A replica of the Veteran’s Memorial Wall was brought to Bemidji for local people to experience first hand “The Wall That Heals”. The original wall is made out of marble and stands in Washington, D.C. The replica pictured above lists all the names of war veterans killed in action, the same as the original wall contains. Photo by Patsy Gordon

The Wall That Heals Visits Bemidji  
By Patsy Gordon

An empty chair sat alone in the cool crisp winds that were blowing off from Lake Bemidji and into the audience that gathered to participate in bringing the “Wall that Heals” to Bemidji, Mn. The lone chair had a black emblem hanging it on with the initials POW/MIA. Most of us know what that stands for. But nonetheless, Emcee, Vince Beyl, explained to the group that the chair represented all past prisoners of war and missing in action soldiers who were not there in person, but were there in spirit. Beyl asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor these people.

Local singer, Joe Vene, performed the National Anthem before the event began, after which Viet Nam Veteran Ted Bogda from Bena provided the invocation.

Several speakers joined Veteran Steve Johnson who told stories about 3 of his comrades in war that he was especially close to, one being his own brother, Dan. Dan died serving his country while in combat in Viet Nam. Johnson told of when he visited the original wall in Washington, D.C. that he could not go alone, he had to go with other members from his company that he served with, otherwise he could not have done it alone. He invited people to walk out by the waterfront and visit the “Wall that Heals” that has been making its way around the country for everyone.

Leech Lake Honor Guard members pay their respects by posting colors, and make their final salute to Specialist Jacob Fairbanks. Photo by Patsy Gordon
Youth Build Workers Learning Construction Trade Industry
By Patsy Gordon

It was one of the first nice sunny days we've had yet this year, and a great opportunity for the Youth Build Workers and their instructors to be able to be outside working on a Tract 33 home that they are currently renovating in Cass Lake, Mn.

They started the remodeling of the house in mid January of this year and are anticipating finishing up the project sometime this month. Quite an accomplishment for these young people who are taking part in this sort of carpentry project for the first time.

As Chris Finn gave me a tour of the three bedroom house, it was just like professional builders had done the renovation, and they truly are on their way to becoming professional builders and remodelers. Finn explained that they had finished hanging and painting/spraying the sheet rock, and installing the flashings outside, and had yet to finish hanging cabinets, laying tile and carpet, and installing window frames. The students were proud of their work and rightfully so.

The Youth Build program continues to grow in experience, education and enrollees.

Leech Lake Chairman George Goggleye, Jr. told those that attended the RTC Quarterly Meeting on April 4, 2008, “Amid rumors of me resigning”, that’s what they are, only rumors, I am not going anywhere, I will not resign.” He will serve out his term until the new Chairman-elect (Arthur “Archie” LaRose) is sworn in at the next July 4th quarterly Tribal Council meeting.

Goggleye will continue to serve as the Band’s Chairman right up until July. He will still represent the Band in Washington, D.C. and St. Paul when he has to. The Chairman promised that he would continue with the responsibilities that were entrusted to him when he was elected Chairman 4 years ago. He will continue to conduct the regular Tribal Council meetings and enforce policy.

Goggleye told the group that the April 4th Quarterly meeting would be the last meeting he would chair. He ended by saying, “My schedule is so full for the next 3 months, there is lots of work to be done, and I am glad that I don't have to spend time campaigning. This will give me more time to get the things done that need to be done.”

Robbie’s Report:

Most all of us know that Robbie Howe is our District I Representative for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She represents the communities of Ball Club, S. Lake, and Inger, however, has best interests at heart for all Leech Lake Band members. Robbie has implemented a new tradition at quarterly RTC meetings. She will be presenting a quarterly District Representatives Report on behalf of herself and the other two District Reps who represent District II and III.

She presented the following report at the April 4, 2008 quarterly meeting that was held at the new Bena Community Center.

Howe continues to search for resources that will be beneficial to all Leech Lake constituents. She reported that County Road 39 is working on getting a bike/walk/run trail put in between the Ball Club Housing Community and the Ball Club store. The trail will be of great benefit in keeping our kids and others off the street and preventing potential accidents. Other key areas where Robbie continues to work in her respective community is with getting additional lighting installed at significant spots where needed, speed reductions in high-risk areas, District I pow-wow grounds improved and updated, community clean ups, removing abandoned, run down trailer houses and trash areas, etc.

Howe is proud to announce that Itasca County court rooms are flying our Band flag as is Cass County court rooms. Leech Lake Band flags flying in the court rooms of these two counties is a symbol of promising to work together in collaboration for the good of all.

Pat Medure, Itasca County Sheriff, was presented with a challenge to form a basket ball team and play the young men of District I. A future date will be scheduled and will celebrate that day with a cook out also.

Howe congratulates the Cass Lake Bena High School Basketball Team, the Panthers on a great season and placing third in the state tournaments. The entire Leech Lake Reservation and neighboring communities are so proud of these young men.

Concerns and questions have arisen regarding the wild rice plant at Ball Club. The machines used for processing the wild rice have either been destroyed or stolen. Copper tubing was stripped from the other areas. Concerns and questions have also been raised regarding the wild rice plant. The machines used for processing the wild rice have either been destroyed or stolen. Copper tubing was stripped from the machines for resale by those who broke into the building and destroyed the equipment. The mobile homes that were located on the property and used as part of the business were also vandalized and destroyed.

Howe will continue to work on behalf of her district constituents and for the good of the entire Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and will continue with her updates at each quarterly meeting.
The Wall That Heals
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to see, especially those who have never had the opportunity or the chance to visit the original wall in D.C. Johnson said, "When you walk by that wall, you can see faces, you can hear heartbeats, they’re not dead, they are alive!" In front of the wall were tributaries to the men who died in combat. Flowers, pictures, poems, and special momentos for certain soldiers had been laid there by family members whose loved ones died in the war.

Taps were played by flutist, Jon Romer while the 21 gun salute was performed.

