New Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Chief Sworn In

The newly elected Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Chairman, Arthur “Archie” LaRose was sworn in by Leech Lake Elder, Walter Chase, during his Inauguration at the Palace Casino on Friday, July 4, 2008. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Tribal Council members, new Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board members, and new Leech Lake Housing Authority Board members were sworn in during the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Inauguration and quarterly meeting held at the Palace Casino on July 4, 2008 in Cass Lake, Mn. to a packed house where there was standing room only left.

In addition to the new Tribal Council members pictured on this page, one new school board member Donnie Headbird, and new Housing Authority Board members, Rose Wilson, Leroy Staples, and Terrance “Chopper” White were all sworn in at the meeting also.

State Senator Mary Olson and Representative Frank Moe were also in attendance to give a brief statement and congratulate the new Council members. Olson commented on how she is currently working toward preserving the Ojibwe Language as a priority for the State of Minnesota.

Newly elected District III Representative, Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird, thanked the Leech Lake Band members for their faith they have bestowed in him. He commented, “With your help, we can take our Reservation to a better life.” Whitebird promised, “I will listen to you and I will be accessible and I will remain respectful and available to you all.”

Mike Bongo, the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, will complete a four year unexpired term which was left vacant by Arthur “Archie” LaRose when he decided to run for and eventually won the seat of Chairman during the primary election with a vote of 56%. Bongo said he visited 746 Leech Lake homes which was an interesting, encouraging and learning experience for him. He told the audience that there are many problems, issues, financial difficulties that he and the other Council members will be faced with. He said that too many of our people struggle on a day to day basis, and that the Tribal Council will work to figure out a way to share all of our resources with all Band members. This is only one of the challenges that the new Council members face. Bongo promises to “treat people with honor and respect” and to “work as hard as I can to the best of my ability”.

Newly elected Leech Lake Chairman, Arthur “Archie” LaRose promises the people that he will hold public meetings and hear what they have to say regarding important issues.

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Credit Card Policy Abolished at Leech Lake Casino Hotels

With a vote of 4-0, the Leech Lake Tribal Council abolished the credit card policy requirement for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Casino Hotels at the July 4th quarterly meeting. Leech Lake Band members will no longer be denied a room at the Palace Casino Hotel in Cass Lake or at the Northern Lights Casino Hotel in Walker, Mn., because they do not have a credit card. A new Tribal rate of $40.00 per night has been established for Leech Lake Band members only. A $30.00 funeral rate per night was also approved for Leech Lake Band members.
Leech Lake Health Division Awarded with Five Grants

The Leech Lake Health Division is proud to announce we are the recipient of a 1-Year USDA Food Distribution Grant designed to increase the nutritional health of families within the boundaries of the reservation. Four departments of the health division have collaborated together in the development of a cultural and community based effort to “Strengthen the Bodies of our Tribal Members while Transforming our Communities”. The first objective of the grant is to increase the number of tribal members consuming fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat products. This will occur through introducing the new products of our food distribution center by holding tent tasting days, incentives for enrollment and incentives for referring a friend to the food distribution program. The second component to the grant is a reservation wide awareness campaign introducing the “My Pyramid” project that educates adults and families of the new food groups proven to enhance health.

The final component is designed to develop routines of exercise and healthful lifestyles in our people. This will be done through a “Walk the Rez” program and a “Jogging for our Nation” program. Each will be provided out of our Fitness Center to encourage new fitness participants and families, and will include a running mentor that will help develop life long passions for exercise via walking and jogging. We intend to nurture the foundation of change on all levels: families, providers and individuals to benefit the health of those we serve. For additional information regarding this grant please call Jodi DeVault @ 335-4500.

The Leech Lake Health Division has been awarded a 1-year Provincial Grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant titled “Protecting our Future” will allow us to expand the mission of the Leech Lake Head Start Fire Safe Program to include grandparent care providers as well. The goal of the 08-09 project is to supply 197 homes of Head Start Children and 49 Grandparent Homes with Fire Alarms. This project is meant to provide the tools of safety (Fire Alarms), installation of the alarms, and Fire Safe Training for each home of Head Start participants. The children of our reservation are a priority for all providers within our reservation including the Health Division. It is with pride we have been awarded this grant and turn it over to the Head Start Division for implementation. For questions regarding this project and eligibility please contact 335-8345.

The Leech Lake Health Division has recently been awarded a 1-Year CPS Child Safety Seat grant by the BIA INDIAN HIGHWAY/SAFETY PROGRAM. This environmental health project called “PROTECTING OUR FUTURE” addresses our environmental mission of preventing child passenger injuries and deaths due to lack of education, improper use, or inaccessibility of child safety seats. This grant will provide 200 safety seats, instructions and training to all families of our reservation who are NOT participants of the Head Start Program. This project focuses on children 5 years of age/90 lbs or less who are in need of safety seats, as

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its target population. We encourage anyone interested in this project and its educational components to contact Kim Larson @ 335-4500.

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regarding the Band before any formal action is taken by the Tribal Council. He spoke of the importance of our elders and told how they guided him as he was growing up. In fact, LaRose has a ritual of having breakfast every Friday morning with two of our elder Leech Lake Band members, Henry McClimek and Walter Chase whom he aspires to be like when he reaches his elderly years. He thanked the people for the courtesy and time they have given him since 1998. LaRose said, “If you work hard at it, whatever it is you want to accomplish, it will happen.” LaRose asks for patience from the Leech Lake people. “A lot of the things that we campaigned on will take some time to accomplish and we vow to “roll up our sleeves and get to work.”

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe RBC Announces New Administration

By Chris Haugene, LL Administration

The new Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe RBC Council would like to announce the appointment of Rob Aitken to fill the Executive Director position in the new administration. Mr. Aitken brings 8 years service as an attorney in Bemidji working for the Hazelton Law Firm, and for the State Board of Public Defense. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with distinction earning a Juris Doctor. Before Law School he served as the Bands Director of Personnel.

The Chief of Police Posting will be held by Mr. Garr Pemberton. Garr brings over a decade of experience serving American Indians. He has been

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serving in Cass County as a Deputy for over five years, and subsequently ran for Sherriff in 2006. Prior to his tenure at Cass County Mr. Pemberton was the Chief Conservation Officer for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for approximately five years. He also served in Mille Lacs Lake as a Sergeant for their Tribal Police Department.

