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Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, District III Representative, and Arthur "Archie" LaRose stand in front of the Daily Labor lunch tent on the first day of implementation. Photo by Patsy Gordon

First LaRose Administration Campaign Promise Comes to Reality

By Patsy Gordon

"Anokii-Daa" translated means, "Let's go to work", and how appropriate it is. Leech Lake elder Vivian Washington is recognized for coming up with the new name for the day labor program.

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Cass Lake's Streetscape Project nears completion as most streets are almost ready to be paved and downtown Cass Lake will reopen again with modern streets and flowers and trees. The new Cass Lake sign pictured above is located coming into Cass Lake from Hwy. 371 and another identical sign is located at the stop lights coming in on Hwy. 2.

Photo by Nina Lovelace

"The Big Three" Economic Development Summit & Tradeshow - Success No. 2

By Patsy Gordon

The Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake Bands of Ojibwe just finished up with their second Economic Development Summit and Trade Show on August 14, 2008. The two day event was held at the Northern Lights Conference Center in Walker, Mn., and was attended by approximately 400 participants. The first summit was held at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahnomon, Mn in November of 2006.

The economic summits have been geared toward the economic needs of Native business owners and also toward Bands who are developing economic development models. It is

the goal of these summits to get the word out about the benefits possible of locating a business with Reservation boundaries and working with the Bands as partners in business, and to promote "Buy Indian".

Breakout sessions were held during the summit to provide participants with issues that focused on economic-related areas, such as marketing, financing, entrepreneurship, small business planning and investing.

The event was attended by the three Band's top executive officers, Leech Lake Chairman, Arthur LaRose, White Earth Chairwoman, Erma Vizenor, and Red Lake Chairman, Floyd Jourdain. Each made an opening speech and welcomed the attendees.

Leech Lake Chairman Arthur LaRose, gave a brief description of his past and of his life growing up on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and told how businesses used to be booming in Cass Lake some 20 to 25 years ago. Leech Lake can make that

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Dave Murray leads the White Earth Honor Guard as the Posts from the three Reservations carry in the flags to post colors before the start of the Economic Development Summit.

Photo by Patsy Gordon



The Unveiling of Oshki-bi-maa-di-zeeg Mash-ka-wa-sin Mural

The unveiling of the Oshki-bi-maa-di-zeeg Mural took place on July 18, 2008 at the Ball Club Community Center. The event included a feast, slide show, presentation of certificates of participation along with gifts from the Smithsonian Institution (bags with books, art supplies and magazines), presentation of a temporary plaque (permanent plaque is on order) from the Smithsonian, and the unveiling/presentation of the mural to the local community.



Annie Humphrey-Jimenez (center) with students that assisted with the Mural. Submitted photo

There was a large crowd on hand for the feast as many people had gathered for the Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Pow Wow that also took place in the Ball Club community during the same weekend as the unveiling.

The mural was conceived and completed by local artist/musician

Annette Humphrey-Jimenez (Annie Humphrey) along with youth from the Ball Club Community. The project took place over a 6-month period and involved a revolving group of youth from Ball Club and surrounding villages that also attend Deer River Jr./Sr. High School. Each week Humphrey-Jimenez conducted drawing sessions where the participants planned and sketched out their ideas for the many separate panels that comprised the mural's finished image. The actual painting took place during the months of June and July leading up to the unveiling.

Keevin Lewis and Gussie Lehman from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian were in town for four days to document and celebrate the event.

They met and interviewed a number of the mural participants, visited sites throughout the community, made presentations at the unveiling and stayed on to enjoy the Ball Club pow wow on Saturday.

Native Youth Crisis Hotline

1-877-209-1266

First LaRose Admin Campaign

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The Daily Labor Program Campaign promise is up and running after only three weeks of the new LaRose administration. By 11:00 on the first day of opening up for registration, the program already had 90 people signed up to go to work. New Tribal Chairman, Archie LaRose said "The day labor project is a model of our campaign motto and leadership to "give our people a hand up, not a hand out." This program is designed to hopefully cut back on the number of constituents who need assistance from the Leech Lake Tribal Referral program. The program will help those involved in paying their monthly expenses.

The day labor program is already working on expanding its wings. The program will be implemented in all our reservation communities giving all communities a chance for members to go to work. Each community will receive 10 slots.

For further information on the temporary employment program, please contact the program coordinators Chris Bedeau or Mike Lemon at 335-3555.

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happen again, and this time, even better. LaRose said, "For too long our Native people have had the highest negative social factors of any group in this country, and we are here today to talk about how we can economically improve the lives of our people." He stated that, "Indian gaming, which we were told would be the economic engine for the Indian Nations, has not been true for all Tribes, nor will it last forever. We understand the need to diversify our Tribal economy and form partnerships to defeat poverty. Today, we begin the journey with the help of all of you who have taken the time to be here to create hope and economic opportunity for all of our people. Let us work together for the betterment of our children's futures."

White Earth Chairwoman Erma Vizenor informed the audience about the agreement that was signed by

the 3 Nations to form the Economic Development Commission agreeing to work together to become united and to work toward economic development so as a group and also individually we could become stronger politically, economically, and spiritually. Vizenor said, "It is a good partnership, a good alliance between the 3 Bands". She also gave due credit where credit was due by saying, "without our leaders, we couldn't do the things that I get credit for." She ended by saying, "Let us stay united because united we are strong!"

Valerie Red Horse, who is Native American living in Los Angeles, California, is the owner and president of Red-Horse Financial Group, Inc., and runs 4 businesses. The title of her presentation was "You Can Make It Happen." She told the group, "Everyone in this room has the ability to achieve your dream and go even beyond that." She pointed out the three characteristics one must possess to become a successful business entrepreneur. One is using your natural birth attributes that God gave you, the second is hard work. You have to be ready to "go the extra mile" and work hard at what you want to achieve. The third is heart, which simply means having drive and ambition, then "You can make it happen."

Allen McLeod, who is the President and CEO of the Tribal Council Investment Group, Ltd. Of Manitoba Canada presented the group with information on the very successful TCIG organization that have revenues approaching \$100,000,000 annually and a debt free status organization. In 1990, the 7 Tribal Councils in Manitoba, representing 55 First Nation communities and over 100,000 people, combined resources to establish themselves in the corporate business community. Each Tribal Council made an initial investment of \$25,000 to form Tribal Councils Investment Group of Manitoba Ltd. McLeod says the groups work together in unity, they focus long term, work and keep it all together in a business

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sense. Some of the companies that are part of the TCIG family are Arctic Beverages, Canadian Health, Radisson Hotels, Paragon Pharmacies, and First Nations Bank, just to name a few. The organization is committed to excellence and expect their future to be very bright.

The group is interested in expanding their operations across the border and working with the northern Minnesota reservations. Tribal officials from all three Reservations met with the TCIG officials and the First Nations of Canada and discussed a possible business making deal between the entities. Many questions and comments arose. There will be numerous legalities/red tape that would have to resolved before the merger could take place. The collaboration will continue to be researched and explored as they strategize to promote intertribal trade across the borders and at some point hopefully bring a successful business opportunity to fruition. In the end, it was agreed, "Let's not let this be just another conference, let's do it!"