Before the event closed, names were read of local service men that lost their lives in combat. Several friends and family members also came forth to pay honor and mention their own loved ones names in remembrance.

The Veterans Associations that were represented were the Ralph Gracie Post, Bemidji American Legion, Bagley American Legion, the Leech Lake Honor Guard, the Bemidji ROTC, White Earth National Veteran’s Association, Eagle staff from Ponemah, Blackduck American Legion and the DAV Color Guard.

LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE
H R JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Cashier (C Stores, Walker or Cass Lake) Supervisory, Northern Lights Express (Walker, MN) 05-09-08 Retail Prog.Acct. (Che-We Store) 05-02-08 DRM Plant Specialist / Invasive Species Coordinator 05-02-08

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Teacher Assistant

RESERVATION SERVICES
Plumber Appr. (Comm. Services) 05-02-08

HEALTH
Emergency Preparedness Coord. 05-02-08 Child Passenger Safety Technician 05-02-08

HUMAN SERVICES
Licensed A/D Couns. Opiate prog. 05-02-08 Traditional Cultural Advisor (A&D prog.) 05-02-08 Receptionist (Opiate prog.) 05-02-08 Billing Manager

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Methamphetamine Community Policing Coordinator Police Officer(s)
Leech Lake Preference applies

Call #218-335-3698 or toll free at #1-800-631-5528 for more information.

Grief Support Group

Every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m.
Basement of the old Methodist Church
(Enter on the South side where the Orange Support Group flyer is posted.)
Facilitated by Eli Hunt and Patsy Gordon
Not religiously affiliated.

Group starts with a light meal, feel free to bring a dish to share if you can. The facilitators will occasionally plan special events such as such as planting a tree in memory of your loved one, message filled balloon releases, making a memory box, and a candlelight float. These activities are a way of dealing with your grief and healing. Other ideas are also welcome. You will not be asked to share if you don’t wish to, you are welcome to just come, sit and listen, but we do encourage you to share with the group which will help with your grieving process.

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!

Spring of April 2008
Winter Storm

DEER IN SNOW STORM

Deer in snow storm in Togo, Minnesota on April 6, 2008.
Submitted Photo

Winter storm produced a reported 39 inches of snow in Cass Lake, Mn. on April 6th and 7th, 2008. This car was barely visible after being blanketed by snow.

Photo by Duane Losh

New “Power Parenting” Groups Started

By Shawn MacGregor, Leech Lake Child Welfare Program

Cass Lake families will have a chance to meet and greet one another which started on April 1st, at the Methodist Church, from 5:00 to 6:30pm, during a free community “Power Parenting” night out that includes a light meal, children’s activities and a chance for parents to talk about issues important to their families and their neighborhoods. April Fool’s Day marks the first of this weekly community gathering at the old Methodist Church. While the church is no longer operating out of the building behind the old High School, it has donated the space for community meetings and gatherings. This provided the perfect venue for “Power Parenting,” a program that grew out of plans by the Leech Lake Reservation Parent Education Collaborative to host monthly family gatherings in each of the reservation communities, and an outreach effort by the Leech Lake Child Welfare Program, in an effort to reduce child abuse and child foster care placements. During the summer of 2007, Leech Lake Youth Division was instrumental in distributing “Family Surveys” to several reservation communities, in an effort to gauge parent and family needs for the Leech Lake Parent Education Collaborative. While in-town Cass Lake did not participate in the survey, they will be offered the chance to complete one and/or discuss topics they’d like to see addressed in parent groups.

Until the surveys can be addressed, some topics for the following Tuesday gatherings have been planned. Since surveys in other communities indicated interest in family topics such as disciplining children, free family activities, cooking classes and money management, some of those issues are slated to be addressed over the course of the following seven weeks. Other community-interest topics such as gang concerns and positive relationships with neighbors and with law enforcement are possible topics for future gatherings. Topics will be facilitated by Leech Lake Reservation program employees who are trained in and work in the areas addressed on a given topic. In the future, professional guest speakers may be sought to visit with the parent groups.

Power Parenting is designed to be a safe and fun way for families to get to know each other and learn from each other. The ECPE (Early Childhood Family Education) model will be used for the one-and-a-half hour time structure. In the first half hour, families eat together, and in the 2nd half hour, children are supervised in activities or projects while the adults gather for conversation. The final half hour will feature an activity for the whole group, parents and children; extended families and other caregivers are invited to attend as well. All participants will be entered in a weekly prize drawing for prizes that will vary each week. Power Parenting may be a great new way to empower families and strengthen Cass Lake neighborhoods! Please plan to bring your family to the Cass Lake Methodist Church site at 5pm on Tuesday evenings.

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Photo by Duane Losh
Minnesota Department of Health reports 325 new HIV/AIDS cases in 2007

Biggest increase seen in young males

Reported new cases of HIV infection in Minnesota reached 325 in 2007 compared to 318 new cases in 2006 and 304 cases in 2005, according to a new report from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), “HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report – 2007.”

Since MDH began tracking AIDS in 1982 and HIV in 1985, a total of 8,504 cases have been reported, including 2,912 people that have died. There are an estimated 5,950 people aware of their HIV status currently living in Minnesota. On average, MDH received a new reported HIV case every 27 hours in 2007 and averaged about 300 new annual HIV infections over the past five years.

“We haven’t seen the annual number of cases reach more than 320 since the mid-1990s,” said Peter Carr, director of the STD and HIV Section at MDH. “Our annual number of reported cases declined in the late 1990s until 2001 when we began to see a slight but steady increase in the yearly number of cases.”

Health officials noted that one of the largest increases seen over the past six years has been among males, ages 13 to 24, where cases have doubled since 2001. There were only 18 new cases reported in 2001 compared with 38 in this age group in 2007.

MDH data show that of the 325 new HIV infections reported in 2007, 249 were male and 76 were female. HIV cases among Black males increased from 36 cases in 2006 to 54 cases in 2007. Men who have sex with men represented 56 percent of the new HIV infections among males last year.

