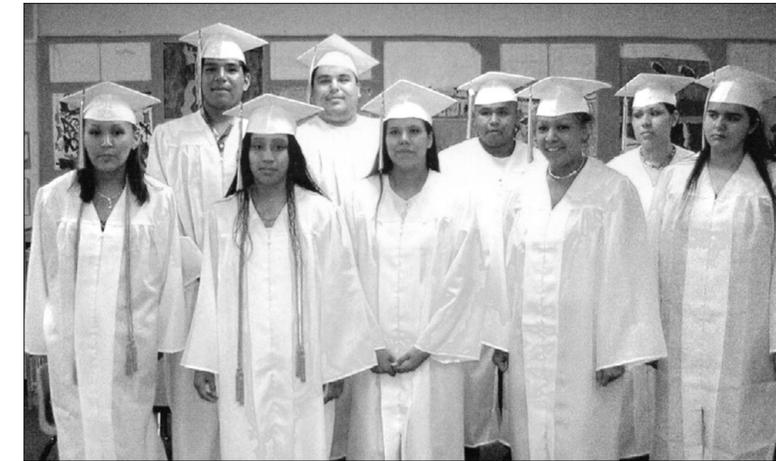
2004 GED Graduates

Kief Anderson
Nancy Beaulieu
Thomas Bobrowski
DeWayne Bowers
Tom Casey
Daniel Church
Clarence Day
Joseph Dietrich
Michael Durant
Candace Fasthorse-Downwind
April Flannigan
Peter Garner
Florence Hough
Candace Jackson
Mervel LaRose
Teri Littlewolf
Jordan Miettinen
David Morgan
Justin Moshier
Shaw Nason-Sherer
Richard Norton
Rachel Petters
Belinda Smith
Todd Smith
Randall Stangler
Timarah Stedman
Nicholas Villebrun
Rudolph White
David Whitebird
Terrance Wilson
Linda Zallar



Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Graduates Nine 2004 Students

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School held its commencement ceremony at the school on May 28th, 2004. Henry Flocken, Principal, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Graduates honored included Travis Gale, Derek Kingbird, Michelle Losh, Teri Losh, Ingrid Mesarina, Cassandra Rice, Naomi Rice, Ronald Skinaway, and Nicole Wade. The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Drum provided the grand entry song, as well as the flag song and the traveling song. Gerald White served as eagle staff carrier; Joe Aitken and Mike Jones served as flag carriers. Gilbert Moose gave the invocation. Graduate Ingrid Mesarina gave the student welcome in the Ojibwe language. Presentations were given by the following: Karen Baldwin, Superintendent; Jodi Perrington, teacher; Beth Prewett, Dean of Students; Ingrid Mesarina, valedictorian; Cassandra Rice, salutatorian; Marilyn Bowstring, school board member; and Bernard Rock, grandparent.



(L to R) Front Row: Cassandra Rice, Ingrid Mesarina, Teri Losh, Naomi Rice, Michelle Losh. Back Row: Ron Skinaway, Travis Gale, Derek Kingbird, Nicloe Wade.

Following the presentation

of diplomas, Johnny Mitchell, elder, presented each graduate with an eagle feather. They also were presented with a rose by staff member, Sarah Waybenais, and a Pendleton blanket by LIEC members. During the

traveling song, the members of the audience went through a reception line and congratulated each of the students. Refreshments were served at the end of the ceremony.

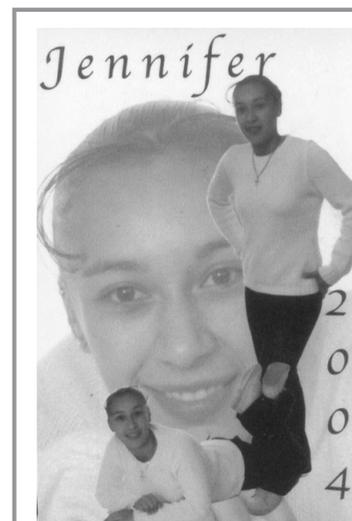
Cass Lake-Bena High School Anishinabe Graduates Honored



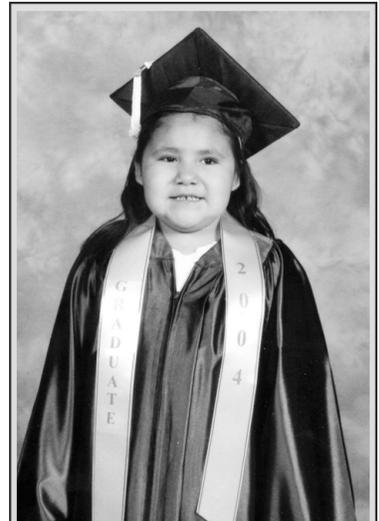
Thirty seven (37) Anishinabe graduates of Cass Lake-Bena High School were honored at the Senior Feast held at the Palace Paradise Room in May. See names of graduates listed to the left in the 2004 High School Graduates list.

After the invocation by Larry Aitken, the Young Spirits Drum Group sang several songs, including an honor song for the graduates. Ralph Brose, Pat O'Neal, and Rich

Robinson were also honored for their dedication to students in ISD #115. The main speaker was Leech Lake Judge Margarette Seelye-Treuer, a Cass Lake-Bena Graduate. The students and their families enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by awards from the Cass Lake-Bena Local Indian Education Committee, the Leech Lake Reservation and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.



Jennifer Wind
Cass Lake - Bena High School



Abrianna Ortle
Leech Lake Head Start
Migizi Class

Congratulations Pumpkin!



Jessica R. Papasodora
Class of 2004 at Roosevelt High School

It seems like it took forever but the time flew by quick. Keep your head up high and reach for the stars. You make good choices, you're a great role model, And the most positive person. You have the greatest attitude and the funniest sense of humor. Even if life is hard you still go out and give 110%! We are so proud of you for completing high school But now even more proud you're going to college! GO GET EM'

Love,
Mom (Rhonda Papasodora)
Sister (Jamie Papasodora)
Javier Gomez (Great Friend)

Elders Chair: Betty Staples Keeps A Watchful Eye Out For Storms

By Patsy Gordon

The night before I went to Betty Staples' home to interview her for the newspaper, it stormed. Betty greeted me at her door and said, "I didn't get much sleep last night, I was afraid of the wind!" I asked her if she was afraid of storms. She said, "I think my mother did that to me, every time it was storming out, she would take all of us kids down to the neighbor's house." She'd say, "Let's go down to Esther's." Her mother felt more secure there whenever a storm would come their way. Betty said, "My dad would stay home and sleep though." Her memories of those times are of her mother and Esther sitting up all night and visiting, and keeping an eye out on the weather. When they returned home, she said, her Dad would still be fast asleep.

Betty was born to Charles Staples and Margaret Charwood on July 19, 1936. She was raised with her 10 siblings at the Mission. She had 6 sisters and 4 brothers. She has lost 2 of her brothers and one of her sisters. She reminisced about her days as a child and young woman. They had no electricity or indoor plumbing in their home. Since electricity was not made available to the Mission Community for many years during Betty's life there as a child, her family had to use kerosene lamps for lighting. They used wood burning stoves to heat their home and to cook their meals. Water was hauled from a neighbor's pump. The kids got their baths in the wash tub that Betty's mother used for washing their clothes. When

her mother washed clothes, she would also melt snow and icicles to use for the wash water. She used a wash board to get the clothes clean and then hung them outside on the lines to dry. Betty said, "She did this all winter long!"

Betty said they always had fish and rabbit to eat. They also ate venison, whenever someone would give them some, and when her mother would clean ducks for someone they always gave her some of the ducks too. Betty's father would trap muskrats and sell the fur, but no part of the muskrat went to waste because the family would eat that too. Betty said, "That's good baked."