The newly elected Tribal Council would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank these positions predecessors for their services rendered, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Randy G. Finn has been appointed as the new Deputy Executive Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Randy brings a decades worth of experience in Indian country having held positions in Health, Self-Governance, Special Projects, American Indian Studies, and Planning.

Mr. Finn is an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who will bring a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and a Bachelors Degree from Bemidji State University to the RBC offices.

Doris Jones has been appointed as the new Health Director for the Leech Lake Band.

Doris is reoccupying her post as the Director of Health, which she previously held for almost five years in the late nineties. She has recently vacated a position at the Bug-o-nay-ge-shing school in Bena as a Diversity Counselor to the students—which was a position that originated with the Northwest OIC out of Bemidji MN.

Doris is a Walker MN native and an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; she attended Bemidji State University and studied American Indian Culture, Traditions, and Community Services.

Welcome!

Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Tribal Offices Gets a Face Lift

The giant piece of concrete you see pictured here use to hold a sign that stood in front of the Tribal Offices. The piece of concrete was dug up and then reburied because it was just too huge to move. So it was decided to use the concrete block as an incredibly solid platform to build a parking lot on, and that’s what’s happening here. The area in front of the old Tribal offices is being turned into a new parking lot. Dean Kvalelog of the Leech Lake Roads Division said the parking lot should be able to park about 30 cars when finished.

The huge trees that stood in front of the old RTC offices have also been cut down. The building you see here is the Old RTC office which is currently being remodeled and will house the offices of the Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, the 3 District Representatives and their assistants. Room will also available for a few other offices too. Look for pictures in future issues of the newly renovated office building and landscape. Some of the offices that are currently located in the old RTC office will be moved to the office space located next to the Dairy Queen in Cass Lake.

Leech Lake Homeless Program
By Patsy Gordon, Editor

In October of 2006, the Reservation Homeless Survey carried out a Reservation Companion Survey on Leech Lake. This survey is done every three years and will be done again in 2009. The last survey showed that many folks were “doubled up” or families living together, living in substandard housing, had no running water, some had no heat. 98% of those surveyed said they want their own housing.

Housing someone who is experiencing homelessness is less expensive than emergency services such as jail, detox, and hospital or out of home placement. If these people can be helped with finding affordable housing, it will free up dollars and services for other people needing these types of services. However, the grant that Leech Lake receives prohibits helping people who are living with their parents, just out of treatment or incarceration until they have been out for at least one year. In an effort to assist, ten million dollars in grants was appropriated by the legislature to help end homelessness in the state of Minnesota. One hundred eighty five thousand dollars is being put to use by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Homeless Program to assist Band members. Carla Littlewolf, Case Manager, and Tracy Anderson, Intake Specialist, are working hard to assist the homeless on the Leech Lake Reservation. The Leech Lake Homeless assists the homeless with references and resources regarding housing and by paying the first months rent once a place is found to live in. The program also has a minimal amount of furniture, bedding, clothing, household items for donating to Band members moving into their own place. Household and furniture donations are accepted and appreciated. The Homeless Office is located in the facility center on Tract 33 in Cass Lake. In fact, the Leech Lake Homeless Program assisted 583 people/192 households from July 2006 through July of 2008. Eighty to ninety percent of these households have received case management follow-up services.

Jane Lawrenz works as the Supportive Housing Policy Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and works closely with the Leech Lake Homeless Program. Lawrenz was recently in town to update and discuss the homeless grants with the Leech Lake Tribal Council and advise them of the program and grant monies Leech Lake has received.

The White Earth and Red Lake Bands are also involved in this endeavor and are receiving grant money to assist with ending homelessness on their reservations also. The Bands are all delivering their own services to their community members. Bemidji Supportive Housing, the Bemidji HRA, and Bi-Cap are also working collaboratively with the three reservations to end homelessness. A new apartment complex will open on 5th Street in Bemidji in 2009, which will contain 20 new apartments. Five of those apartments will be delegated to the Leech Lake Reservation to house Leech Lake Band members. For further information contact the Leech Lake Homeless Program at 335-4433 or 335-3760.
MEP Kicks Off Native American 2008 Civic Engagement Project
Organizers Will Register Native American Voters For November Election

Minnesota Environmental Partnership (MEP), a statewide coalition of more than 80 conservation and environmental organizations, is registering voters for the November election in the White Earth, Leech Lake and Red Lake communities. MEP also plans to educate voters on the ballot question that promotes protection and restoration of our lakes, rivers, streams, forests and prairies. The campaign was created to engage Native Americans in the November election with the help of Martha Fast Horse, a Wellstone Fellow and Sicangu Lakota from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and Sue Trnka, White Earth resident and field organizer for MEP.

“The original people value natural resources and natural areas,” said Martha Fast Horse, a Wellstone Fellow coordinating MEP’s Native American civic engagement project. “We want to nurture those traditional values and engage members of our tribal communities to build support for the preservation and restoration of our land.”

According to Fast Horse, “An important way to take responsibility for protecting mother earth is to encourage people to vote.” But before the people can become engaged in the political process, they must first have the opportunity to become registered voters. Access to voting information and registration materials will be a key component of MEP’s civic engagement project.

MEP’s goal for the project is to educate and register 250 Native Americans in the Twin Cities metro and northwest Minnesota areas. In addition to helping ensure voter access, MEP organizers and volunteers will educate Minnesota voters on the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, an amendment to the state constitution that will appear as a ballot question on the November 4, 2008 ballot. If approved by Minnesota voters, the amendment would raise the state sales tax by 3/8th of one percent for 25 years, to generate funding for clean water, wildlife, arts education and natural areas.

The Minnesota Environmental Partnership has registered 40 people to vote at the White Earth Traditional Powwow and 145 in the metro area. MEP will continue their civic engagement efforts at casinos, fairs and powwows over the summer and at Tribal Colleges in the fall.

“As Indigenous people our traditional values teach us to honor the earth to protect our natural resources for the sake of our posterity,” said Fast Horse. “Creating a dedicated source of stable funding for the environment is one piece of acting on our traditional values.”

