

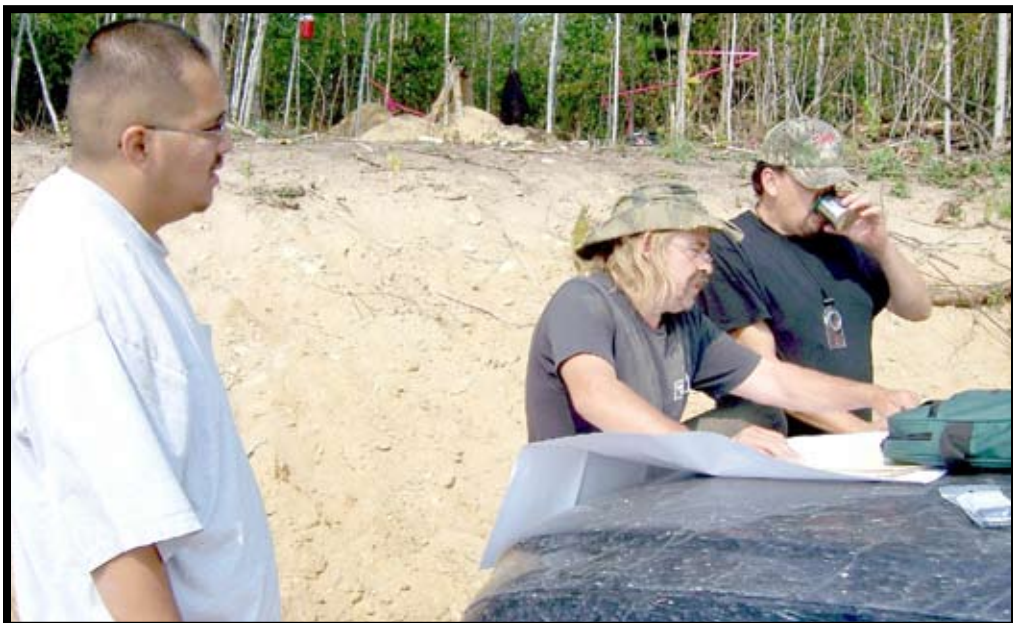
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Volunteer archaeologist, Matt Mattson (center) discusses excavation plans with Leech Lake Heritage Sites crew members Scott Whitebird (L) and Charles Bobollink (R) at the site near the Walker Area Community Center. Submitted Photo

Archaeological Discovery near Walker Sheds New Light on Northern Minnesota Prehistory

By Colleen Wells, Leech Lake Heritage Sites Field Director

Archaeologists from the Leech Lake Heritage Sites Program have uncovered what may be evidence for a very early human presence on the North American continent. While performing a survey for the Walker Area Community Center (WACC), they recovered stone tools beneath what appear to be glacial deposits, dating the site to possibly 15,000 years before present (BP). If confirmed, this discovery could support a developing body of evidence that the Americas were populated much earlier than conventional theories maintain.

According to current theory, the first Americans entered the continent approximately 12,000 years ago, by crossing the Bering Land Bridge (now the Bering Strait), which was exposed when sea levels were much lower, because much of the water was trapped in glaciers. However, recent discoveries in the fields of genetics, archaeology, and geology have

suggested that humans have been here much longer.

Thor Olmanson, Director for the Leech Lake Heritage Sites Program, spearheaded the investigation. The location of the site on a hill 150 feet above the current Leech Lake water level makes it unusual, as most archaeological sites are close to existing shorelines. However, during the Pleistocene-Holocene transition, approximately 12,000 year ago, water levels were much higher, as the glaciers began to melt. Based on what is known of the glacial history of the area, the site would have been in an

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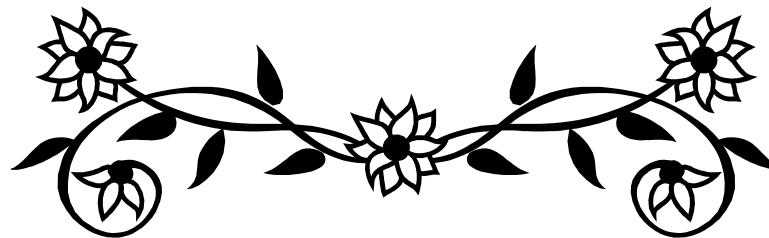
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Obituaries

Eunice Taylor

Eunice Taylor, 52 of Cass Lake, MN died on December 30, 2006 at her home in the Mission Area.

Funeral Services were held on January 5, 2007, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN, with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake began on January 3, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of the service. Interment took place at the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born on August 13, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Daniel and Eleanor (Riggs) Taylor. She was the middle of nine children. She was the center of her family and took care of everyone. Her family soon moved to Minneapolis, MN, and Eunice moved to Cass Lake, MN in 1987. She stayed home and raised her children. She was a handywoman around the house, which led her to pursuing an education in boiler maintenance and repair. She was a strong woman, who liked to travel, meet new people, and keep close to her friends and family. Her children, and grandchildren, were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her children, Charles (Amanda) Taylor of Minneapolis, MN, daughter Rikki Lee Taylor, William Desjarlais, Floyd Desjarlais, Lloyd Desjarlais all of Cass Lake, MN, brothers, Charles Taylor of Cass Lake, MN, James

Taylor of Minneapolis, MN, Gregory Taylor of Danbury, Wisconsin; sisters, Helen Taylor-Condo of Bemidji, MN, Kathleen Taylor of Duluth, MN; Aunts, Pearl Roberts and Dorothy White of Minneapolis, MN, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son Shane Taylor, her parents, brother Robert Taylor, sisters Cynthia Taylor, and Elaine Taylor.

Honorary Casket bearers were Patrice Johnson, Debra Brown, Wally Rea, Roxanne LaRose, Thelma Smith, Peggy Smith, Bonnie Earth, Ruby Lowry, Roxanne Goose, and Pam Smith.

Active Casket bearers were Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Eugene Whitebird, Robert Jones, Gary Johnson, Jason Brown, and Tony Smith.

Lawrence "Beargrease" George Taylor

Lawrence "Beargrease" George Taylor, 84, of Cass Lake, MN, died on December 31, 2006 at the Northern Pines Good Samaritan Center in Blackduck, MN.

Lawrence was born April 14, 1922 on Pine Point in Ponsford, MN to George and Edna (Arthur) Taylor. He lived in the Cass Lake area most of his life and worked in the woods. He enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, making ice cream, taking walks, visiting his family and friends, and fixing puzzles. He liked going to church, enjoyed reading the Bible and he loved Jesus. He was an Ojibwe singer; took in stray cats and



dogs, and loved animals.

He is survived by special cousins, Violet Harper, John Rock and Myron Peterson; special grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Brenda, Allen (Butch), Sheena, Shayla, Shanae Pence, A.J. Cabritit, Emma Baker, Travis Baker, Catrina Cloud, and Tiannah Cloud-Baker of Cass Lake, Barbara Thomas of Bemidji, Aaron, Allen, Alicia, Michael, and Matthew Brown of Bemidji, and Dennis Littlewolf of Lino Lakes; and numerous cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers, and sisters.

A traditional wake began on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake. Funeral services were also held at the center on January 6 followed by interment in Pine Grove Cemetery. Officiants were Rev. Gerald Algers, Rev. Harold Eaglebull, and Rev. John Rock. Arrangements were handled by Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake and Walker.