Betty said that since she was the oldest of the eleven children she was responsible for helping her Mom out with most everything. She said she did the laundry too, she cooked so she could "feed the little brats" (in Betty's words), and babysat. She said she was always babysitting every time her Mom and Dad had to go somewhere. Her parents took them to the town every 4th of July. When Betty was

young, she said that was the only pow-wow that Leech Lake had every year. The pow-wows were held in the old park by the school, what we know today as Dreamcatcher Park.

Betty attended school in Bemidji. After dropping out in the 7th grade, she later successfully obtained her general education degree (GED) in 1967.

Betty had 4 children, 3 girls and 1 boy, Cindy, Dan Jr., Patti and Jane. Patti currently resides in Minneapolis but Jane and Dan Jr. live in Cass Lake. Betty lost her daughter Cindy to breast cancer in 1996. Cindy was only 42 years old. Her children have blessed her with 15 grandchildren.

Many of us may know Betty Staples, or her name may sound familiar, but you can't place where you know her from. Well, Betty worked for Tribal Enrollment for 31 years! The Bureau of Indian Affairs contracted the Tribal Enrollment program from 1972, when Betty first started with the program, until 1990, when the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe took over the program operations. Betty still stayed with the program until October of 2003. Even at 67 years old, Betty is feeling good and healthy and wants to go back to work! She said, "I don't like being home doing nothing." So she is currently looking for a job.

One set back for Betty though is she doesn't have any transportation immediately available to her. But she says her sisters always come over and take her grocery shopping and to her appointments. Her daughter Jane goes to her house often and cleans for her.

Memorial Day family get togethers are Betty's favorite time of the year. She says there's always lot of relatives sitting around visiting. Most memorial days include a picnic at the Mission grave yard where the family graves are at.

Before our visit ended, I

asked Betty if she got the paper out where she lives. She said, "Oh yes, someone always brings it to me." She continued with, "I just love them stories about the elders. I just sit there and think about them and what they must have done, even if I don't know them."

ELDERS SEARCH

The DeBahJiMon newspaper is seeking elders to feature in a column titled "Elders Chair". If you know an elder who would be interested in being interviewed or if you are an elder who would be kind enough to share your story, please call with the name(s) and contact information:

(218) 335-8225

You can also e-mail at: lltpaper@paulbunyan.net

The DeBahJiMon would be more than happy to travel to meet the elder(s) for the interview.

Wisdom Steps

Annual Awards Ceremony

Elders completing their Wisdom Steps Incentive Program will be invited to attend the annual Wisdom Steps "Honoring Our Elders" Awards Ceremony.

"Honoring Our Elders" Tuesday, June 22, 2004



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Also, join us for our First Annual
Wisdom Steps Walk-A-Thon

Photo by Patsy Gordon

"Honor the Elder's Feast Turns Out to be Quite the Party!"

By Patsy Gordon

Groups of sisters merrily dancing, seniors "getting down and jivin'" with the music, "tearin' up" the feast that was laid before their hungry eyes and stomachs, table top dancing, giddy women, and festive settings surrounded the packed Veterans Memorial Building where the Elders Feast was held on Saturday, May 8th, 2004. Each year the Leech Lake Housing Authority puts on a feast not to be outdone by anyone, anywhere (in honor of our elders)! Walleye, fry bread, apple pie, blueberry cheese cake, wild rice hot dish, and much more was dished out to the hungry and anticipating takers. Each year, Leech Lake Housing employee, Greg

Anderson, does a great job frying up those walleye. What a wonderful job he does.

Ron Hare and Kenn Mitchell emcee the event. Richard Schulman, Orrin Beaulieu, James Allen, Jr., and recording artist, Mitch Walking Elk, were all there to provide the group with musical entertainment that sated their entertainment appetites as well as the food. The event even had one lady get up on top of a table and dance. ...And here I thought that happened only in Mexico!

Another job well done... Thank you Leech Lake Housing Authority!



Dances on the table to the music of Jim Allen at the Elder's Feast.
Photo by Patsy Gordon



Ida Martinez, 100 years old of Leech Lake, and Dorothy Handy, 104 years old of Red Lake, were the two oldest mothers in attendance at the Feast and were honored with gifts.
Photo by Patsy Gordon



This group of hungry elders lined up to partake of the delicious food.
Photo by Patsy Gordon



Thanks to this group of Housing employees and volunteers, the Elders Feast turns out to be a successful event every year!
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WHITE OAK JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Senior Fun Day 10am-6pm	2 White Oak Wednesday 6pm-10pm	3 49ers Day To Play 2pm-10pm	4	5
4TH ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION						
6 Sunday Spin 5pm-10pm	7 Coffee Club 6am-Noon Magical Monday 2 - 10pm	8 Senior Fun Day 10am-6pm	9 White Oak Wednesday 6pm-10pm	10 49ers Day To Play 2pm-10pm	11	12
4TH ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION						
13 Sunday Spin 5pm-10pm	14 Coffee Club 6am-Noon Magical Monday 2 - 10pm	15 Senior Fun Day 10am-6pm	16 White Oak Wednesday 6pm-10pm	17 49ers Day To Play 2pm-10pm	18	19
4TH ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION						
20 FATHER'S DAY	21 Coffee Club 6am-Noon Magical Monday 2 - 10pm	22 Senior Fun Day 10am-6pm	23 White Oak Wednesday 6pm-10pm	24 49ers Day To Play 2pm-10pm \$500 DRAWING	25	26
4TH ANNIVERSARY REGISTRATION						
27 Sunday Spin 5pm-10pm	28 Coffee Club 6am-Noon Magical Monday 2 - 10pm	29 Senior Fun Day 10am-6pm \$500 DRAWING!	30 White Oak Wednesday 6pm-10pm	4th Anniversary CELEBRATION! Register June 1st - August 15th		

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Writing Workshop for Indian (High School) Students

Location: Michigan, United States
Summer Program Date: 2004-07-10

"Writing Place," a one-week creative writing workshop, will bring together American Indian high school students from Michigan and other states.

Together, students and faculty will consider issues of location and environment--the stories of who we are, where we come from, and where our imaginations can take us. The program will include readings by well-known American Indian writers Mark Turcotte (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) and Susan Power (Standing Rock Sioux); writing workshops; and field trips to places that are significant to local Native communities. Students will have the opportunity to work not only with these professional writers but with outstanding creative writing faculty members such as Diane Seuss, who was honored last year with the College's esteemed Florence J. Lucasse Award for Excellence in Teaching.

At the end of the week, students will have the opportunity to read pieces of their work and to include them in the group's self-compiled publication. Thanks to generous support from Kalamazoo College and the Kellogg Foundation, we are able to fully fund each accepted student (including travel expenses). Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the twenty available spots are filled. Please contact us with any questions.

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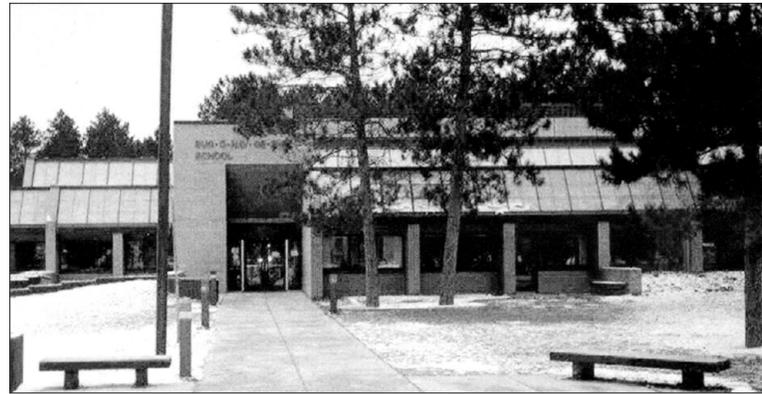
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Middle School Graduated the 8th Grade Class in Ceremonies



Left to Right: Danielle Campbell, Gina White, Candace Wakanabo, Jage Hunt, Paris Johnson, Travis Sayers, Robin Windom, Candice Sampson, Cassie Charwood, Jennifer Windom, Valerie Howard, Nate Cornelious. Not pictured are: Alicia Brown and Dawna Jones.

