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From Michael J. Bongo, Secretary Treasurer: A Report to the People of the Leech Lake Reservation

Greetings fellow Leech Lake Band members, since taking office approximately 3 months ago I have worked very hard and diligently studying and reviewing the budget and operational structure of the Leech Lake Reservation in an attempt to ensure that as a tribe we are getting maximum return on all of our assets and resources. As a Tribal Council I believe that the best thing that we can do is to ensure that the Leech Lake Reservation is properly managed and that the Reservation is financially solvent. If we can achieve this goal it will mean that we have the financial capacity to provide the maximum benefits and quality services to all of our Band members.

As a new Tribal Council we identified a number of specific areas that we would like to focus on initially. This has mandated a shift in priorities and in how business had been conducted in the past. As many of you may recall one of my campaigned slogans was; "if you keep doing the same things, then don't be surprised when you keep getting the same results." With this in mind I would remind folks to not be surprised as we continue to attempt to make the necessary changes to ensure that the Leech Lake Reservation is in fact properly managed and financially solvent and that these changes are being made in the best interests of all Band members and the Leech Lake Reservation as a whole, as opposed to any special interest groups or individuals.

A few of the immediate priority areas that we have identified as a Tribal Council include the waving of the credit card policy at the hotels, the creation of a Day Labor Program, the rebating of the hunting and fishing rights money back to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation, the creation of a meaningful summer youth employment program and the creation of an Elders Program to better serve our elders.

These priorities I would like to point out are not meant to be all inclusive but rather just a starting point that as a Tribal Council we have established. As we move forward there are many other areas of need and we will continue to work hard in attempting to address each issue with meaningful solutions.

However in order to provide quality services to our Band members we need to identify the necessary resources which brings me to the heart of my report as your new Secretary Treasurer.

For the purpose of this report I will focus on what is commonly referred within the administration as Direct Funding. The Direct Funding is comprised of approximately \$10.1 million that we receive each year from our gaming operations, the \$2.3 million from our hunting and fishing rights agreement with the State of Minnesota, and approximately \$4.5 million from our state tax agreement. I should note that the hunting and fishing agreement revenue varies from year to year and is based upon a percentage of the total hunting and fishing licenses sold statewide each year, as does the state tax agreement revenue, but generally speaking these

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LL Tribal College Students Build Two New Homes

By: Kyle Erickson

Two new houses built by Leech Lake Tribal College students have been transported to the Red Lake Reservation, helping the Red Lake Nation meet its need for affordable housing. One of them is already home to a family, and the other is on its foundation, waiting for a lucky family to move in. The 1152 square-foot houses



This home was built by Leech Lake Tribal College students and was moved to Red Lake ready for some lucky family to move right in. Submitted Photo

were built by LLTC's Residential Carpentry and Construction Electricity students during the 2007-08 academic year, under the guidance of Carpentry instructors Clem Nason and Rochelle Carpenter, and Electricity instructor Russ Schoeck.

This partnership between Leech Lake Tribal College and Red Lake Nation was valuable for all parties in a number of different ways: two deserving Red Lake families will have a new house to call home, and the students gained valuable hands-on experience building an entire house from blueprint reading all the way to the finished product. In addition, 10 of the LLTC students working on this project were part of an Americorps community service project, in which students completing 300 hours of community service work are rewarded with a \$1,000 scholarship for the following school year. The homes were designed to be environmentally friendly and energy-efficient, incorporating advanced framing and weatherization techniques and Low E windows, and using no products containing formaldehyde.

The partnership was so successful that the contract has been renewed for the current academic year, in which students will build one house for Red Lake Nation. Rochelle Carpenter, now the chair of LLTC's trades programs, is very interested in using this model to form a similar partnership with Leech Lake Housing as well.

Treats for Tots: Trick-or-Treating Hot Spots for the Kids

Halloween is one of the most coveted holidays for our children complete with costumes, trick-or-treating, jack-o-lanterns, haunted houses and of course candy. Leech Lake Gaming and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe are once again inviting you to participate in the community wide "Treats for Tots" Halloween event on Friday, October 31st, 2008, at Northern Lights Casino, Hotel & Event Center (Walker), the Palace Casino Hotel (Cass Lake) and at the Morse Town Hall, in Deer River, on behalf of White Oak Casino. The time of the event will be from 3pm to 7pm.

"Treats for Tots" offer children a positive safe environment in which children can receive generous amount of treats and attention in a well supervised and controlled environment. Last year, candy and area business coupons were distributed to over 4,000 children between the Palace, Northern Lights and White Oak events. Children are not exposed to any gaming activities during this event.

You can set up a booth and distribute the candy on behalf of your business/organization, or you can send a check to us so that we can purchase the candy. Again, Sandstroms Company sells us all the candy at cost. If you choose to send a check, your business will be recognized at a table with signage as well as in area newspapers. You can send the check to: Leech Lake Gaming c/o Mark Israelson, 6280 Upper Cass Frontage Road SW, Cass Lake, MN, 56633. I would like to stress that this is not a casino event; it's a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe event. Although your financial donation to offset the cost of purchasing candy is greatly appreciated, we respectfully request that vendors make a concerted effort to support this event by physically staffing a booth. Leech Lake Gaming provides it's vendors with a tremendous amount of business during the course of a year and we would ask that you reciprocate by participating which further contributes

to the event and builds/promotes strong ties within our Reservation and business communities.

We will once again be offering all participants (2) complimentary packages to use at your discretion. Each package consists of: a complimentary hotel room, (2) \$5 casino coupons and (2) food coupons.

If you have further questions or wish to reserve a spot at one, two or all locations please contact Lynn Hoppes at 218-335-7565. If you wish to donate candy please send it to the above address, Attention: Jessie Tibbetts. The deadline to reserve your spot is Friday, October 17th, 2008.

We look forward to your participation for this very worthwhile event!

2008 LICENSE AGENTS

Cass Lake DRM Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Other Agents - Open all hours

The LEECH LAKE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT has seven License Agents throughout the reservation that issue Leech Lake Reservation permits to eligible applicants. They issue Fishing, Hunting, Ricing, and Bough harvesting permits.

S. Lake

Gary Charwood
Squaw Lake, MN

Inger

Geraldine Howard
Deer River, MN

Ball Club

Mary Bebeau
Deer River, MN

Cass Lake

Frank Bowstring
Cass Lake, MN

Bena

Shirley Young
Bena, MN

Federal Dam

Alvin White
Federal Dam, MN

Onigum

Lymon White Jr.
Walker, MN

Cass Lake

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Cass Lake, MN

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe • 4th Annual

Treats For Tots

Safe Halloween Fun For Your Family, Ages 13 and Under!

Friday, October 31st
3 pm - 7 pm

Three Climate Controlled Locations:

Event Center
Northern Lights Casino
Walker, MN

Bingo Hall
Palace Casino
Cass Lake, MN

Morse Town Hall
Deer River, MN

FREE to the Public!



Candy distributed by area businesses & organizations.



Children will not be exposed to casino activity.



Congratulations to Bridgett Heinle and Logan Monroe, children of Shawn and Leah Monroe of Sugar Point, for their recent accomplishment in being chosen for the 2008-2009 Battle Point Powwow princess and brave royalty titles.



Leech Lake Elder Johnny Mitchell offers the invocation at the conference.

Leech Lake Hosts Fish & Wildlife Conference

By Patsy Gordon

“I will never make fun of walleye again!” joked Joe Jay Pinkham, at the 2008 Great Lakes Regional Conference on Fish and Wildlife held at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, Mn on September 16, 17 & 18, 2008. Pinkham is from the state of Washington, and is the President of the National Alliance of Fish and Wildlife Service. He didn't go into an explanation of his statement So when we went on break, I just had to go up and ask him what he meant by saying that. He told me that it was kind of a running joke between him and some of the others that were attending the conference. He said, “In Washington, walleye is considered a trash fish,” and went on to tell me some more about walleye in Washington. But it was just at last year's conference that he tasted walleye for the first time, and that quickly changed his mind about our native and mouth-watering walleye. He said, “Before I knew it, I was on my 4th helping!”

This is the second time in 20 years that Leech Lake has had the pleasure of hosting the fish and wildlife conference. They first hosted it back in 1988.