The Bands thanks those organizations who donated and help

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Photo to the right: Elvis impersonator, Howie Atherton from the Fond du Lac Band swoons Michiko Arima as he entertained the crowd.

Photo by Patsy Gordon



Arlen Whitebreast from Iowa performs the Grass Dance for the participants of the Economic Development Summit. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Several vendor booths were on hand to display their goods and information to interested summit participants. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Community Meeting Focuses on Indian Health Service and Traditional Pow-wows

By Patsy Gordon

The Leech Lake Tribal Council hosted a community/informational meeting on August 26, 2008 at the Palace Casino Bingo Hall for Leech Lake Band members to voice their concerns regarding the Cass Lake Indian Hospital and traditional pow-wows.

It is no secret, especially amongst constituents who use Indian Health Service in Cass Lake that there have been numerous complaints over the years in regards to the health care received there. Tribal Council members have heard the complaints for many, many years, but a solution has never been found.

Although many I H S users, verbally complain regarding hospital issues, District I Representative, Robbie Howe, urges people to put their concerns in writing, then turn them into the Tribal Council.

Many questions were brought up by the Band members in attendance. Jenny Jenkins, who is the Executive Officer at the Bemidji Area Office, and was formerly CEO of I.H.S. in Cass Lake, and Mary Fairbanks, who is the Director of Nursing attended the meeting to answer any questions and hear any concerns brought forth.

Many of the question and complaints that were voiced stem from the shortage of staff that I.H.S. is experiencing. Ever since the doctors started leaving the hospital three years ago, it has been difficult to recruit new ones. However, last year 4 additional providers were added to the I.H.S. staff. The hospital has also recently recruited two more doctors who will start on September 1 and October 1, 2008. Not having enough exam rooms is another problem the hospital experiences. Their patient load is high; they currently have over 12,000 active patients.

Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Bongo, said, "There has been a severe federal budget shortfall. I.H.S. funding has dramatically decreased over the last 8 to 12 years. If it would have happened anywhere else, it would not be tolerated, but when it comes to Indians it falls on deaf ears." Bongo also urged constituents to write a letter to your congressmen and women, lobby your legislative representative concerning health care issues. He promised that health care on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation is a priority on the Leech Lake Tribal Council agenda. He said, "I will be in Washington, D.C. and I will do everything I can to make my voice heard, but as a Tribal Council, we cannot do this alone. Together we can make progress," said Bongo.

A question was brought forth regarding getting medical bills paid for when I.H.S. patients are referred out to other clinics/doctors. Jenkins explained that not all bills will be paid by I.H.S. when I.H.S. refers patients out. They are paid on a priority basis. All patients' bills that are sent elsewhere with a life threatening diagnosis is first on the priority list and those bills will get paid. All other financial resources must be exhausted (i.e. Medical Assistance) first. I.H.S. is always the payer as a last resort.

Babies have not been delivered at the Cass Lake Hospital for the past several years. Jenkins explained that "no small town hospitals deliver babies anymore." Reasons such as not having enough blood and anesthesia available to small town hospitals does not make it feasible for newborn deliveries, in case of emergencies.

The in-patient clinic has been closed because there are not enough doctors to staff it. In-patient will open again once enough doctors are on staff to make it feasible. According to Fairbanks inpatient should be open again in October.

The meeting focus turned over to traditional pow-wows. Several of Leech Lake elders urged the Tribal Council to pass a resolution abolishing 'contest pow-wows' on the Leech Lake Reservation. It is their sincere belief

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Political Campaign Signs not Permitted on State Highway Rights of Way

Placement of campaign signs and other unauthorized objects in state highway rights of way is prohibited under state law, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

In addition, signs may not be placed on private property outside of the right of way limits without landowner consent.

Highway rights of way include the driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections. Mn/DOT crews will remove any unlawfully placed signs and impound them at one of its local maintenance truck stations. Mn/DOT disposes of any unclaimed signs.

Violation of the law is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties also may apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash and injures a person or damages a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act prohibits erecting advertising devices on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

Mn/DOT administers these laws in a fair and impartial manner; political campaign signs are treated in the same way as any other signs wrongly placed on state highway property by businesses, churches, private citizens or charitable groups.

For information regarding the proper placement of campaign signs or where to find signs that have been removed, contact your local Mn/DOT office or visit the Mn/DOT Web site at www.dot.state.mn.us/information/districts.html.

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1-877-209-1266

Leech Lake Tribal College Hosts Bike/Walk/Run



On August 23, 2008, the Cass Lake Area Visitor's Center played host to the 12th annual Leech Lake Tribal College Bike/Walk/Run. Over 200 participants enjoyed the unusually brisk August weather. The Bike/Walk/Run is designed to promote healthy habits such as eating right and exercising, and to show people of all ages that exercising can be fun. The event is sponsored in part by a grant from the National Institute of Health and Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools (DETS). All participants came away from the event with a t-shirt and enjoyed a free lunch sponsored by the Leech Lake Health Division, Leech Lake Gaming, the Palace Casino, and Frito Lay.

Submitted Photo



Above: Bonita Brown-Desjarlais places the offering pots near the fire to remove excess moisture from the clay they are made out of. (Picture to the right): Students practice their archery skills as Instructor Bruce White (second from left) hones in on his archery skills too.

Photos by Patsy Gordon

Immersion Camp Teaches Indian Life Learning Skills

By Patsy Gordon

During the week of August 18, 2008, several children, young people and adults gathered together to participate in the immersion camp hosted by the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. The 4 day long camp is held to immerse the participants in Native American culture, heritage, language and tradition. Many set up camp and enjoyed their stay.

The day I attended the camp, Leech Lake Band member Bonita Brown-

Desjarlais was teaching participants the art of making offering or funerary bowls. The students molded their own pots of clay that contained sandy grit. The clay came from the Iron Range. Pulverized clam shells were also used to help hold the clay together. Once the pots were formed, they were placed next to a fire where they dried for a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes to remove any excess moisture in them and it also preps them for the extreme heat they will receive in order for them to harden permanently. Using this method instead of a kiln hardens the bowls in minutes versus using a kiln. The initials of each person, and/or a symbol were carved into the bottom of each pot to signify who created it. Brown-Desjarlais said, "This way, if anyone finds these pots some 200 to 300 years from now, they will know these are original pots because of the initials and symbols drawn in them."

Archery was another popular activity among the young people. Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School teachers Gilbert Moose, Bruce White and John Parmenter were on hand to give the kids a hand with their bows, arrows and targets. There were quite a few bull eyes made while I watched.

A national program grant has made "Archery in the Schools" a reality. Some students in the school will be practicing up this year to hopefully take part in the State archery tournaments held sometime during this school year.

Other traditional activities were also offered during the immersion camp such as black ash basket making, Ojibwe language, and talking circles.



September is National Preparedness Month

Get a Kit: When preparing for a possible emergency situation, it's best to think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit and emergency reference materials such as a first aid book
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of home, health, life and car insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper - When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Get a Plan: Make sure you have a family emergency plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

Family Emergency Plan:

- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.
- You may have trouble getting through, or the telephone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

Emergency Information: Find out what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One common method is to broadcast via emergency radio and TV broadcasts. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call or emergency workers may go door-to-door.