Audit Says Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Doing Great

By Giniwogiishig, Ogiimaans (Henry Flocken)



The Center for School Improvement (CSI), in tandem with the BIA Office of Indian Education Programs (OIEP), recently came on campus and audited our Comprehensive School Reform grant (CSR), Consolidated School Reform Plan (CSR/P or Strategic Plan), Gifted and Talented, and Special Education programs.

Rubrics were used to measure our school's success in a variety of areas. The questions centered on proof of involvement in decision making and planning by the stakeholders – students, parents, staff and administration. They also looked at our data feedback systems and operations to make sure our school business is efficient and effective. Their benchmark or target for us was set at 3 on a scale of 1-5. They interviewed students, parents, teachers, school board, and administration to form a 360 degree perspective on their questions. After combining the interview results we hit their mark of 3. This means we are on schedule in our plan for reformation. Next year our benchmark will be 4 on the descriptive rubrics. The year after, we will be at a 5 as planned.

Areas for continuing development are: K-12 curriculum, professional development, and data feedback and analysis.

Areas for strength cited are: foresight of administration to move our

strongest teachers to K-3 to improve reading and math foundations, information of dissemination such as this newsletter, school board trainings with NISBA, evaluations and development plans in place, cultural training and involvement by all staff, and our strong commitment to have a safe and drug free school.

The auditors were extremely impressed with the student's respectful behavior. They said they have visited many schools throughout the country and our students were the best. They praised our staff for being dedicated and working beyond the call of duty.

I challenge anyone who has any negative word or perception about our school to come and visit for a day. They will see how beautiful our children are. They will see students engaged in learning. They will see our hero teachers in action. They will see the efficiency and speediness of our staff – working late hours voluntarily. They will see board members going out of their way to participate on committees they are asked to serve. We have a motto here at the school that always rings true, "I am smart, I am beautiful, and I can do anything."

Anishinabe
niwaawiniigoyaang!
Ayaangwaamiziyok
niijanishinaabedog!

Cass Lake/Bena 2nd Grade Class Goes On An Adventure!

By Patsy Gordon

Mrs. Wimme's 2nd grade class will have a memory that will last them a lifetime. Mrs. Wimme and her class are thrilled and excited! How many of you got to go to Maryland and put your "Toes in the Ocean" when you were in second grade as an entire class? Well, that's exactly what this second grade class is going to do. By the time you read this article, they will already be back. "Toes in the Ocean" is what this class trip is titled.

The class had been communicating as pen pals with other second graders at a school in Belkamp, Maryland. One of the students' pen pals had sent her a birthday invitation. The student asked Mrs. Wimme if she could go. Mrs. Wimme's first thought was to tell her no and explain why. Well, she began to think – Cass Lake Elementary has what is called "responsive classroom". Its goal is to teach kids that they can reach their hopes and dreams and that they are attainable. After researching the idea thoroughly and making sure it was okay with the principal, the school board, and the rest of the 2nd grade "team", she was given the go ahead to try and make this dream trip come true for her entire 2nd grade class. She sent letters home to her students parents and told them that if they were willing to help raise



Chairman White with school staff and Mrs. Wimme's 2nd grade class.
Photo by Patsy Gordon

money for the trip, that together her, the class and the parents could make this happen. Mrs. Wimme said, "I had 100% parent participation!"

The 2nd grade students themselves raised \$4,000.00. The Leech Lake Tribal Council donated \$6,195.00, where Chairman Pete White went to the class and presented them with the check. The students asked questions as to how he got to be the Chairman and what he did in his position as Chairman.

It is their hope to raise enough funds so that each student

depend on you every day.

Watch over the animals and our people that live in this sacred way. Give them shelter and food to help survive "Grandfather Sun" to live another day.

As you come to the close of your journey setting in the Western Sky I ask that you take pity on the people who have caused Mother Earth to cry.

Thanks once again "Grandfather Sun" for making this my day. Share a ray of your light and send the sunshine my way.

Mi'iw

Grandfather Sun (Mishomis Geezis)

By Dan Wilson

Good Morning "Grandfather Sun", welcome to a new day
Once again I offer my tobacco for the journey you start this day.

Rising in the Eastern Sky and shining throughout the day
Thank you for the warmth and sunshine, you provide as you travel this way.

Your appearance in the morning sky has kept Mother Earth healthy,
The plants and all living things

be honored with a birthday cake to celebrate all of their birthdays.

Students from Mrs. Wimme's class will perform a Native American dance program for the Belkamp 2nd graders with a tape provided by and of Chairman Pete White. Chairman White and his drum group will be taped for this event at the Memorial Day pow-wow. The drum group will tape an eagle song and the 2nd grade class will dance to it in the Belkamp classroom.

The next day, Wednesday, the Cass Lake students will get a tour of the White House. How exciting! That afternoon, they will get to go and see an ocean aquarium where they will see ocean life close up. They will participate in a dolphin program where the dolphins will be in "dolphin tanks".

Thursday, they will get to visit Chesapeake Bay in Delaware. The students will swim in the ocean and go crabbing with a tour guide. They will witness coastal and shore life first hand. They will stay in Delaware Thursday night.

Friday will take them to Niagara Falls in New York. Immediately following the Niagara Falls tour, the group will leave for home. They will arrive back home in Cass Lake late Saturday, June 5th.

YOUNG WRITERS WANTED

If you are a Leech Lake Band Member who writes or have an interested 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: lltpaper@paulbunyan.net or by post to:
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8th Annual Mother's Day Feast and Celebration



Some of the Celebration participants dance to Mitch Walking Elk's music. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Recording artist, Mitch Walking Elk, performs for the Mother's Day Celebration. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Cass Lake Mayor, Elaine Fleming, joined in the festivities and showed off her moves in the Macarena Contest. Photo by Patsy Gordon



This Men's Beauty Contestant posed for the camera and the crowd. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Jeff Brown cooks burgers for the Mother's Day Celebration. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Food Vendors Wanted!

Goods from the Woods, a two-day specialty forest products marketplace will be held at **The Grand Rapids Civic Arena September 18 & 19, 2004**

The event includes a "Taste of the Northwoods" food vendor court. Planners of the event are looking for interesting food vendors, particularly those who might use products from Minnesota (syrup, berries, wild rice, honey, etc.) Last year the event was held for one day and over 2,000 people visited the arena. The two-day event in September is expected to attract nearly twice that many people.

If you are interested in being a vendor contact:
**Kathleen Preece at 218.759.7730, or
 Delina White, Director of Cultural Arts & Tourism at 335.4425**

Traditional Native American Dancers & Singers Needed

If you are interested in registering your traditional talents as performers call: **Delina White Cultural Arts & Tourism Department 335.4425**

I am always receiving requests for dancers and singers, especially new that summer is here.

Mother's Day Celebration Planning Committee Says Thanks!

The Mother's Day Planning Committee would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to those organizations, companies, programs, and individuals for their generous support in making our Annual Mother's Day Picnic and Celebration another wonderful success.

Thank you to:

- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake
- Leech Lake Tribal Council, Cass Lake
- Paul Bunyan Telephone, Bemidji
- First National Bank, Bemidji
- First National Bank, Walker
- Morrell's Trading Post, Bemidji
- Pat Fineday, Cass Lake Family Center
- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake
- Teal's Super Valu, Cass Lake
- Leech Lake Housing Authority, Cass Lake

A special thank you to all the parents and mothers, without whom this special event could never take place. Thank you!!

A special thank you to all of our volunteers:

- Sondra White, raffle, door prize tickets
- Janice Cloud, door prize tickets
- Jeff and his crew for all the cooking
- Delores Lanham and Audrey Goodman

Take An Amazing Road Trip This Summer

By Patsy Gordon

Are you one of those people/families that love to take off (whether on the spur of the moment or carefully planned) weekend road trips? Well, have I got a trip for you! Maybe some of you have already been there, but if you haven't you truly must go!

The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary is located near Orr, Minnesota on the Nett Lake Indian Reservation.