“Through this project, MEP also hopes to highlight Native American perspectives on justice issues as they relate to the environmental and conservation campaigns that our member groups work on,” added Patience Caso, Field Director for the Partnership. “Incorporating a variety of perspectives is critical to addressing Minnesota’s environmental issues.”


Leech Lake Youth Build is Taking Applications NOW!

What Is It?
Leech Lake Youth Build is a partnership between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Cass Lake-Bena school district to provide education and workforce training to 16 – 24 year old area residents. Youth Build members will receive an hourly stipend as they pursue the completion of their high school diploma or GED and training in the construction trades or hospitality industry. Leech Lake Youth Build is grounded in Anishinabe culture/values.

When Does It Start?
Youth Build Members can apply until September 5, 2008 for the second year experience. The second year will begin October 1, 2008. A two week orientation is required prior to acceptance into Leech Lake Youth Build.

Are U Eligible To Apply?
Yes, if you are 16 – 24 years of age.
- U.S. Citizen
- Have not completed a high school diploma or GED
- Willingness to make a commitment to your FUTURE!
- Desire to be Alcohol and Drug FREE

What Else Do I Need To Know?
Students must complete a mental toughness two-week period to be eligible to participate with Leech Lake Youth Build. This is a year round program. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe policies apply and all applicants have to comply with mandatory drug testing. Upon acceptance as a Youth Build Member, members must pass a U.A. as required by the LLBO policies and attend orientation at the Human Resource Division.

How Do I Get Involved?
Applications available NOW at the Leech Lake Education Division – Facility Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota 866-638-7738 or (218) 335-8250

Enbridge Pipeline Donates $100,000 to Leech Lake

(L to R): Robbie Howe, District III Rep., Dorothy Howard and grandson, Inger Local Indian Council, Lyman Losh, District II Rep., Debbie Beaulieu, Bena Local Indian Council and a representative from the Enbridge Corporation.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is greatly appreciative of - and thanks Enbridge Corporation for their generous donation of $100,000. $50,000 will go toward the completion of the Bena Community Center and $50,000 will go toward the Ball Club Trails and Inger Bridge. Enbridge also donated $50,000 to the Cass Lake Fire Dept.
Bikers to Rally: Ride Against Youth Suicide
Story by Michael Meuers

Motorcycle riders of all kinds and stripes across the state are invited to participate in a bike rally fundraiser entitled “Ride Against Youth Suicide”. The rally will begin and end at the Red Lake Humanities Center near the powwow grounds on Saturday August 16th, 2008.

The ride is expected to conclude around 4 PM at the Red Lake Humanities parking lot. There participants will enjoy...as a token of thanks...a fish fry to include the “Famous Red Lake Walleye” fish fry for all registered riders.

The cost for registration and participation is $25 per bike and $10 for any additional passengers.

Registration includes not only the fish fry, but breakfast at the Humanities Center beginning at 8 AM at the same time that registration begins for the ride. At about 10 AM, riders will line up on the grass at the Red Lake Trading Post and will be the first in line for a parade held in conjunction with Red Lake Fair and Powwow held that same weekend. There are also plans for a “poker run”.

All motorcycle riders are invited to join in this important fundraiser to help prevent youth suicide. Ride along and enjoy the day with your fellow bikers, while helping to support an important issue. Communities to be visited include Debs, Nebish, and Blackduck before returning to the Red Lake Reservations and visiting one of the Reservation’s most beautiful sights known as “the Point”, before returning to Red Lake and enjoying the walleye fry. According to organizer Bill May, you’ll see “some of the most beautiful scenery and beaches in north central Minnesota on this ride.”

All registered riders and passengers will not only get the walleye fish fry at the end of the ride but there will be drawings for door prizes. Non-riders and the public who want to participate in the door prizes and fish fry may do so by purchasing a Suicide Awareness wrist band for $5.00.

For registration or more information contact Lisa Beaulieu at 218-679-2306, Maureen Lyons at 218-679-2111, Gary Jourdain, Jr. at 218-679-2500, Bill May at 218-368-5286, or Michael Meuers at 218-766-6588.

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION COMMUNITY MEETING
August 26, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Palace Casino Bingo Hall

Agenda Items:
Indian Health Services
Traditional Pow-wows
Leech Lake Band Members attendance and input on agenda items are welcome.

If other issues arise between now and the date of the meeting, those issues will be added to the agenda also.

NOTICE:
This notice is in response to phone calls received from Band members requesting all people who ran in the last election to:
PLEASE REMOVE ALL OLD CAMPAIGN SIGNS FROM THE RESERVATION!
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

John Persell Files for MN House of Representatives

DFL endorsed candidate John Persell of Bemidji filed for Minnesota House of Representatives, District 4A on Monday, July 14. Persell has been actively campaigning for the seat since May when Frank Moe announced that he would not seek re-election. Moe asked Persell to run and has endorsed him.

“I believe that working families want a tax system that is fair. We need to reduce taxes on homeowners and require the wealthiest Minnesotans to pay their fair share. So many of the systems and formulas that we now have in place are not working for the people in our district.

I will fight for affordable health care for working Minnesotans and their employers. We must fix the system that is hurting families, hampering businesses and crippling our economy.

Our economic future requires a clean and healthy environment. Minnesota must practice sustainable resource management, support green industries and the jobs they generate. To enable that kind of economic development we will need an educated workforce. I will champion Minnesota’s education system, including adequate funding for all education levels—early childhood, K-12, and higher education”. Persell wants to reverse the Pawlenty administration’s plan that creates disparity between wealthy suburban school districts and struggling rural schools, while driving up property taxes at the local level.

Persell says he will bring common sense leadership to the legislature. He believes that the people want to hear real solutions to the kind of issues they face every day. He has met with resort operators, loggers, small business owners, union members, teachers, seniors and parents, all of whom express concern that it’s becoming more difficult every day to find family-supporting jobs in Northern Minnesota. "District 4-A is made up of hard working families and they deserve jobs that sustain them. I will work for those families in St. Paul.”