Cases among women represented 23 percent of the total cases reported in 2007. Although the number of cases remained stable among women of color, they still represented 74 percent of all new cases among women. The data also indicated higher rates of infection among certain ethnic and racial groups.

Infection rates are higher among communities of color when compared to whites. Statewide rates for African Americans and Latinos are nearly 13 and 8 times greater, respectively, than whites. Rates for African communities are over 28 times greater than for whites.

Health officials noted that higher rates among communities of color may be due to cultural and language barriers, social stigma, racism, and lack of access to health resources and care.

“These higher rates of infection may indicate that we are not reaching all communities equally with our prevention messages and programs,” said Carr. “It may also mean that people are not being tested early enough in their infection to help stop the unintended spread to others. Once people learn their status, they will receive information on how to prevent further transmission.”

MDH data show that about one in three persons diagnosed in 2007 were considered “late testers” which means that they already had AIDS when they were initially tested or were diagnosed with AIDS shortly after testing.

An AIDS diagnosis usually occurs after being infected with HIV for five to ten years. Latinos had the highest percentage of late testers compared to all other population groups at 50 percent. This may be due to cultural and language barriers.

To help find undiagnosed HIV infections, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed new HIV testing guidelines. The new guidelines call for health providers to routinely provide HIV testing during general health screenings and exams.

“A good example of how well these screening guidelines work is the routine HIV testing of pregnant women,” said Carr. “These screenings and the resulting treatments have dramatically reduced the rate of transmission from infected mothers to their infants – from 25 percent to less than 2 percent. This shows the benefit of offering routine HIV testing to other populations.”

Even without a cure or vaccine, health officials emphasize that the spread of HIV infection remains highly preventable. Latex condoms, used consistently and correctly, are highly effective in preventing HIV transmission. The spread of HIV can also be prevented by avoiding the sharing of needles or equipment to tattoo, body pierce or inject drugs.

To help curb the epidemic in Minnesota, the STD and HIV Section at MDH currently funds 22 programs through 19 agencies aimed at preventing the spread of HIV in adults and young people of all races. The Office of Minority and Multicultural Health at MDH provides funding for capacity building to eight community based organizations to impart knowledge and skills that affect individual abilities and organizational systems (including community) in the fight to eradicate HIV/AIDS.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe says: “Not In Our Backyard!”

The Leech Lake Air Program has implemented a Burn Barrel Pick Up service that started in May 2006. In trade each household receives two recycling bins to promote the ease of recycling and to reduce waste. Removing burn barrels diminishes air pollution on the reservation dramatically. By recycling, household waste produced is cut in half and is highly beneficial for our land and the surrounding community. Demonstrating this practice has an enormous potential positive impact in teaching the generations to come. Right now, the Leech Lake Air Program is offering two recycle bins, free pickup and disposal in trade for your burn barrel on tribal land. WE WANT YOUR BURNER. This simple positive movement begins with you for a cleaner Reservation by standing with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Environmental Department behind the bold statement, “Not In Our Backyard!”

In February of 2006 tribal counsel passed an open burning, burn barrel and fire prevention ordinance that prohibited burning household waste and other materials. The average fine for illegal burning on the reservation ranges from $50 to $250 and will not be tolerated on Tribal land. Outside of Reservation boundaries, it has been illegal to burn garbage in the state of Minnesota since 1969.

“Not In Our Backyard!”

The first and #1 action we can take as a sovereign nation is to stop or report illegal burning on the Reservation. The second sensible solution, we promote here at the Leech Lake Air Program, is to recycle, reduce and reuse. Please report any illegal burning to the Leech Lake Air Program, Leech Lake Conservation Enforcement at 218-335-7400, or the Minnesota DNR Forestry Department. For any questions, comments, reports, or burn barrel pick up please contact Brandy Toft or Charles Woods at 335-7429 and join us in our fight for a cleaner Reservation for generations to come. Miigwetch.
Progress Made on Cleanup of Illegal Dumpsites

By Jim Barott, Chippewa National Forest and John Persell, Leech Band of Ojibwe

Which would you prefer to look at – flowers or a pile of old tires? Everyone but tire recyclers would likely say flowers. We all know that pollution comes in many forms and that it is an environmental public health and safety risk.

In 2007, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s (LLBO) Department of Solid Waste and the Department of Resource Management along with the Chippewa National Forest teamed up to clean up 21 illegal dumps on public land. The sites were near the communities of Bena, Ball Club and Inger. The focus was on dump sites that were near open water, a wetland or had a high water table that could pollute the water. Old appliances, shingles, car batteries, couches, mattresses and household refuse were some of the many items removed by the LLBO Solid Waste Department. They even found a kitchen sink or two. Approximately 30 dump truck loads of waste were removed from Forest land through this Tribal-Federal cooperative effort.

This cooperative cleanup effort focused on cleaning three of the more high profile areas instead of scattered sites. Those involved in the Tribal-Federal cooperative effort are confident that success on a small scale can be accomplished on a larger scale as well.

Additionally, we wanted to make a visual statement while at the same time allow law enforcement to more readily patrol the cleaned up areas. Law enforcement from LLBO and the Chippewa National Forest have been notified to patrol these areas to discourage further dumping. Conifer trees will be planted in the small clearings where the dumps have been cleaned up. Planting trees is a natural way to discourage illegal dumping.

It appeared that many of the sites had garbage that had been there a long time, with little new garbage. A handful of sites had recent garbage. We believe that the successful implementation of Tribal and County solid waste transfer stations has increased community awareness and more residents and visitors are properly disposing of their garbage at these transfer stations.

A new one-page brochure is nearing completion that will show people the location of transfer stations within and near the boundaries of the Chippewa National Forest. The idea is based on the belief that most people want to do the right thing by disposing of their garbage in the proper manner. By reaching out and educating the public about transfer station locations and hours the amount of illegal dumping will decrease.