I first visited the Wildlife Sanctuary about 8 years ago and have been back twice since. Each time I visit it is just as exciting as the first time I visited. Directions will come later in this article.

Each time I have gone I have had close encounters with many, many black bears, big and small. Vince Shute has since passed on, but when I first started to visit the Sanctuary, Vince was still alive and would come and sit outside a small trailer located at the site to visit with the people. I sat down and talked to him on my first trip there and the following is part of what he told me about how the Sanctuary got started.

Several years ago, Vince and other loggers used this area to camp while they went to other nearby locations to log. They would leave early in the morning and return to their campsites after dark. Most every day when they got back they would find that their campsites had been ransacked. They knew it was the hungry bears that were getting into their tents/shacks and feasting on their food supply. It grew to be quite a nuisance so the loggers started to shoot the bears to try and



Vince Shute Photo by Patsy Gordon

keep them away.

Well, since that didn't work, Shute came up with the idea of feeding them. He started to put food outside and after some time a mutual trust was built between him and the bears. They became friends, he began to know them individually. It wasn't long before Shute became known as "The Bearman".

Soon the word was out amongst the bears. They all learned of this place where they knew they could get fed. They started to come in in the evenings by great numbers. The last time I visited the area, I counted over 40 bears that were all there at the same time. The trained bear keepers walked right amongst the bears within an arms reach and put the food out for them to eat.

When I first started going there, there was an observation deck a few feet off the ground that you could observe the bears from. But the bears were coming right up to us as we got out of our cars in the parking

lot. They were friendly and were not afraid of us humans. I wasn't real trusting of them at first, and I guess when I go back this summer, I still won't be 100% trusting of them. But believe me, it is something to see – so many bears all at one time!

The following information was taken from the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary website.

After Shute's health began to fail him in the fall of 1994, he became concerned about what would happen to the bears should he have to leave his home there. As a means of securing their future, Shute donated his interest in the land to caring friends who offered their help. Surrounding property was subsequently purchased. Today, 360 acres comprise what is now known as the "Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary". On January 6, 1995, the American Bear Association was established as a means of managing and operating this refuge. As many as 50 bears have been sighted at one time from the observation deck.

How do I get there, you ask. Well, travel Highway 53 north to one mile south of Orr, turning left on County Road 23. Continue on CR 23 for 13 miles. Watch for the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary sign approximately 100 yards past CR 514 on the right.

The Sanctuary is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day at 5:00 p.m. to dusk. It is closed on Mondays. Admission is free, donations are accepted. For more information you can call 1-800-357-9255. Group tours and school groups are welcome by reservation.

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ATTENTION:

All Leech Lake Reservation Departments and Leech Lake Constituents

Due to the lack of parking space at the Department of Public Works Division all vehicles that cannot be repaired and are here for more than a few days will be moved outside of the compound gates. It is your responsibility to remove these vehicles, Small Vehicle Repair will not be held responsible for any damages or theft of any vehicle. Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Effective April 21, 2004 the following changes will occur at the Small Vehicle Repair Shop located at Department of Public Works:

MONDAY:	Vehicle Assessments 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:	Vehicle Assessments 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	Vehicle Repairs 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Vehicle Repairs 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:	Vehicle Repairs 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Upon assessments, appointments will be made Wednesday – Friday for major repairs, with the exception of minor repairs (which will be conducted in-between assessments and major repairs) all week long. A copy of the Small Vehicle Repair Shop Policy is available for the rules and regulations allowed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rayis Losh, Supervisor Small Vehicle Repair at 218-335-8393.

Annual Conference For Native Americans Targets Heart Disease and Diabetes

Centuries ago Native Americans roamed the Great Plains and river valleys following wild game. Buffalo and venison were the mainstay of their diet. The people gathered berries, dug prairie turnips and mouse beans, harvested wild rice, hunted small game, caught and dried fish, and collected plants for tea and medicine. The natural world provided everything that the people needed to survive. The people were active and very fit. Many experts attribute the origin of diabetes and heart disease among Native Americans to the reservation era which began in the 1800's as tribal peoples were confined to small reservations with limited resources. They were no longer allowed to hunt and gather their foods as they had done for centuries, instead the government gave them rations commonly called commodities. More than a century ago, these commodities largely consisted of

white flour, sugar, and salt pork. Out of these three came one of today's delicacies: frybread which is often mistaken for a traditional food.

Today's diet, which much more nutritious, is still vastly different in composition than traditional foods. Instead of venison and buffalo, it's processed luncheon meat and canned pork. Instead of berries picked ripe off bushes, it's canned fruit in sugar syrup. Instead of wild rice, it's commercial cereals frosted with sugar. Instead of herbal tea, it's pop. These changes in diet permanently affected Native Americans, and led to a host of illnesses, among them diabetes and heart disease.

Diabetes is particularly destructive in the Native American community, where it is not uncommon to see diabetes patients with renal failure on kidney dialysis machines or who have undergone amputations. The rates of these and other complications, among them

blindness and heart disease, are much higher in Native Americans. In some Indian communities the rate of diabetes among the elders approaches 100%. The disease itself and its complications are among the leading causes of death among Native Americans. Mortality rates for diabetes are 166% higher in the Native American population than in the general population. Diabetes is four to eight times more prevalent in Native Americans than in the general population.

To provide information and support for diabetes and heart patients and their families, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is once again sponsoring the Northern Plains Native American Heart and Diabetes Conference, July 19 and 20, 2004. The two diseases share many of the same health issues. Many of the approaches for identifying who is at risk for diabetes and heart disease are similar" reviewing family

history, obtaining blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and blood glucose screening. Also, preventive efforts for both diseases are similar, like lifestyle changes, diet habits, exercise habits, smoking cessation, limiting alcohol intake, and regular health care check ups.

Conference participants will be able to choose to attend break out sessions including: What's Cooking, Basic Steps to Serving More Nutritious Meals; Wake Up and Smell the Roses!; Exercise, Treating Tobacco Dependence State-of-the-Art; the Chain of Survival and CPR; Eyes, Teeth, Feet, and Diabetes; Healthy Lifeways for Native People; and Medicine Talk. For further questions or comments, please call the SMSC Health Department at 952-496-6150. Additional information and registration forms are also available at www.shakopeedakota.org.

Fish Consumption Advisory

Choose fish, but choose wisely, health department says Fish Consumption Advisory helps consumers minimize risks from contaminants in fish. Minnesotans concerned about their health are wise to include fish in their diet, but need to be aware of the risks posed by contaminants in fish.

That's the main message contained in the Minnesota Department of Health's annual fish consumption advisory, updated and released each spring to help consumers make wise choices about the kinds of fish they eat and how often to eat fish. The advisory is available online or in brochure format by contacting the department.

"Fish is an excellent food source, high in protein, vitamins and minerals and low in saturated fat," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dianne Mandernach. "And studies have shown that eating fish may help prevent heart disease in adults. However, even fish should be eaten in moderation," Mandernach

said, "because any fish could contain harmful chemicals, such as mercury or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)."

The advisory provides guidelines on how much fish people can safely consume while minimizing their risks from contaminants. The advisory contains guidelines for both sport-caught and commercial fish. Generally, the smaller the fish the safer, but some species tend to accumulate more contaminants than others.

"In terms of safety, not all fish are created equal," said Patricia McCann, an environmental scientist for MDH who analyzes data on both Minnesota-caught and commercial fish. "And good choices about fish are not the same for everybody."

Pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who are planning to be pregnant and children under 15 are more sensitive to contaminants and need to take extra precautions to minimize their risks from eating fish. This does not mean, however, that

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STDs Increase Six Percent

Sexually transmitted diseases increase 6 percent in 2003; education, prevention, detection needed to combat STDs. The number of reported sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Minnesota rose 6 percent in 2003, following a 19 percent rise in cases in 2002, according to new data released by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

A total of 14,111 reportable STD cases were recorded by MDH in 2003 compared to the 13,318 cases in 2002.