Charlie Wooley, Deputy Regional Director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, pointed out that it is critical to recognize the guiding principals as the USFWS works in Fish & Wildlife - Continued on page 4

National Elections Right Around the Corner

The Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota strongly encourages all Native Americans to “Get Out and Vote” on November 4, 2008 and break our 2004 record. In the 2004 elections, Native people came out in record numbers, and now we need to do it again! Let's go out in even greater forces in 2008! Although you are able to register on election day, avoid the hassles of waiting, etc. and pre-register to vote by October 14th. You can register online at the Native Vote website listed below, or you can find out where you need to go to register at the website also. Remember that Tribal ID's that contain your signature and picture are now accepted for voter registration.

The Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota (NVAM) is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering and mobilizing American Indian voters in the state. The organization, which was formed in 2006, educates American Indians about voting, holds voter registration drives, and conducts other get-out-the-vote activities.

Watch for posted notices around the community and surrounding areas for more information on rides, polling places, hours, etc. Complete and updated information is also available to you at the following websites: www.nativevotemn.org and www.sos.state.mn.us.

These websites will tell you everything you need to know about voting.

Let's break our own American Indian voting record in 2008!

**Voter Information Hotline:
1-866-OUR-VOTE**

**Need a ride to the polls:
1-877-NOV-2008**

Voter Registration Offered

Sue Trnka, northwest Minnesota field organizer for the Minnesota Environmental Partnership's Native American civic engagement project, is providing opportunities for voters to pre-register for the November 4 election. She is also providing information about the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy amendment - the question on the November 4 ballot.

Voter Registration

Minnesota residents who are 18 years of age on Election Day can pre-register to vote by October 14. Trnka has plans to visit northern Minnesota tribal colleges and casinos in order to pre-register voters during the weeks of September 22 and 29, 2008. In addition, Trnka has plans to leave voter registration boxes for casino employees at several northern Minnesota casinos and also at some of the tribal council offices. Tribal employees, members and descendants are encouraged to fill out a voter registration form and place it in the box. Trnka will be picking up the boxes by October 8 in order to have enough time to file the registration cards prior to the October 14 deadline. If you miss the pre-registration deadline, you can still register on Election Day.

You must register to vote if you have never registered to vote before, have moved since you last registered, have not voted at least once in the last four years, or have changed your name since you last registered.

Ballot Question – Don't Skip It

Voters should be aware that this Election Day they will be asked to cast a ballot for a Minnesota constitutional amendment called the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment. It is important to note that if you fail to vote on a constitutional amendment, the state automatically counts your vote as a “no”. This is because an amendment must be approved by a majority of people voting in the election rather than a majority of people voting on the amendment.

If passed, the amendment will provide funding for clean water, game and wildlife habitat, arts, and parks and trails. This investment is a temporary

dedication lasting twenty-five years. The amendment language passed by the Minnesota Legislature specifically allocates funding among four purposes as follows: 33% for water quality, 33% for wildlife habitat, 19.75% for arts and cultural resources, and 14.25% for parks and trails. This change to the state constitution is projected to generate approximately \$300 million per year by increasing the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent beginning on July 1, 2009 and continuing through 2034.

“Give me a call to see when I will be in your area or where I have placed voter registration boxes near you. If you can't get somewhere to register or even if you need a ride to the polls on Election Day, call me and I can try to help. It's important that we all exercise our right to have a voice in our future – so get registered to vote and don't skip the ballot question when you vote,” says Trnka.

Election Day Registration

If you wish to register on Election Day you simply need to go to your voting precinct with a current ID (Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, tribal or state ID) that shows your address or with a person registered in your precinct that can vouch for your residency or a passport, military ID, tribal or student ID that includes your name and photo along with an original bill for water, sewer, gas, electric, phone, solid waste or cable television services that includes your current name and address in the precinct and that has a due date within 30 days of Election Day.

Absentee Registration

Voters who cannot get out to vote on Election Day or who will be absent from their voting precincts can order an absentee ballot from their county auditor or from the Minnesota Secretary of State. For more information about absentee ballots or polling places, contact the Minnesota Secretary of State at (651) 215-1440 or visit their website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

For more information on the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, go to www.theamendment.org

Fish & Wildlife

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partnership with Tribes. The USFWS and Tribes will continue to work together in cooperative efforts which will hopefully result in contributions to the greater good. Wooley also touched on the following topics:

- a technical publication, the Midwest Tribal Aquaculture Network (MTAN) – concluding its 16th year.
- Highlights of cooperative projects with Native Americans
- Tribal Wildlife Grant Program
- Migratory Bird Permit Program
- Restoration of sturgeon remains an ongoing partnership effort demonstrating the importance of working together for the benefit of all mankind.
- Lake sturgeon stock assessment
- Evaluate the impacts of cormorants on fishery resources
- Distribution of surplus bison

Three guns were raffled off at the event. The lucky winners were, Leech Lake DRM's own Margaret Jordan won the 12 gauge, Joe Jay Pinkham won the 30-06 and gave his gun away to the grandson of the Red Lake Natural Resources Director, Al Pemberton. The .22 caliber rifle was won by Greg Fisher who is the Director of the Aqua Culture Facility at the University of Wisconsin. Golden fried walleye, wild rice and all the fixin's was served for lunch on Wednesday.

“No Risk” Workshop Funding Available

The Region 2 Arts Council invites individuals and organizations from our five-county area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods and Mahnommen Counties) to propose workshop ideas to R2AC for direct funding. The workshop is funded with no financial risk to you.

The workshop must focus on learning experiences for adult artists and be open to the public. Any group that wants to bring in an artist to do a workshop is eligible, as are regional artists who wish to present a workshop themselves. Proposals are considered on an ongoing basis, but funds are limited, so the sooner you contact us, the better.

Please contact Terri Widman, Executive Director, at 218-751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447 or e-mail r2arts@paulbunyan.net if you have questions or wish to request a workshop application.

Tribal Administrative Offices Relocate

By Patsy Gordon

Many of you may have already noticed that the Tribal Headquarters office is now located back in its original location at 6530 Hwy 2 NW, on the frontage Road off from State Highway 2 between the Che-We Mini Mart and the Dairy Queen in the newly refurbished, spacious and airy “old” RTC building. The offices have received a badly needed fresh paint job, new carpet and new office furniture.

The east end of the Tribal Headquarters will house the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Grants & Contracts office.

The Leech Lake Divisions that now occupy the offices located in the same building as the Dairy Queen are Tribal enrollment, TERO, Veteran's Service office, Planning Division, Economic Development, and Purchasing. Currently, the Debahjimon offices are still in moving transition and are patiently waiting for office space to open up so the new Communications Division can settle in.

Telephone numbers remain the same. You can still reach any Tribal staff member by calling 218-335-8200 or 1-800-442-3909. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition period.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting August 14, 2008 Northern Lights Casino Walker, Minnesota

Chairman Arthur LaRose called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Arthur LaRose, Michael Bongo, Robbie Howe, Lyman Losh and Eugene Whitebird.

Motioned by Robbie Howe, second by Mike Bongo to approve agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Lyman Losh to approve July 31, 2008 meeting minutes. Carried 4--0.

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Bongo reported to the Council that he has been working with the Accounting Dept. on reviewing budgets with a focus on direct funding. Bongo further indicated that as he has reported to the Council previously that there are a number of areas of duplication. As an example Bongo reported and questioned why the Leech Lake Reservation has two Human Resources Departments, eight different accounting departments, and redundancy with the Gaming Marketing Department to mention but a few areas. Bongo also indicated that these are just a few of the areas that he believes the Leech Lake Reservation has an opportunity to save money by consolidating. Bongo indicated that he is in the process of preparing a report which he will be submitting to the Council for their review outlining various options for budget modifications with a goal of saving money that can then be redirected toward other priority areas set forth by the Council.

Chairman LaRose requested that the budget team help with the Restructuring of the Accounting Department. Secretary/Treasurer Bongo stated based on the current spending patterns that we are headed into a deficit. Bongo will prepare written financial recommendations to the council and present at the next Special Meeting. With the recommendations he will then later present to the budget team. With these financial reports it will help the council and budget team

make decisions for the future.

Mike Bongo also requested that the Council appoint a budget team for Gaming. Robbie Howe makes recommendation that gaming follow the model of government side budget team. After some discussion the following individuals were appointed to the Gaming Budget Team to work with Bongo on the review and restructuring of the gaming operations, Dan Erickson, Don Fairbanks, Donald Gotchie, Brad Michaud, Carrie Jones, Rob Aitken and Mike Bongo.