Emergency Plans: You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance

For more information on Family Emergency Preparedness contact Tonya Losh, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at 218-335-4500.

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sponsor the successful event. The sponsors were the Blandin Foundation - \$10,000, Northern Lights Casino & Hotel, Red Lake Gaming and the Shooting Star Casino, Hotel and Event Center all donated \$5,000 each, \$2,500 was donated by DEED, the Initiative Foundation, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Northwest Minnesota Foundation, and the West Central Initiative Foundation, \$1,000 was contributed by, Brady, Martz, & Associates, P.C., American Indian Economic Development Fund, the Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corp & White Earth Initiative, the USDA Farm Services, and Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP. Five hundred dollar amounts was donated by Ameripride Linen, Cole Paper, Inc., Community Development Bank, First National Bank of Bemidji, Hilltop Homes, Minnesota State Community & Technical College, North Central Bus Sales, Northern Engineering Consulting, Inc. and Paul Bunyan Telephone.



Mpls. Leech Lake Office Elders Coalition in Action

Vonda Dauphinais-Gluck and Lorraine Tibbetts, both Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe elders, who are members of the newly established Leech Lake Elders Coalition presented each of the new incoming officers of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Chairman Arthur "Archie" Larose, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Bongo, and District III Representative Eugene Whitebird, with an eagle feather on July 4, 2008 at the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe "Swearing In" ceremony. Many elders that were able to attend the ceremony would not have been able to, had not food, lodging and transportation been provided for them.

The Elders Coalition, headed by elected, Doris Wakefield, has many achievable goals ahead; just to mention a few, 1) Issues that are important to Leech Lake Twin cities elders will be discussed and brought forward to the Minneapolis Local Indian Council for review, discussion and supportive action, 2) Communication by phone tree systems will be put in place until funds to support efforts are identified, 3) Trips back to the reservation to attend special events such as Memorial Day gatherings, Annual Pow-wows, Casino trips, elders conferences, State, regional & national level, 4) Offer all LIC's & LL community, skills, knowledge and expertise, 5) Take responsibility for fundraising for mentioned activities and 6) Develop a budget which is intended to support basic coalition operational needs, and short term activities.

**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 18th day of AUGUST 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE: September 9, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Jacob S. Morris	TR-00-192	No Driver's License Failure to show Proof of Insurance Failure to Remain at the Scene of an Accident Not resulting in Injury Occurring on: 9/23/2000
Conrad C. Thompson	TR-08-008	Driving After Revocation Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring on: 2/16/2006
Barbara A. Shipley	TR-08-035	Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit Occurring on: 03/14/2008
David J. Jackson	TR-08-040	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 01/27/2008
Jeanette R. Ellis	TR-08-044	Driving After Revocation No Proof of Insurance Occurring on: 04/09/2008
Mary A Cross	TR-08-048	Owner allowing illegal operation Occurring on: 04/09/2008
Gary G. Miettinen, Jr.	TR-08-049	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 04/09/2008
John D. Munnell	TR-08-051	Driving After Revocation Leaving the Scene of an Accident Property Damage Occurring on: 04/07/2008
Robert J. Jones	TR-08-058	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 5/01/2008
Dale D. Robinson	TR-08-062	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 5/25/2008
Darlene M. Wind	TR-08-063	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring on: 5/07/2008

APPEARANCE DATE: September 9, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Jimmie D. Harrison	CN-03-139	Untagged Game Animal Occurring on: 11/21/2003
Jason D. Robinson	CN-04-147	Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a moving vehicle-daytime Occurring on: 11/02/2004

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

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
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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: September 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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	TR-04-762
Drouillard, Shana Rae	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 E. Jr.	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

LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE

Summary of Job Openings, *updated weekly and posted on*

www.llojibwe.com

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

You may request a complete job description for any position listed
Must have a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or be insurable

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

***COMPACTOR DRIVER/OPERATOR ~ \$12.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 08-075**
~ Close: August 29, 2008

***SOLID WASTE ATTENDANT/BENA ~ \$8.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 08-074 ~**
Close: August 29, 2008

HEALTH DIVISION

***PT EMT ATTENDANT (Ambulance) ~ \$11.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 08-061**
~ Close: August 29, 2008

TRIBAL POLICE

***POLICE OFFICER ~ \$16.50/hr ~ JOB CODE: 08-031**
~ open until filled

***METHAMPHETAMINE COMMUNITY POLICING COORDINATOR ~**
JOB CODE: 08-030 ~ 1 FT, \$17.00/hr ~ Close: September 5, 2008

HUMAN SERVICES

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Detailed job descriptions available upon request.

News&Notes—Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority, Tenant Services Department.

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

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

Recipients of the award for the month of August, 2008 were: **Tashina Mountain** (Jackson Village/Winnie Dam); **Stephanie Smith** (Wilkinson); **Melissa Graves** (Kego Lake); and **Rosemary Johnson** (Boy Lake).

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

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

The over-all goal of the Tenant Services Department is to better reservation neighborhoods. The Department is staffed by Ron Hare, Tenant Services Supervisor and Toby Losh, Tenant Advocate. Our responsibilities are to act as liaisons, to coordinate assistance between the Housing Authority's 500 plus tenants, and other matters directly related to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority. Tenant Services program staff are the first line of

communication between the Housing Authority and residents. Information is provided to the residents about Lease non-compliances, existing rules, regulations and policies, and other issues affecting residents.

The primary responsibility of the Tenant Services Department is to provide our tenants with the tools necessary to remain in compliance of their lease agreements. This includes home visits to discuss the problems that a tenant may be experiencing in their unit or in their community and to assist our tenants in keeping their homes intact.

The Tenant Services Department makes referrals to outside resources (such as Social Services, area Family Centers, and other divisions). In performing the job responsibilities of the Tenant Services Department, our responsibilities will include: Observing conditions in the communities; Respond to referrals from other departments; including utility shut-offs or disconnects; abandoned units; tenant abuse; occupancy violations; security checks on boarded units; partying/drinking complaints; home and yard maintenance violations; hand-deliver returned mail; post flyers in the communities related to housing authority events; process business letters regarding lease violations, lease termination letters, etc.

A large portion of our day is spent in transit between communities and different units. For Example: Some days we may travel from Cass Lake to Kego Lake to Squaw Lake. Any communities between our destinations will also receive a community visit. This includes different contacts in different communities regarding different issues. In performing our duties we are required to travel to all reservation communities. It is our desire to visit each community at least once per week to observe conditions at our units and to make courtesy calls in some instances. In all case the majority of our contacts and referrals require on-going follow-up and home visits.



(L to R) Gary Perrington, Dane Heig, Ara Anderson (Crew Supervisor), Amanda Strickland, Liz Anttila, and Jessica Parise. Submitted photo

Deer River District Youth Conservation Crew Completes Summer Season

The end of July marks the end of a busy summer season for five local youth conservation crew members and their leader on the Chippewa National Forest's Deer River District.