"The continued growth of sexually transmitted diseases emphasizes the need for continued education and early detection," said Dr. Harry Hull, state epidemiologist and director of the Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control at MDH. "Practicing safe sex reduces your chances of getting an STD. Getting tested and treated will prevent spreading to partners."

Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis are the bacterial STDs that are monitored in Minnesota. Cases of chlamydia rose 6 percent - from 10,118 cases in 2002 to 10,714 in 2003. Cases of gonorrhea climbed 5

percent - from 3,051 cases in 2002 to 3,202 cases in 2003. The number of syphilis cases jumped 31 percent - from 149 cases in 2002 to 195 cases in 2003.

"These diseases can be reduced through targeted prevention efforts," Hull said. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that latex condoms, when used consistently and correctly, can reduce the risk of getting STDs.

To combat the epidemic, the MDH Partner Services Program provides follow-up to both people with sexually transmitted diseases and their sexual partners who may need examination and treatment. In addition, MDH has expanded its chlamydia and gonorrhea screening efforts with eight clinics serving areas with the highest rates of infection.

"As with other diseases, STDs disproportionately impact certain populations," Dr. Hull said. "There are definitely groups that we need to make every effort to reach."

"Teens and young adults continue to share the greatest burden of STDs in Minnesota," Dr. Hull said.

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they should stop eating fish, McCann said. The oils in fish are important for brain and eye development. The advisory provides guidelines for people in these groups. For example, while one meal a week of locally caught panfish would not pose a health risk, people in the group should not eat any large walleye, large northern pike, shark, or swordfish. There are many species of fish that can be eaten twice per week by this group.

In March, the Food and Drug Administration published new data on levels of mercury in commercial fish. "We've revised our advice in the 'Expectant Mother's Guide' to reflect these changes in reported mercury concentrations," McCann said. Of note is the change in advice for canned tuna - two meals per week for canned "light" and two meals per month for canned "white" tuna. "Un-

fortunately, mercury levels in canned 'white' (albacore) tuna are higher than canned 'light' tuna," she said.

MDH continues to recommend eating all types of salmon - canned, fresh wild-caught and farm-raised. Although the levels of contaminants in farm-raised salmon are higher than wild-caught salmon, the levels are still relatively low and it is a good food choice. Contaminants are higher in farm-raised salmon because of the processed feed, McCann said.

For most people, two meals of fish per week are generally considered optimal for balancing the health benefits and the health risk from contaminants in fish. "Choosing which fish to eat for those meals is important to minimize exposure to mercury and other chemicals in fish. Following the MDH fish consumption guidelines keeps your exposure to a

"We need to continue to educate young Minnesotans about the risks of unprotected sex and ways to stop the spread of STDs." About 7 out of 10 reported chlamydia cases and about 1 out of 2 reported gonorrhea cases occurred among adolescents and young adults.

Although the highest rates of STDs are in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, the rates are also increasing among suburban and greater Minnesota residents. Chlamydia and gonorrhea have continued their upward climb for several years. Rates remain elevated among communities of color.

Syphilis has increased among gay and bisexual men in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area for the last two years. In 2003, 42 percent of the cases among gay and bisexual men were also infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Health officials warn that persons at increased risk of getting syphilis include those that meet their sexual partners at bars, nightclubs, Internet and phone chat lines. Alcohol and methamphetamines have also been connected to recent cases.

safe level," McCann said. "The right fish choice depends on each person and his or her health status."

Considering this, people who need to be very careful about the amount of mercury they consume, such as pregnant women, may want to choose the "light" canned tuna instead of albacore canned tuna and smaller locally-caught fish. An older person or men in general may choose a certain fish based on its content of beneficial Omega-3 oils more than on its mercury content.

General statewide consumption guidelines are available online at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/fish/index.html and in the form of an eight-page brochure, "Eat Fish Often?" that is available by contacting MDH at 651-215-0950 or 1-800-657-3908.

More detailed, site-specific

Health officials emphasize that gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis can be spread through unprotected oral, anal and vaginal sex. Once detected, these diseases can be treated and cured with antibiotics. If left untreated, however, chlamydia and gonorrhea can cause infertility. Untreated syphilis can lead to blindness, brain damage, heart problems and even death. Sexually transmitted diseases can also increase the risk of getting infected with HIV or spreading it to others.

The complete STD Surveillance Report 2003 and STD fact sheets can be found on the MDH web site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us>. The new CDC treatment guidelines for STDs are available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/std>. People can call the Minnesota Family Planning & STD Hotline, toll free, at 1-800-78-FACTS (voice or TTY) for confidential information about the prevention, testing locations and treatment of STDs.

For more information about this news release, contact Doug.Schultz@health.state.mn.us

recommendations are available on the MDH Web site or by contacting MDH. The recommendations have been updated this year with information on additional lakes and rivers that have been tested. Detailed recommendations are also available in the Lake Survey Reports produced by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Lake Survey Reports are also available online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html.

MDH also has a separate publication that provides additional information for pregnant women. "An Expectant Mother's Guide to Eating Minnesota Fish" is available in both English and Spanish. Both are available online at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/fish/orders/materials.html.

Do you know the five warning signs of stroke? If you answered "no", you're not alone. In a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 22.8 percent of Minnesotans knew the five warning signs. Results from the other 16 states in the study indicated a similar lack of awareness of stroke's warning signs.

2. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

"Much of the death and disability from stroke could be prevented if stroke victims get medical care very quickly," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dianne Mandernach. "During Stroke Awareness Month, we urge Minnesotans to learn the five warning signs of stroke. Then, if you observe any of these signs in yourself or another, call 911 immediately."

For more information, please contact the American Stroke Association, a Division of the American Heart Association, at (952) 835-5828.

The five warning signs are:

1. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

Journey Through Negatives to find positive in HIV/AIDS

By Boyd Andrew Catt-Iron Shell, Guest Indian Country Today Columnist

I have been on a journey. Four years ago I was called upon to work with the issues of HIV/AIDS. At times I serve as a scout, forewarning of the dangers before us. At times, I must stake myself to the earth and stand my ground on behalf of those who can not speak for themselves. I was told that many of our people are dying silently around us. Silence caused by people not listening to the voice within. Dying because too often the noise of government policy and bureaucracy silence the Native American. Are we listening to the dangers that our ancestors said was coming? Their awakening came in the form of a warm wool blanket. A blanket covered with small pox. They were caught by surprise. Not aware of what they needed to do to protect themselves. I'm here today to tell you that we as Native people, do not have the pretext of getting caught off guard. I'm here today to tell you that HIV/AIDS is 100% preventable.

I can only speak of the realities as I see them in my own communities. I can only speak as an individual who also struggles with the same challenges that my community and family share. We are all born into the struggle. For some, it's hard to place value on sexual safety when your priorities are in fighting to just

get by from day to day. Some fall into the role of victim. Some buy into a non-native lifestyle that isn't always best for our personal well being. We can condemn ourselves, let out side forces condemn us or we can utilize our inner strengths and ancestral direction and over come the challenges that present to us in these contemporary times.

Many words have been said romatizing the people called American Indian. As a Native, I can take these words in a matter of different context. They can portray ignorance, curiosity, or admiration. I often wonder why we are looked at with great awe, like a caged tiger at the zoo. In the span that it takes to swallow down another drink of my coffee, I come to my conclusion. In spite of generations of attacks against our natural identity, we still represent strength in this world that others feel they don't have. We may not always live in accordance of the purity that our ancestors held. Through DNA or our intergenerational relationship to our collective past, the modern day "Indian" still holds thoughts, vision and feelings just as alive and integrated to our human spirit and our natural surroundings as was held by our ancestors. It is this inner guidance, this natural identity

that defines us as Native American and that must be the foundation of which we address all our challenges. We can utilize the gifts and powers involved in our Native cultures and empower our selves and generations moving forward around us. If we take the time to give value to the ancestral mentality within us, it will clarify much of the misdirection we cling to in our daily lives.