Douglas McFarlane

Douglas Dwayne McFarlane, 19, of Minneapolis, MN died tragically on January 2, 2007 in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were January 8, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial building in Cass Lake with Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiating.

Internment was at the Prince of Peace cemetery under the direction of the Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake and Walker.

He was born on August 9, 1987 in Minneapolis to Theresa McFarlane and Louis Quaderer. He grew up and attended school in Minneapolis.

He loved to dance, enjoyed rap

music, and liked cars (especially old Cadillacs). He liked to play basketball and was always a good sport. He loved to spend time with his family. He was especially fond of his nieces and nephews, frequently teasing them.

He is survived by his parents; brothers, David and Michael McFarlane and Jason Quaderer; sisters, Michelle and Rachelle Quaderer and Leigha Smith; grandmother, Betty Quaderer; grandfather, Dwayne McFarlane; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Cheryl Anne Smith; grandmother, Florenstine McFarlane; grandfather, Amos Quaderer; and uncles, Douglas and Dwayne McFarlane.

Thomas Lawrence "Bow" Bowstring Jr.

Thomas Lawrence "Bow" Bowstring, age 54, of Cass Lake, Minnesota died on January 8, 2007 from injuries received in an automobile accident outside of Ball Club, MN. He was born on July 5, 1952 in Cass Lake, MN.

He is survived by his uncles, Sandy Gotchie, Johnny Mitchell, Alfred Fairbanks Sr. and Joe White; aunts, Nellie Gotchie, Lucille White and Phyllis Gotchie, all from Ball Club, Doris Mae Howard, Cass Lake, MN; sisters, Carol (George) Jenkins, Cass Lake, Marilyn and Cheryl Bowstring, Ball Club; brothers, Jake, Joe Bear and Kelly Bowstring, Ball Club, MN; many cousins who were like brothers or sisters; nieces, Marya, Miranda, Autumn, Natasha and Samantha; nephews, George, Troy, Travis; and their children, Allisyn, Tailyn, Ryanna,

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Alliah, Jade, Valentine & Mercedes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Adaline Bowstring; an infant brother, Mark, special friend, June Johnson.

A wake service was held on January 11, 2007, at the Ball Club Community Center, Ball Club, MN and continued until the time of funeral services on January 12, 2007, 2:00 P.M., Ball Club Community Center, Ball Club, Minnesota.

Thomas grew up in the Ball Club/Inger/Deer River area, attending and graduating from the Deer River Public Schools system in 1970. He then entered the Auto Mechanics Program at Northwest Technical College (formerly Bemidji Vo-Tech) in Bemidji. He also attended, and graduated, the Sun Prairie Truck Driving School in Sun Prairie, WI. He was employed with Northwestern Bell for several years in the Brainerd area, working as a lineman. He was also employed with the Indian Health Service for several years; working in the Bemidji area as a Water Quality Inspector, and as the Project Manager for the construction of a new airport runway in Wainwright, Alaska. He then went to work for the Leech Lake Reservation Roads Department for several years before being forced to retire for medical reasons. He was an avid outdoorsman who spent as much time possible either fishing or hunting. Hunting ducks or deer, fishing for halibut in Alaska or a bucket of perch through the ice on Winnie, it didn't matter; he really enjoyed the outdoor life. He would always share his catch too; frying fish for any occasion, like the annual family Pig Roast & Fish Fry, or dinner at the ENP Site in Ball Club. He also enjoyed traveling to Pow-Wows around Minnesota and Canada, and especially to the United Tribes in Bismarck, ND & the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM. He enjoyed spending time with family/friends and was always ready to offer a helping hand whenever & wherever he could. He was a fan of the MN Wild, and a big fan of the MN Twins on TV, (many times this summer) he was listening to the game on the radio.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Carroll Funeral Home, Deer River, Minnesota.

Frank Hurd

Frank Hurd, 90, of Walker, died on January 15, 2007, at Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji.

Funeral services were held on January 20, 2007 at the Onigum Community Center with Rev. Fred Method officiating. A visitation began on January 18, 2007 and continued until the time of the funeral. Burial took place in the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum.

He was born on March 1, 1916, to Charles and Mary (Garbow) Hurd in Longville, Mn. He grew up and attended school in Tomah, Wisc. Following his schooling, he moved to Old Agency near Onigum. He lived in the Red Lake area for a time before moving to Minneapolis and Chicago, where he worked for the railroad as a gandy dancer. While living in Chicago, he also worked for a casket company. He married Louise Thompson in 1954 and they made their home in Minneapolis until moving to Backus in 1967 where he worked for various resorts during the summer months. They moved back to the Walker area in the mid 1980's. In his latter years, he worked for the senior citizen program with the U.S. Forest Service.

He was a hunter. He was always helping people with their needs, giving rides, a place to stay and doing various kindnesses. He loved powwows, grass dancing, singing Native American songs and drumming. He enjoyed learning about, sharing and applying his Native American culture with both native and white friends. In the late 1920's, he was an avid boxer and golden gloves companion, fighting in Minnesota, Missouri, and Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Ahrens, son, Charles Hurd; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Hurd, one grandson; sisters, Marie Cockman, Verna Fox, Maggie Hanks, Eva Johnson, Martha Munnell and Almeda Winge; and brothers Herbert Hurd and Charles



and Joe Lincoln.

The Thomas Dennis Funeral Home assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Marlene Marie Andrews

Marlene Marie Andrews, 60, of Walker, MN died at her home on Thursday, January 18, 2007 after an extended illness.

Marlene was born on December 5, 1946 in Cass Lake, MN. Her parents were Frank Marshall and Lucille Granroos. She grew up in Onigum and attended school in Walker, then moved to the cities for a number of years. In 1999, she returned to Walker with her husband, Eddie "Drew" Andrews. She enjoyed doing many different crafts, such as embroidery, and making jewelry and wax flowers, which she gave away to all her relatives. Marlene was a very happy and sweet lady who opened her door to everyone and fed anyone who was hungry. She loved to play Bingo, traveling around to all the casinos and sometimes she won! She enjoyed life to the fullest!

She is survived by her husband, Drew; son, Chad Hanson; daughters, Sharon Rose (Rodney) Dorr, Patricia "Tish" Marie Partridge, Kathy Bakken, Kathy Reyes and Sydney Webster; grandchildren, Matt Hanson, Jen-Jen Bakken, and Alicia Rose Dorr; brothers, Ronald (Twyla) Partridge and Manual (Paula) Granroos; sisters, Elizabeth "Betsy" Partridge, Gladys Granroos, and Evelyln Granroos; and special sisters, Bev, Teresa, Kathy, Frieda, Jean and Muggs.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her adopted mom, "Muzzin"; 2 sons, Dean Partridge and Robin Hanson, and grandparents, Elizabeth and Richard Partridge.

Visitation began on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN and continued until time of service. Services were held on Monday, January 22, 2007 with Fr. Fredrick Method officiating. Interment took place in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum. Arrangements were handled



by Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home of Walker.

Lisa Corinna Schulman

Lisa Corinna Schulman, born August 25, 1964 in Cass Lake and raised in Inger by loving parents, Doris Mae and Ernest Howard, Jr. She married Richard Alan Schulman, Sr.