Persell filed at the County Auditor’s Office in Bemidji. While promoting again his theme of “Common Sense Leadership”, he noted that the Republicans all gathered in St. Paul and registered as a group. Persell said, "While that may have been a sort of cute gimmick to get some publicity, with the price of gas hovering around $4.00 a gallon it didn’t make a lot of “common sense” to have all those candidates drive hundreds of miles for a photo op. Leadership should not be about gimmicks and photo shoots but about common sense approaches to solving real problems."
YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

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

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

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

a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant’s driving record;
b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
c. Seize defendant’s vehicle registration plates;
d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
e. Suspend defendant’s fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: August 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant                  Case No.          Defendant                  Case No.
Bebeau, Duane Michael     TR-03-569        Jenkins, Anthony David, Jr. TR-03-576
Brown, Mariza Renee       TR-03-566        Lagou, Tammi Jo            TR-03-570
Goose, Michael Dean       TR-03-538        Losh, Joseph Walter        TR-06-47
Grigsby, Eric Damion      TR-03-557        Michaud, Barry Wayne       TR-03-578
Howard, Michael David     TR-03-547        Michaud, Barry Wayne       TR-04-693
Jackson, Renae Lori       TR-03-544        Ryan, Darrell Gordon       TR-03-554
Jackson, Nathan Daniel    TR-03-544        Tibbetts, Todd Charles     TR-03-534

APPEARANCE DATE: September 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant                  Case No.          Defendant                  Case No.
Bebeau, Shelly Renee      TR-03-595        Sayers, Adrian Gordon       TR-03-587
Butterfly, Phyllis Nancy  TR-03-585        Smith, Peggy Lynn          TR-04-743
Goose, Samuel Kevin       TR-03-588        Smith, Peggy Lynn          TR-03-597
Gotchie, Candice Marie    TR-03-591        Starr, Gilbert Joseph       TR-03-581
Kamrowski, Beverly M      TR-03-599        Stauffer, Terri Lynn       TR-03-596
Monroe, Carol Rose        TR-03-582        Urrutia, Hubert Jay         TR-01-321
Roberts, Douglas A, Jr.   TR-03-583        Wenell, Paul Bradley       TR-03-584

APPEARANCE DATE: September 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant                  Case No.          Defendant                  Case No.
Aubid, Juanita Jean       TR-03-622        Kornezos, Deanne Marie     TR-03-625
Cloud, Marlena Jane       TR-03-615        Meader, David Delmer       TR-03-628
Fairbanks, Kyle Everett   TR-03-606        Stangel, Teresa Ann        TR-03-609
Jones, Jesse Lee          TR-03-617        Thompson, Harvey Jones     TR-03-592
Kingbird, Kelly Rene      TR-03-616        Wakanabo, Bryan Keith       TR-03-632

APPEARANCE DATE: September 30, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant                  Case No.          Defendant                  Case No.
Brown, Monica Lynn        TR-03-647        Robinson, Jason            TR-03-637
Cronin, David Allan       TR-03-659        Sayers, Susan Kaye         TR-03-654
Lausche, Taleeya Candid   TR-03-652        Wakanabo, Paul Hubert      TR-03-651
Morris, Davine Joy       TR-03-635        Whitebird, Kenneth Wayne   TR-05-09
Ogema, Herschel John      TR-03-641        Whitebird, Kenneth Wayne   TR-03-661

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.
Dated this 14th day of JULY 2008.

**APPEARANCE DATE:** August 5, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

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**Community Collection Begins**

Can you imagine going through the cold harsh winter season without a coat to keep you warm? We can’t either. The United Way of Bemidji Area is dedicated to providing services to help those in need while also helping families become financially stable. You can help by donating new or clean, gently used men’s, women’s, and children’s coats and winter accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, snow pants, and boots).

The following locations will accept donations July 18 through September 26
- Dress Club Cleaners - 406 Minnesota Avenue, Bemidji
- JC Penney - 1401 Paul Bunyan Drive NW, Bemidji
- Luken’s Village Goods North - 1171 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW, Bemidji
- Luken’s Village Foods South - 609 Washington Ave S., Bemidji
- Pamida - 200 Paul Bunyan Drive, Bemidji
- Wells Fargo Downtown - 201 3rd Street NW & Westridge - 2024 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW, Bemidji

The coats and winter accessories will be distributed on October 4, 2008 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Bemidji. Questions? Call 444-8929 or visit 222.liveunitedbemidji.org.
Tribes Host Economic Development Summit and Trade Show

The White Earth, Red Lake, and Leech Lake Nations are hosting a joint Northern Minnesota Reservation Economic Development Summit & Trade Show on Aug. 13-14 at the Northern Lights Casino Hotel and Event Center in Walker, Minn.

The goal of the summit is to help identify successful economic development models for tribal governments and strengthening Indian-owned businesses by promoting “Buy Indian.” This will be the second summit the tribes have hosted. The first was held in November 2006 at the Shooting Star Casino Event Center in Mahnomen, Minn.

The event will highlight several keynote speakers to include Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave’s of America, Valerie Red-Horse, owner and president of Red-Horse Financial Group, Inc., and Megan Minoka Hill, Associate Director of the Honoring Nations program at the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. In addition, there will be numerous breakout sessions to include Developing a Creative Team, Market Planning For Success, Financing Your Small Business, and Get Noticed!

The Summit is open to anyone working in or interested in working in Indian Country to include business owners, economic and development planners, corporate executives, procurement personnel, tribal departments, government agencies, educational institutions, tribally owned enterprises, and more.

Cost for the Summit is $100 at the door. For more information call Sam Strong: (218) 679-2416, sstrong@redlakenation.org, Lorna LaGue: (218) 983-3285, lornal@whiteearth.com, or Barb Cline: (218) 894-5120, bcline@clcmn.edu

Vendor booths are available for the Trade Show for $100, which includes meals and the Summit, or $75 for the booth only. The Trade Show is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Northern Minnesota Reservation Economic Development Summit & Trade Show visit their website at www.mntribalinitiative.org

Grief Support Group

Every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m.
Basement of the old Methodist Church
(Enter on the South side where the Support Group flyer is posted.)
Facilitated by Eli Hunt and Patsy Gordon
Not religiously affiliated.
COME JOIN US!
YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.
We guarantee you will leave feeling better than when you walked in.
THAT’S OUR PROMISE!