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Robbie Howe to approve a budget team for the Leech Lake Gaming Division. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion on Business Contributions, Rob Aitken will put together a plan for the next meeting on ways to address these requests.

Tribal College drawdown discussion. Student Grant Award Limit for Post Secondary discussion.

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Robbie Howe to table Land Resolutions. Carried 4-0-0.

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Day Labor budget of \$538,000.00 from gaming. Carried 4-0-0.

New Business:

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-32 concerning appointing Ronelva Gustafson, Steve Luzar, and Pam Lausche as Child Welfare Commission Members with changes appointing Robbie Howe and Eugene Whitebird as Tribal Council Representatives. Carried 4-0-0.

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-32 concerning Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Special Projects Old RBC Building Rehabilitation Project total budget \$75,000.00. Carried 3-1-0. Eugene Whitebird opposed project - was not supposed to go over budget.

Motioned by Eugene Whitebird second by Robbie Howe to table Carrie Day- Aspinwall contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Douglas Lemon request referred to Wally Storbakken, Economic

Development Director.

Motioned by Mike Bongo second by Lyman Losh to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on August 14, 2008 at Walker, Minnesota.

Sgd/Michael J. Bongo

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary – Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

**Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
August 26, 2008
Cass Lake, Minnesota**

Chairman Arthur “Archie” LaRose called meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

Present: Arthur LaRose, Michael Bongo, Robbie Howe, Lyman Losh and Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird.

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve agenda with changes. Carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve August 14, 2008 Minutes with correction. Carried 4-0-0.

Carrie Jones – Wage negotiations/restructuring of accounting, no action. Michael Bongo would like to discuss memo. Need to make some serious changes. Would like to discuss and update on current financial statement. Discussion, see attachment.

Business Contributions Discussion: Robert Aitken, Executive Director suggests that the Tribal Council meet on Friday’s to review all incoming contributions.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Lyman Losh to table Tribal College drawdown. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve Land Resolution No.: LD2009-13 concerning Mary Jane and James Wilson, Lease Assignment, Western Bank (pending language from Legal) and LD2009-14

concerning Roy R. Lovelace, new lease, North Cass Lake area. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2009-15 concerning B.W. and Ruth Basgaard, lease termination, North Cass Lake area and Land Resolution No. LD2009-16 concerning Steff Basgaard, new lease, North Cass Lake area. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Robbie Howe to table Carrie Day-Aspinwall payment. Carried 4-0-0.

New Business:

Land Resolutions:

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Land Resolution No. 2009-17 concerning Jerome A. Finn, lease termination, North Cass Lake area and Land Resolution No. 2009-18 concerning Levi Brown, new lease, North Cass Lake area. Carried 4-0-0.

Tribal Council Resolutions:

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-34 adopting Ordinance 2009-1 concerning Land Acquisition Policy and Procedures. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-35 concerning New Mileage Reimbursement Rate. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-36 concerning Caregiver Support Program grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Michael Bongo to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-37 concerning Care Team Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-38 concerning Minnesota Department of Corrections Grant Application. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-39 concerning Continuation of the Political Action Committee (PAC) for Federal and Minnesota Candidate Contributions, designating Rob Aitken as the official Treasurer of the Leech Lake PAC and

Michael J. Bongo as Deputy Treasurer of the PAC. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-40 concerning Appointing and Affirming Board Members to the Regional Public Defense Corporation in Partnership with White Earth Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

(Mike absent during motion.)

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Robbie Howe to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-41 concerning Proposal for the 2009 Tribal Wildlife Grants Program of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Carried 4-0-0.

DRM:

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve the 2008-2009 LLR Hunting & Trapping Season Dates & Limits. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve the 2008 LLR Migratory Waterfowl Season Dates & Limits. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to approve the Leech Lake Reservation Wild Rice Buyer’s License permit fee be increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for non-Indian and non-band members. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to host the Upcoming Great Lake Chapter of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society 21st Annual Conference to be held September 15-16-17, 2008 at Northern Lights. The welcome will be by Arthur LaRose, Chairman. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Robbie Howe, second by Eugene Whitebird to adjourn. Carried 4-0-0.

Executive Session. Alfred Fairbanks, Jr. severance pay and Frank Bebeau bill for past cases.

Chairman Arthur LaRose called meeting back to order at 4:40 p.m.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve bill of \$10,000.00 presented by Frank Bebeau for past cases he worked on for Leech Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Robbie Howe to adjourn at 4:43 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY,

that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on August 26, 2008 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Sgd/Michael J. Bongo

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer

**Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
September 2, 2008
Tribal Chambers
Cass Lake, Minnesota**

Chairman Arthur “Archie” LaRose called Meeting to order.

Present: Arthur LaRose, Chairman; Michael Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer; Robbie Howe, District I Representative; Lyman Losh, District II Representative and Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird, District III Representative.

Motion by Robbie Howe to approve agenda, second by Eugene Whitebird. Carried 4-0-0.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2009-19 concerning Partial Lease Cancellation between Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Leech Lake Housing Authority. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion Land Resolution.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on September 2, 2008 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Sgd/Michael J. Bongo

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

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

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court 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: October 14, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Adams, Debra Ann	TR-08-17	Morgan, Kerry Justin	TR-08-02
Brown, Blair Marie	TR-08-11	Morrow, Ardith Pearl	T R - 0 4 -
Drouillard, Shana	TR-06-17	Olson, Delores Hattie	TR-04-772
Haugen, Shannon Eric	TR-04-771	Smith, Jeannie Marie	TR-04-761
Hill, Sheryl Ann	TR-04-775	Smith, Stephanie Jo	TR-04-770
Lovelace, Rosalie Gale	TR-00-169	Swanholm, Scott Leonard	TR-07-174
Lovelace, Rosalie Gale	TR-07-01	TeJohn, Heather Raye	TR-05-62
Monroe, Carol Rose	TR-04-778	TeJohn, Heather Raye	TR-04-707
Morgan, Jamie Lynn	TR-03-580		

APPEARANCE DATE: October 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Birt, Stephanie Ann	TR-04-721	Lagarde, Marty D.	TR-04-724
Brown, Ronald Eugene,	TR-04-742	Ogema, Georgianna Johnson	TR-04-712
Butcher, Jeremy Dean	TR-07-26	Oothoudt, Clayton III	TR-05-117
Dvorak, Melissa Mabel	TR-03-630	Oothoudt, Clayton III	TR-04-759
Gale, Matthew Lee	TR-04-758	Rushman, Cody James	TR-04-755
Isham, Angela Carol	TR-04-727	Rushman, Melvina Louise	TR-04-757
Jackson, Daniel Matthew	TR-03-603	Tibbetts, Sara Lu	TR-04-746
Jones, Peter John	TR-04-718	Watkins, Marvin Raymond	TR-04-720

APPEARANCE DATE: November 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Adams-Fairbanks, Tamm	TR-04-708	Fisher, Glen Bryan	CN-06-21
Brown, Tara Ann	TR-06-95	Johnson, Ernest	CN-06-29
Charwood, Donald Earl	TR-03-655	Jones, David Manuel	TR-05-22
Cloud, Randall Joseph	TR-04-723	Jones, Terrance Lee	TR-03-524
Davall, Anna Marie	TR-04-750	Keezer, Dora Jean	TR-08-05
Elkface, Chantelle Marie	TR-04-711	Rushman, Debra Lynn	TR-05-101
Gotchie, Nathan Ryan	TR-04-694	Smith, Dawn Alicia	TR-02-443
Gotchie, Nathan Ryan	TR-04-677	Wakanabo, Roger Joseph	TR-04-756

APPEARANCE DATE: November 25, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bowstring, Troy Thomas	TR-05-12	LeQuire, Barbara Jean	TR-04-680
Butcher, Nigel Andrew	TR-05-36	Morgan, Angela Colleen	TR-05-37
Carmona, Emerejirido D	TR-04-672	Morgan, Eric Steven	TR-05-55
Drouillard, Clarence	TR-05-42	Roberts, Karla Rose	TR-04-671
Headbird, Lorraine Jean	TR-05-34	TeJohn, James Lawrence	TR-04-686
Hunt, Crystal Joy	TR-04-691	White, Maxine	TR-05-68
Johnson, Chrissy Lynn	TR-05-24	Wilson, Kippy Gene	TR-05-38
Jones, Corey J. Walter	TR-04-688	Wilson, Lindsey Elaine	TR-05-17
And Veronica Jones			

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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 12th day of September 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE: November 04, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Melissa Marie Baird	TR-08-066	No Driver's License Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 6/9/2008
Jeff Scott Donnell Jolyn & Jeff S. Donnell, Sr.	TR-08-071	No Driver's License Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Light Occurring On: 5/25/2008
Myron John Ellis	TR-07-215	Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 9/7/2007
Heidi Ann Fairbanks	TR-03-653	Failure to provide Proof of Insurance Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner

Jeanne Louise Goose	TR-08-076	Occurring On: 9/16/2003 Driving after Revocation No Insurance
Nicole Lee Staples	TR-08-060	Occurring On: 6/26/2008 Driving after Revocation
Nicole Lee Staples	TR-08-014	Occurring On: 5/13/2008 Driving after Revocation
		Occurring On: 11/28/2007

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

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

**Leech Lake Reservation Housing
Authority,
Plaintiff,**

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

vs.