The crew is made up of local high school students: Gary Parrington, Amanda Strickland, Liz Anttila, Jessica Parise, and Dane Heig. Ara Anderson, who teaches and coaches at the Deer River High School was the crews' fearless leader this summer.

Projects across the district ranging from brushing trails to archeological digs kept the crew busy in June and July.

The district silviculturalist and reforestation technician educated the crew about some of the logging practices and harvest chronology around the area. The crew participated in pathological pruning of White Pine in the Bena area—about 80 acres in total, which entailed removing the bottom one-third of the foliage of the trees—which reduces the risk of White Pine Blister Rust. Corrective pruning of the tops of the trees was also done, which meant selecting the dominant bud chute from the plant to encourage better tree growth. Removal of slash off of seedlings and saplings in the unit was also incorporated into their activities, which gave established trees more room to grow.

The Ruby Lake Girl Scout camp had a harvest operation and was in need

of some clean up to reduce hazard fuels and make the site more aesthetically pleasing after harvest, which the YCC crew dedicated two weeks of their time to accomplishing. The district fire crew and other district employees were also on site to help with chainsaw operations and wood chipping/debris removal, while the YCC crew

did much of the ground work pulling, piling, and removing slash from the trails and around structures. This was one of the June projects, and really the first field experience for the crew. The Ruby Lake camp looks wonderful once again as a tangible result of the crews' hard work.

The Simpson Creek Trail, located near the Cutfoot Sioux Visitors Center, received a much-needed brushing. West Seelye, North Deer, and Clubhouse campgrounds got help from the crew with rehabilitation of trails, retaining walls, campsite clearing for lake views and access, and general maintenance and upkeep. Also in the Cutfoot area, the crew spent a few days helping the fire crew pull slash from a logging operation away from mature Red Pine trees in preparation for a prescribed burn that will take place in the future. This process helps to prevent scorching and mortality of the large trees.

Special field visits and educational experiences that Ara and the YCC crew got to be a part of were the Forest History Center, Blandin's operation and tour, Cutfoot Sioux CCC camp, the Lost Forty, Camp Rabideau, and the Joyce Estates. The YCC crew also received safety training through-out the season. Rainy day activities included making fire protection maps and wood duck and bluebird houses. The crew will be ending the productive and exciting season with a well-deserved cookout at one of the sites they helped to rehabilitate this summer. We would like to extend our thanks to the crew and Ara for all of your hard work this season, and wish you all a great school year!

Working Together: The Forest Service Part of Your Community

By Melissa A. Rickers, Chippewa National Forest Public Affairs

The Walker Ranger District administrative site is entering a new era.

We are working on plans for development of a new building complex in the community of Walker. I hesitate to say we are simply building a new building, because it will be so much more than that. What we are developing here are new partnerships and relationships, additional services, and a wonderful place to house them. The people who will be working with us to develop these things will be the center point of our success.

The City of Walker, the Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Shingobee Trail Connection Task Force have been working actively with us. We have conceptual plans for a visitor center, a trailhead that connect to Walker City Park, increased parking and other amenities. I would like to thank all of the people who have worked with us up to this point, and remind them that additional hard work is yet to come!

I expect this list of key partners will grow very soon as we bring in the Minnesota Department of Transportation to examine ways to have people access our site safely from Highway 371. We will be talking about a wide range of access and transportation issues. We hope to have a solution that maximizes the utility of our site for parking and access to City Park. We need to get people in vehicles and on foot, bicycles, r snowmobiles safely in and out of our parking areas and facilities and to City Park and the rest of town.

I have a special message for the Walker City Council. This group agreed to vacate Factory Street on July 7, 2008. That decision allows the Forest Service to proceed with site development. This was not an

easy decision for them to make. As I understand it, the council has to act in the best long term interest of the city. Determining future needs for a city is difficult. There are numerous unknowns. What about the economy? What about tourism? What about the budget? What about jobs? All these things factor into our future. By vacating Factory Street, the City Council indicated that the package of amenities that we have been talking about installing on our site will be in the best interest of the City. That reflects faith in the Forest Service that we can deliver. It is my job as the District Ranger to do my very best to see that we deliver on our commitments. I thank the City Council for their support of the site development and continue to look forward to meeting with them as our site development continues.

Challenges are sure to arise in our project, they always do. The continued support that I see from the City, from partners, members of the public, and from Forest Service employees will not only help me through these challenges, it will also result in positive thoughts, actions and results. The success of our project will be dependent in a large part from support from people like you. There are opportunities to be involved through partnerships mentioned above.

The Walker Ranger District has been located on highway 371 on the south end of Walker since 1935. We are thankful for the opportunity to be here another 70 years or more.

Environmental Assessment Project is Available for Public Comment

By Carolyn Upton, District Ranger,
Chippewa National Forest

As the Responsible Official for this project, I have not selected a preferred alternative as of August 13, 2008.

Two Action Alternatives were developed. The EA presents Forest Service analysis which were based on

data, field reviews, and government to government collaboration with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe DRM director/staff and LICs. Activities being considered include as much as 1,882 acres of vegetation management, 645 acres of prescribed burning and fuels activities, 21 acres of planting in openings, 13 acres of opening maintenance, and management of the transportation system including obliteration (about 12 miles), closing roads (about 13 miles), open to OHV (1.25 miles), remove/repair culverts (19) and temporary roads for resource management (56 acres).

All alternatives are in compliance with the 2004 Forest Plan and would help achieve management objectives and desired future conditions described within the Plan. Further detail regarding the proposed activities by alternative can be found in Chapter 2 of the Cuba Hill Resource Management Project. Consultation will be completed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to signing the Decision Notice, and cultural resource surveys have been conducted. Reviews with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office have been initiated.

This project is subject to 36 CFR 215 Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures and the final decision will be appealable under these regulations. In order to retain your administrative appeal rights, you must express interest in the proposed actions or provide written, oral, or electronic comments during this 30-day comment period. If you wish to reference scientific literature in your comments, I request that you send a copy of the reference you have cited and include a rationale as to how you feel it is pertinent to the specific project at hand.

Comments may be submitted in writing, orally, or through electronic means. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide their name and address; title of the proposed action; and signature, or other verification of identity upon request.

The comment period started on August 14, 2008, (the day following publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record, The Pilot-Independent) and will end on Friday, September 12, 2008, (30 days following the date of publication).

When the comment period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday; comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working

day. It is the responsibility of interested parties to respond within the established time period. No means of communication is perfect. Please contact our office 'for further information' address if a document is not available or delivered at the expected time, to ascertain its availability, and if necessary, arrange an alternate delivery method. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Written comments must be postmarked by the Postal Service, faxed, or otherwise submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the 30th calendar day following publication of the legal notice. Hand delivered comments must be time and date imprinted at the correct Responsible Official's office by the close of business on the 30th calendar day following publication of the legal notice. Business Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Send or deliver comments to: District Ranger Carolyn Upton, Walker Ranger District, 201 Minnesota Ave E, MN; telephone (218) 547-1044; FAX (218) 547-3260.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone or in person, or if during nonbusiness hours, must be at an official agency function (such as a public meeting), which is designed to elicit public comment. Electronic comments must be submitted to "comments-eastern-chippewa-walker@fs.fed.us". The subject line must contain the name of the project for which you are submitting comments. Acceptable formats are MS Word or RTF. For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

An electronic version of the EA is also available for viewing and downloading on the Chippewa National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects>. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Walker Ranger District Office. For additional information, contact Deborah Overton by phone at (218) 547-1044, or by email at doverton@fs.fed.us.

