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St. Paul - University Club Gathering (L to R) Michael Bongo, Frank Bibeau, Rep. Jim Oberstar, Rob Aitken, Archie LaRose, New State Rep. Gail Kulick Jackson and Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird. Photo by Chris Haugene

Tribal Leaders Meet With Rep. Oberstar in St. Paul

St. Paul - Leech Lake Tribal leaders and Executive staff are taking this legislative session to heart, and they are rolling up their sleeves in order to help secure funding that could mean jobs and program funding for the next fiscal biennium on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The \$800 billion-plus stimulus package, that has another round of negotiations and "adjustments" before being voted on in the U.S. Senate and then sent to conference committee, is being taken seriously enough by this Leech Lake administration that they were recently referenced more than once during Congressman Oberstar's remarks at the University Club in St. Paul.

Representative Oberstar had just come from Washington D.C. fresh from his vote on the investment initiative to report on funding that could be harnessed for Minnesota highways and bridges infrastructure. He reported to the Minnesota House and Senate transportation committees that our state could receive up to as much as \$680 million for infrastructure in Minnesota. "Our unemployment rate is trending just over 7.5 percent and we have over 30,000 building tradesman that need jobs and we can have them working by the first of June," Oberstar said. "If the state adheres to that initiative, we can do this."

This package could mean grant dollars and program monies that would not ordinarily be there if the stimulus package wasn't a reality. Additionally, Mr. Oberstar is proposing a 90 day use-it or lose-it clause with regard to utilizing the money. "Regarding the timely and transparent use of funds, I proposed an aggressive timetable for the use of funds, including a 90-day, use-it-or-lose-it requirement for a percentage of the funds. This is intended to produce a "quick hit" that will jump-start our economy and create a substantial number of new construction jobs by June. I realize 90 days is a tight deadline. However, this is a national emergency, and business as usual is not good enough anymore. If the purpose of this legislation is to be achieved, then we must set tight deadlines, and hold everyone accountable to them, both the Federal agencies and the State and local grant recipients."

Heritage Sites Ribbon Cutting at Northern Lights Casino



(L to R) DRM Director Bruce Johnson, Thor Olmanson Heritage Site Director, Gina Lemon Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Archie LaRose, Michael Bongo, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Shelia Gotchie

Letter of thanks from Gina Lemon.

I wanted to acknowledge a number of people! We would like to thank the Tribal Council for their support and participation in the Grand Opening, it meant a lot to the Band's staff. To Bruce Johnson, our DRM Director. Special thanks goes to Matt Matson, who has allowed us to loan numerous objects in the collection, he is our Fur Trade Specialist - on Band Contract. Many thanks to Brad Michaud, N. Lights General Manager, for his outstanding support of this project, it moved along quickly knowing that he was willing to see this exhibit to the end and hearing that the Casino would like it to be a permanent fixture was music to our ears! I would really like to thank Sheila Gotchie, our office manager, for her constant devotion, assistance and mainly keeping me focused. Thanks to Tonya Strueker, DRM Staff member, Colleen Wells, Heritage Sites Field Director, Thor Olmanson, Heritages Sites Director, without all of their help my vision would still be just that, a vision! With all of us together we were a great team and it definitely showed all of our hard work. This Grand Opening was hope for our next project to now be able to work on a larger scale, a full blown Museum.

This is all about coordination, collaboration, and most importantly, commitment by all the Band employees that took part in the Museum Exhibit development from start to finish. Again, they all need to know that all their efforts paid off because of their dedication we now have made the first-ever, museum exhibit for the Leech Lake Band. Mii-gwech to everyone!

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
is requesting Qualifications of Engineering firms
(RFQ's) to assist the Band in designing 2 Wastewater facilities.
For a full RFQ package,
Contact Jeffrey Harper at (218) 335-7415.
Closing date for accepting RFQ's
has been set as February 22, 2009.

Thank you for your interest

Minnesota Power's Request for a Rate-Hike Would Hit Leech Lakers Hard if Passed

Minnesota Power has sent a request in to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) requesting permission to increase rates to "cover investments in cleaner energy in plant and systems upgrades-and operating costs."

Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson's office released a statement opposing the rate hike citing that, "Minnesota Power is basing its rate increase request on projected costs and revenues, rather than its actual numbers. The Attorney General's Office testimony shows that if Minnesota Power's projection is off by only 2 or 3 %, it would be over-collecting \$10 to \$15 million per year. It should be noted that Minnesota Power's actual revenues for 2007 were \$49 million higher than it had previously projected, which is more than the \$45 million increase that Minnesota Power is requesting in this case."

The above information begs the questions; how much is too much, and how much is enough? Minnesota Power made more than \$45 million over its projections for last year. So, will they now offset our power prices to even this imbalance out? The answer is a resounding, NO.

This rate hike will affect many band members out in Districts I II and III on the reservation. They have already increased rates using what is called an "interim adjustment." All they need to do is file the paperwork with the MPUC and then they can start to collect the higher rates, which began on August 1st 2008. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will not have a decision on this issue until spring of 2009, so stay tuned.