CASE NO. CV-06-32

**Beverly L. Guernsey,
Defendant**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 9, 2006, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the property located at 4939 Allens Bay Drive SE, Cass Lake, MN 56633. On October 11, 2006, November 6, 2006, November 20, 2006, March 6, 2007, August 7, 2007, December 5, 2007, and May 9, 2008, service of process of the Summons and Complaint and Notices of Hearing were attempted without success. A Default Hearing will commence on November 7, 2008, at 2:30 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 arrearages due and owing on the above-referenced vacated premises by defendant above named. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682.

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 of this matter. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for default judgment for the amount of arrearages requested.

DATED: September 2, 2008.
Patricia L. Pizzala
Court Administrator

Many of you as subscribers to Debahjimon have contacted our office with questions or corrections to your papers that were addressed to the wrong people at your address. We somehow had some sort of mistake or computer glitch that caused many with the same first names mistakenly put with your last name and mailed to your address on the August newspaper mailings. Hopefully, these have all been fixed now to include your right name on your address label. But because of this, we are asking anyone that submitted a subscription request in July and August to please resubmit just in case your subscription did not get processed. The Debahjimon offices apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

NOTICE:

The Solid Waste Department will close at 5:30 p.m. at all sites from October 1, 2008 to April 1, 2009. The main transfer station, near Cass Lake, will open at 8:00 a.m. and the satellite sites will open at 9:00 a.m. Full details may be viewed online at www.llojibwe.com by clicking on "Divisions", then click on "Reservation Services", then click on "Public Works" link.

Questions can be directed to
218-760-8383

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

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

In the Matter of the Name Change of

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

E. P. K., Child, DOB:01/21/2002;

CASE NO. CV-08-44 NC

**V J. B. Child, DOB: 09/23/2004;
C J. B. Child, DOB:08/12/2005.**

**Pamela Thompson
Petitioner**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 13, 2008, a Petition for Name Change of the Minor Children was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children. An Initial Hearing will commence on November 12th 2008, at 1:00 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 Name Change of the person and property of the minor children. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682.

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

DATED: September 11 2008.
Kimberly Anoka Court Administrator/Court Clerk

LEECH LAKE HEALTH DIVISION

2nd Annual Native American
Worlds H.I.V. and AIDS Day



Wednesday December 3rd, 2008

Leech Lake Bingo Palace Bingo Hall

11:00 to 3:00

Public Welcome

Highlights

- ◆ Keynote speakers
- ◆ Lunch will be served
- ◆ Questions and answers welcome
- ◆ Educational
- ◆ Raffle of Pendleton Blanket

Leech Lake Health Division

Contact Persons: Mary May or Melanie Harper

Physical address: 120 2nd street N.W. Cass Lake
Mailing address: 115 2nd street N.W. suite e Cass
Lake, Mn. 56633

Leech Lake Health
Division

Phone: (218) 335-4580
Fax: (218) 335-4513
E-mail: mharper@llojibwe.com



A Great Escape

By Melissa Rickers, Chippewa National Forest

With gas prices rising, not to mention the cost of food, and health concerns many families are under financial pressures. The Chippewa has a remedy: the Migizi Trail is a great family outing.

This beautiful bicycle trail is named for the bald eagle, migizi in Ojibwe language. Dedicated in 2003, the Migizi Trail circles Pike Bay on a 19-mile paved loop through the towering pines of the Chippewa National Forest. There are a few areas where you can challenge yourself on gentle rolling hills, but this is a route the whole family can enjoy. Since the Chippewa is home to one of the largest breeding populations of bald eagles in the lower 48 states, you have a good chance of seeing an eagle flying above the trail. Fall colors are soon to be upon us and this trail offers picturesque opportunities to take it all in and take a relaxing breath.

On the east and south sides of Pike Bay the bike trail gets you away from road traffic and gas prices, where you can hear, feel and even taste nature. The trail passes through the Ten Section Unique Biological Area of the Chippewa National Forest. These acres were initially reserved from timber cutting and Euro-American settlement during the logging era in the early 1900's. Groups of large red and white pine trees remain as well as old individual trees within younger forests.

There are four access points along the trail route: Forest Supervisor's Office in Cass Lake, across from Cass Lake Wayside Rest on Highway 2; Norway Beach Recreation Area off Highway 2; and South Pike Bay Picnic Area on the Pike Bay Loop road. Many

bikers begin their ride at the Norway Beach campgrounds in the summer. If you park at Norway Beach, don't forget to check out the 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps building that is operated as a summer visitor's center and offers naturalist programs May to September. They're free!

And instead of worrying about food prices, take a picnic lunch along and enjoy one of the many trailside benches and picnic tables in Norway Beach or South Pike Bay campgrounds.

No one wants to ruin a perfect day, so think of safety! Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted. Ride in the same direction as traffic (it's illegal to ride facing the traffic). Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other. Motorists must maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist and bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists do. Signal your intent to turn and ride in a predictable manner. And, wear your helmet.

Tempted? Fall is a perfect time to ride the Migizi with little to no bugs, leaves coming off the trees so you can see into the vistas, and the deciduous trees turning their brilliant colors.

For further information, contact the Chippewa National Forest at 218-335-8600. For an on line copy of the bike map the link is: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/recreation/biking/images/migizi_trail.jpg

Wisdom Steps Golf Tournament Fundraiser A Huge Success

The Wisdom steps Golf Tournament was a huge success and raised over \$7,000 to promote the health of American Indian Elders and help support our annual Wisdom Steps conference.

The golf tournament was held on Friday, August 22, 2008 at the beautiful Fond-Du-Lac Black Bear Golf Course. Over 20 teams were registered in a four-person scramble tournament.

Prizes were given for first, second, third and last place, as well as a prize for skins, longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin and hit the green. Each team registered including the golf fee, golf cart, gift bag, dinner and prizes.

There were eight teams from Mille Lacs Band, six teams from Fond-Du-Lac and teams from White Earth Shooting Star Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Bois Forte and Bemidji.

The Wisdom Steps Board of Directors and Advisory Committee would like to give a huge "Miigwetch" to all the teams, and especially to the Fond-Du-Lac Tribal Council for hosting our event and for all their support! Thanks to our volunteers and contributors that helped us with our silent Auction and Raffle. With all of the support given by our Tribes and individual members; Wisdom Steps was able to raise funds for our elders and will continue to "Honor our Elders" by supporting their efforts to stay healthy and active in our communities.

John PERSELL HOUSE SEAT 4A



- ★ ELECTED, FROHN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
- ★ ELECTED, BELTRAMI COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
- ★ VETERAN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
- ★ 30-YEAR CAREER AS A WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ANALYST
- ★ MEMBER, AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD
- ★ GUIDE, TAKE A KID FISHING
- ★ MENTOR, LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE STEM PROGRAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH)
- ★ THREE GROWN CHILDREN AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN
- ★ AVID OUTDOORSMAN

Dear Friends,

My passion to serve this district comes from a determination to promote fairness and opportunity for the citizens in our rural area. It would be an honor to represent you at the Capitol. I hope I can count on your support.

John

**We Want Your Stories
Submit Your Letters To The Editor to:**

**DeBahJiMon
115 6th St Nw
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

or

debahjimon@llojibwe.com

October is Women's Breast Health Awareness Month

To celebrate Women's Breast Health Awareness Month this October, The Leech Lake Health Division will be scheduling Women's Health exams on October 30th, 2008 at three of the outlying clinics. There will be limited appointments available so call early to schedule your appointment. The appointments will be held at the LLDCEP clinic in Cass Lake 335-4511, the Ball Club clinic 246-2394 and at the Inger clinic 659-2764. There will be educational materials as well as incentive prizes given at these appointments. For more information or questions please contact Becky Hazeldine at the Health Division 335-4500.