August 30, 1986. She is survived by her husband, Richard, daughter, Alisha Mae Schulman, West Point, New York; sons, Joseph Howard Schulman, Richard Schulman Jr., Benjamin Fineday-Schulman of Cass Lake; Ira Schoenborn, Red Lake and Jeffery Brown, Cass Lake. She is also survived by sisters, Linda (Russell) Goggleye, Evelyn (Gary) Howard, Chris (Dave) Morgan, Cass Lake and by brothers, Ernest (Betsy) Howard, Burton (Vicky) Howard, Cass Lake, Stanley (Leona) Howard, Inger, John Howard, St. Peter, by her brothers-in-law, Tim (Marlene) Schulman, Bemidji and Larry Cronquist, Cass Lake.

She graduated from Deer River High School in 1982 and attended Haskell Indian Nations University and later transferred to and graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College in 1994 with an Associate of Arts Degree. She attended Bemidji State University. Her employment was with Indian Health Service in Cass Lake and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She was dedicated to her husband and her family.

Her hobbies included shooting pool and throwing darts of which brought her great entertainment. She attended numerous tournaments throughout the state of Minnesota and she ventured out to Las Vegas for the National Tournament of Dart Champions. She especially enjoyed competing in the yearly tournament in Grand Rapids, Minnesota with her family and friends of which the many trophies and plaques shows evidence of. Her most loving time was spent attending pow-wows with her mother and other family members. Her devotion was of coordinating family



Lisa Schulman

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gatherings and assisting her mother with daily activities and comfort. Numerous nieces and nephews enjoyed her loving attitude and her warm affection towards them. Her father, her sister Kathleen (Dennis) Garbow, her paternal grandparents, Ernest and Rose Howard and her maternal grandparents, George and Rose Lyons left here before her.

A Traditional wake began on January 18, 2007. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 19, 2007 in Inger, MN at the new community center with Steven Jackson officiating. Interment followed at the Inger Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River, Minnesota.

Tragic Loss of Leech Lake Executive Support Staff Member, Lisa Schulman, Affects Many

It is with profound sadness that the Leech Lake Tribal Council announces that forty two year old Lisa Schulman died following a tragic accident on Highway 2 west of Cass Lake, Mn on the night of January 12, 2007. Lisa was an integral part of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe executive operation as the assistant to Donald "Mick" Finn, the Leech Lake District III Representative. Her absence will be truly missed.

Lisa had been married to her husband Richard for over 20 years, who also works for the Leech Lake Band and together they had two children. They had just recently celebrated their 20 year wedding anniversary. They resided in Cass Lake, Mn. Their daughter Alisha came home on leave to attend her beloved mother's funeral from the West Point Academy in New York, where she is in her 2nd year studying electrical engineering. Their son Joe lives in Cass Lake, Mn, and attends Bemidji State University. Lisa

also loved her step children.

This tragic loss leaves an unspoken emptiness behind in the offices and hallways of the Leech Lake Band's headquarters where her image and memory will always linger. The most sincere condolences are extended to Lisa's family. She will live on in the hearts of many.

Leech Lake Opioid Treatment Program Workshop

Helping people in our community understand Methamphetamine, Oxycontin & Buprenorphine

February 27, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Northern Lights Casino
(4 miles south of Walker)

Registration is free.
Seating is limited
RSVP by Feb. 16, 2007.

The Mission of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Opioid Treatment Program is: to provide community based, poly-drug addiction services that promote holistic recovery and a drug-free life style for our clients, their families, and their communities; and to build a critical mass of healthy individuals to improve well-being.

Rick Moldenhauer, MS, LADC, ICADC, LPC is the Treatment Services Director at the Chemical Health Division from the MN Dept. of Human Services. He will be the keynote speaker.

Questions? Call
218-335-4514.

Steps to Lower Your Blood Pressure

By Karey Lyon, RN, MSN, NP-C,
Program Coordinator
Leech Lake Healthy Heart Project

If you have high blood pressure, you have a greater risk of heart attack and strokes. High blood pressure can often be prevented or controlled by following these steps:

1. Eat more fruits and vegetables, whole grain breads and cereal, and fat free or low fat dairy products. Foods rich in potassium like bananas, oranges, broccoli, potatoes, and squash are important in protecting against high blood pressure. Foods rich in calcium like, fat free milk products, and foods rich in magnesium like, whole wheat breads and cereals, rhubarb, nuts, and seeds may help too.

2. Choose foods that are low in salt and sodium. Sodium is one of the ingredients in the salt we buy. Sodium is also found in canned foods and prepared foods. It is measured in milligrams, which is "mg" on food labels. To control your blood pressure, you should have less than 2,400 mg of sodium a day. This is about the same as one teaspoon of salt.

Foods that usually have a lot of sodium include ham, sausage, hot dogs, lunch meats, cheese, breakfast cereals, salad dressings, canned soups, chips, and canned vegetables. Check the amount of sodium on food labels and pick the one with the lowest sodium. One way to reduce sodium in the food you eat is to rinse canned food in water before you cook it. Also, try not to add salt to food when you are cooking or eating.

Keep track of the amount of sodium you eat each day for a few days. Remember that the amount of sodium listed on a food label is for one serving. The size of a serving is also given on the food label. If you eat more than one serving, you must add the number of milligrams of sodium for each serving. You may be surprised at how much sodium is in the food you eat!

3. Lose weight if you are overweight. Reducing your weight by even a few pounds can lower your

blood pressure. Try to lose weight slowly. Think about changes you can make for the rest of your life -- like eating smaller portions.

4. Be physically active. Being physically active will help you to both lose weight and reduce your blood pressure. Walking is one thing that you can do almost anywhere, any time, at no expense. As you get used to walking, try to walk faster and longer. Your blood pressure will probably go down if you are active for 30 minutes each day. Any amount of activity is better than no activity.

5. Choose not to smoke cigarettes or stop smoking.

6. Limit your alcohol intake. Alcohol can raise your blood pressure and increase your weight. Overall, people who drink a lot of alcohol have higher rates of heart disease. If you drink alcoholic beverages, have a moderate amount -- no more than one drink a day for women, or two drinks a day for men. One drink is equal to a 12 ounce can of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1 shot of liquor.

7. Take your high blood pressure pills, if the doctor prescribes them. Usually, taking these steps can control blood pressure. If these steps do not lower your blood pressure and keep it at a healthy level, your doctor may prescribe medicine. Don't stop taking the medicine if your blood pressure is okay -- that means the medicine is working!

Please call me at 335-4500 if you want more information about heart disease and how you can get involved to strengthen the heartbeat of our community.

Next month: Understanding Your Cholesterol Numbers

*Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
State of the Band Address*

*February 12, 2007
11:00 a.m. - Noon*

*Bingo Hall
Palace Casino in Cass Lake, MN*

Lunch will be served immediately following the address.

Band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Senate Aims to Insure More People, Save Taxpayers Money



Senator Mary Olson

Today the Senate DFL announced the 2007 Senate Health Care Package that will begin to move Minnesota towards affordable and accessible coverage for everyone by 2010. State Sen. Mary Olson (DFL-Bemidji) is a co-author of Senate File 2 that will expand the number of insured, reform the health care system to eliminate unnecessary administrative costs, and ensure the people who purchase health care insurance benefit from those savings.