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Keeping Up With Current Health Care Issues

Taking a team approach to good health

By Toya Stewart, Mille Lacs Band Member

Everyone wants good health. And if there's a need to visit a doctor, then people want the best care possible. Most of the time, they get what they want – a diagnosis, a prescription, or a treatment plan designed to improve their health.

What they may not realize is that the physicians, medical facilities, or health care groups are being judged on the level of care that's being delivered, said Dr. Mark Nielsen, an internist at Fairview Oxboro Clinic in Bloomington. It's called "pay for performance," and it means that providers are rewarded for the quality of health care services offered. It's an emerging practice in the health insurance industry that has become more common in the past few years.

"The goal is to provide high quality care at a lower cost," Dr. Nielsen said. "The result is patients get better care, physicians receive incentives, and managed care learns how to better manage patients and their employees."

It is a concept that can work well if patients and their providers adapt a team approach, said Dr. Fred Ness, Medical Director at Ne-Ia-Shing Clinic in District I. Dr. Ness said he frequently urges patients to become educated consumers and advocates for their own health.

"There's nothing wrong with trying to cut costs in health care as long as care isn't being cut," Dr. Ness said. "Sometimes expensive isn't best."

While the concept of pay for performance would appear to be a good one for all involved, it is not without its issues, Dr. Nielsen said.

"There are a lot of challenges, and while they may be unproven, to put all your marbles in one basket is a tough sell," he said.

Some challenges are that for certain treatments, such as diabetes, it costs more money up front to provide quality care. Or if a patient is directed to stop smoking, change their diet, or get more exercise, they can choose whether or not to take the doctor's advice. That means there is no patient responsibility and the burden of making people healthy is on the provider, Dr. Nielsen said.

"Patient compliance is one of the biggest problems we run into," he said, adding that if patients don't follow their medical treatment plan then the provider is held responsible.

Another thing patients might not know is that under the pay for performance model, physicians must follow more stringent practices when it comes to prescribing medications. A patient can walk in and ask for a certain brand-name medicine, but the physician must offer a generic if it's available. Pharmacists, too, are obliged to offer the generic.

"If I use a brand-name drug, then the health care system gets penalized," Dr. Nielsen said. "Sixty-eight of 100 prescriptions written have to be generic, and if we don't meet that goal, then insurers withhold money from our clinic system."

In some situations only brand-name drugs are available, so the doctors must prescribe them. Such is the case with drugs for diabetes, stroke and heart disease, Dr. Nielsen said. The requirement for generic drugs could put the patient and their physician at odds and cause conflict, Dr. Nielsen said.

"You don't want a relationship when the patient feels like their doctor is forcing them to take a certain drug," Dr. Nielsen said. One way to minimize some of the challenges is for the system to be transparent. "Everyone needs to know what the goals are and what they will get out of the deal," he said.

He also believes in patient choice, but says if they don't follow the medical plan, they should pay more because "money is a motivator." It may sound a bit like a tough-love approach, but it's one that would assure the patient receives the best

quality of care possible under the pay for performance model, Dr. Nielsen said.

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and feelings that contest pow-wows are not traditional. They voiced their concerns that traditional pow-wows are not meant for competition and dancing for money, and that money always turns up missing when contest pow-wows are over. Leech Lake Elder, Kenn Mitchell, said, "Traditional pow-wows are for the people, we sing, we dance, we meet relatives, we socialize, it's a celebration." The Tribal Council sides with the Leech Lake elders wish to abolish contest pow-wows, however, it was also suggested that this issue be brought forth as a referendum vote to the people of Leech Lake before a decision is made.

Abolishing contest pow-wows also brought up another issue. Singers and dancers at traditional pow-wows never received any pay for dancing, but at today's pow-wows, if singers and dancers register at pow-wows, they get paid. It was suggested that this be brought to a halt also, because paying pow-wow participants was and is not a traditional way of life either.

Leech Lake Pow-wow Coordinator, Jerry Morgan, asked Frankie Graves to sing a song with his hand drum before he spoke. Graves



performed a healing song.

A complaint regarding the pow-wow coordinator salary was also raised. Morgan who holds that position pointed out that concerns brought up at the meeting were not accurate. He introduced the pow-wow

committee members and made it clear that all pow-wow committee members are volunteers and do not receive a stipend for their services. Pow-wow committee members are Larry Aitken, Mike Smith, Lance Kingbird, Bill Staples, and Frankie Graves. He also made the suggestion that singers and dancers start receiving tobacco and gifts as their thank you for participating in the pow-wow, instead of money.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe hosts 10 pow-wows a year, spending \$100,000 a pow-wow, making a total of \$800,000 a year.

Morgan also informed the people at the meeting that starting with the Labor Day pow-wow 2008, Social Workers will be on site to assist the Leech Lake Department of Public Safety with unsupervised children that are without their parents or someone responsible for them. It is usually midnight or after when many juveniles are seen out on the pow-wow and camping grounds.

Head Start Leads the Way in Onigum

By Chris Haugene L.L. Administration

"I am the oldest hoop dancer in Onigum," said Lee Turney, the Head Start Director, as he gave the opening remarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest Head Start facility to be opened on the Leech Lake Reservation. "It took seven years, lots of red tape, and many of us, jumping through hoop after hoop to get this accomplished, but here we are."

The construction for the new Head Start facility was finished on August 6th. The new Onigum facility will usher her tiny cherubic students through the doors on September 3rd with open arms and an excited staff.

A couple Tribal Council members were also in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mike Bongo, the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer said that, "Dedication and hard work is why we are here today, and why our kids will receive a better education for tomorrow, and thus our investment in

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Come Join the Girl Scouts or Volunteer

Girl Scouts will have registration night Sept. 26 for girls to join the Girl Scout program. The event will be from 3-4:15 p.m. at the Cass Lake—Bena Elementary School Cafeteria with an informational parent meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Parents or guardians must come to the meeting to sign the registration form that allows their daughter to belong to Girl Scouts. Along with the parental signature, a \$10 registration fee is required per girl but financial assistance is available.

What is Girl Scouts?

When most people hear Girl Scouts, it is synonymous to Girl Scout Cookies. Although Girl Scout Cookies are a part of Girl Scouts and girl growth, it's a fund raiser to raise money for activities.

Girl Scouts is an organization dedicated to all girls from Kindergarten to seniors in high school. In Girl Scouts, girls can participate in activities such as camping, science experiments, theater overnights or community service.

Through these activities, girls are able to understand and have respect for others, use their leadership skills to better the community, make decisions based on their values and develop to their individual potential.

Activities in Girl Scouts are created to help develop girls' life skills such as leadership, social consciousness and decision making. Also, programs promote higher self-esteem and self-worth, appreciation for her own and other cultures and highlight her uniqueness. The intent of Girl Scout programs is to meet the needs and interests of girls at different age levels.