Breast Cancer: Preventing it, Surviving it

Friend to Friend Breast Cancer Awareness Program Set for October 3rd, in Bemidji

October 2008 marks more than 23 years of educating women about breast cancer early detection, diagnosis, and treatment during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. North Country Health Services, MeritCare Clinic-Bemidji, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and the American Cancer Society (ACS) invite area women to attend a Friend to Friend program. Friend to Friend is a free breast cancer awareness event being held at North Country Regional Hospital in the Education Center on Friday, October 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. North Country Regional Hospital is located at 1300 Anne Street, NW, in Bemidji.

Key Breast Cancer Facts for Minnesota: According to data obtained from the Minnesota Department of Health, the following are the number of newly diagnosed breast cancer cases and breast cancer deaths in Minnesota in 2004 (latest year of data available)*.

CASES

Females 3,280

Males 33

DEATHS

Females 655

Males 1

In 2008, the ACS estimates that in Minnesota 3,090 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and 630 women will die of breast cancer. Significant progress has been made in mammography technology to assist physicians in diagnosing the disease at an early stage, usually before physical symptoms develop. When breast cancer is diagnosed at an early stage, before it has spread to lymph nodes or other locations in the body, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. According to the Minnesota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), MDH, the percent of Minnesota women age 40 and older reporting having had a mammogram in 2004 is 80.4 percent.

The October 3 event includes a complimentary lunch, free goody bags, prize drawings, and displays. The Minnesota Department of Health's SAGE program provides free breast cancer screenings for uninsured or underinsured women.

"This is a great opportunity for women to learn about the importance of breast health and early detection of breast cancer, a message they may not otherwise have the chance to learn about and discuss," said Crissy Eineichner, Breast Cancer Nurse Case Manager, MeritCare – Bemidji. "In addition to the wonderful guest speakers, women will have an opportunity to meet with breast cancer survivors and receive assistance in completing the SAGE form qualifying them for a free mammogram."

For every woman 40 and over, a mammogram is a must! This Friend to Friend program makes it easy for you by providing up-to-date information on breast cancer and mammograms from healthcare professionals and trained Reach to Recovery volunteers and women who have survived breast cancer.

To register for Friend to Friend, or for more information, call Tina at 218-333-5578.

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resources average between \$16.5 million and \$17 million annually.

Presently all of these funds are allocated to the various programs and services throughout the Reservation based upon the priorities and focus of the past Tribal Council. I would remind folks that this current budget is a budget that we as a new Tribal Council inherited and it in no way reflects our priorities. While time and limited space prohibits me from going into greater detail at this time on the specifics of where all of these funds are currently budgeted, should any Band member wish to see this information in more detail, please feel free to contact me at your convenience as I would be happy to share this information with you.

Presently our challenge is to identify and free up approximately \$6 million within the Direct Funding Budget to fund the immediate priority areas identified earlier. I have attempted to identify areas where we can reallocate resources without cutting or eliminating services or to the degree possible Band member jobs. Rather, I have tried to focus on areas of waste and mismanagement where resources can be saved and re-budgeted and by eliminating funding for projects that are questionable at best. As an example; the former Tribal Council budgeted approximately \$400,000 for a credit union. To my knowledge this was tried once before back in the late 70's early 80's and failed. A few other areas where we can realize savings this year are eliminating the cost of our Election Board since we have no election scheduled, Public Relations which was the turkey and gift card give away, a reduction in the Tribes Legal Dept. costs, a realignment of the Health Division's Direct Funding by shifting these cost to the Human Services Division, and a reduction in the annual allocation of approximately \$731,000 to the Tribal College which legally is a stand alone organization and should be raising these funds from other grants and fundraising efforts themselves. Additionally we have also mandated that all Divisions write a minimum of two grants per year in an effort to secure and win more grants and outside resources. The administration has also put the Division and Program Directors on notice that overspending of their budgets will no longer be tolerated or allowed which, from what I understand, had been common practice in the past.

Of additional concern is the fact that I believe that many of our Division and Program Directors have become far too dependent on gaming dollars. We as a tribe must understand that we have only so many gaming dollars to go around. As difficult as it may seem we must begin the process of weaning our programs and services from their sole reliance on our gaming resources. To replace this reliance on our gaming dollars we must immediately begin the process of writing and winning more outside grants and resources thus freeing up our gaming resources for other priorities and needs of the Band.

Also we can not forget the fact that presently the Leech Lake Reservation stills owes approximately \$41 million for the Northern Lights expansion. At the present time the Leech Lake Reservation is making interest only payments on this loan. As I mentioned earlier the best thing that we can do as a Tribal Council is to ensure that the Leech Lake Reservation is financially solvent and healthy. This starts by paying off this loan as soon as possible. Until this debt is repaid, it will continue to be a huge burden to the Leech Lake Reservation and limit our ability to provide other much needed services to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Through these combined efforts to date we have identified approximately \$4,066,000 which can be redirected to meet the new priorities. Additionally by restructuring our gaming operations and operations budget and by being wiser and smarter in how we do business I believe that we can achieve the goal of freeing up the \$6 million needed for the new priorities. As an example of what I am talking about presently the Leech Lake Reservation has two Human Resource Departments, one for the Government and one for Gaming. My question that no one seems to be able to answer is why do we need and have two of the same departments especially since they both basically do the same thing. By consolidating these two Departments

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Health Division Employees Receive IHS Area Director's Outstanding Tribal Health Employee Award



Myron "Butch" Fairbanks, Pharmacy Courier for the Leech Lake Reservation's Tribal Health Division, is known for his innovation, work ethic, and excellent communication skills. His job as courier of medications, lab samples and interoffice correspondence improves healthcare delivery to those patients with limited access across the Leech Lake Reservation.

Each day Butch delivers medications and supplies to the Tribally run clinics in Ball Club, Inger, Bena and Bemidji, often making multiple trips to each site. His reliability, punctuality, efficiency and commitment to the patients of the Reservation promote health and well-being. He is flexible, adapting his daily schedule around the schedules of each clinic and the IHS. As someone who works with the Leech Lake Band and the Cass Lake Indian Health Service, Fairbanks strives to create and maintain a productive relationship between both healthcare systems.

As a liaison between both organizations, his input was instrumental in the development of policy and procedure for medication delivery to Tribal sites that would meet the needs of patients and providers while adhering to legal guidelines. His

excellent communication skills and ability to problem solve helped with the implementation of the process in a short time period with little disruption of service.

Fairbank's enthusiasm and dedication to service promotes goodwill between the entities he works with. Everyday he comes to work with a smile or a story. His attitude towards those he works with encourages a caring, and productive atmosphere. In recognition of his extraordinary work performance and contributions that surpass all expectations, Myron "Butch" Fairbanks is nominated for the Area Director's Outstanding Tribal Health Employee.



Vince Rock, RN, Public Health Nurse for the Leech Lake Reservation's Tribal Health Division, is devoted to the patients he cares for. As a Public Health Nurse (PHN), he exemplifies all the desired qualities of a healthcare professional. He is patient-oriented, providing exceptional care helping patients meet healthcare goals.

Rock's position requires flexibility, clinical skill, communication, reliability and commitment to meet the needs of his complex patients. In addition, he must coordinate care with multiple disciplines including providers, lab, physical therapy, pharmacy, mental health and social services. Ask any of his co-workers and they will describe Rock as always going above and beyond the requirements of his job. For example, he attends medical appointments with his patients to ensure continuity of care, and will bring his patients into urgent care or the emergency room if further care is immediately required. His ability to communicate effectively with

patients about their health improves healthcare outcomes. Rock personally delivers medications to patients in the community of Onigum on a daily basis, improving healthcare access. Rock is always available and if needed, will change his schedule to guarantee his patients get a needed dressing change, a medication or a blood draw. In addition to his contribution to the Leech Lake Reservation, he works as an RN at the Indian Health Service in Cass Lake. The impact of his commitment is beyond measure and should not go unnoticed.