"I am honored that Sen. Berglin, chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, chose me to be a part of her 2007 health care package," said Sen. Olson. "We want to make sure our health care reforms meet the needs of Minnesota's children and families by providing them access to affordable health insurance."

In addition to being a co-author of S.F. 2, Sen. Olson is the chief author of two bills included in the health care package. The first of her bills would eliminate MinnesotaCare premiums for members of the military and their families for 12 months after discharge.

"As an Air Force veteran and the mother of a member of the Army National Guard, I am proud to be a part of recognizing and rewarding the invaluable contribution of our military service members and their families,"

said Sen. Olson.

It is estimated that the expansion of eligibility requirements will provide coverage for an estimated 20,000 new people. In addition, one out of three people who is eligible for coverage has not enrolled, and 80 percent of uninsured children are eligible for enrollment in existing state health care programs. Parts of the bill will encourage enrollment by reducing the overly complex application process. Other aspects of the bill are intended to increase coverage of a number of citizens, not yet estimated.

The second bill Sen. Olson is chief authoring would remove the employer-subsidized insurance barrier and requirement of no other insurance for four months for children.

"This proposal is about helping working Minnesotans and their children get the health care coverage they need at affordable rates as well as holding down health care costs for those who have health insurance," said Sen. Olson. "Currently, we all pay the price of uncompensated care through higher hospital rates, higher insurance premiums and increasing property taxes. By further reducing the number of uninsured Minnesotans, we will decrease these costs."

Another portion of the Senate health care package that Sen. Olson is co-authoring would expand the definition of dependent coverage, if offered, to include any unmarried child under the age of 25. This would apply to all insurance policies offered in the state.

"With increasing tuition costs, many students cannot afford to be full-time students and thus lose their right to be covered under their parent's policies. Many part-time college students are getting stuck without any health care coverage," said Sen. Olson. "By allowing children up to the age of 25 to be covered under their parent's insurance, we are making it easier for them to stay in school and finish their degrees."

A main factor driving health insurance coverage downward has been the erosion in employer-sponsored coverage. The uninsurance rate has risen as employers drop coverage due to increasing cost of premiums. Most Minnesotans have health insurance through their employers, but

employment is no longer a guarantee of health insurance coverage. Fifty-six percent of working uninsured are employed by small businesses who have been the hardest hit by rising health care premiums.

"The majority of businesses in my district are small businesses that cannot afford to offer high-quality, affordable health care," said Sen. Olson. "By opening MinnesotaCare to small businesses and giving them access to quality insurance, we allow them to be more competitive with their counterparts in the cities."

Mn/DOT to Transfer Maintenance and Operation of Shingobee Bay Rest Area to Mn/DNR

In a stream-lining effort, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has entered into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Mn/DNR) transferring all maintenance and operations of the Shingobee Bay Rest Area on State Highway 371 near Walker to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Mn/DNR).

The Shingobee Bay Rest Area is one of eight rest areas around the state where Mn/DOT, in a cost saving measure, will transfer maintenance and operations responsibilities to the Mn/DNR. Mn/DOT determined the Shingobee Bay Rest Area no longer serves a significant safety rest area purpose, yet sought arrangements to keep the site open to the public. With the transfer to the Mn/DNR, the public will still have access to recreational fishing, while Mn/DOT will retain land ownership for state highway right-of-way purposes.

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The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe offers several different products/amenities available for purchase. Why not put your hard earned dollar back into the Leech Lake economy? Leech Lake businesses include:

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218-335-8227

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218-335-6101

Northern Lights Express in Walker offers: gas and a c-store
218-335-3100

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218-335-7500 or 1-800-442-3909

Leech Lake Tribal College Financial Aid Paperwork Workshop

February 16, 2006
9:00am – 3:00pm
New Drum Room, B-Wing



Leech Lake Chemical Dependency Treatment Plans

By Luke Wilson, Program Developer

Leech Lake as well as other reservations are facing serious issues such as drug trafficking, etc. More and younger adolescents and adults are being addicted to Opiates, Meth and inhalants as well as alcohol.

Since being hired as a Program Developer for the Adolescent Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment, I have also taken on the responsibility as Coordinator Supervisor for the adult male CD Programs. The focus will be community based individual, group, family and culturally oriented outpatient programs. Since Ball Club and Onigum are the two largest communities on the reservation, the satellite programs will be located in those communities. Clients will commute to the nearest site. Another option would be going into the homes of our clients with family based therapy on special occasions. The LLBO operates under Rule 31 with treatment planning under the Six Dimensional matrix system meeting certain criteria.

All LLBO staff currently working in the Chemical Dependency field will be part of the planning process utilizing their talent and experience. Our focus is on our clients' recovery and that their needs are met which means more community based services such as Aftercare, NA, AA groups, Alanon, Alateen, Youth Groups and Alcohol and Drug Prevention. Collaboration from the newly developed Weed and Seed Program, Anishinabe Coalition, Family Service Program, Opiate Program, Mental Health, Youth Division, Education Division besides our Tribal and Public Schools is very important.

The current Halfway House is being transitioned into a semi-inpatient young male adult (18-30 yrs. old) structured treatment program with an implementation target date of February 1, 2007. A mentorship program will be included for young adults that are interested in pursuing Chemical Dependency as their chosen field. Our goal is to have home grown

CD Counselors to take over future generations. Due to space and staffing issues, the Adolescent Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Program will not begin operating until March 1, 2007.

Our hopes are for our clients to have a better recovery status due to expanded services. The program will remain self-sustaining through billing. Better tracking and Case Management of clients will make for a higher percentage of recovery for our people. Plans are to have clients focus on self-sufficiency and employment, which in turn will work toward building self-esteem.

The program will be goal oriented with plans to have a centralized Inpatient Treatment Program in the future. I am also excited about the newly proposed expanded Weed and Seed Program. This program will have a huge impact on drug dealing and trafficking in our communities. Drug and alcohol prevention will be included as well.

Currently our program is searching for licensed CD Counselors, UMICAD or LADC, either male or female. For further information, please call (800) 442-3909 ext. 8224 or direct (218) 335-8224.

January Family Fun Night Dog Sled Presentation

On January 18th, Family Fun Night was held at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School.

As part of the events, Joe and Robin from Krystal Kennels (Grand Rapids 218-326-3718) brought three sled dogs to the school as part of their presentation. Krystal Kennels is a small, family owned dog sledding kennel with over 20 dogs; AKC Siberian Huskies as well as a few Alaskan Huskies. Both breeds are used in their dog sledding activities.

The black lead dog is named Willow. She was used to demonstrate how to put a harness on a dog, and to demonstrate the command "Keep

Tight," which tells the lead dog to keep the gangline stretched out tight while the hook up of the rest of the team is being hooked up behind her. This keeps the line from tangling. She is not a purebred, but is a mixed breed dog known as an Alaskan Husky. The other two dogs were purebred Siberian Huskies. The reddish-brown male is an AKC stud named Koko, and the grayish female is named Hiei (pronounced Hee-ay). Her name is a Japanese word that means "Flying Shadow" because she is very fast. She belongs to their dog handler, Tiffany, who helped them with their presentation. For some interesting details about Koko, please see their web site at www.krystalkennels.com.

Other activities included marble painting, reading corner and winter bingo. A magician was present showing families his magical tricks. Families were treated to a wonderful supper and the door prize give-aways concluded the evening. The next family night will be February 15th.