In 2008 with the Tribal-Federal cooperative effort plans to clean up additional sites within the Leech Lake Reservation and Chippewa National Forest boundaries. Working together, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Chippewa National Forest will continue to make this area a cleaner and healthier place to live and visit.

Reconstruction and detour of Highway 197 in Bemidji Underway

The Minnesota Department of Transportation cautions motorists to be prepared for traffic delays this spring and summer as work gets underway to reconstruct Highway 197 (also known as Bemidji Avenue) from Third Street to 23rd Street in Bemidji. Mn/DOT, in partnership with the city of Bemidji, started the project on Monday, April 21. The affected area of Highway 197 is closed with traffic detoured onto Irvine Avenue for the duration of the project. All residents living along Irvine Avenue are reminded that no parking will be allowed on the street.

The public is invited to weekly public information meetings beginning Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Mn/DOT Headquarters, 3920 Highway 2 West, Bemidji. Beginning Thursday, April 24, and every Thursday for the duration of the project, all public information meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Mn/DOT. A project Web site will also provide weekly updates at http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d2/construct.html.

Annual Leech Lake Head Start

Head Start

Pow-wow

Friday, May 16

11:00 p.m.

Vet’s Memorial Grounds

Cass Lake, MN

Everyone Welcome!
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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

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

/s/ Patricia Pizzala, Court Administrator.

APPEARANCE DATE: May 7, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.

Defendant | Case No. | Charge and Date
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Dvorak, Melissa Mabel | TR-03-630 | Reckless Driving Occurring on: 06/03/2003

APPEARANCE DATE: May 13, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant | Case No. | Charge and Date
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Adams, Debra Ann | TR-08-17 | Driver Allow Open Bottle Occurring on: 08/29/2007
Brown, Blair Marie | TR-08-11 | Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Driving after Revocation Occurring on: 01/25/2008
Budreau, Robert James | TR-08-20 | Driving after Suspension Occurring on: 01/03/2008
Dauphinais, Edwin F. | CN-06-02 | Contempt of Court Occurring on: 04/22/2006
Fairbanks, Amy Ann | TR-08-15 | Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit Window Tint Occurring on: 01/17/2008
Fairbanks, Mark Leo | TR-08-10 | Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring on: 01/04/2008
Greenleaf, Jennifer Lee | TR-08-23 | Driving after Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Expired License Plates Occurring on: 02/08/2008

APPEARANCE DATE: June 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant | Case No. | Charge and Date
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Bendix, Terri Lee | TR-08-07 | Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit Occurring on: 01/14/2008
Jones, Michael Norman | TR-08-19 | Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over the Limit Occurring on: 01/24/2008
Kohler, Michael Dean | TR-08-29 | Driving after Revocation No Insurance Occurring on: 11/25/2007
Staples, Ronald Joseph | TR-08-34 | Driving after Revocation

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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: May 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant | Case No. | Defendant | Case No.
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Barney, Frances O. | TR-03-571 | Lyons, Samuel James | TR-01-316
Cloud, Crystal Leah | TR-07-121 | Maxwell, Robert Roman | TR-00-100
Goose, Anna Vanessa | TR-01-344 | Miettinen, Gary Gene, Jr. | TR-07-62
Greenleaf, Jennifer Lee | TR-07-206 | Smith, Norma Helene | TR-07-130
Headbird, Jessica Marie | TR-07-129 | Taylor, Rikki Lee | TR-05-111
Kingbird, Daniel, Jr. | TR-07-147 | Taylor, Rikki Lee | TR-01-255
Kraskey, Nikisha Kay | TR-00-203 | Taylor, Rikki Lee | TR-05-35
In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of:
R.G.A., Minor Child/Applicant, and
Kimberly Pauline Anoka, Parent, Petitioners.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 20, 2008, an Application for Name Change was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. A Hearing will be held on May 9, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of the change of name of the above-referenced minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

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.

DATED: March 12, 2008.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

APPEARANCE DATE: May 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

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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

Ojibwe Achievement Center Graduates

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April 2008 MS Excel graduates Left to Right: Ann Bradach, Rose Johnson, Judy Lyytinen, Instructor: Spencer Whitefeather, Bernadine "Bunny" Seitz, Margaret Olding, Charles Woods, and Emily Woods. Submitted Photo

Ojibwe Achievement Center
May 2008 schedule of free computer classes:

PhotoShop Elements 6.0
Thursdays May 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
9:00-11:00
8-hours of instruction

Intro to Microsoft Word
Tuesdays MAY 13th, 20th, & 27th
9:00-11:00
6-hours of instruction

Those who complete the free courses receive a certificate of training, useful in obtaining employment or may be used simply to recognize a personal achievement. Computer lab with Internet access is available to community members when classes are not in session. Elders will have preference. A minimal membership fee of $5.00 (6-month membership) will be charged to those under 60 yrs old who wish to utilize the computer lab.

* Please pre-register for classes by stopping in or calling Dave @ 335-7251.
* Free to Senior Citizens
Thank you Veterans for making our country free

who lived or worked on the Leech Lake Reservation


The above veterans are Leech Tribal members and their descendants and any Native American and their descendants who have lived or worked on the Leech Lake Reservation who have served in the military from the civil war to present. If your name or a name of a loved one who has served or is serving in the military does not appear on this list, we apologize for the oversight. Please contact Al Robinson at 218-335-2804 and your/their name will be added to this list and to the Wall of Warriors located at the entry of the Leech Lake Veteran’s Memorial Powwow Grounds. Please contact Al and leave a message and phone number if he is not available to take your call. Thank you.
You CAN Own Your Own Home!

The City of Cass Lake is offering a down payment assistance program. The city would like to help Cass Lake residents enjoy the pride of owning a home that is safe, healthy, environmentally efficient and attractive to the entire neighborhood. Funding is available to assist with down payments on newly constructed homes in Cass Lake.

Do I Qualify? Owners need to be low to moderate income by DEED requirements. They will need to be credit worthy to qualify for a home mortgage.