What makes it work?

Girl Scouts is a volunteer based organization. Girls need positive adult role models to help them learn skills, build character, develop strong values and practice leadership.

Volunteers provide support and guidance to help Girl Scouts develop into women ready to face the future

challenges. They serve as mentors, teachers and friends to the girls.

With Girl Scouts, volunteers are able to enhance or learn new skills whether it is public speaking or organizational skills. Networking with other volunteers will provide volunteers the opportunity to meet new people and develop friendships.

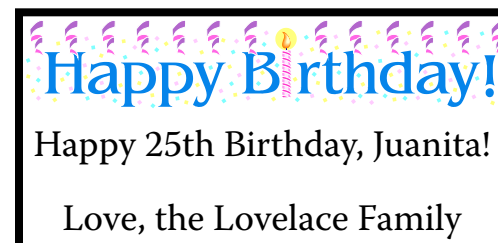
Volunteer benefits are endless, but the most rewarding is touching a girl's life whether it's by facilitating an event about Theater or being a troop leader.

The ways adults can volunteer are endless. In Cass Lake, we are looking for people willing to be troop leaders, co-leaders or assistant leaders. We are looking for people willing to share their talents and skills to teach girls about photography, art, crafts or safety skills.

If you are interested in volunteering, please come to Cass Lake Girl Scout Registration Night on Sept. 26. You don't have to have a girl in Girl Scouts to volunteer. Maybe the reason you don't volunteer is because nobody ever asked but we are asking now.

Job Announcement AmeriCorps VISTA Program Initiative Specialist

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines are now hiring a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to fill the position of Program Initiatives Specialist. This position will involve enhancing a Girl Scout outreach program that will serve girls on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and in other parts of Northern Cass County. Includes a \$865 monthly living allowance, educational award, personal and sick leave and training. Send a resume and cover letter to: Becky Dean, GSMWLP, 750 Paul Bunyan Drive NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Deadline – September 2, 2008



Back-to-School Bus Safety Reminders Offered

High on the checklist of back-to-school preparation is a list of bus safety reminders for parents, children and motorists. Every Minnesota resident is responsible for knowing the school bus laws and common ways to prevent school bus accidents.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says that 72 percent of the nation's school bus fatalities take place outside the bus. Drivers can help promote the safety of school bus by knowing the laws of traffic flow around buses.

Two common mistakes that drivers make now are misdemeanors in Minnesota, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and 90 days in jail. "The most common are failing to stop when the bus stop arm is extended, driving around the right side of the bus when it's stopping," said Shari Danzeisen of Minnesota School Bus Operators Association.

The Bemidji Police Department is urging families to have discussions with their children and for motorists to pay attention to current bus safety laws. Children who know the procedure of where they can wait and how to walk around the bus have a better chance at beating the odds of a potential accident. Motorists who become more aware also can help with school bus safety.

As part of back-to-school homework, the Bemidji Police Department, along with the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, encourages residents to know their bus safety laws and know what to tell their kids about bus safety.

Whether children walk to school, ride the bus or with parents, the most important thing each morning is that they make it safely to the school entrance.

Anyone uncertain about a law or regulation relating to bus traffic may visit the Bemidji Police Department at 613 Minnesota Ave. N.W. or call the BPD at 333-9111. More resources, visit dps.state.mn.us/patrol/comveh/schoolbus/pdf/a_childs_life.pdf.



Keely Heusers Headbird graduated from Fort Leonardwood, Missouri on July 31, 2008. Keely joined the Army in March of 2008. Keely is the daughter of Susan Headbird of Cass Lake, Mn.

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our future begins to grow, as it should." Secretary/Treasurer Bongo went on to highlight some of the finer points of his campaign platform which he told the DeBahJiMon he is working hard to implement. "One of our promises when we waged our campaign was to not only envision a better tomorrow, but to put an investment into this vision of our future. Head Start is one of the ways we are doing that."

Chairman Arthur 'Archie' LaRose said, "Patience is a value I take seriously, and it has paid off here." The newly elected Chairman of the Tribal Council also spoke of growing up on the reservation as a kid and how these new early childhood care facilities will help curb some of the pitfalls that go with everyday life on the rez.

"I still remember the smell of the food from my Head Start facility," reflected the newly elected District III Representative, one Mr. Eugene 'Ribs' Whitebird. Ribs further underlined his advocacy for Head Start by continuing his reflections of growing up on the Leech Lake Reservation, and how having positive influences helps kids develop better.

Other funding agencies that contributed to the new Head Start facility in Onigum are; USDA, HUD (ICDBG), Department of Human Services (Head Start Bureau) and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Leech Lake Band extends its most heartfelt thank you to the funding partners, the program employees, and the Leech Lake Tribal Council.

**Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
July 24, 2008
Tribal Chambers
Cass Lake, Minnesota**

Chairman Arthur LaRose calls meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present: Arthur LaRose, Michael Bongo, Robbie Howe, Eugene Whitebird, Lyman Losh excused for funeral leave.

Motioned by Robbie Howe second by Eugene Whitebird to approve agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Old Business:

Motioned by Michael Bongo second by Robbie Howe to approve minutes of July 17, 2008. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Eugene Whitebird second by Robbie Howe to table Post-Secondary Scholarship Resolution. Carried 3-0-0.

New Business:

Presentation from Carla Littlewolf, MCC Homelessness Program and Jane Lawrence, DHS Supportive Housing Policy Coordinator.

Break to snap pictures for homeless article.

Kyle Fairbanks sworn in as Conservation Officer.

Meeting back to order at 10:42 a.m.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motioned by Robbie Howe, second by Michael Bongo to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-24 concerning Ronelva Gustafson, Interim Child Welfare Program Director, to represent the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe on the ICWA Advisory Council. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Robbie Howe, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-25 concerning delegating authority to Ronelva Gustafson for providing qualities expert witness testimony for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Child Protection Cases. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to table resolution delegating authority to determine membership eligibility for purposes of implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Michael Bongo second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Tribal Council Resolution No.2009-26 concerning the acceptance of low bids on the Tract 33 water project. Carried 3-0-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:

Motioned by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to approve the following Land Resolutions:

LD2009-03 concerning Daniel Rabbit, new lease, Sugar Point area;

LD2009-04 concerning Candace M. Holmbo, lease renewal, Onigum/Walker Bay area;

LD2009-05 concerning Raymond J. Staples, lease renewal, South Stony Point area;

LD2009-06 concerning Robert E. Bellefy, lease renewal, Sugar Point area;

LD2009-07 concerning Mathias Rausch, lease renewal, Boy Lake area;

LD2009-08 Frank Linc, lease termination, North Cass Lake area;

LD2009-09 concerning Ardy & Charles Quistard, new lease, North Cass Lake area;

LD2009-10 concerning Harold & Doris Ristow, lease termination, Pug Hole area;

LD2009-11 concerning Jerome & Pamela Mayne, new lease, Pug Hole area.

Bruce Johnson, acting Director concurs. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Eugene Whitebird, second by Michael Bongo to approve Land Resolution No. LD2009-12 concerning R-O-W, Cass County, on Big Leech Road.