Submitted Photo Santana Banks holds the dogs while Kimberly Dick, (top), Ravven Miller (middle) and a school employee look on.



Submitted Photo (L to R) Jordan Robinson, William Robinson, Tribal elder Mark Wakanabo, and Amber Dunn in middle of girls patiently wait for the Magic Trick Show to start. Names not available of other two girls.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Designated 'Governor's Fit School'

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School earns recognition for promoting physical activity

Governor Tim Pawlenty, Commissioner of Education Alice Seagren and Commissioner of Health Dianne Mandernach recently announced that the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School has been designated a "Governor's Fit School." This means the school has made a commitment to encourage its students to be more physically active and to learn about healthy habits. The school achieved this designation by meeting certain criteria established by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education.

"Minnesota is the healthiest state in the nation, but the incidence of childhood obesity is rising dramatically," Governor Pawlenty said. "I commend the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School for encouraging kids to lead healthier lifestyles. This will help them grow into healthy, productive adults."

The "Governor's Fit School" initiative is part of an overall effort by Governor Pawlenty to encourage fitness. The Governor declared 2005 "The Year of Fitness" in Minnesota and created the "Governor's Fitness Challenge," which allows citizens to track their fitness progress online at the [Be Active Minnesota Web site](http://www.beactiveminnesota.org/) - <http://www.beactiveminnesota.org/>. The Governor's Health Cabinet distributed more than 24,000 "Get Up. Get Out. Get Fit." wristbands at the State Fair to people who signed up for the "Governor's Fitness Challenge."

"Knowledge of health, nutrition and the positive effects of physical activity will help students make healthier decisions," Health Commissioner Dianne Mandernach said. "It is our goal to create a

healthy environment in all schools in Minnesota, and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School is already helping us achieve that goal."

Schools can apply for a "Governor's Fit School" designation by completing a short online application available on the Minnesota Department of Health Web site. A link on the Department of Education's website to the application is also available.

The application asks schools to indicate their commitment to promoting physical activity and health awareness according to several criteria. Those criteria include whether the school district has developed a wellness policy; whether the school provides physical and nutrition education and health standards; whether a school serves meals that meet USDA standards; and whether a school provides numerous opportunities for students to be physically active during the day. Schools that meet the criteria will receive a certificate from the Department of Health.

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School has implemented a number of strategies for promoting fitness, including:

- Established wellness policy
- Physical education and health standards
- Athletics programs, "Playing in the Great Outdoors" program, and cultural events.

"The fact that the percentage of children who are overweight has more than doubled since 1980 should be of great concern to all,"

added Education Commissioner Alice Seagren. "Keeping our children motivated and active will hopefully lead them to incorporate healthy habits into their everyday life, long into adulthood."

Additional information about the "Governor's Fit School" program can be found on the Department of Health Web site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/fitschool>.

Notice:

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School will be taking registration forms for the third semester. If you are interested in attending the school, please pick up a registration form today at the school. All paperwork must be finalized by February 2nd. Please call 1-218-665-3000 for further information.

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Leech Lake HIV & AIDS Awareness Education Event

February 8, 2007
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
MCT Meeting Room
Cass Lake, MN

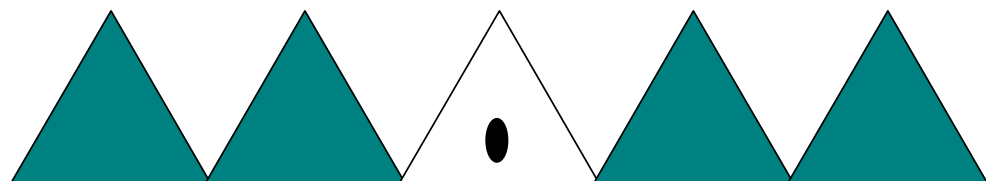
Presentations by Indigenous Peoples Task Force of MN and Leech Lake Health Division
Current picture of HIV-AIDS
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Tribes File Class Action Trust Accounting Lawsuit

The Native American Rights Fund recently filed a major class action lawsuit against the federal government, seeking an accounting of billions of dollars in tribal trust funds.

With the suit, the nonprofit law firm seeks to represent over 250 tribal governments whose money has never been accounted for. Eleven tribes signed on as plaintiffs in the case, the first of its kind.

"This lawsuit is a reflection of a huge historical problem with the federal government's mismanagement of tribal trust accounts," said Rebecca Miles, the chairwoman of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho, the lead plaintiff. "We have tried to work with the agencies and we have tried to work with Congress. Our hope now is with the courts."

Filed on December 28, 2006, in federal district court in Washington, D.C., the suit joins dozens of similar cases filed by individual tribes. It also joins the Cobell lawsuit that represents over 500,000 individual tribal members whose funds remain unaccounted despite the obligations of the Interior Department to do so.

John Gonzales, the chairman of NARF's board of directors, said tribes had to take action to beat a critical deadline. The statute of limitations to file trust accounting lawsuits expired on December 31, after the 109th Congress refused to extend it amid opposition from the Bush administration.

"The real battle will be over what more the court or Congress will do to protect the rights of tribes and hold the government accountable for its duties as the trustee for tribal trust funds," said Gonzales, a former president of the National Congress of American Indians.

Gonzales, who also has served as governor of San Ildefonso Pueblo in New Mexico, said tribes are challenging the government's failure to conduct an accounting of tribal funds dating back to the late 1800s. Although the Bureau of Indian Affairs paid the former accounting firm Arthur Anderson to look at tribal accounts,

the reconciliation project only looked at the years 1973 through 1992.

"We are confident that the court will agree that the Arthur Andersen reconciliation reports are not full and complete accountings," said Gonzales.

John Echohawk, the executive director of NARF, said the Arthur Anderson project marked another breach of the federal government's basic trust responsibilities. In legal filings, the Department of Justice has argued that the reconciliation reports are an accounting even though the Government Accountability Office has said such an accounting is "impossible" due to inaccurate, missing or destroyed records.

"The bottom line is that despite the agency reports and twenty years of Congressional mandates, no adequate accountings have resulted to date," said Echohawk, a member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, citing attempts by the GAO, Interior Department's Office of the Inspector General and Congress to shed light on the issue.

Despite the failure to complete the accountings, the Department of Justice has repeatedly sounded alarms about massive tribal trust fund litigation. In testimony to Congress, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has begged appropriators for money in order to defend the government and "limit" its liabilities.

"The United States' potential exposure in these cases is more than \$200 billion," Gonzales has said.

Tribes and individual Indians have been filing breach of lawsuits for decades, recovering some money here and there. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians commissioned a study that showed only about a dozen cases resulted in awards of more than \$1 million.

It wasn't until Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation of Montana, came into the picture that the legal landscape exploded. In December 1999, she won a precedent-setting ruling that required the government to conduct an accounting of all funds. NARF serves as co-counsel on the case.

At least 50 tribes have followed on Cobell's footsteps with lawsuits of their own. As the December 31 deadline approached, dozens more

considered their options but grappled with the cost of filing a claim and the resources needed to carry it through.

"Moreover, over two hundred and fifty tribes have not brought or are unable to bring such claims either due to lack of resources, or because they are unaware that their legal rights are in jeopardy, of expiring under statutes of limitation," NARF's filing stated. "Hence, this class action is necessary to protect the rights of tribes in the class as defined in this complaint."