Native Youth Crisis Hotline
1-877-209-1266

Violence Against Women Grant Enables LLPD to hire Two More Police Officers

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department in collaboration with Leech Lake Family Violence Prevention Program has hired two Police Officers on a two-year Violence Against Women Act grant program. The primary focus of the position is to provide services to victims of Domestic Violence, encourage arrest of the suspect involved and discourage from dual arrests. This grant program also deals with cases involving victims of Criminal Sexual Conduct. An alarming factor regarding Indian Country is that the average Native American is “three times” as likely to fall victim to a case of Domestic Violence.

If you or someone you know has become victim of Domestic Violence please call the Leech Lake Family Violence Prevention Program (335-6530) or Leech Lake Tribal Police at (335-8277).
Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
July 9, 2008
Chairman Archie LaRose calls meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.
Roll Call: Mike Bongo, Robbie Howe, Lyman Losh, Eugene Whitebird and Arthur LaRose. Quorum Present.

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Lyman Losh to approve agenda. Carried 4-0.

No old business.

New Business:

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-10 concerning Facility Center Project – 2008 Indian Community Development Block Grant Application. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-11 concerning the Leech Lake Band Hazardous Substance Control Act and Land Re-Acquisition Policy are Binding and Applicable Tribal Civil Regulatory Law with regard to the St. Regis Superfund NPL Site, Affirming the Policy of the Tribal Council and Requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Take All Necessary Action, Consistent with the United States’ Trust Obligation to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, to Preserve, Protect and Restore the Leech Lake Reservation. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-12 concerning Primary Point of Contact for St. Regis Superfund Site. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Robbie Howe to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting held on July 9, 2008, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

sgd/ Michael J. Bongo
Michael J. Bongo

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
July 11, 2008
Chairman Arthur “Archie” LaRose called meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Present: Arthur LaRose, Michael Bongo, Lyman Losh and Eugene Whitebird to table the Post-Secondary Scholarships resolution. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-23 concerning the Regional Native Public Defense Corporation as agent to Period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Carried 4-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Land Resolution No. LD2009-01 concerning Michelle R. Beaulieu, rescind Resolution No. LD99-68, West Big Lake. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2009-02 concerning Laura Brown, new lease, West Big Lake. Carried 4-0.

DRM:

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Lyman Losh to approve the request from DRM and THPO (Heritage Sites) to return human remains from St. Paul. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve the World of Christmas Building on Shingobee Island as a cultural resources museum. Carried 4-0.

LEGAL:

Discussion Enbridge Agreement and Nelson Act Settlement.

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Discussion: Onigum Early Childhood Facility Grand Opening, July 25, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

Head Start Tribal consultations to be held in Seattle, Washington on July 31, 2008 – Recommendation from the Secretary-Treasurer that the Chairman testify and represent on behalf of Leech Lake on issues.

Tribal loan discussion.

Tribal Council Public Meeting date is set for August 26, 2008 at the Palace @ Casino Bingo Hall.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Robbie Howe to adjourn at 12:18. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on July 11, 2008 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

sgd/ Michael J. Bongo
Michael J. Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation
Details Announced for Annual SMSC Wacipi
August 15, 16, and 17, 2008

Details have been announced for the annual Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi (Pow Wow), Friday through Sunday, August 15, 16, and 17, 2008. The word Wacipi [wah-chee-pee] in the Dakota Language translates as "they dance." The more common meaning is "Pow Wow." A Wacipi is a social gathering where friends and relatives gather to celebrate their way of life and culture and where dancers in their regalia dance and singers at the drum sing as their ancestors did before them. The general public is invited to attend this special event.

Chairman of the Pow Wow Committee is SMSC Vice-Chairman Glynn Crooks. The two Masters of Ceremonies are Wallace Coffey (Comanche Indian Nation) and Danny Seaboy (Sisseton Wahpeton/White Earth Ojibwe). Arena Directors are Michael Roberts (Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribe) and Gabe Desrosiers (Northwest Angle Ojibwe Reserve).

Host drums are Wahpekute (Sisseton, South Dakota) and Mazakute (Santee, Nebraska). Invited Drums are Southern Boyz (Oklahoma); Yellowhammer (Oklahoma); Sizzortail (Oklahoma); Cree Confederation (Alberta); Rocky Boy (Montana); Mandaree (North Dakota); The Boyz (Minnesota); Elks Soldier (South Dakota); and Eastern Eagle (Nova Scotia). Only invited drums are allowed at the SMSC Wacipi.

The Sisseton Wahpeton Vietnam Veterans Color Guard from Sisseton, South Dakota, will present the colors and conduct special military honors during the SMSC Wacipi.

In addition to the competition dancing, there will also be a Men's Traditional Special sponsored by Darryl and Donny McKay families. Moccasin games will also be played for prize money.

Hundreds of dancers are expected to attend the three-day event from all over the United States and Canada. Arts and crafts, paintings, jewelry, and other items will be available for sale as will a variety of Native American foods, both contemporary and traditional. Admission is $5 for the entire weekend and includes an evening meal on Saturday from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. and lunch on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. as well as a commemorative button and program. Adults aged 60 and older and children 10 and under receive free admission. Grand Entries will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Non-denominational Church Services will be held at Tiowakan Spiritual Center on Sunday, August 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Marlene White Rabbit Helgemo will officiate. Fireworks will be held at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday.

On Thursday, August 14, 2008, the SMSC will hold a Pow Wow Exhibition as a preview to the Pow Wow in the Rotunda at the Mall of America, Bloomington, Minnesota. Sessions will include a Grand Entry and demonstrations of individual dance styles. Sessions are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Information about SMSC enterprises will also be available throughout the day. The Pow Wow Exhibition is free and open to the public.

For more information on either event call 952-445-8900 or go to www.shakopeedakota.org.
Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pike Bay Police Department and the Leech Lake Tribal Police for their immediate response to my 911 call after a recent incident at my home.

After calling 911, there were officers at my home within 2-3 minutes of making the call. That is fantastic response time! Officer Zeb Hemsworth of the Pike Bay Police Department, Leech Lake Tribal Police Department Officers, Scott Kellar, Sabin Rasmus, and Jeff Hulse were the responding officers. People are all too often quick to criticize police officers, but never as quick to thank them for a job well done. I would like to thank the respective police officer departments and Cass County Dispatch for the great work.