Rock's commitment to his patients needs to be recognized as an example of exceptional patient care. Patients benefit from his experience, caring demeanor, and dedication. In the words of one of his patients, "He is a nice guy and a good nurse. He checked up on me at home when I got out of the hospital. He always let me know where he was and if I needed him, he would come right over." Providers rely on him for his clinical skill and delivery of superior healthcare. A fellow co-worker said, "His humor brings levity to all situations." Mr. Rock is an asset to the community and healthcare profession and should be recognized for his outstanding work performance.

Both employees were nominated by Joanna Ferraro, IHS Pharmacy employee.

Physician Assistants Make Their Mark on Health Care

Quality patient care at Cass Lake I H S is at the core of what physician assistants (PA's) do. PA's give their patients competent, caring, hands-on health care. Physician assistants are licensed health care professionals who practice medicine as members of a team/. PA's deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services to diverse populations in rural and urban settings.

Physician assistants undergo intensive education preparing them to practice medicine in physician-directed teams. The average program lasts 24-34 months and requires a minimum of

four years of college plus experience in the health care field. PA's are educated in the medical model and trained by physicians. PA's are nationally certified and must be re-certified every 6 years.

As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PA's prescribe medication, conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, and assist in surgery. Also, studies show that PA's save as much as 20 percent of the costs of medical care, can perform most functions that a physician performs, and are widely accepted by patients.

During the week of October 6-12, PA's around the United States, including PA's at Cass Lake I H S, will celebrate National Physician Assistant Week. It was on October 6, 1967, that the first class of PA's graduated from Duke University in North Carolina. Currently, there are 141 such programs nationally.

Free Home Repair Program Available to Tenants with Asthma or COPD

American Lung Association

Tribal Healthy Homes is a brand new program to improve air quality and the lung health of people living in your home. If you have family members with asthma or COPD (emphysema, chronic bronchitis) living in your home you may qualify for certain home repairs.

Funding is now available to identify mold and moisture problems, air quality and other health risks, & attempt to eliminate those problems from your home.

The Tribal Healthy Homes program pays for all repairs done to your home up to budget limits. That's right, there is no cost to participate, but you must contact us. Ken Rice, Housing Inspector, is waiting to hear from you. Call Ken at 335-8200 or stop at the Housing Authority Office.

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into one we should realize a significant cost savings that translates into more profits to the Band. Other areas of duplication included nine different accounting departments each reporting to different administrative entities which needless to say has created chaos in terms of administration and operations. These are but a few of the many areas of duplication that have expanded the overall cost of doing business and have not been wise or productive from a business perspective.

This leads me to some of the other problem areas and issues of concern that we as a new Tribal Council have inherited. Some of these issues and problems include the following:

- A \$3 million deficit owed to the various federal programs and services. Basically the commingling of funds and inter transfer of funds from one program to another.
- An \$884,000 General Fund deficit as of June 30, 2008. However with carryover from the prior fiscal year this translated into an overall positive fund balance of \$933,000 which is somewhat misleading.
- Approximately \$3 million in outstanding loans to Band members which includes \$1.2 million in existing outstanding loans to band members, another \$1,016,000 in bad uncollectible loans to band members, and approximately \$700,000 in other receivables due from band members.

While I understand the need to help our people in times of need, I know of no place in the world where a person can go and get an unsecured loan with no interest or penalty for not repaying the loan. To address this problem I have drafted a policy for the Council's review and approval mandating a minimum \$50 loan processing fee, the use of annual leave as collateral for the loan, and specific need based policies for requesting and receiving a loan.

These loans also have a dramatic impact on the Band's cash flow. As an example in June the former Tribal Council gave away approximately \$98,000 in new loans to Band members. In July the new Council was able to reduce this amount to approximately \$37,000 and in August a considerable reduction to \$3,200. However as one can plainly see this ties up approximately \$138,000 in Band funds that obviously could be put to much better use.

It now also appears that the \$500,000 investment made by the previous Tribal Council in the Keylime Gove project of Dave Anderson is in some serious trouble. The Band has not received the dividends promise in the investment prospectus set out when the investment was made. In the limited communications received to date it appears that the business appears to be failing.

While I am hopeful that my long term analysis of this investment is wrong, my conclusion is that this is an investment that the Leech Lake Reservation should not have made especially given the tribe's financial condition at the time. As more information becomes available I will attempt to keep the Band membership updated and informed.

These are some of the more immediate problems and issues that have come to light in my review of the Bands financial condition. However within the last two weeks I have also been blindsided by an additional unforeseen problem when the new Superintendent of the Bug School informed me that his financial analysis of the Bug School budget and finances indicted a \$450,000 budget deficit for last year. Of concern is that it appears funds were redirected from the school's capitol improvement projects by the former administration to staff salaries, salary raises and the hiring of additional unnecessary staff.

These are some of the issues that I am referring to when I use the term waste and mismanagement of the Bands assets and resources and precisely why we need new approaches, new business methods, increased expectations and above all else

improved results and a complete change from how business had been conducted in the past.

As more information becomes available with respect to these and the many other issues facing the Band I will continue to attempt to keep the Band members updated and informed. In closing should anyone at anytime have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience and I will try my best to provide you the Band members with whatever information that you are seeking. Lastly I apologize for the length of this report but under the circumstance it is difficult given the vast amount of information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sgd/Michael J. Bongo

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer

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

The Leech Lake Air Program has implemented a Burn Barrel Pick Up service. In trade each household receives two recycling bins to promote reducing waste and the ease of recycling. Burning household garbage diminishes air quality on the Reservation dramatically. By recycling, household waste produced is cut in half. Recycling and proper garbage disposal practices have enormous positive impacts 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 lands. 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!"

An open burning, burn barrel and fire prevention ordinance that prohibits burning household waste and other materials is in place and upheld. The average fine for illegal burning on the Reservation ranges from \$50 to \$250 and will not be tolerated on Tribal land. Outside of the Reservation boundaries, it has been illegal to burn household waste in Minnesota since 1969.

Burning garbage in a burn barrel, a fire pit, or any other form of backyard burning affects everything surrounding the burn. Unlike municipal garbage incinerators, which burn at around 2200 degrees F, burn barrels rarely even approach 500 degrees F, and often they simply smolder. This creates an incomplete burn and releases more toxins and pollution. In as little as 15 minutes contamination from the burn can be found 25 feet from the burner! Burning our garbage is twice as harmful to the air and its surroundings as it was just 20 years ago. We use more plastics and there are more recycled materials. The ashes alone contain pollutants such as lead, arsenic, mercury, chromium, cadmium, even cyanide which not only pollutes the air quality, but the soil and water in your own backyard. Contamination of harmful pollutants from backyard burning has the potential to poison every living thing it surrounds... in your backyard where your children/grandchildren are playing, animals eating and living, in your garden, in your home and even in the nearby lakes, streams and rivers.

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 ups please contact Brandy Toft or Charles Woods at 335-7429 and join us in our fight for a cleaner Reservation for generations to come.

Call for Tribal Artisans and American Indian Businesses for 2008 Minnesota Indian Business Conference

The 2008 Minnesota Indian Business Conference (MNIBC) will be groundbreaking in its strategic approach to business development, focusing on Indian entrepreneurship and private Indian businesses both within our tribal communities and throughout the State of Minnesota. Conference sessions will offer thought-provoking examinations of topics such as financial institution lending to private Indian businesses, sound tribal policies that will support and sustain business growth, and the tribal governance and legal infrastructures necessary for developing healthy private sector economies.

As part of the conference, we are recruiting American Indian Artisans and Businesses from our eleven tribal communities to showcase the talent and diversity of our tribal citizens.

Indian Business and Artisan Showcase Opportunity

The Minnesota Indian Business Conference is hosting an Indian Artist and Indian Business Exhibition. This will be a tremendous opportunity for Indian artists and businesses to show their artwork or business products and services. Exhibit space is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so reserve your space early. For more information about participating in the exhibit, contact Stephen Peterson, Business Development Coordinator, Bois Forte Development Corporation ♦ 1.218.753.7805 ♦ speterson@fortunebay.com.

Your exhibit fee of \$75.00.00 for both days includes: one admission to the conference, meals, one 8 foot table w/two chairs, sign with business name and listing in conference materials.

Call Treasure Island at 1-800-222-7077 for your room reservation. Ask for the MN Indian Business Conference room block of \$54.00 if reserved by Oct. 7, 2008 and \$79.00 after Oct. 7, 2008

To get on the mailing list, or if you require additional information, please contact Pamela Standing at (218) 847-9554 or email pamelastanding@msn.com

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Infant Loss Remembered

North Country Regional Hospital's 1st Annual Walk to Remember will be held Saturday, October 4th, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The walk will start at 10:00 a.m. with a memorial service, silent auction, and refreshments to follow.