Since 2001, the Bush administration has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on accounting projects for tribes and individual Indians. But none of the tribal cases, nor the Cobell case, have been fully resolved through the courts or through settlements.

Key Senate and House leaders introduced a bill to settle the Cobell case for \$8 billion. It was met with extreme opposition in Indian Country after the Bush administration also proposed to settle all pending and future tribal claims and radically diminish the trust relationship.

In addition to the Nez Perce Tribe, the other named plaintiffs are the Mescalero Apache Nation of New Mexico, the Tule River Tribe of California, the Hualapai Tribe of Arizona, the Yakama Nation of Washington, the Klamath Tribes of Oregon, the Yurok Tribe of California, the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska.

Archaeological Discovery

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area that was somewhat of an "oasis", which was surrounded by glaciers, but was at least seasonably habitable.

Artifacts found at the site include choppers, scrapers, and stone waste flakes. Due to the acidic nature of the soils, no organic materials, such as bone or plant materials, have been preserved, so Carbon 14 dating is not feasible. The estimated date of the site is based upon existing knowledge of glacial activity in the area. It may be possible to date the deposits through a

method known as Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL), which measures the length of time that the soil has been buried.

The Leech Lake Heritage Sites Program has received several inquiries about the age and cultural affiliation of the site. It is not possible to assign cultural affinity to stone tools of such age, but knowledge from other fields may provide insight. For example, recent genetic studies suggest that the Ojibwe and the Sioux may have been the first people to inhabit North America (based on preliminary results of the National Geographic Genographic Project). Further investigation may provide additional information related to the early inhabitants of Northern Minnesota.

The City of Walker is currently working with the archaeological community to mitigate impacts to the site, as avoidance of the site is imperative to future research. It is the hope of the Leech Lake Heritage Sites Program that future studies of the site will enhance our collective understanding of human prehistory in North America.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Holds Joint Meeting With Cass County Board of Commissioners

By Patsy Gordon

Several topics were discussed at the joint meeting held between the Cass County Board of Commissioners and the Leech Lake Tribal Council when they met at the Northern Lights Event Center on Tuesday, January 23, 2007.

Questions were asked of Kris Johnson from the MN Dept. of Human Services who is the Manager of the Indian Child Welfare Act program regarding that program and the Leech Lake Out of Home Placement Demonstration Grant. Chairman George Goggleye, Jr. voiced his concerns relating to the health and safety of our Native children. He stated, "I need to be assured that

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Governor Tim Pawlenty unveils his \$74.8 million Military and Veterans Support Package at the State Capitol in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 8, 2007, before numerous Veteran's organizations and the MN National Guard.

Photo by Frank Bowstring

Governor Pawlenty Introduces 100% Exemption from State Income Tax for Military Pay and Pensions.

Governor Tim Pawlenty recently announced an historic \$74.8 million Military and Veterans Support Package to assist veterans, active military members and their families.

"The brave men and women in the military raise their hands and courageously serve all of us. We owe them our appreciation and respect in our words and our deeds. This Military and Veterans Support Package strongly sends that message," Governor Pawlenty said.

MNSoldiersandveteranswould be allowed to subtract 100 percent of their pay for military service, military pensions and retirement payments when computing state income tax. These payments are currently considered taxable income. Current members of the military, military retirees and survivors of military retirees will be allowed to claim the exemption. It also covers the pay of all active duty service members who claim Minnesota as their state of residence.

Governor Pawlenty is also proposing education benefits for military veterans and the children and spouses of Minnesota veterans who have become totally and permanently disabled or have died as a result of their military service. As many as 7,000 veterans and 600

spouses and dependents could apply to receive educational assistance per semester under this program.

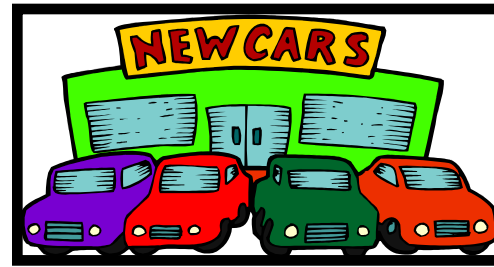
The new Minnesota GI Bill is expected to provide \$30 million in benefits to Minnesota veterans for the two-year budget period.

The Governor's Military and Veterans Support Package also includes an additional much worthy 22 initiatives in support of our military personnel and veterans.

Complete details can be found on the Governor's Office website at www.governor.state.mn.us.

Further information can also be obtained by contacting the Leech Lake Veterans Service Officer Frank Bowstring at 1-877-777-1560 or 218-335-3691.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe State of the Band Address

Monday, February 12, 2007
Bingo Palace Casino - Bingo Hall
11:00 a.m. - Noon

Lunch will be served immediately following the address.
Leech Lake Band members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Native Youth Crisis Hotline

1-877-209-1266

Region 2 Networking Meeting for Artists with Disabilities

Are you a person with a disability (physical, sensory, cognitive or emotional) who has an interest in being an employed or self-employed painter or actor or musician or dancer or graphic artist or writer or some other type of artist? Are you also interested in networking with other people of similar interests and abilities to learn more about the "ins and outs of the system" and how you might be more successful in pursuing your interest in the arts? Then this opportunity might be for you.

The Region 2 Arts Council will be hosting a gathering of interested individuals on Monday, February 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW in downtown Bemidji. (From Bemidji Avenue N on the southwest side of the lake, turn left (west) on 5th Street and go three blocks to America Avenue. The library is on the right with parking in front of building.) We will be meeting in the Community Room. Staff from the arts council will be joined by staff from VSA arts of Minnesota and by two artists from the Artists with Disabilities Alliance (AWDA), a group based in the Twin Cities. VSA arts of Minnesota is a state-wide arts organization whose mission is to make the arts available and accessible to people with all types of disabilities and the Minnesota State Arts Board serves the state by increasing arts awareness, access, and participation.

The purpose of this gathering will be to bring together people from northwest Minnesota who consider themselves artists with disabilities to share their stories and experiences in the arts and to establish a schedule for future gatherings for ongoing discussions, presentations and networking. Light refreshments will be available during the meeting.

So, if this sounds like something that you or someone you know or work with might want to attend we hope to see you on February 5th. There is no charge for attending and you will not be solicited for donations but we do ask that you let us know that you plan

on attending. Feel free to call any of the individuals listed below or email the VSA arts of Minnesota office at vsarts@bcmn.com.

We also ask that if you need a communication accommodation such as an interpreter that you let us know of that need as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements. One further request is that we ask all attending to refrain from wearing strong scents or perfumes to accommodate those who might be attending with chemical or fragrance sensitivities.

Should you have any questions regarding this meeting please call Craig Dunn or Jon Skaalen at VSA arts of MN 612-332-3888 or 800-801-3883.

We look forward to meeting you at the Bemidji Public Library for what we hope will be an interesting and informative evening.

Mercury Contaminated Fish is of Big Concern To Native Peoples.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman George Goggleye Jr., delivered the opening address to more than 1,000 people attending the "Eighth International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant". The conference was held in Madison, Wisconsin. The international audience represented 68 countries. Every two to three years the world's leading scientists in the field of mercury pollution from all over the world gather together and share what they've learned about this toxic metal and how it travels through the environment.