DRM

Discussion 2008 on Wild Rice Season.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Robbie Howe to table 2008 Wild Rice Season. Carried 3-0-0.

Motioned by Michael Bongo second by Robbie Howe to adjourn at 11:50 p.m.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on July 24, 2008 at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Sgd/Michael J. Bongo

Michael J. Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

**Leech Lake Tribal Council
Special Meeting
July 31, 2008
Tribal Chambers
Cass Lake, Minnesota**

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

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

Absent: Robbie Howe, excused.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to approve agenda. Carried 3-0.

Judge Wahwahsuck moved up on agenda.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-27 concerning FY OJJDP Tribal Youth Program Grant Application. Carried 3-0.

Old Business:

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Eugene Whitebird to approve July 24, 2008 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to table resolution concerning Post-Secondary Grant Program until after his meeting with Education Director. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Michael Bongo to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-28 concerning Delegating Authority to Determine Membership Eligibility for Purposes of Implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act. Carried 3-0.

Wild Rice resolution discussion.

Motion by Eugene Whitebird, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2008-29 concerning adopting Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Policy on Ricing Licenses with concurrence of Ricing Committee. Carried 3-0.

New Business

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to approve

Tribal Council Resolution No. 2009-30 concerning Public Health Nursing Case Management Grant w/correction. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2008-31 concerning MIGA with corrections. Carried 3-0.

Land Resolutions:

Motion on the floor to approve Land Resolution for Mary Jane & James E. Wilson, lease assignment to Western Bank. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to table Land Resolutions. Carried 3-0.

Tribal College Drawdown discussion.

Motion by Ribs, second by Mike Bongo to table Tribal College drawdown. Carried 3-0.

Discussion: Day Labor Budget. No budget in place. Archie invites Jim Bistis and Dan Erickson. Day Labor to be paid out of Gaming. Michael Bongo would like to take a few extra days until Wednesday when we would have a more solid plan in place and know where the money is coming from. Michael Bongo states we are not prepared to start this on Monday, need to be well organized, doesn't feel comfortable, but is willing to go along with the rest of the council for a trial run on Monday.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to table Day Labor Budget until Monday, August 4, 2008. Carried 3-0.

Jerry Morgan: Discussion Labor Day Pow wow.

Motion by Michael Bongo, second by Lyman Losh to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

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Michael J. Bongo, Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation

Obituaries

George Edwin Mitchell, Sr.

George Edwin Mitchell, Sr., 55, of Boy River, MN., died on August 8, 2008 at his home.



George was born January 8, 1953, in Cass Lake, Minnesota, the son of Bert and Mary (Burnette) Mitchell. Throughout his growing up years he attended school in Cass Lake, Remer, and Boy River. He was employed at the Palace Casino for five years, and Northern Lights for eleven years.

He enjoyed fishing and working on cars. Spending time with his family, and visiting with his friends were very important to him. His great sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his best friend, Roxanne Drumbeater, two sons; George "Buck" Mitchell, Jr., David Mitchell, daughters; Sommer Mitchell, Julia Mitchell, Gina Mitchell, six grandchildren; brothers; Kenn Mitchell, and Robert Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Mary Burnette Mitchell, and Bert Mitchell, son William BJ Drumbeater, and brothers; Benjamin, Donald, Perry, Chuck, Roger, Sam, and Mowan.

Funeral services were held

on August 12, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building, in Cass Lake, MN., with Steve Jackson as the officiant. Visitation started on August 10, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building and continued until time of service. Interment followed in Boy Lake Cemetery, Boy River. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Dennis Maynerd Harper

Dennis Maynard Harper, 65 of Cass Lake died Monday, August 11, 2008 at his home.



Traditional funeral services were held on Friday, August 15, 2008 at the Dennis Harper residence located at 16763 65th Ave. NW, Cass Lake with Spiritual Leader Lee Staples. A wake began on August 14, 2008 and continued until the time of the service on Friday. Interment followed at the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Dennis was a simple man simply trying to do his best for as many people as possible.

He was born September 27, 1942 in Cass Lake, MN the son of George and Mattie (Soreyes) Harper. A White Earth enrollee, raised on the Leech Lake Reservation, he grew up and attended school in Cass Lake. He served with the US Army Reserves from 1962 to 1965. He finally convinced Judy Staples to be

his bride, and they married on June 8, 1963. They moved to Chicago where he attended Northeastern University to study mathematical engineering; he worked for the railroad while he attended school. Dennis believed in our ability to create change and health for our Anishinaabe communities, and he lived his life by helping others to do just that. He helped to organize efforts that impacted many parts of our Anishinaabe communities through educational and political arenas. While living in Chicago, he organized the Native American Committee which led to the creation and opening of the Chicago American Indian Center. He co-founded the Little Big Horn School, University Without Walls, and NAES (Native American Educational Services) College, the only private American Indian college in the nation. He worked to create tribal and federal educational policy that supported these endeavors.

In 1973 Dennis and his family moved back home to Cass Lake, where he continued his role in education and community organizing. He and others from the native community organized a public school student walk-out and established the Chief Bug O Nay Ge Shig School at Leech Lake as a way to recognize the importance of our Anishinaabe identity to our educational efforts. All of these schools provided models or inspiration for other tribal nations at a time when a path to empowerment was being sought. Most recently, he provided many in-kind hours and advisement to the planning and development of Niigaane Ojibwe Language Immersion School.

Dennis worked to make the political process accessible to band members at both White Earth and Leech Lake Nations. He designed political campaigns and tirelessly drove the countryside to listen to the concerns of the voters and to collect ballots in support of tribal leaders who shared a vision of a healthy community at Ojibwe nations. Though he directed most of his efforts at White Earth and Leech Lake Nations, he influenced political operations across all MCT tribes. He is recognized by current and former tribal leaders as 'my only true friend' and 'the brother I never had'.

Dennis helped to grow a modest pull-tab fundraiser operation in Cass Lake into the Leech Lake Bingo Palace and Casino, the first gaming operation in Minnesota, opening the door to economic growth for Minnesota tribes.

Through all the struggles of implementing new kinds of thinking and action, he realized the importance of having a good time to keep up morale. Dennis organized recreation efforts in the communities as well. He was a co-founder of the Old Timers' Athletic Support Club, and organized softball tournaments and bowling tournaments as fundraisers. He is remembered by all as good-humored, funny, and a legendary practical joker. His wry humor and quick retorts will be sorely missed. Dennis was well-known throughout the country for his artistry, creativity, and silversmithing.

His greatest joy in life was his family. His truest sense of accomplishment came through seeing

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his family together and watching them grow. He made sure to be a constant role in his grandchildren's lives, and he'd once wished that he would've had them first.

He is survived by his gracefully patient wife Judy Harper of Cass Lake; 5 genius children Melanie (Billy) Harper of Cass Lake, Jeffrey Harper of Cass Lake, Laurie (Amik) Harper of Cass Lake, Leslie Harper of Cass Lake and Jason Harper of the Navajo Nation; 5 handsome brothers Wellington "Wimpy" Harper of Cass Lake, Francis (Julie) Harper of White Bear Lake, MN, Henry Harper of Cass Lake, Colin (Janice) Harper of Minneapolis, Eugene "Bugger" (Natalie) McArthur of Ogema; 14 stupendous grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and closest cohort in acts of absurdity, brother-in-law Donald "Mick" Finn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers John, Roger, and Charles and grandson Truman.