Low to Moderate Income Requirements:

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What assistance is available? Down payment assistance through the SCDP program is a first come, first served basis. The amount of down payment assistance is calculated on an affordability gap, see example below:

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| Affordability gap                | $13,700      <EXAMPLE>

Deferred loans will be offered to cover the cost of the affordability gap. Loans will be forgiven after seven (7) years.

Can I Choose My Home Plan? Homes will be built on donated lots. You may choose the lot and the floor plan for your newly constructed home.

How Do I Apply? Contact a mortgage lender in your area to get approval or complete the following pre-application and return with $25 application deposit to either Gail Levenson, NCDS, PO Box 105, Wadena, MN 56482 – phone: 218-631-7049 or Cass County EDC, PO Box 142, Backus, MN 56435 – Phone: 218-947-7522.

Cass Lake Mayor, Wayne LaDuke breaks ground to begin main street renovations with Dennis Parker, Chippewa National Forest; Steve Pemble and Darrin Laesch of Widseth-Smith-Nolting Engineering, Rob Harper, Chippewa National Forest Supervisor; Sue Uhrinak and Rich Molash of the City of Cass Lake. Submitted Photo

Tribal Members Eligible for New Home Financing Program in the Twin Cities

Members of federally recognized American Indian tribes have a new home financing option available to them in the Twin Cities metro area. Led by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, five tribal communities announced today the Multi-Indian Urban Housing Project, which will help more Indian people afford homes through “affordability gap financing.”

Affordability gap financing will assist qualified buyers in covering the difference – up to $35,000 – between a home’s cost and the mortgage amount for which each individual qualifies. Enrolled members of any federally recognized tribe are invited to apply for the program, which is accepting applications effective immediately from people wanting to purchase homes in the 11-county Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area.

The Mille Lacs Band will coordinate the affordability gap financing, made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Individual participants will be responsible for obtaining the first mortgage financing for the homes they wish to purchase. The program is supported by the Leech Lake Band, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mille Lacs Band, Red Lake Nation, and White Earth Band; as well as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Financial Corporation, Bremer Bank, and the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation.

“Making homeownership possible for Mille Lacs Band members has always been one of our top priorities,” said Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band Chief Executive. “By working together, our five tribes will achieve the dream of homeownership for many more Indian people than we could ever accomplish working on our own.”

Applicants for affordability gap financing will be considered based on their proof of tribal enrollment, proof of mortgage commitment from an approved lender, income, completion of a homebuyer training course, and compliance with any local property requirements.

For more information about the Multi-Indian Urban Housing Project or eligibility requirements for affordability gap financing, please contact LindaLee Retka, Assistant Director of Housing with the Mille Lacs Band at 320/532-7454 or 800/709-6445, ext.7454.

Chippewa National Forest And Cass Lake Join in Streetscape

Officials of the Chippewa National Forest and City of Cass Lake met for a ground-breaking ceremony Monday, April 21, to initiate the redevelopment of the main street in Cass Lake. Planning for this partnership project has been ongoing for several years.

The streetscape renovations will stretch from the front of the historic log building that has served as Forest Service headquarters since 1935 and will continue through downtown Cass Lake.

The Chippewa National Forest marks its 100th year as a national forest this May. The City of Cass Lake will help ensure access to the historic building during a centennial celebration planned for May 22.

“We’re pleased to have been part of planning that helped the streetscape project become a reality” said Forest Supervisor Rob Harper, “and we’re looking forward to recognizing our 100th year as a member of the Cass Lake community.”

For more information about Chippewa National Forest and centennial activities, contact 218.335.8600.
Moe Won’t Seek Re-election in 4A
By Brad Swenson Bemidji Pioneer
Published Sunday, April 20, 2008

House 4A Democrats who came to Walker on Saturday to endorse Assistant House Majority Leader Frank Moe for a third term instead found themselves scrambling to field a candidate.

Moe, DFL-Bemidji, had his name placed in nomination and several seconding speeches were made, including from his wife, Sherri. But when Moe took the podium, the mood changed. He told delegates that he would not seek re-election, and that it was a decision he had pondered for quite a while but decided Friday night to make it official. Simply put, he told the Bemidji Pioneer that he wanted time with his family, his wife, Sherri. Assistant House Majority Leader Frank Moe, DFL-Bemidji, announces to Senate 4 delegates Saturday in Walker that he will not seek a third term this fall, as his wife, Sherri, stands with him. His announcement that he wanted to spend more time with his wife and complete a doctorate degree creates a scramble to find a successor.

Moe said he didn’t know if he should announce now, or at the end of the legislative session, which is the normal time lawmakers announce their intention. Just last night (Friday) I thought I cant go and ask the Senate district for the endorsement, knowing in my heart that I wasn’t really going to run for office, Moe said in an interview. That wasn’t honest, and I didn’t feel like I could do it. Moe said he contacted key legislators of his decision prior to Saturdays endorsing convention.

Frank Moe has worked very hard for the people of Bemidji and across his district, House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher, DFL-Minneapolis said. Legislators from both parties respect his leadership on conservation issues and the outdoors. Kelliher added that while serving in the Legislature requires a lot of time and sacrifice, I know his constituents appreciate his high quality of service. I wish him well and hope that he is able to some day return to public service.

Moe was first elected in 2004, beating three-term incumbent Rep. Doug Fuller, R-Bemidji, in a hard-fought and expensive campaign. He still served in the minority, but won re-election handily in 2006 with Democrats regaining control of the House.

The last year and a half, Moe has served the DFL Caucus as assistant majority leader, playing a key role in mustering floor votes to send a constitutional amendment question dedicating additional state sales tax to the outdoors and cultural programs to the November ballot. Most recently, Gov. Tim Pawlenty was in Bemidji to do a mock billing signing for a capital investment bill that includes $20 million for a Bemidji Regional Events Center.