This year, there was an effort by conference organizers to focus on mercury impacts, the most significant of which is neurological impacts to children via consumption of mercury-contaminated fish. Since Tribal members consume more fish than most other cultures, Chairman Goggleye was asked to share his views and the Leech Lake Band's efforts to minimize mercury emissions. Below is an excerpt from

the Chairman's talk.

"The fact that one element, one contaminant, brings us together here this week gives me pause. Perhaps mercury can be a rallying point for all nations, states, cities, counties and townships to say enough is enough with pollution. We as humans need to expeditiously move our policies and governments in a direction that puts health and welfare at the top of our priority list. After all, if we are healthy we can be economically productive and most able to pursue our chosen cultural traditions."

"Good scientific research is often diluted with research that is intentionally distorted. The result is that the public does not know who or what to believe. For many years, air-polluting industries did their best to downplay the toxicity of mercury. Today, women and children consuming fish from any lake in Minnesota are advised to limit their consumption of any small walleye to 1 meal per month and, they are further advised to not eat any walleyes longer than 20 inches. Why? Because of mercury. It is very troubling to me that we must argue about minimizing environmental contaminants. For Indian people, this argument becomes intense knowing that our children, including and most specifically in the womb, are the most vulnerable to mercury pollution impacts. We, as Indian people, cannot afford to lose the fish that have sustained us for centuries. Fish are an integral part of our culture; fish are part of who we are. Let us commit to leading the way in resolving the national and global mercury pollution issue."

The Leech Lake DRM Environmental Department, directed by Shirley Nordrum, also contributed to the conference. Environmental staff Brandy Toft, Jeff Harper, Diane Thompson and Chris Thorman sent a poster presentation describing Leech Lake's mercury research initiatives and John Persell co-organized a Tribal science breakout session and spoke about mercury contamination issues.

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our children are going to be taken care of. That's my biggest concern." Rose Robinson who is the Director of the ICWA program at Leech Lake voiced concerns about the timeliness of getting the contract completed and signed between the State and Leech Lake and receiving the funds for operation. The program will continued to be limited in what they can do until the funds are received. Johnson explained the complexity of and legal aspects that need to be handled first before funds are disbursed. Johnson said negotiations are underway and very close to a result.

Korey Wahwassuck, Tribal Court Judge updated the two Boards on the Wellness Court status. As of April 1, 2006 the Wellness court will be fully operational. This program will help enable people to live healthier lives. Eight clients are currently enrolled in the Wellness Court. Procedure manuals for the program are currently being prepared. Also, interactive television will be installed in the courtroom, which will enable the Tribal Court to hook up with other courtrooms.

The Shingobee Island project status was discussed. A meeting will be scheduled in the future to discuss the sewer situation on the Island. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has recently received a \$1,000,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to continue the work on the marina and restaurant going in there. Leech Lake has assured Cass County that they will not proceed in a manner without involving Cass County in relation to the sewer.

Truancy was discussed. A question was raised as to whether or not Cass, Itasca, or Tribal Court would enforce truancy laws for 17 and 18 year olds. Cass County gave their main reason for not enforcing the laws for those ages was because of lack of funding. They feel it is more important to focus on the younger students, to put them as a priority where the resources and services can have more of a positive effect. Tribal Court will continue to enforce truancy laws with

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Don't Miss This One Day Event!

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**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

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

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Iris Fairbanks, Parent of
G.P.F., Minor Child,
Defendants.

**ORDER FOR LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. JV-06-18

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 24, 2006, a citation for curfew violation of the Leech Lake Juvenile Code, Section 4-3 A., was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. On December 15, 2006, a Second Summons was issued summoning you to appear at an Arraignment Hearing to be held on December 20, 2006. You failed to appear and a **Default Hearing** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Default Judgment against you.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ____ day of January, 2007.

Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court on **Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**, and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

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

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.

2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:

- a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
- b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;

- c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
- d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2006. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

Defendant

Case No.

Reason

Cierra Lacy Cloud	TR-00-180	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on 11/27/2006
Cierra Lacy Cloud	TR-00-180	Failure to pay fine ordered on 10/22/2003
Cierra Lacy Cloud	TR-05-90	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on 12/09/2005
Robin Marie Ladeaux	TR-05-120	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on 02/13/2006

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DATED this 11h day of December, 2006. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Lana Marie Bellanger	TR-99-66	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on 04/21/2000	Blaine Roger Baird	TR-03-601	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 19, 2004
Marcus Lee Croaker	TR-06-121	Failure to pay fine ordered on 11/07/2006	Salina Kay Goodwin	TR-06-49	Failure to pay fine ordered on June 29, 2006
Rodney John Headbird	TR-01-271	Failure to pay fine ordered on 07/19/2001	Steven Cameron Humphrey	TR-06-45	Failure to pay fine ordered on June 27, 2006
Tonya Jean Jones	TR-05-02	Failure to pay fine ordered on 03/29/2005	Steven Cameron Humphrey	TR-06-45	Failure to pay fine ordered on December 27, 2006
Roberta Marie Matthews	TR-05-131	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on 09/26/2006	Lavender Doris Hunt	TR-04-741	Failure to pay fine ordered on September 7, 2004
Leroy Allen Staples	TR-03-633	Failure to pay fine ordered on 11/09/2003	Leah Renee Jacobs	TR-06-103	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 29, 2006
Louisa Rose White	TR-02-381	Failure to pay fine ordered on 10/01/2006	Raymond Wayne Jenkins and Shirlene Jenkins, Parents of Minor Child	TR-06-31	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 28, 2006
Iolanthe Lee Wilson	TR-06-77	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on 11/07/2006	Jason Che Kornezos	TR-06-108	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 28, 2006
			Delores Gay Lanham	TR-06-104	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on November 16, 2006
			Katrina Pat Lausche	TR-99-61	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on April 21, 2000
			Brian Lee Northbird	TR-00-137	Failure to pay fine ordered on June 20, 2000
			Fena Jean Reese	TR-06-105	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 28, 2006
			Tasheena Marie Smith	TR-05-26	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 16, 2005
			David Joseph Staples	TR-04-698	Failure to pay fines ordered on May 6, 2004
			Sarah Lynne Wells	TR-06-84	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on November 13, 2006
			Dora May White	TR-06-110	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 28, 2006
			Vincent George White	TR-06-102	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 28, 2006
			James Edward Wilson	TR-06-100	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on November 29, 2006

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 - d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
 - e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.

DATED this 12th day of January, 2007. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

Leech Lake Early Childhood Development Annual Conference

"Weaving Contemporary
& Traditional Teaching Strategies"

Saturday, March 24, 2006

Northern Lights Event Center

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



For more information, contact Diane Smith at
1-800-551-0969 or (218) 335-8344

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.

DATED this 20th day of December 2007.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Lana Bellanger	TR-06-156	Failure to use Seat Belts/Child Restraint Devices 10/12/2006
Rodney John Headbird	TR-06-175	Failure to Stop for School Bus, Driving After Revocation; 10/30/2006.
Savannah L. Pemberton	TR-06-169	To Violate any of the following provisions of MN Statutes-Equipment Violation; 10/20/2006.
Alexis James Rea	TR-06-165	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension, Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner; 9/30/2006.
Andrew Charles Staples	TR-06-177	Driving After Revocation; 8/26/2006.
Leroy Allen Staples	TR-06-160	Driving After Revocation; 8/11/2006.
Jesse James Tibbetts	TR-06-174	Careless Driving; 9/13/2006.
Shiloh E. White	TR-06-178	Driving After Revocation; 8/26/2006.