Casket bearers were Billy Pigeon, Mike Liberty, Mick Finn, Bugger McArthur, Mike Garbow and Darrel Gale.

James Fineday

James Fineday, Wa-Show-Sqd-A-Waab, age 73, of Pennington, Minnesota, died on August 13, 2008 at his home.



Funeral Services were held on August 18, 2008, at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Leader Anna Gibbs and Richard Morrison officiating. A wake began on August 15, 2008 at the Veterans Memorial Building, Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements were entrusted to the Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home, Bemidji, MN.

Honorary bearers were all of James' grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Brandin Fineday, Myron Fineday, Daniel Fineday, James Lussier, Dave Fineday, Jr., Robert Roybal, Sr., Juan Gonzales, Louis Junco, Robert Fisher, Lowell

Fisher, John Fineday.

James Fineday was born August 9, 1935 in Onigum, MN, to Joseph and Hazel (Headbird) Fineday. He grew up in Cass River, MN. Entered the US Army in July 1958. He was honorably discharged in January 1960. On September 14, 1964 he married Delores Benais in Bemidji, MN. They lived in Cass River, MN where he went to AVTI and worked at various jobs which included carpentry, logger, auto mechanic, electrician and finally worked with Leech Lake as an ENP driver. He loved the outdoors, ricing, fishing, hunting, making native crafts. However he truly enjoyed spending time with his loving family.

He is survived by his wife, Delores, daughters, Jacqueline (Bernard) Charwood of Cass River, MN, Deborah Fisher of Cass Lake, MN, Samantha Fineday of Bemidji, MN, son, Myron Fineday of Cass River, MN, 24 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, brother, Louis Junco, special nieces Barb Fineday and Karyn Wind both of Cass Lake, MN, special nephew, John Fineday of Cass Lake, MN, and many other nieces and nephews, 5 sister-in-laws, Annie Fineday of Cass River, MN and June Mendoza of Minneapolis, MN, Jean Benais, Karen Benais, and Shirley Benais all of Red Lake, MN, 3 brother-in-laws, Albert Benais, Jr., Pete Benais and Bobby Benais of Red Lake, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 daughters, Janice and Patti, 2 sons, Greg and James, 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Online guestbook at www.olsonschwartzfuneralhome.com

Benefit Dinner for Kathy and Jerry Benedix and family on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, 11 to 2 pm at the Laporte School Commons.

Kathy and Jerry lost everything in a house fire, including her handicapped van, on July 27, 2008 and need our help.

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, green beans, rolls and desserts.

Trivent Hubbard-Cass Chapter 31305 assisting.

"Determination"

By: Sonya Garbow

Give me a little inspiration,
and find just enough determination
to break through the rain,
and say goodbye to the pain.
I've been lost for way too long,
because it's no place to belong.
I've been locked behind them four
walls,
The walls of pain & everyday mail
call.

Just a little inspiration to spread my
wings and fly,
and just enough determination to
stop all these lonely cries.

I sat months, which seemed like so
many years.

I've laughed a lot to cover all my
lonely tears.

The tears of all that separation,
which gave me just enough
determination?

To stop all my lonely cries, and
spread these wings and fly.



Everyday

By: Sonya Garbow

I believe I'm done,
I believe I've had enough.
I may be smart in someways,
but I'm just not that tough enough,
to laugh at all the pain,
I've had for so many years.
Trying with all I have,
to stop all these painful tears.
I abuse my soul in so many ways.
No matter how hard I try,
the pain gets worse everyday.
I may be strong but the weakness I
have in my heart,
is taking me over, tearing me apart.
Tell me how to feel for a life that
went dreadfully wrong.
Tell me how they'll feel when my life
is cold and gone.
Somebody help me,
I feel like taking my life.
No matter what I do,
it's just not right.
I want to let the world know,
of the pain, I feel everyday.
So, somebody please help me.
Before I let my life slip away...

The family of
Dan and Carol White
would like to take
this opportunity to thank
the Leech Lake
Housing Authority
and the good people of
Leech Lake for the
benefit they hosted
and all their help
they provided during
this time of
Carol's illness.
Your kindness is
greatly appreciated!

We wish you all well.



To the People of Onigum:

When we came into your midst 40 plus years ago you were there to share of yourselves and your rich heritage. Thank you! You welcomed us at the powwows and taught our children the dances. Thank you! As they grew, Fr. Rice gave them their first communion at St. John's Church. You shared with us your Christianity that had so much of your culture in the services. Thank you! You allowed us to use your land and enjoy the wonder of God's creation - the great lake, the magnificent woods, the beautiful sunsets. Thank you! You invited us to share dinners with you at the community hall and at the powwows. Thank you! We are two families and three generations who have the memories of these times emblazoned on our very soul. These years on Leech Lake and what you have given us have become part of the who we are and for this we are thankful. The echoes of good times remain while we move on. May the eagle soar in your heart.

Gratefully,

The Mott, Krumpelmann & Hermeier families



Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation
First-Time Homebuyer Education Class

October 18, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Place: Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
15542 State 371 NW
Cass Lake, Minnesota

First-time Homebuyer Education is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for qualified buyers.

Please reserve your spot in this class with Cindy Beaulieu at 218-335-8582 extension 150 or cbeaulieu@mnchippewatribe.org

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Berry buying prices for this year's harvesting season will be as follows:

Type	Price/Pound	Approximate Ripe Date
Blueberries	\$2.25	July 15, 2008
Pin cherries	\$1.20	July 15, 2008
Raspberries	\$1.60	July 15, 2008
Blackberries	\$1.60	August 1, 2008
Chokecherries	\$.85	August 1, 2008
High B Cranberries	\$1.00	August 25, 2008
Wild Plums	\$.50	August 25, 2008
Wild Grapes	\$1.00	August 25, 2008
Hawthorns	\$1.00	September 1, 2008

As always, fruit must be picked clean of all leaves & stems (grapes & high bush cranberries, may be in their clusters) and refrigerated ASAP – **DO NOT WASH!** Ojibwe Fisheries reserves the right to refuse to purchase fruit based on cleanliness, quality or ripeness.

Berries may be brought to: Arlene Northbird at the Ojibwe Fisheries office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Buying hours will change when the wild rice season begins, the hours will be from: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

This is a cooperative project with Red Lake Nation Foods Incorporated, so the payment policy for berries is different from last year, you will NOT be paid in cash! A disbursement and a check will be issued to you.

North Country Regional Hospital's 1st Annual Walk to Remember

North Country Regional Hospital's 1st Annual Walk to Remember will be held Saturday, October 4th, at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine.

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.

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. A tree planting ceremony and refreshments are planned following the walk.

The walk, which comprises the campuses of NCRH and MeritCare-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 Kristen Hemmingsen, RNC, or Lora Gullette, RNC, at 218-333-5755.

First Widow's Club

Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm
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