Linda Vikre – Cass Lake

You Smoke in the Room, You Pay

It’s already the law that anyone who smokes in a designated nonsmoking hotel or motel room is guilty of a misdemeanor. Effective August 1, 2008, the smoker may also be required to pay damages to get the room back to its smoke-free condition.

The new law, sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL - Mpls) and Sen. D. Scott Dibble (DFL - Mpls) also removes the previous $100 damage cap. It states that if an offender does not reimburse the innkeeper in 30 days, a $100 civil penalty may be added, as well as reasonable attorney fees up to $500.

Regional Jobs

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Summary of Job Openings

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies.

You may request a complete job description for any position listed. **Every position is open until filled unless there is a posted closing date which follows job title.

HUMAN SERVICES
Case Manager (Close: 08-01-08)
Community Relations Coordinator (Close: 08-01-08)
Case Manager(s) (Child Welfare Program)
Transportation Driver (Opioid Program) (Close: 08-01-08)
Billing Manager
Rule 25 Assessor
(Child Welfare Program)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Credit Union Manager

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Retail Program Accountant (Che-We Store)

TRIBAL POLICE
Police Officer(s)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Cashier

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or they can download an application and disclaimer from our website at www.llojibwe.com. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources – 115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633. You may also FAX your documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@llojibwe.com.

Policy: Human Resources must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted.

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

In the Matter of a Route Permit Application and Certificate of Need Application for the Bemidji – Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line

PUC Docket Number: TL-07-1327 (Route Permit) • PUC Docket Number: CN-07-1222 (Certificate of Need)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) and United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will conduct public information and environmental impact statement scoping meetings at the locations listed below on an application by Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Bemidji to Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed transmission line and to identify issues and alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the proposal.

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The public is invited to review the route permit application and certificate of need application, learn more about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) permitting process, and provide input. The public is also invited to learn more about the federal permits and review the project. First hand of each meeting will be an open house. Presentations on the state and federal review processes and the proposed project will begin at the start of the second hour, followed by an opportunity for public comment. Representatives from the OES, RUS and the applicants will be available for both the open house and presentation portion of the meeting to answer questions about the permitting process, federal review and approvals, and the proposed project. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers, and provide comments and, specific issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The project is expected to fall within the scope of the EIS until August 30, 2008. Comments should be submitted or postmarked by:

Kathleen Steinheuer, Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
811 7th Place East, Suite 300
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107-2150
Fax: 651-297-2831
ksteinheuer@commerce.state.mn

Project Description
Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (the Applicants), propose to construct a 230 mile, 230,000-volt transmission line from the Oakdale Substation, just west of Bemidji in Itasca County, to the Bemidji Substation in Cass County. The line would carry two 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines, which are currently in operation. The proposed route for the transmission line priority follow existing roads, rivers, and important waterways, and would maintain the described transmission line in a 200-foot right-of-way. The OES, OES performs an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposal.

EIS process
The EIS process is the first step in the permitting process. The EIS process includes the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is a document that identifies the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and assesses the alternatives for each impact. The EIS is used to determine whether the project meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS is a document that identifies the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and assesses the alternatives for each impact. The EIS is used to determine whether the project meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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Upcoming meeting dates
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Information Availability
Copies of the route permit application and certificate of need application are available at:

- www.aps2009.com (Home > Regulatory > State > Minnesota)
- http://energy.mn.gov/sunrural/oreos.html

The project can also be found at the following locations:

- Otter Tail Power Company
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Cass County
- Beltrami County
- Itasca County
- Morrison County
- Wright County
- Sartell-Elkins Library
- Walker Public Library
- New York Public Library
- Maple Grove Public Library
- South Carolina Public Library
- Northern Minnesota Public Library

Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the RUS have control over the monitoring of the project and will coordinate with RUS and the federal agencies to ensure that the EIS developed for this project meets both state and federal environmental review requirements. The Minnesota Department of Commerce will coordinate with the RUS and the federal agencies to ensure that the EIS developed for this project meets both state and federal environmental review requirements. The EIS is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

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Health Officials Remind Minnesotans to Practice Healthy Swimming Behaviors This Summer

Germs on and in swimmers’ bodies can make people sick; action steps can help prevent illness.

Awareness of illnesses and healthy swimming behaviors play an important role in stopping the spread of illnesses through recreational water, according to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

“Germs on and in swimmers’ bodies end up in the water and can make other people sick,” said Dr. Kirk Smith, foodborne disease supervisor for MDH. “Even healthy swimmers can get sick from recreational water illnesses, but the young, elderly, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems are especially at risk.”

Specific actions you can take to promote healthy swimming include:

* If you have been ill with diarrhea in the past two weeks, do not go swimming.
* Do not allow children who have been ill with diarrhea or vomiting in the past two weeks to go swimming.
* Avoid swallowing water or getting water in your mouth.
* Shower before swimming.
* Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
* Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often.

Change children’s diapers in a bathroom, not at poolside or beachside. From 2000 to 2007, 17 swimming pool outbreaks and 12 beach outbreaks were identified in Minnesota.

The parasite Cryptosporidium, one of the most common waterborne disease agents, is a chlorine-resistant parasite that can survive and be transmitted even in a properly maintained pool. In 2007, a record number of 302 cases of Cryptosporidium were reported to MDH. Three swimming pool outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis occurred in 2007.

For more information about Healthy Swimming, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Healthy Swimming Web page at: http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming.

News & Notes – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority

For the months of June, July, and August the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority selects four (4) households per month to receive an incentive award for continued maintenance of their yard and unit exterior as observed and recommended by Tenant Services Department staff, Ron Hare and Toby Losh.

The incentive award includes a Certificate of Commendation; a $25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card and a Letter of Appreciation from the Housing Authority. This award is presented to tenants who are dedicated to continued maintenance of their yard, unit, and surrounding area.