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<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Brandon James Beaulieu	TR-06-166	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit, Driving After Suspension; 10/27/2006.
Cierra Lacy Cloud	TR-06-167	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit 10/30/2006.
Charles Dean Croaker	TR-06-179	Failure to use Seat belts/Child Restraint Devices 10/30/2006.
Skippie Alana Finn	TR-06-150	No Driver's License, Failure to use Seat belts/ Child Restraint Devices; 9/8/2006.
Raymond Allen Geving	TR-06-171	Driving After Revocation, Motor Vehicle Registration – Owner Driving; 10/28/2006.
Donald Dale Goggleye	TR-06-180	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit 10/28/2006.
Kerry Rose Jackson	TR-06-164	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension 9/16/2006.
Robin Marie Ladeaux	TR-06-162	Failure to Use Seat Belts/Child Restraint Devices, Driving After Suspension; 10/21/2006.
Marty D. Legarde	TR-05-023	Failure to show Proof of Insurance, Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Driving; 12/23/2004.
Paul Alfred Lindgren	TR-06-173	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit 10/29/2006.
Raymond Lyons	CN-06-022	Unattended Nets or Traps; 8/10/2006.

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court orders.

DATED this 17th day of January 2007.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Josh J.M. Briski	CN-06-15	Harvesting During Closed Season or Illegal Hours Occurring on: 9/3/2006
Alvin John Braun	TR-06-82	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit Occurring on: 5/24/2006
Debra Ann Isham	TR-07-02	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 12/23/2006
Angela Lee Jacobs	TR-06-79	Failure to Use Seatbelts/Child Restraint Devices Occurring on: 5/24/2006
Leah Renee Jacobs	TR-06-73	Failure to Use Seatbelts/Child Restraint Devices Occurring on: 5/24/2006
Gilbert Joseph Littlewolf	TR-04-779	Careless Driving Occurring on: 10/31/2004
William Earl Morris	TR-06-78	No Driver's License Occurring on: 3/4/2006
Matthew James Northup	TR-06-83	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit, Failure to Show proof of Insurance, Driving After Suspension Occurring on: 2/13/2006
Clarence John Paquette	TR-06-50	Expired Registration, Driving After Revocation, Failure to use Seatbelts/Child Restraint Devices Occurring on: 4/21/2006
Marcella Josephine Roy	TR-06-32	Illegal Parking-Handicap Occurring on: 3/7/2006
Michael White, Jr.	TR-07-08	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 12/27/2006
Robert James White	TR-06-184	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit, Driving After Revocation, Motor Vehicle Insurance Occurring on: 11/18/2006

Troopers Still Being Killed During Traffic Stops Despite Ted Foss Law

MN State Senate News Release

Accidents caused by violators of the Ted Foss Law continue to be the leading cause of death among Minnesota law enforcement officers, according to Colonel Mark Dunaski, Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol. Dunaski offered those remarks during testimony he presented to the Senate Transportation Committee today. The five-year-old Ted Foss law requires drivers to move away from an emergency vehicle that is stopped on the side of the road for a traffic stop or emergency call.

"The letter of the law is very clear," said Senator Steve Murphy (DFL-Red Wing) who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. "Drivers are required to move over when they're approaching an emergency vehicle on the side of the road. There is absolutely no reason why drivers can't pay closer attention to the road and abide by this simple and common sense law to move to a lane which allows more clearance between a driver and the patrol officer who is simply doing his or her job."

The Ted Foss law was passed after an August 2000 accident killed a state trooper, Corporal Ted Foss, during a routine traffic stop along I-90 in Southeast Minnesota. Corporal Foss had stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation when a semi truck veered to the right and struck the Corporal's squad car, the vehicle of the speeding drivers killed Corporal Foss at the scene. "These are senseless tragedies which are still occurring on Minnesota roads," said Murphy, who has made highway safety a core issue of his agenda as the Senate Transportation Chair. "We need to take action to ensure these incidents are reduced to zero. I am extremely concerned about this pattern and if necessary, will offer legislation to create tougher penalties for drivers who violate this important law which is designed to protect our traffic enforcers and first responders."

Joint Meeting

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those ages.

The Leech Lake walleye-stocking program was discussed. Leech Lake DRM employee, John Ringle gave an update on the walleye. This is the 3rd year of recovered walleye stocking on Leech Lake. Five million walleye fry will be restocked in Leech Lake this year. New walleye regulations will be put into place that will include the protection of the whole lake. The perch bite is good on Pine Point and Portage Bay. The Leech Lake Band will continue to be involved with the 2007 MN Governor's Fishing Opener for Leech Lake.

The Leech Lake Band has requested that Cass County have additional archaeological studies done on parts of land that the County has jurisdiction over. The Land Use Ordinance is being amended to include land use permits on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The Pike Bay Police Department has been added to the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Band and surrounding counties.

Other topics that were briefly discussed included the AhGwahChing Health Care Campus, the Leech Lake Band zoning ordinance, the feasibility of trading routine road maintenance segments, planning for the Avian flu, the trust land appeal, the Northern Lights Express access road, Indian

Service Road #6 (Boy Lake Road) improvements, and the Longville Ambulance District.

Leech Lake legislative priorities were also made known to the Cass County Commissioners. They are the Tribal State Tax Agreement renegotiation with the State of Minnesota, the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement, and protecting sovereignty (fishing and hunting) rights.

Congratulations! Frank Bigbear

on graduating from
high school and going on to
college. Frank graduated
on 1-12-07 at the age of 18!
GOOD JOB!

Hang in there bro,
you can do it.
We love you
and wish you the best.

Love from
Biz, Mom, Mike, Ed,
and the whole family!

Happy Birthday

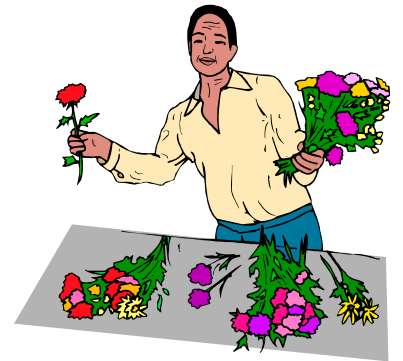
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Leech Lake Reservation Career/Job Fair 2007

**Connections to Your Future:
Education or Employment, Your Choice
Not to be waited for, but to be achieved**

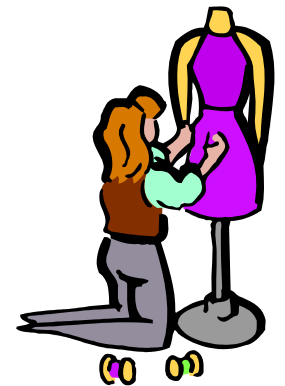


**February 9, 2007
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Northern Lights Casino & Hotel
(5 miles south of Walker, MN)**

**Opening Ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch will be provided**

**Open to:
High School Students, grades 10-12
General Public**

**Information from:
Colleges and Universities—Technical Colleges—Military
Services
Funding Agencies—Service Providers—Employers
Employment & Training Programs
Applications/Resumes may be accepted
Financial Aid Applications**



Door Prizes will be given away (Must be present to win)

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