This commemorative walk will be held every October in recognition of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. The walk is in remembrance of infants lost through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, SIDS, stillbirth, and newborn death, and is open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and friends.

Participants must pre-register by contacting Lora Gullette at 218-333-5756. Participants will receive a memorial booklet in memory of their baby with their special message printed. T-shirts may be preordered with a \$10 prepayment and can be picked up the morning of the walk. The walk will conclude with a memorial service where each baby's name will be read and a tree planted in their honor. The memorial service is not just a remembrance but a celebration of each life, no matter how long or short. A silent auction and refreshments will follow the memorial service.

Walkers are to meet in front of North Country Regional Hospital's (NCRH) east entrance. Participants may sign the memorial book, giving the name of the child for whom they are walking. White ribbons will be provided

in honor of each child.

The walk, which comprises the campuses of NCRH and Merit Care Bemidji, provides an opportunity to share your loss with others who have resolved the grief of infant and child death, and continue to honor the memory of each child.

The Walk to Remember is sponsored by the NCRH PETAL Program staff members and NCRH Labor & Delivery staff who provide support to parents who have experienced the shock and grief of pregnancy or infant loss during labor and delivery. This service is provided free of charge to parents by North Country Regional Hospital. For more information about the Walk to Remember, please call Lora Gullette, RNC, at 218-333-5756. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the PETAL program. The PETAL program provides mementos and support information to every parent that experiences a loss.

Region 2 Arts Council Grant Application Deadline

Applications are now available for the R2AC Individual Artists grant. Please note that this grant opportunity has a deadline of October 8, 2008.

R2AC Individual Artist Grants may be requested to help individual artists in our five-county area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnomen). An artist may request a grant of up to \$1,000

for expenses associated with a specific project or opportunity that contributes significantly to the artist's creative growth or career advancement.

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

To request an application form, write or call Terri Widman at the Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Avenue, Bemidji, MN 56601, 751-5447 or toll free at 1-800-275-5447 or download from our website: www.r2arts.org.

Onigum Community Now Hosting Grief Support Group

In an effort to assist and support people through the loss of a loved one, or any other loss they may be suffering from, a grief support group is now being offered in Onigum at the Onigum Community Center at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night.

Eli Hunt and Patsy Gordon voluntarily co-host a grief support group every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the old Methodist church kitty corner from the Boys & Girls Club in downtown Cass Lake. A light meal is served at this meeting. Hunt will also facilitate the Wednesday evening support group in Onigum. Anyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend either one of these groups.

For further information, or if you need a ride, you may call Eli Hunt at 766-2116 or Patsy Gordon at 766-4651.



Congratulations to the Charwoods! Sheryl Howard & Robert Charwood were married Saturday September 13, 2008 at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji,

MN. Good Luck Sheryl & Rob.

Photo by M. Thunder

Plans for “Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza” Unveiled

- Plaza will honor all 11 Minnesota
American Indian Tribes -

The University of Minnesota unveiled the design of a new plaza to honor Minnesota's American Indian Nations today. Made possible through a \$12 million gift from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), the new plaza will be named “Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza.” In addition to \$10 million announced last October, the SMSC has pledged an additional \$2 million for improvements to the plaza. The University's Board of Regents approved the name at its meeting on Sept. 12.

“We're grateful to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for their support, and for their commitment to recognizing all 11 of Minnesota's American Indian communities in this stunning plaza,” said Athletics Director Joel Maturi. “This will be one of the most vibrant and visible parts of TCF Bank Stadium and serve as a lasting tribute to the importance of Minnesota's Indian people.”

Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza will encompass the largest and most central west entrance of TCF Bank Stadium. The architecturally innovative design will include 11 18-foot tall sky markers. Each sky marker will incorporate information about one of Minnesota's 11 Tribal Nations. Tribal flags, images and important facts will be displayed on the soaring, glass structures.

“We are grateful that the membership of our tribe has made it a priority to tell the story of American Indians in Minnesota through this plaza. Our true story hasn't always been told or taught in schools so we acknowledge the university for their willingness to do so. It is important to put accurate information out in the world so that others might better appreciate the historic and ongoing contributions made to the state of Minnesota by the sovereign Tribal Nations who have

called Minnesota home since time immemorial,” said SMSC Chairman Stanley Crooks.

The \$10 million gift for the plaza is the largest single private gift ever to Golden Gopher Athletics. In addition, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community also donated \$2.5 million that will go to a matching fund that will create a \$5 million endowment to provide scholarships, with a preference given to American Indian students.

With the additional \$2 million pledge, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's contribution to the University of Minnesota reaches \$14.5 million in the past 12 months.

Final commissioning of TCF Bank Stadium will occur in summer 2009, and the first game versus the United States Air Force Academy will be held on September 12, 2009.

Images of the new Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza design can be accessed at http://www1.umn.edu/urelate/newsservice/photos/tribal_nations_plaza.html

The Lanham Family would like to thank the Leech Lake Tribal Council for donating to the first annual “Lanham Family Tradition”, during the Inger pow-wow. A big thank you also goes to Max Mini Store, Ken and Tracy Lanham, for their donations. We were able to provide free breakfast and lunch for the campers and their families both Saturday and Sunday.

Secondly, we would like to thank all of the campers and their families and all of the dancers who came over to enjoy the feed. Without them, this wouldn't have been possible!

We would also like to thank our family who volunteered their time and energy, the cook, Darlene Wooden Legs, the kitchen help, Starr Lanham, Sonya Garbow, Ron Lanham and Cayla Soman. A big thanks also goes out to the wood cutters, Waylon Lanham, Dale and Justin Robinson, Simon Lanham, Ronald Lanham, and Nikki Beargrease. If I have forgotten to mention anyone's name, please forgive us. But thank you to everyone.

The positive feedback was great. We are hoping to have a bigger and better cookout for the campers, dancers, and families next year. We hope to see you all next year, same place, same time!

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Obituaries

Charles Broker

Charles Emerson Broker, 66, of Virginia, MN died Friday, August 29, 2008 at Fairview University Hospital in Minneapolis, MN with his family by his side.



Funeral Services will be 11:00 am, Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Cass Lake, MN with Chaplain Jeanette Lightfoot officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be at the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum, MN.

He was born in Walled Lake, Michigan on July 10, 1942. He served in the US Navy for 8 years and was a 2nd Class Petty Officer Machinist Mate on the USS Ranger CV 61. Chuck will always be remembered for his love of fishing and animals and his help of the Hurricane Katrina Victims through the American Red Cross. He was a dedicated Vikings fan and loved country western music. He was a small engine aircraft pilot and a master carpenter by trade. Charles will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

He is survived by wife, Wendy Broker; son, Evan Charles (Christy) Broker, loving aunt; Bertha Lightfoot, loving uncles, Calvin F. Smith, Sr., Wilbur Appleby Oakland; six grandchildren, Sky, Shawn, Dakota, Storm, Zachary and

Damitrey; step-mother, Arlene Broker; brothers, Robert (Nancy) Broker, Ronald Fredrick Broker, Mike Broker; sisters, Nancy Broker Thompson, Cheryl Broker, Debbie (Mike) Yochum-Williams, Laurie Broker (Buck) Craig; cousin and friend, Daniel Thayer Smith, brother-in-law: Dennis Hathcock; very special friend, Vicki Kochevar; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Fredrick Broker, mother Elizabeth Appleby Yochum, sisters Karen Broker and Nadine Broker-Hathcock, nephew Kenneth Beaudreau, great nephew Timmy Beaudreau. Jr., brothers-in-law Clayton Thompson and Calvin Smith, Jr., grandparents, uncles Ernest Appleby and Raymond Lightfoot and aunt June Appleby Smith.

William St. Cyr "Ozaa-waa-anaquad - Yellow Cloud"

William St. Cyr, 45, of Cass Lake, MN, died on August 28, 2008 at the Neilson Place in Bemidji, MN.



Traditional Funeral Services were held on August 31, 2008 at the Cass Lake Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Leader Louis Counselor officiating. A wake began on August 30, 2008 at the Cass Lake Facility Center and continued until the time of the service. Interment followed at the Morgan Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease

Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born on October 5, 1962, in Chicago, IL, the son of Wilbur and Valerie (Simons) St. Cyr. He was raised and educated in Cass Lake, graduating from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school. He attended college in Duluth, Bemidji, and at the Leech Lake Tribal College, receiving his degree in Art. He taught school in Wisconsin, and returned to Cass Lake to work at the Tribal College. He was an artist who enjoyed carving and painting. He also enjoyed attending pow-wows, dancing, and singing.