Recipients of the award for the month of June, 2008 were: Leroy Pemberton (Thunder in Sky); Dawn Ruschmeier (Boy Lake Tax Credit); Joanne Bedeau and Shirley Steel (Wildwood Acres, Tract 34). For the month of July, 2008 recipients are: Amanda Cloud (Oak Point); Anthony Smith (Sugar Point); Mary Ann Roy (Inger); and Renee Sargent (Moccasin Flats, Tract 33).

The Housing Authority appreciates your efforts, and the efforts of all tenants that are committed and determined to keep their yard and homes in excellent shape.

Congratulations!! Keep up the good work. You could be selected for an award next year!!
Wesley Eugene Dunn

Wesley Eugene Dunn, 78, of Minneapolis, Minnesota died on June 30, 2008 at the Hennepin County Medical Center.

Wesley was born April 13, 1930 at Oak Point, MN the son of John and Dora (Dick) Dunn. He grew up and attended country school at Oak Point, and boarding school in Flandreau, South Dakota. Following his schooling he joined the U.S. Army. After his military service he moved around a lot, living in California and Illinois, and doing a variety of jobs. He eventually settled in Minneapolis, and had lived there for the last 45 years. Even though he had a quiet side to his personality he loved living in the city and spending time with his many friends. He liked going to the casino and attending pow-wow’s. He enjoyed traveling back and forth between Minneapolis and Cass Lake.

Wesley is survived by a son in South Dakota, step-daughter, Leslie Pracht, brother; John Dunn, one aunt, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services were held on July 3, 2008 at 12:00 Noon at the Oak Point Community Center with Greg Kingbird as the officiant. Visitation started on July 14, 2008 at the Sugar Point Community Center and continued until time of service. Interment followed at the Morgan Cemetery. Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake handled funeral arrangements.

Andrew Fred Johnson

“Chi-Noodin”

Andrew Fred Johnson, Chi-Noodin, better known as Noodin, was born March 11, 1919 at Battle Point, Minnesota, the son of Stella (White) Johnson and Fred Johnson. Noodin passed away peacefully of natural causes on June 25, 2008 at the Deer River Health Care Center.

Noodin worked in the surrounding area at local summer resorts as a maintenance man, and also at the old wood plant in Bena, Minnesota.

He was treasured by many because of his sense of humor and generosity in providing transportation to the young and elderly. He was especially loving and kind to young people and had special nick names for many. As an example, Noodin’s special name for Alvin White was “Chippewa Alvin”. He was “Uncle” to all.

He is survived by Special Niece Tracy Gale, great, great nephew David Chase, and great, great, great grand niece, Valentine Rose Chase, as well as nephews Bert Gale, Kenneth Gale, Darrell Gale, and nieces Stella Gale and Lavina Gale Marion, numerous other great nieces, nephews and cousins, and the Anna Rock family of White Earth, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Lillian Gale, and infant sister Vivian.

Noodin took it upon himself to patrol the local community making sure everyone and everything was safe.

Noodin’s family would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to the special relationship that Noodin had with everyone and especially Steve and Bunny Fox, Jerry and Jeanne Bader, Mert and Rusty Lego families, and Bobbie and Kenny Smith. Appreciation is also extended to the Deer River Health Care Center Staff for the special care given to uncle. He will be missed by all.

A traditional started on June 28th and 29th and continued until the time of the traditional funeral that was held on June 30, at the Sugar Point Community Center with burial following at Battle Point Cemetery. Steve Jackson officiated. Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake handled the funeral arrangements.

Lyman William White, Sr.

Lyman William White Sr., 80, of Onigum, Minnesota died on July 11, 2008 at North Country Hospital in Bemidji.

Lyman was born May 9, 1928, in Onigum, Minnesota, son of Joseph White and Jennie (White) Smith. He went to school in Onigum and then Walker High School. After high school he worked at area resorts before enlisting in the U.S. Army and then was honorably discharged in 1954. On November 19, 1954 he married Shirley Ellis of Onigum. They lived in Chicago for a short time before moving to Thief River Falls where he attended technical college, and graduated in 1961. He then moved his family to Minneapolis. He worked as a master welder at Arrow Tank Engineering until 1975 when he moved his family back to Onigum, where he lived until the present. He also worked for the Leech Lake Tribe as a finish carpenter. He was a very dependable man, never missing a day of work. Lyman was a true gentleman, a gentle and kind father who never raised his voice, yet when he spoke you knew it meant something. He was a good hunter, and enjoyed netting and involving his family in the process. Going for rides with his wife was always enjoyable to him. His faith was very important, and he expressed that by rarely missing a Sunday in church. His presence will be greatly missed.

Lyman is survived by his wife of 54 years; Shirley, six children; Gary White (Deby), Vicki White (Burt), Lyman White, Jr. (Lisa), Carol White, Debbie Isham (Curtis), and Marilyn Harrison, grandsons; Michael, Preston, Brad, Raleigh, Eric, Billy, granddaughters; Alicia, Angela, Leann, Carolyn, Janelle, Darcy, Ashley, and Danielle, great-grandsons; Taledray, Allan, Ethan, Peyton, Lyman, Seth, brothers; Lavern (Cubby), Wilfred (Cheebee), Randy, Joe, John, sisters; Delores Wakefield, and Leota White.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 grandsons, 2 great-grandsons, and brothers; Harry, Roger, Kenny, Marvin, and sister, Dolly.

Funeral services were held on July 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Johns Episcopal Church with Rev. John Rock and Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiating. Visitation started on July 14, 2008 at the Onigum Community Center and continued until time of service. Interment followed in St. Johns Episcopal Cemetery. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Harold Judd Smith

“Abbott”

Harold “Abbott” Judd Smith, 70, Cass Lake, MN died on July 9, 2008 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota.

He was born May 23, 1938 in Onigum, MN, the son of Joseph and Mary (Gould) Smith. He spent his growing up years in Onigum, and attended school in Walker. During his time at school he worked at local resorts, and graduated in 1961. He then moved to Minneapolis, where he worked as a master welder at Arrow Tank Engineering until 1975 when he moved his family back to Onigum, where he lived until the present. He also worked for the Leech Lake Tribe as a finish carpenter. He was a very dependable man, never missing a day of work. Lyman was a true gentleman, a gentle and kind father who never raised his voice, yet when he spoke you knew it meant something. He was a good hunter, and enjoyed netting and involving his family in the process. Going for rides with his wife was always enjoyable to him. His faith was very important, and he expressed that by rarely missing a Sunday in church. His presence will be greatly missed.