Its growing increasingly difficult for Sherri and me, with me being away all week for months at a time, Moe said. Many of the goals that I set out to do four years ago have been accomplished and I guess I want to take my marriage off the back burner. The couple lives between Cass Lake and Bemidji, and Sherri Moe runs a floral shop in Walker which they purchased a year ago. Frank Moe also runs sled dogs, which Sherri handles during the week while her husband is in St. Paul. I’ve been thinking about it for quite a long time, he said.

Helping spur the decision, Moe, an outdoor recreation instructor at Bemidji State University, said, was last week of his acceptance into the Bush Fellowship program, allowing him to study at the University of Minnesota. Its 18 months of a living stipend, and pay my tuition and travel, he said. I’ll finish my Ph.D. I was working on it before I ran for office. I need to do my written exam and finish my dissertation. He plans a doctorate in education, with an emphasis on recreation, parks and use studies.

I’m not shutting the door on a political career, Moe said. I just need to take some time now to be at home. We bought a business last year, and Sherri’s running that on her own. Its hard for her. And we’ve got a lot of dogs at home. That can be pretty challenging for her, too.

The move sets up an open seat, and Senate 4 Democrats which met as House 4A and House 4B will now seek a replacement, said Pam McCrory, who was recently elected as Senate 4 DFL chairwoman.

Folstrom to File for Moe’s Vacant Seat

Irene Folstrom, of Bemidji, will file for candidacy with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Board later this week for the open seat being vacated by Rep. Frank Moe (DFL – Bemidji). Folstrom, a 1993 graduate of Cass Lake/Bena High School and a Stanford University and Cornell Law School graduate will begin campaigning for the DFL endorsement.

Folstrom ran a strong race for the DFL endorsement for Senate District 4 in 2006 against Mary Olson (DFL – Bemidji). Folstrom will focus on similar issues reflected in her 2006 race which were education, the environment, the economy and healthcare.

“I am very excited to bring these important issues back to the table,” Folstrom said in a press release. “My desire to pursue a position in public service lies in my belief that our area will continue to need a strong DFL advocate in our legislature and my upbringing taught me that we must protect our environment, ensure our children receive exemplary educations, and that we must stand up for those that do not have a voice in our society, include the poor and uninsured.

“I am also incredibly concerned about our local economy and plan on making this issue an important facet of my campaign,” she said. “I look forward to the race and am honored to be considered for such a position.”

Folstrom was born and raised in Cass Lake and is a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She is married to Brett Masayesva, a physician at the Red Lake Hospital, and is the mother of two boys.

John Persell
House 4A Candidacy Announcement

Bemidji area resident and DFL activist John Persell announced his candidacy for the Minnesota House District 4A endorsement. Persell said he was as surprised as the other delegates attending the April 19 DFL Senate District 4 Endorsing Convention when Rep. Frank Moe announced that he was not seeking a third term. In announcing his candidacy, Persell states that he will carry forward the outstanding legislative work that Frank Moe has advanced over the last four years, focusing on fairness in taxation for all income levels, reducing our dependence on property taxes for funding K-12 public education, affordable health care for all Minnesotans and sustainable natural resource management.

Persell graduated from Bemidji State University with a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry and currently works as an Environmental Policy Analyst for the Leech Lake Tribal Government. From 1978 to 2006 Persell served as Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe’s Water Research Lab, working with Tribal, Federal, State and County professionals to develop sustainable resource management plans for our area’s diverse resources. John is a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Army Reserves, a member of the Jack Kimball American Legion Post 284 in Cass Lake and serves on the Legion’s Honor Guard. John has three grown children and five grandchildren. His two daughters and their families live and work in the Bemidji area. His son John is in Illinois, and will be completing his law school studies this spring.

Persell currently serves on the Frohn Township Board and the Beltrami County Soil and Water Conservation Board. “I greatly value these experiences. Combined with my substantial State and Federal legislative experience I know I am well prepared to represent all of the District 4A residents.”
Leech Lake Health News

Meet Bonnie Conner
Asst. Medical Director of Cass Lake I.H.S.

Bonnie Conner is one of our new health care providers in our community clinics and also our new Assistant Medical Director.

Bonnie is a Leech Lake Band member and has lived on Leech Lake all her life, except for the past 4 years. Bonnie is ecstatic that she was able to come home and exercise her skills as a medical professional.

Bonnie started out as a nurse aide at Cass Lake Indian Health Service and worked her way up the medical career ladder. She is a successful graduate of the College of St. Scholastica, a graduate of the University of North Dakota FNP program and only the second native to graduate from this prestigious program.

Bonnie has worked in Indian Health Service for most of her professional career: at the Cass Lake IHS Service Unit for 18 years; at White Earth IHS Service Unit for 4 ½ years; at MeritCare in Mahnomen part-time for 2 years and at North Country Regional Hospital Fast Track ER just shy of 3 years.

She brings with her a passion for Women’s Health Care and Children’s Health Care. She takes great pride in her skills working in emergency services.

Bonnie’s family consists of her husband of 25 years, Terry and their 5 wonderful children, Zach 12, Jared and Derek 6, Katie and David 3½. Bonnie also has lots of extended family in the Cass Lake area.

In 2007 Bonnie was awarded IHS Nurse Practitioner of the Year. This is a national award and a very prestigious honor.

Bonnie says her hobby is raising kids. Should there be any extra time, it is spent on crafts, taking the family to pow-wows and eating.

If you see Bonnie Conner out there in our communities, make sure and welcome her to the Leech Lake Health Care System. We’re proud to have her with us.

Clinical Engineering
By Joel Bebeau

The recently completed Bena community center recently held its Grand Opening on March 28, 2008.

The community clinic will commence services shortly after the final construction “walk-through” conducted by facilities management and the local council. The final inspection should be completed by the last week of April 2008.