The real cure for HIV/AIDS will not be found in the masses. It can be found within. I honestly believe that the cure for HIV/AIDS in our Native populations can be found within each and every one of us. The non-Indian would like to place their cure in science and medicine. They are comfortable trusting this format as they don't place as much value on natural components like spirituality, community and feelings as many of our Native cultures do. By placing our cure within our own traditions, by being responsible for self, we keep alive the power of our identity, rightfully placing it within ourselves. It is this potential strength that other cultures and non-Indian society sees

as they romantize about us.

I am confident that medical scholars of this world will create the drugs that cure HIV/AIDS as we know it today. They may cure the bio-medical component of HIV/AIDS but this will not cure the frailties of human behavior that lead to HIV/AIDS. By not addressing the dangers of our actions or behaviors, a medical cure is only a Trojan horse and not really a cure as defined in Webster's book of good white words. When we

address our healing through validation of our inner strengths and address our self weaknesses, than we will truly eliminate HIV/AIDS and the individual co-factors that can lead to that disease.

The common element of all Tribal Nations on the American continents is the concept of RESPECT. The integrity of our social and spiritual law is defined by having self and mutual respect. When you take away all the excuses of how people acquired HIV/AIDS, the main reason is because they didn't take the time for self respect or mutual respect. Our ancestors did not know that something as simple as latex could define weather or not our generations would move forward. I am sure that they would tell us to use condoms if that is what it takes to ensure protection of ourselves and our future.

How will we explain to our children the reason we are lying in that hospital bed dying of AIDS complications? Can we admit we did not have enough respect for ourselves to wear a condom or turn away from risky behaviors? At that time, will our children think we are cheapskates for not spending \$1.25 for one latex condom which could have saved our life? Probably not. What they will think is that they are being robbed by losing their loved one to a disease

Our ancestors took great sacrifice so that we could live. We must not let their prayers and actions be in vain.

AIDS Educator, Lisa Tiger, Gives Birth to Healthy and Beautiful Baby Girl!

By Patsy Gordon

Like many of you, I have been curious and wondering how Lisa Tiger, who is infected with the HIV/AIDS virus, has been doing. In the April issue of the De-Bah-Ji-Mon, Lisa's story was reprinted with her permission from the Well Nations Magazine. We do have back copies of this issue available, if you never got to read her story and would like to. Lisa came to Leech Lake a few years back and told her story about how she deals with her life living with the AIDS virus.

Today, May 11th, I spoke with Lisa by telephone. I found her to be very cordial and friendly and she continues to be active with AIDS education. Lisa gave birth to her new daughter on March, 12th, 2004. Her doctors had scheduled a C-section for Lisa on March 22nd, but Lisa said, "She came early." Cornelia Margaret Taluda Dana Tiger came into the world weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Lisa is so proud and happy to announce that her new little bundle of joy is "perfectly healthy"! Lisa says, "She is so beautiful!" She is named after several people in Lisa's family. Dana is also Lisa's sisters name. Taluda means cricket in the Cherokee language. The

name Taluda comes from Lisa's father (Jerome Tiger) who died of an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound in 1967.

Before her father died, he told them that he would come back as a cricket. Lisa's husband, Diego, never knew her father, but upon discussing the thought of having a baby, Diego, make the remark that he wanted them to have a baby girl and name her Cricket. Lisa said, "Cricket - after my Dad?" Diego replied, "Your Dads' name was Cricket?" She told him "No, but he told people that after he died he would come back as a cricket." Lisa said her Dad told her that "Whenever you hear a cricket, you know I will be near". Hence, came the name Cricket!

Lisa remained in the hospital for three weeks after giving birth to her little girl. Her fever, at times, reached as high as 105.6. She suffered with night sweats and other AIDS related illnesses. As of this date, Lisa is still waiting for some of the test results they did on her while in the hospital. Although, Lisa said, "I'm feeling fine!"

Lisa's mother had been very active with Lisa and her 4 adopted children throughout the past 8 years,

ever since the children came to live with her and had been looking forward to helping her daughter raise her new little girl. Unfortunately, shortly before the birth, her mother was involved in a near fatal car crash. She broke her neck, her legs and her ribs. As a result of the accident, she also suffered a series of strokes that brought on brain trauma. Lisa said she just never was the same after that, and although she still remains in the hospital, she is getting better. She recognizes and knows all of her family and on Mothers Day of this year when Lisa visited her, she said she could understand her better as well too. Before the accident happened, her mother had been working on her PHD, and was employed with the Cherokee Nation.

Lisa's closing statement to me was, "People are still not practicing safe sex, so I'm still interested in doing AIDS education!"

Lisa and her family live in Oklahoma, but will split their time between Oklahoma and Santa Fe where her husband's family lives.

Good luck, Lisa! Our best wishes are with you always.

Letter from the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to let the Debahjimon readers know that I, as the Editor of the newspaper, will be going on a leave of absence for 3 months, if all works out as planned. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the different programs, interviewing the elders, photographing events and people, doing the stories, etc. I absolutely love doing this kind of work.

But as of right now, I'm not sure what the paper publication production is going to be for July August and September, but I'm sure something will be worked out.

I hope to be back in September and release the October issue on schedule. Have a great summer!

Patsy Gordon



Wildland Firefighting Scholarships

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is seeking candidates to attend the one year Wildland Firefighting Program at Itasca Community College next fall (September 2004).

To apply, send your name, address, city, state, zip, social security #, telephone number, and references of two people (one should be an instructor at your most recent school) to:

Submit by mail to:
Student Support Services
Itasca Community College
1851 E. Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Submit by fax to:
218-327-4299

Note: Include the following information:
Itasca Community College / Leech Lake
Scholarship Application



For questions about the Wildland Firefighting Program contact:
Marty Christensen 1-218-327-4580
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For Scholarship questions contact:
Ann Vidovic 1-800-966-6422,
1-218-327-4211
e-mail: cblacklance@it.cc.mn.us

Application Deadline is July 30, 2004

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that is 100% preventable.

HIV/AIDS to many is very misunderstood. Four years ago, it was to me. In the journey I am living, I can see that it is much more than another disease trying to destroy our Native people. It is a health issue, it is a sovereignty issue, and it is a human issue. There are many more things than just the disease that needs to be discussed. The practice of respect is what is the best protection on an individual level. If you have self-respect, you will respect others. Our Tribal leaders must have enough respect for the people to talk about the challenges in dealing with HIV/AIDS in our Tribal communities. They must be the ones to look at why our

children are having children. What role does incest play? What role does substance abuse play? What role does the break down of family structure play? These are issues that contribute to why sex, alcohol and risky behaviors are being used as replacements for love and respect among our people. How does one find self esteem in an environment which conditions us to play the victim? Too often, sexual predators are uncontested violators to the spirit of our women and children. Many predators wear the mask of a friend, a relative or a disrespectful partner. When we fail to skill our people with the knowledge they need for self-value and responsible sexual health, the possibility for abuse, unintended pregnancy and preventable disease is a probable reality. Our identity as

Native people should no longer be accepted as the face of a statistic and the voice of disparity.

Indian country is a very good candidate for an all out HIV/AIDS epidemic. Many Tribal communities operate in crisis mode. With the already overwhelming challenges that our Tribal health system face on a daily basis, inadequate funding, politics, and extreme disparities, HIV/AIDS tends to fall silently into the shadows. While many debate its prevalence, the cycle of infection continues to grow much like alcoholism, diabetes and cancers which have cultivated in our Tribal communities until they become so large a problem that we had no choice but to address them.

The journey I am on is not lead by the grim reaper. The tools

to address HIV/AIDS are there for the taking on both an individual, community and leadership level. Respect and action do not cost a thing but our very lives may depend on it. Our ancestors took great sacrifice so that we could live. We must not let their prayers and actions be in vain. If we are to survive as Native people, free from HIV/AIDS and the many diseases we are challenged with, we must not be afraid to look beyond the comfort of our own selves and do at least as much as our ancestors have done for us. That is the journey advocating for HIV/AIDS prevention has shown me so far.