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life he lived in Cass Lake, moved to Mesa, Arizona, and then returned to Cass Lake. Most of his working years were spent in construction, working with concrete. His friends and family will always remember him by his nick name “Abbott”, and will never forget his zest for life. He was always happy, and loved to tell jokes, laugh, and have fun with others. He especially enjoyed time with his family, his grandkids, and special friends. He had a special talent at woodworking and made beautiful cornices designed with Indian art work. Spending time at the casino was also one of his favorite things to do.

Harold is survived by his special companion, Diane Goodman, his mother, Mary Smith, son; Tim Smith, three daughters; Tracy Basina, Tina Smith, and Tammy Bongo, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, two brothers; Walter Smith (Linda), Donald Smith, two sisters; Dorothy Walswick (Gaylor), JoAnne Nelson (Phil), special grandsons; Bradley, Greg, Timmy, Tommy, and "little Tommy", and his special step-daughter Terry Lynn.

He was preceded in death by his father Joe, his wife; Rose, brother; Frank ("Snuffy"), sisters; Mary Jo and Shirley, daughter; Tanya, and sister-in-law; Mary Lou.

Funeral services were held on July 14, 2008 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker with Fr. Mark Coen officiating. Visitation started on July 12, 2008 at the Onigum Community Center and continued until the following Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. Visitation was also held at St. Agnes from 10:00 A.M. until time of service. Interment followed in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Marquise Anthony Johnson

"Makwa-Taum “Bear Thigh”

Marquise Anthony Johnson, 5 months old, of Federal Dam, MN, died on July 7, 2008 at the Cass Lake PHS Hospital in Cass Lake, MN.

Traditional Funeral Services were held on July 11, 2008 at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN.

George Wilson Jr.

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Ronald “Steven” Gale

Ronald Steven Gale, 42, of Federal Dam, Minnesota died July 18, 2008 at the Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Steven was born July 19, 1965 in Cass Lake, Minnesota, the son of Ronald and Della Ann (Robinson) Gale. He grew up in Battle Point and attended Remer High School. Following his schooling he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed out of Monterey, California. He received an Army Commendation Medal for his exceptionally meritorious performance as an attack helicopter repairman in the aviation maintenance section for the 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry. He was very instrumental in the completion of one AH-1S Phase maintenance in only two weeks. He was honorably discharged in November of 1989 and moved back to the Battle Point area. He also graduated from the Bemidji Vo-Tech in the auto mechanic program.

He was employed by the Northern Lights Casino as a Security Guard, worked for the LLBO Well and Septic program, and was also self-employed for a period of time. He enjoyed using his mechanic skills working on cars, playing horseshoes, and was an avid pool player. His father would always refer to him as “one of the best”. He liked a variety of music, and enjoyed playing the guitar.

He is survived by his daughters; Sky Gale (Tim), Samantha Gale, Ashley Gale; grandson, Cody Gale; granddaughters, Amy and Arianna Terry; sisters, Lori Gale, Patty Gale Goose, Tracy Gale; brothers, Troy Bowstring, Travis Gale; three nephews, Richard Norton, David Chase, Jr., & Jordan Dahmon, and many nieces, and great nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents Ronald and Della Ann Gale, a son, Michael Gale, paternal grandparents, Lillian and Bert Gale, maternal grandparents, Raymond and Virginia Robinson, and one great nephew Markell Steven Morris.

Traditional Native funeral services were held on July 24, 2008 at the Sugar Point Community Center with Steve Jackson as the officiant. Visitation began on July 22, 2008 at the Sugar Point Community Center and ran until time of the service. Interment followed at the Battle Point Cemetery at Sugar Point, MN. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted.

Simon Blakely, Jr.

Casket bearers were Malcolm Norcross, Kevin Tejohn, Melvin Goodman, Ralph Goodman, Anthony Clark and Clarence Clark.

Norman F. Blakely


Funeral Services were held on July 19, 2008 at the Old Pine Point School in Pine Point, MN. A wake started on July 18, 2008 at the Old Pine Point School and continued until the time of service. Interment followed at the Breck Memorial Episcopal Cemetery in Ponsford, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born March 22, 1938 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Simon and Rachel (Sailor) Blakely. He was raised in Ponsford, MN. He worked in the Iron work industry. After his retirement he enjoyed going to the casinos. He returned to the Oak Point Community, rural Cass Lake in 1999 and had lived there until his death.

He is survived by children: Barbara Basswood of Pine Point, MN, Patricia Basswood of Strawberry Lake, MN, Norman Basswood of Pine Point, MN, Blaire Rognstad of Rochester, MN, Brother; Phillip Blakely of Cass Lake, MN, Sister; Linda Niemi of Menahga, MN, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Maxine, Cordelia and Betty Blakely and brothers Louis and Simon Blakely, Jr.
Blood Drive Scheduled in August

North Country Regional Hospital and Memorial Blood Centers are partnering to offer a two-day blood drive in August. The dates are: Thursday, August 28 from 9 to 4 and Friday, August 29 from 9 to 1 at the North Country Regional Hospital Education Center in Bemidji, Mn.

There are three ways in which you can register.

1. Contact Rachel Henrich of Memorial Blood Centers to register (218-740-1542 or rhenrich@mbc.org)

2. Contact Shannon Westhoff at North Country Regional Hospital to register (218-333-5565 or swesthoff@nchs.com)

3. Access the easy online registration (instructions below).

You may also register online: You can do so by visiting http://allstarclub.mbc.org/mbc/mobilesch/sc.php and enter “2234” in the sponsor code search box. You will be prompted from that point forward.

Note: You must click on “Confirm Appointment” before you appointment is scheduled.

BE SURE to click on the link (located directly above the schedule on the appointment confirmation page) that says “click here to add to your outlook calendar” for an automatic reminder. You will need to click open after the download dialog box begins.

Please contact Rachel Henrich of Memorial Blood Centers at rhenrich@mbc.org or 218-740-1542 with any questions or feedback.