The mobile clinic is nearing final completion for use in the outlying areas. Look for it soon coming to your area. Emily Bakken, Director of Nursing will be the contact person for mobile clinic appointments and information.
Leach Lake Reservation Events

19th Annual Elder's Feast & Giveaway
May 17th, 11am-3pm
Veterans Memorial Grounds, Cass Lake
Sponsored by LLAA, NAB, and Leech Lake
Contact Ron or Darone 555-6260

Leech Lake Reservation Spiritual Run
May 3rd & 4th, 8am-Dusk
Declaring at the G Lake Community Center and exiting at the Veterans Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake
VIL-00444-001771105720
WANDA@LLINDIGAN.COM
"Seeking for help while we are running" Contact Gary 762-7732

22nd Annual Leech Lake Health Fair
May 6th, 10am-5pm
Leake Lake, Cass Lake
Activities: health services, food and fun
Registration at 9:30am sponsored by Leech Lake Special Diabetes Program
Contact Rilion 555-9309

12th Annual Mother's Day Feast & Celebration
May 11th, 11am-7pm
Veterans Memorial Grounds, Cass Lake
All encouraged to attend!
Door Prizes, Open Mic, Entertainment, Special Guests, and Much More
Contact Ron 555-6260

16th Annual Memorial Walk/Run
May 24th, 8:30am-10am
Free registration for all ages
Fun, Physical Activity, Door Prizes, and Precious Moments
Memorial walk for photos of Jessee Members
Contact LL diabetes program center 555-2641

1st Annual Tribal Elder's Summit, "The Golden Years"
May 13th, 8:30am-3:30pm
The Palace Center at 111, Cass Lake
Registration is free, limited space, transportation is available
Contact Nokomis's program 444-6335

"Happy Belated 25th Birthday to our Big Girl"

Happy 12th Birthday, Raquel and CONGRATULATIONS for staying on the A Honor Roll all the way through school so far!
Keep up the good work,
We are all so proud of you.
Love,
Your Family

More Counties to Start Burning Permit Restrictions

Spring open burning permit restrictions for much of northwest and west central Minnesota went into effect April 24. The restrictions are meant to address the fact that most spring wildfires originate from the burning of yard debris, according to Olin Phillips, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire protection manager.

“The DNR is asking residents to use alternative methods of debris disposal, such as recycling, composting or chipping,” Phillips said.

The counties affected by the April 24 restrictions are: Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Eastern Polk (east of County Rd 6 and south of State Hwy 92), Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Mahnomen, Ottertail, and Wadena. In addition the following counties in northwest Minnesota started restrictions on April 18 Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Pennington and northwest Beltrami. Lake of the Woods County began restricting permits on April 21. The only counties that remain without permit restrictions are St. Louis, Lake and Cook in the Arrowhead of northeastern Minnesota.

Restrictions are going into effect later than in recent years, thanks to normal winter snowfall and cool spring weather. Since the inception of spring burning restrictions, the number of spring wildfires from debris burning has been reduced about 10 percent.

Although April 24 marked restrictions on the issuing of debris burning permits, Forestry personnel may still give some variances for specific activities. “Each variance application is reviewed separately,” Phillips said. “These permits are only granted for situations such as prescribed fires conducted by trained fire personnel, burning for approved agricultural practices, and construction or economic hardship burning for which there is no feasible alternative.”

A map of fire restriction areas is available on the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on May 23rd in observance of Native American Day and May 26th for Memorial Day.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

Happy Birthday to
Jason Quaderer, Jonah McFarlane, Crystal, Brenda, Brian Tibbetts and Happy Anniversary to Brenda and Guy Greene.

Happy Mother’s Day to all you Moms, Grandma’s, foster moms, adoptive moms, aunts, sisters, etc.

You Are Loved!

Your Family
Terry Seelye

Terry Walter Seelye, age 59, of Deer River, made his debut in heaven on April 7, 2008 after battling cancer for over two years. His final days at St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth were with family whose support gave him much comfort. He was loved by all who knew him for his good nature, kind heart, positive spirit and gentle ways.

He was born on March 26, 1949, in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Earl and Clarice Seelye. He spent his early years in Bena, MN, moving with his family to Cass Lake where he graduated from high school in 1967. He served in the US Army from 1969 to 1971, achieving the rank of sergeant. He was a highly decorated Viet Nam combat soldier receiving 5 service medals including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal and the Viet Nam Service Medal.

Upon his return from the service, he married Peggy Coyle in Cass Lake on August 6, 1972. They made their home in Dallas, Texas with their son, Dustin. Terry was employed with Dallas County until reoccurring military back injuries disabled him. On December 1, 1989, Terry married Terri Moore. They have one daughter, Katelin. He dearly loved his children. His courage and determination made their home in Dallas, Texas with their son, Dustin (Donielle) and granddaughter, Drea Claire of Texas. He is also survived by his mother Clarice Eaton of Minneapolis, MN, and his brothers, Earl and Lenny of Bena, MN, Adoptive Parents, Jo Grossohme of Pine River, MN, sisters, Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas of Lakeville, MN, Duane Voas of International Falls, MN, Michael Swearingen of Princeton, MN, brother, Michael Grosohme of Pine River, MN, stepfather, Gladys (Wayne) Sandland of Bemidji, MN, Adoptive Parents, Jo Swearingen. She is survived by her son, William Swearingen of Princeton, MN, daughters, Charlotte Swearingen of Princeton, MN, Vivian Hernandez of Princeton, MN, Mother and Stepfather, Gladys (Wayne) Sandland of Minneapolis, brother, Michael Grosohme of Pine River, MN, sisters, Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas of Minneapolis, MN, Gina Tanner of Bemidji, MN, Adoptive Parents, Jo Voas of International Falls, MN, Duane Voas of Lakeville, MN, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Terry enjoyed fishing and hunting with friends and family. Terry enjoyed making walking sticks and tomahawks out of all natural materials, decorated with beadwork.