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"Passed Into The Spirit World"

LEON BURNETTE

Leon John "Woodbug" Burnette, age 37, of Duluth, MN, died on May 8th, 2004 at his home. Leon was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. He worked for the Duluth Plasma Center. He is preceded in death by his brother, Loren.

Surviving are his mother, Betty Burnette of Duluth and his father, Leonard Paper of Superior, Wisconsin. Funeral services were held on May 14, 2004 at the Sugar Point Community Center, Leech Lake. Burial is at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, Mn. The Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home handled funeral arrangements.

THERESA JOHNSTON

Theresa Johnston (Wah nah ge way be quay), 87, of Cass Lake, MN died May 21, 2004 at Cass Lake Indian Hospital in Cass Lake while surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held on May 26th, 2004 at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake officiated by Fr. Paul Larson of Deer River and Fr. Lloyd Mudrack of Coleraine. Interment is at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake. Cease Family Funeral Home handled the funeral arrangements.

She was born in the Cass Lake area in 1917 to Levi Wind Sr. and Emma Bear. She spent her childhood summers at her grandmother, Kay Bay Way's home on Lake Thirteen. She worked as a nurse's aide at the Cass Lake Hospital before marrying Charles Johnston in 1942. They were married 60 years. She was a homemaker until her last children were in school at which time she became an LPN and worked at Ah Gwah Ching, later working as a Community Health Representative and Director of the Leech Lake Community Nursing Program. She then worked as a counselor at the Archdeacon Gilfillan Center and as a Director of the Leech Lake Youth Lodge until she retired in 1979. In her younger years she was active in the Cass Lake Public Schools, advocating for native children's rights. She

always enjoyed doing the traditional Ojibwe beadwork and was known in her community for her moccasins and vests. She also sewed quilts, baked pies for community fundraising projects, tended her flower gardens, and loved to relax at bingo.

In her community she was a woman of exceptional integrity and caring. She had been godmother to many Catholics in the Cass Lake community over the past 60 years. She was known for her amusing sense of humor, ability to get right to the point, and loved all babies and children, not only her own. She loved her home community, the people and nature, but especially the trees. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, St. Mary's Altar Society, Kateri Tekawitha Circle, Cass Lake Local Indian Council, and the Northwestern MN Juvenile Center Board of Directors.

She is survived by her son: William (Eilene) Johnston of Bemidji, 6 daughters: Caroline(Terry) Stangel of Grand Rapids, MN; Charlene (Robert)

Kirchner of Brewster, MN; Linda (Joe Thomas) Johnston of Cass Lake, MN; Pauline (Craig Pemberton) Johnston of Cass Lake, MN; Monica Johnston of Cass Lake, MN; Maxine Johnston of Cass Lake, MN; 1 sister: Caroline "Kay" Wind-Cloud of Cass Lake, MN; 1 brother: Chuck (Margaret) Gwinn of Yakima, Washington and 39 grand children and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2001, her parents, 2 infant daughters Katherine and Corinne; great granddaughter Rhonda Fairbanks; 7 brothers, Levi Wind, Jr., Cecil Wind, George Wind, Sr., Charles Wind, Eugene Wind, Alvin Wind and Theodore Wind; 4 sisters Mary White, Myrtle Munnell, Sharon Wind, and Anna Johnson.

Honorary Casketbearers were Terry Stangel, Robert Kirchner, Joe Thomas, George Wind, Jr., Craig Pemberton, John Munnell, Hunter Pemberton and Kevin Kirchner. Active Casketbearers were Ren Stangel, Steven Kirchner, Peter Cloud, John Wind, Francis "Cowboy" Wind and

Kenneth Hough.

ELIZABETH (TAYLOR) LEMON

Elizabeth (Taylor) Lemon died at the age of 95.

Mrs. Lemon was born at the current site of the Che Wa Ka E Gon store on the Leech Lake Reservation. She attended an Indian girls boarding school at Tomah, Wisconsin where she was a witty and quick learner. While in boarding school she met many friends from other reservations that she would keep in contact with through out her life.

She always stressed the importance of education with her children, grand children and foster children. While working at a hospital in Wisconsin she met her husband Gavino Lemon who she was married to for over fifty years. The couple spent much of their retirement years living in Cass Lake and their home was a favorite place for the older folks to gather and play cards. She is preceded in death by her father Peter Taylor and Charlotte (Partridge) Taylor of Onigum and brother John and sister Gladys. Her children were Dominic, John Sr., Tony (deceased) Juanita (Lemon) Swan and Mike Castillo. The grand children were (Dominic's) Pauline, Tony, Gregory, Norin, Kevin, and Denise. (John's) John Jr. deceased, Douglas, Mike, Dan, Joe and Gina. (Juanita's) John Herrera and Nancy Meyers. In addition, she leaves numerous great grandchildren and great-great grand children services were held at St. Charles Catholic Church Friday morning with burial at Pine Grove cemetery.

LEGAL NOTICES

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Janice Gale, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Janice Gale, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **June 15, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 7.2, Burning without

permit.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on May 4, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Kelly Anderson, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Kelly Anderson, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **June 15, 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 216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on May 4, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Maureen Moose, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Maureen Moose, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **June 15, 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.(1), Driving after suspension.
2. Chapter 200, Section 214.A, No insurance.
3. Chapter 200, Section 213.A, Expired registration.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on May 4, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Sharon Raisch, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Sharon Raisch, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **June 15, 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.(1), Driving after suspension.
2. Chapter 200, Section 214.A, No insurance.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

3. Failure to appear in court on May 4, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Local Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous and Alanon Meetings

MONDAY

5:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. / ABO
Counselor / Caregiver – Closed
Safe Haven, North on Palace Drive, 1st house of the left
7:00 p.m. – Alanon Meeting

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – N.A. (young people)
ALC/Drugs All Ages Welcome
Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:00 p.m. – Chemical Dependency
Support Group
Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A.
Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Center

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. – Early Bird Meeting
Safe Haven
7:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting
Winnie Dam Community Center
7:30 p.m. – A.A. Big Book Study
Safe Haven

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. – Substance Abuse
Relapse Prevention Support Group
Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
For more information call 760-4572
9:00 p.m. – A.A. Candle Light Meeting
Safe Haven

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. – Open A.A. Meeting
Onigum community Center
6:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A.
Ahnji-Be-Mah-Dis Center

SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. – A.A. (12x12) Meeting
Safe Haven – North on Palace Drive – 1st house on left. 335-0147
6:00-8:00 p.m. Sobriety Feast
Every 3rd Thursday of the month

All meetings are held on a weekly basis. For more information please contact 335-2219.

Local Indian Council Meeting Schedules

Oak Point LIC

1st Monday of every mo. – 6 p.m.
Oak Point Community Center

Ball Club LIC

1st Monday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Ball Club Community Center

Onigum LIC

1st Tuesday of every mo. – 6:30 p.m.
Onigum Community Center

Cass River LIC

1st Tuesday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Cass River Community Center

Kego Lake/Smokey Point LIC

1st Wednesday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Kego Lake Community Center

Winnie Dam LIC

1st Thursday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Winnie Dam Community Center

Sugar Bush/Ten Lake LIC

2nd Monday of every mo. – 6 p.m.
Is announced at previous meeting

Cass Lake LIC

2nd Monday of every mo. – 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Manor Lobby

Inger LIC

2nd Monday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Inger Community Center

Bena LIC

2nd Tuesday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Bena Community Center

Sugar Point LIC

2nd Wednesday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Sugar Point Community Center