He is survived by sons, Reuben St. Cyr of Cass Lake, daughters, Valerie St. Cyr of Cass Lake, Michaela St. Cyr of Cass Lake; brothers, Keith (Kim "Tootie" St. Cyr) Morris of Cass Lake, Vincent Morris of Cass Lake, Eugene Morris of Iowa, Bobby St. Cyr of Winnebago, Nebraska; grandson, Darold Madigan-St. Cyr.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Benayshii St. Cyr, his parents, his brother Martin Wind, and his aunt Julia Cloud.

Active Casket bearers: Joe Kingbird, Shannon Haugen, Tyrone "T-Bone" Morgan, Torrie Kingbird, Rick Haaland, Kirby Finn, Brad Croaker, and Brian Preston.

Honorary Casket bearers: Keith St. Cyr Morris, Vincent Morris, Eugene Morris, Rueben St. Cyr, Mike Hanson, Frank Wind, Tony Ohler, All of William's family and friends.

Robert Dale Goggleye, Jr.

Robert Dale Goggleye, Jr., "Mis-ko-wa-te-se", "Red Lightning" 36, of Chaska, Minn., died on August 29, 2008 at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.

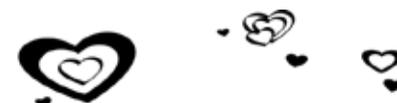


The funeral was held on September 5, 2008 at the Squaw Lake Fire Hall. Traditional services began on September 4, 2008 and continued until the time of service. Burial followed at Squaw Lake Cemetery.

He was born on November 27, 1971, to Robert and Mary Goggleye in Minneapolis. He was raised on the Leech Lake Reservation and attended Squaw Lake Elementary, Blackduck High School and graduated from Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. He attended Central Lakes College and graduated with a degree in engineering. He was licensed by the state of Minnesota as a First Class Engineer and worked at M.A. Gedney in Chaska, Minn. He enjoyed pow-wows, traveling, friends and family.

He is survived by his parents of Bemidji, brother Ken (Kari) Washington of Bemidji; sister Autumn Goggleye Cambron of Bemidji; and children, Shaylene, Cody, Cole, Dale, Amerie and Jaycen.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Christy Goggleye Cambron.



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Ruby Jean Losh-Ware

Ruby Jean Losh-Ware, 66, of Cass Lake, MN died Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at her home.

Ruby was born February 17, 1942, the daughter



of Walter and Angeline (Brown) Losh. She grew up and attended school in various locations throughout the United States, including North Dakota, Washington, California, and Nebraska. She graduated from high school and continued her education at Wadena Tech School in Natural Resources, and then to Bemidji State University studying Aquatic Biology. In 1963 she married Don Harrison and they were together until 1980. While working at the MCT Water Quality Lab she met Mike Ware and they were married on May 6, 1989. They lived in Mille Lacs, and Sisseton, South Dakota before moving back to Cass Lake where they have lived until the present. Along with working in the Water Quality/Aquatic Biology field, she was also an EMT, and the director of Ambulance Services for the LLBO for many years. She also worked at the detox center. She was known for her crafting and ability to make beautiful jewelry. Ruby loved to help people and her servant heart showed through in whatever she did.

Ruby's first love was her family. They will miss the many times shared together going to garage sales, enjoying the outdoors, and traveling to many Pow Wow's throughout the United States and Canada. She and Mike enjoyed trips to the West Coast, and just spending time putting puzzles together. Her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were very special to her, especially spending time with her great grandson Derek.

She is survived by her husband Mike, sons; Donnie Harrison (Michelle), Jimmie Harrison, step-son, Jesse Ware (Sarah), daughters; Tonya Losh (Terry), Dawn Wind (John), 26 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, brother; Robert "Bobby" Johnson, sisters; Luella Anoka, and Rose "Marie" Losh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters; Ida Beaulieu, Beatrice Losh-Norman, Ramona White, Joyce Losh, three brothers; Henry Johnson, Walter "Sonny" Losh, William Losh, and her foster parents; Mr. and Mrs. Brummer of Washington State.

Funeral services were held on September 13, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Visitation began on September 11, 2008 also at the Veterans Memorial Building. Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Evelyn Staples

Evelyn Staples, age 62, of Bemidji, Minnesota, died on September 10, 2008 at the Golden Living Center, Walker, MN.

Funeral Services were held on September 15, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN with John Rock and Harold Eagle Bull officiating. A wake began on September 13, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN. Interment followed in the Fairbanks Cemetery, Ten Lake Township, Beltrami County, Minnesota. Arrangements were entrusted to the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home, Bemidji, MN.

Casket Bearers: Scott Headbird, Ron Hulett, Donald Hatfield, Ron Staples, Leon Staples, LeRoy Staples.

She is survived by her 2 sons, Robert and Sam Jr, 2 grandsons, Sam III and Darian, brother, Jim Dorr, sister, Caroline Hulett and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess & Christina Dorr, Husband, Sam, and brothers, LeRoy Staples Sr. and John Dorr.

Bev Nii-Anderson

Bev Nii-Anderson, 67, of Hackensack, MN, passed away on September 11, 2008 at her home. She was born at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital on June 5, 1941, to Kenneth and Anne Marie (Fairbanks) Bowers. She was raised in the Max, MN area as a girl, later moving to Grand Rapids and



graduating from high school there in 1960. Bev-Nii was very proud of her Native American Heritage and was an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Pillager clan. Her Indian name was "Eagle Woman" and she wore the title with pride.

In 1986 she wed Richard ("Dick") Anderson and moved to Onigum. They later made Hackensack their home where they owned and operated "The Old Boat Works" together.

Bev-Nii loved her life and reached many accomplishments for a little girl from Max. She enjoyed a good novel, a challenging puzzle, and spirited conversations.

She is survived by her husband, Dick; children; Scott Francis Charnley of Breezy Point, Lynne Marie Chapman of Hackensack; one grandson, Kenny Scott Charnley of Brainerd; sisters, Deanna, Karen, Kathy and Darlene.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Roy, Ronny, Jerry and Dougie, and her sister Donna.

Memorial services were held on September 20, 2008 at Kline Funeral Home in Pine River, Minnesota.

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You were the best mom I could've ever been blessed with. You've taught me that there are more important things in life than money and material things, such as tenderness and care, the importance of family, strength and courage, and most important of all, ~ love & patience.

I've seen and will always remember the tenderness and care when preparing each meal – seeing to it that the potatoes were peeled, and the meat cut into bite size pieces before serving. Also seeing to it that each of us had a birthday meal on our birthdays, and helping us to make Christmas ornaments, all of which was done with us and our own children – your grandbabies!

You've taught me that family is important and to help when I can. I've seen how you would take in family members even though we didn't have much, but a small apartment. Also, trying to be present whenever somebody had a baby and some how had baby clothes for each one.

You've taught me strength and courage when you separated from Dad, to keep on trying even when down. I've seen you struggle with the separation from Dad, and soon us kids, because of your personal battle with the disease of alcoholism, which you defeated in time. I see, now, that you tried to shield and protect us from that world, which is why we were in and out of foster homes. That was a blessing in disguise for we seemed to end up with one great native family all along our fostered lives.

You've taught me love and patience. You loved and supported each of us with our choices in life, even if it went against what you thought. I remember you asking me "What's your hurry? You'll make it there (or get it done)" if I seemed stressed out trying to hurry. You told me to take the time to experience and enjoy whatever it is that needs to be done.

Chi-mii-gwitch for everything you've taught me. This writing is only a sample of what I've learned from you.

You're always in my thoughts and forever in my heart. All my love to you, Mom. I miss you soooo much.

Gii-zaa-gii-in, Ni-ma-ma. Mi-iyu. Gi-ga-waa-baa-min-mi-naa-waa. Gosh-gosh-be-nay-she.

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3:30 p.m.— special guest speaker Gordon Van Wert

This project is made possible in part by the Arshinabe Arts Initiative, a program supported by the Region 2 Arts Council with funding from the McKnight Foundation, North Country Health Services and its Art Committee, Red Lake Garing, Bemidji Medical Equipment, and the North Country Health Services Auxiliary.

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