He is survived by his wife, Terri and daughter Katelin of Texas; son Dustin (Donielle) and grandchildren Daalen and Drea Claire of Texas. He is also survived by his mother Clarice and his brothers, Earl and Lenny of Deer River; sister, Sandra Sleigh of Texas; niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Sharon Lee Drumbeater-Voas

Sharon Lee Drumbeater-Voas, 39, of Minneapolis, MN died on March 31, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Funeral Services were held on April 4, 2008 at the Cass Lake Facility Center. A wake began on April 3, 2008 at the Cass Lake Facility Center, and continued until the time of the service. Interment followed at the Lakeview Cemetery in Boy Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Sharon was born on September 1, 1968 in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Charles Drumbeater and Gladys Burnette. At the age of 2 she moved with her family to Minneapolis, MN. She was adopted at the age of 6 by Duane and Jo Voas. She attended school in Eden Prairie, MN. She enjoyed reading, writing, computers, and traveling.

She is survived by her son, William Swearingen of Princeton, MN, daughters, Charlotte Swearingen of Princeton, MN, Vivian Hernandez of Princeton, MN, Mother and Stepfather, Gladys (Wayne) Sandland of Minneapolis, brother, Michael Grosohme of Pine River, MN, sisters, Charlotte Drumbeater-Voas of Minneapolis, MN, Gina Tanner of Bemidji, MN, Adoptive Parents, Jo Swearingen. She was preceded in death by her father and daughter Brenda Swearingen.

Honorary Casket bearers were Ron Burnette, Willis Burnette, Michael Burnette, Kenn Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, and Michael Grosohme.

Active Casket bearers were Alexander Bellanger, Ethan Burnette, Buck Drumbeater, Jerome Anderson, David Drumbeater, and Jeremy Drumbeater.
Knowledge Bowl competition at DRHS next year.

need to study the history more.” Currently, the team is comprised of juniors, mentioned. “They did well on the Ojibwa language part, but found that they other nearby schools. “Our kids found out what it means to compete,” Obey history of the Ojibwa and Lakota as well as study Ojibwa language.

It’s our training year,” said Deer River High School Knowledge Bowl advisor Sherwin Obey of his ten students who are involved in the Warrior Knowledge Bowl. Twice a week after school, they meet to learn about the history of the Ojibwa and Lakota as well as study Ojibwa language.

So far this year, the group participated in one competition against two other nearby schools. “Our kids found out what it means to compete,” Obey mentioned. “They did well on the Ojibwa language part, but found that they need to study the history more.” Currently, the team is comprised of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. “It may be a young team,” Obey added, “but I’m seeing progress.”

Obey expects the program to continue to grow and plans to host a Knowledge Bowl competition at DRHS next year.

Deer River Students in Knowledge Bowl

Northland Schools Receive American History Grant

A federal grant will help bring American history to life for hundreds of school children across the Northland. The U.S. Department of Education is awarding a $500,000 grant to the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative to fund its Headwaters American History Collaborative.

Eight school districts and the Itasca Community College are part of the Itasca Area Schools collaborative and will use this grant for teacher training and program development. “This is an exciting opportunity,” said Oberstar. “It allows teachers to work closely with the Minnesota Historical Society to enhance their skills, as well as to develop new programs for teaching the history of our state.”

Teaching the history of Native Americans in Northeast Minnesota will be an important part of the program. All of the school districts participating in the Headwaters American History collaborative have significant numbers of Native American students, so the Bug O Nay Ge Shig tribal school in Bena will play a vital role as a partner in the project.

The members of the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative are: Deer River Dist. #317, Floodwood Dist. #698, Grand Rapids Dist. #318, Greenway Dist. #316, Hill City Dist. #002, Nashwauk-Keewatin Dist. #319, Northland Community Dist. #118, and Itasca Community College.

With Warmer Weather, Health Officials Urge Parents to Check Window Safety

Falls from windows account for an estimated 12 deaths and 4,000 injuries among children under 10 years of age every year in the U.S. In Minnesota, between 1993 and 2007, there were at least 193 serious injuries from unintentional window falls, with 19 being fatal. Of these, 151 were among children under 10 years of age, with four fatalities.

“Warmer weather and National Window Safety Week remind us how important it is to check our homes for window safety,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Sanne Magnan. “There are simple steps we can all take to prevent injuries and deaths from tragic window falls.”

Commissioner Magnan urges Minnesotans, especially parents and child caregivers, to follow these recommendations:

• Do not rely on insect screens to keep children from falling out of windows. They are neither designed nor intended to keep children from falling out of windows.

• Keep furniture – or anything children can use to climb – away from windows. Children may use such objects to climb to an open window and potentially fall.

• Provide careful supervision of children. Careful supervision greatly reduces the risk of falls and injuries, so watch children as they play.

• Consult your local fire department or building code official for more information about the proper use of window guards.

• Be aware that the window guards or window fall prevention devices must have a release mechanism so that they can be opened for escape in a fire emergency.

• Include windows in home emergency escape plans. Be sure to identify all doors and windows that can be used. Make sure they open easily, and keep escape routes free from clutter.

• Develop and practice an emergency escape plan in the event that fire or smoke blocks the primary exit. Children may have to rely on a window to escape in a fire, so help them learn to safely use a window under these circumstances.

Michael Fischer, director of advocacy for the Window & Door Manufacturers Association and a member of the National Safety Council’s Window Safety Task Force, reminds parents to think about window safety.

“Many window falls happen in spring when windows are opened to let in spring breezes,” Fischer said. “Insect screens are designed to keep bugs out and not to keep children in. Whenever small children are present, it is important to keep windows closed.”


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For more information contact: Ron Hare (218) 335-8280

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Where: Veterans Memorial Pow-wow Grounds
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Regional Legislative Forum

Wednesday, May 28, 2008
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The Forum will be moderated by Gerald White, School Board Chairman

Many legislators or representatives from their offices have been invited to attend.
George Goggleye, Tribal Chairman - Opening Remarks
Arthur “Archie” LaRose, Sec/Treas., Robbie Howe, District I, Lyman Losh, District II and Donald “Mick” Finn, District III

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