Mission LIC

2nd Thursday of every mo. – 6 p.m.
Mission Community Center

S. Lake LIC

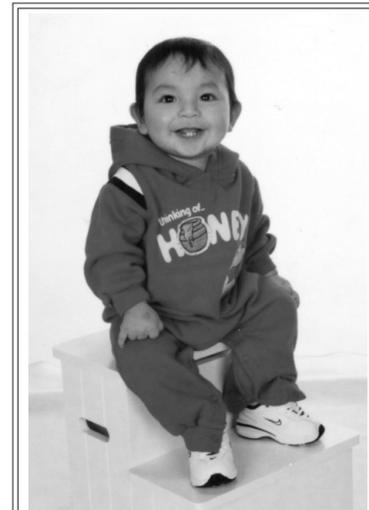
3rd Monday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
S. Lake Community Center

Deer River LIC

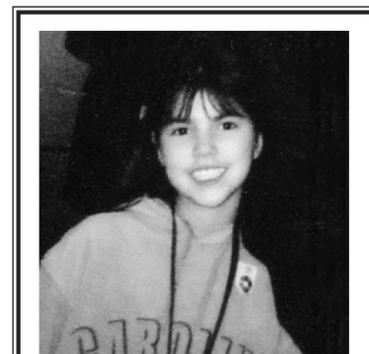
the last Monday of every mo. – 7 p.m.
Goodall Resource Center in Deer River

Leech Lake Twin Cities LIC

The last Tuesday of every mo. – 6 p.m.
MN Indian Women's Resource Center
2300 15th Ave. S. In Mpls.
ALWAYS POTLUCK!



Happy 12th Birthday
Alyssa
Buckanaga
June 1st.
Love you always,
Grandma & Grandpa
Losh



Happy Birthday
Devin Villebrun
6-07-04
Love, Auntie Eva



Pow Wow Highway June 2004

June 4
Deer Park United Methodist Church Fellowship Pow Wow
West of Pine Junction off Highway 285 on Rim Rock Road Deer Park, Colo (303) 838-6759

June 4-6
Blackwater Creek Traditional Pow Wow
Blackwater Park Jasper, Ala Karen Cooper (205) 648-2529 kcooper@uabnc.edu

June 4-6
Red Earth Festival
State Fair Park Oklahoma City, Okla (405) 427-5228 www.redearth.org

June 4-6
13th Annual Tulalip Veterans Pow Wow
Tulalip Community Center Marysville, Wash (360) 651-4470

June 4-6
25th Annual Otiningo Pow Wow and Indian Craft Show
Broome County's Otiningo Park Binghamton, N.Y. (607) 729-0016 isa@tier.net

June 5-6
Windsor-Mt. Ascutney Chamber of Commerce Native American Pow Wow
South Windsor Fair Grounds Windsor, Vt. (802) 674-6410

June 4-5
36th Annual Alabama Coushatta Pow Wow
Indian Village Ball Park Livingston, Texas (936) 563-4391

June 4-6
Standing Bear Pow Wow
West High School; Stine Rd Bakersfield, Calif (661) 589-3181, (661) 589-8414

June 5-6
Eagles Nest at Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital Pow Wow
Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital Perryville, Md (410) 885-2800

Return to Pimiteoui Pow Wow
June 5-6
Edwards, Ill (309) 694-4876

June 5-6
Gathering of Veterans Pow Wow
American Legion Field Salem, Va white_buffalo_woman@yahoo.com

June 7-8
10th Annual Warroad Traditional Pow Wow
Warroad City Park Warroad, Minn Henry Boucha (218) 689-3393

June 11-13
28th Annual Wollomonuppoag Indian Council Pow Wow
LaSalette Shrine Fairgrounds Route 118 Attleboro, Mass (508) 822-5492

June 11-13
27th Annual Lower Sioux Indian Community Traditional Wacipi
Lower Sioux Reservation Morton, Minn (507) 697-6185

June 11-13
Flag Day Celebration Pow Wow
Cannon Ball District Cannon Ball, N.D. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (701) 854-7202

June 11-13
135th Annual White Earth Pow Wow
Tribal Grounds White Earth, Minn (218) 983-3285

June 11-13
Eastern Delaware Nations Pow Wow
Sullivan County Fairgrounds Forksville, Pa (570) 924-9082

June 11-13
5th Annual Inter-Tribal Gathering
Fort Robinson State Park Carwford, Neb Ron Moore (308) 632-1311

June 11-13
NATH/NAHDO Pow Wow
Ethete, Wyoming Cy Lee (307) 856-8712; Darrell Lonebear (307) 332-5318

June 11-14
100th Red Bottom Celebration
Pow Wow Grounds Frazer, Mont (406) 653-2280

June 12-13
7th Annual Hon-Dah Resort Pow Wow in the Pines
Three miles south of Pinetop, Ariz Mark Neel (928) 369-7568

June 12-13
Indian Plaza Gift Shop Pow Wow
1475 Route 2, Mohawk Trail Charlemont, Mass (413) 339-4096

June 12-13
Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Indian Pow Wow
Salem Country Fairgrounds State Highway Route 40 Woodstown, N.J. (856) 455-6910

June 17-19
Mowa Choctaw Annual Pow Wow
Calvert, Ala (251) 944-2789, (251) 829-5500

10th Annual Competition Pow Wow
June 18-20
American Indian Education Center, Edgewater Park Cleveland, Ohio (216) 351-4488

June 18-20
6th Annual Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Pow Wow
Mackinaw Island, Mich (906) 484-2098

June 18-20
Winds of the Northwest Annual Pow Wow
Frank's Landing Indian

Community Olympia, Wash Brenda Lovin (360) 456-1311

June 18-20
6th Annual Native American Festival and Pow Wow
Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge Eureka Springs, Ark Darla (479) 253-5841 darla@turpentinecreek.org

June 18-20
11th Annual Fort Randall Casino Contest Pow Wow
Fort Randall Casino & Hotel Pickstown, S.D. (605) 487-7871

June 19-21
Porcupine Pow Wow
Porcupine District Shields, N.D. Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (701) 854-7202

June 19-20
2nd Annual Quiet Bear Memorial Pow Wow
Lions Mouth Road Amesbury, Mass (978) 283-0105

June 19-20
The Woods People Summer Solstice Pow Wow
Clark Memorial Recreation Field, Central Street Winchendon, Mass (978) 297-1228 ppotatobear@aol.com

June 19-20
23rd Annual Plains Indian Museum Pow Wow
Buffalo Bill Historical Center 720 Sheridan Avenue Cody, Wyo (307) 587 4771

June 25-26
7th Annual Pow Wow
Pow Wow grounds SH137 and College Farm Road (E-90 Road) Miami, Okla Peoria Tribal Office (918) 540-2535

June 17-19
Twin Buttes Celebration
Campgrounds 20 miles north of Halliday Twin Buttes, N.D. Travis (701) 938-4396, (701) 938-4372

June 18-20
4th Annual Inter-Tribal Osage River Pow Wow
Miller County Fairgrounds Eldon, Mo (573) 369-2710

June 19-20
Buffalo Pow Wow
Lowell Fairgrounds Grand Rapids, Mich (616) 364-4697

June 19-20
Two Worlds Lodge Spring Gathering and Medicine Bear Lodge Rendezvous
Benson Farms, between Morley and Stanwood, Mich (231) 856-4451, (616) 344-7111

June 25-26
Gateway to Nations – NYC Native American Heritage Celebration
Gateway National Recreation Area Floyd Bennett Field Brooklyn, N.Y. (718) 686-9297 redhawkarts@mindspring.com

June 25-27
Trade Days Festival
Old Trade School Trade, Tenn nativeway@mindspring.com

June 26-27
Chief Flying Eagle 5th Annual Pow Wow
Brooklyn Creamery and Bison Farm Route 395, exit 91 Brooklyn, Conn (860) 267-7695

June 25-27
St. Croix Casino and Hotel 12th Annual Pow Wow
Makoode Arena at St. Croix Casino Turtle Lake, Wis (800) 846-8946 ext 3046 or 3047

June 26-27
Veteran's Pow Wow
Togus V.A. Hospital, Route 17 Augusta, Maine (207) 623-0338 Baxterr689@aol.com

The entire summer Pow wow Highway schedule is available by contacting the DeBahJiMon at (218) 335-8225 or ltpaper@paulbunyan.net