The Attorney General also encourages Minnesota Power's ratepayers to send written comments to: Administrative Law Judge Bruce Johnson Office of Administrative Hearings P.O. Box 64620 St. Paul, MN 55165-0620

Below is the MN region which is supplied with power through MN Power.



Leech Lake Meets U.S. Rep Betty McCollum

ST. PAUL, MN - Leech Lake's Chairman, Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Bongo and District III Representative Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird attended a pre-session breakfast with U.S. House of Representatives member Betty McCollum.

Rep. McCollum, a Democrat who represents the 4th Congressional District in St. Paul, is serving her fifth term in the House. Education and Health Care are her top priorities. Rep. McCollum is the Senior Democratic Whip, and sits on numerous Appropriations Subcommittees. Most recently, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has appointed Congresswoman McCollum to a seat on the House Committee on the Budget.

After the breakfast, Rep McCollum and her Chief of Staff, Bill Harper, met with Leech Lake's officials. The Leech Lake delegation discussed the federal funding needs of the reservation, highlighting "shovel ready" projects. Arthur "Archie" LaRose said, "Leech Lake put its best foot forward today with a respected and influential Congressional member. We must continue to have Leech Lake's needs be heard and foster positive relationships with Betty and other members of Congress."

"Representative McCollum generously extended Leech Lake the chance and opportunity to have our needs and priorities heard at the Federal level," said Secretary/Treasurer Mike Bongo. "We were touched and honored that she invested her valuable time to listen to us."

Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird was impressed by Congresswoman McCollum's interest in the Band's needs. "At our meeting, I focused on our housing needs. We could tell that Betty really cared about the people of Leech Lake."

Solar Products Manufacturing Infrastructure Overview

The Leech Lake Tribal Government (LL) & Rural Renewable Energy Alliance, Inc. (RREAL) have developed a joint venture to manufacture solar products on the Leech Lake Reservation and market them throughout the upper mid-west. The manufacturing facility will be located on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in north central Minnesota near the community of Ball Club. An existing 10,000 square foot building will be renovated and its infrastructure upgraded. Total project costs exceed \$1 million, with infrastructure and renovation cost estimates of \$500,000. It is the infrastructure and associated construction upgrades we seek assistance for.

Both LL and RREAL have been working with Senator Klobuchar, Congressman Peterson and Congressman Oberstars office to explore federal funding assistance to help reduce the infrastructure costs associated with getting this project developed. The reservation has no tax base to support economic development activities and it relies on grant funding from federal and state sources to help offset economic development project costs. Unemployment on the reservation exceeds 30%, with underemployment levels of 70%. Recent downturns in the economy have significantly reduced revenue to the Tribal casinos, which are used to supplement social and economic development programs. LL is almost totally reliant on the tourism driven economy, which has suffered significantly, as people travel and spend less on entertainment, food and lodging.

In an effort to diversify the Tribal economy and create jobs, a joint venture has been created with RREAL to manufacture their patented Solar Power Furnace (SPF), to supply Indian Tribes throughout the upper mid-west. This is a significant market with a huge unmet need. It is expected that federal funding for low income households for heating and weatherization subsidies will increase substantially in future years, and this will help fuel the demand for renewable energy products. In Minnesota alone, approximately \$73 million is spent annually assisting low income households pay their heat bills, as 110,000 households qualify for energy assistance. With the exception of Tribes located near large metro areas, virtually all reservations in the mid-west have the majority of their residents living at, or below the federal poverty level. The market and demand for affordable renewable energy products will increase significantly in the future, as will federal energy subsidies; providing a stable market for products that address these needs.

Creating jobs and reducing poverty on the Leech Lake Reservation is the number one priority of the Tribal government. The Tribal leadership also realizes diversifying the local economy into non-gaming industries is key to creating sustainable jobs in the future. This project is of the highest priority for Leech Lake, not only because it will create jobs, but it also provides a needed service and product to its own residents, and contributes to the reduction in fossil based fuels and carbon emissions in the environment.

This project creates short term construction jobs, long term manufacturing jobs and will reduce poverty driven social costs on the reservation. \$500,000. in infrastructure subsidies will leverage another \$500,000. in other funding to develop this "green business". It is "shovel ready" upon securing funding for infrastructure/building rehab.

Gilbert Caribou

Grand Portage MN -Gilbert Caribou, Secretary Treasurer of the Grand Portage Band passed on at 65, years of age, Wednesday Jan. 28, 2009.

Secretary Treasurer Caribou was born March 30, 1943 to Walter and Alma (Redsky) Caribou in LacLa Croix, Ontario. He moved to Crane Lake where he grew up and graduated from Orr High School. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Orleans, France until his honorable discharge. He returned and lived in Grand Portage ever since then. He worked as a iron worker, in education, was a C.D. counselor, and was also employed by the Grand Portage Tribal Council as an elected official for 16 years. He directed the Grand Portage Rendezvous Days Celebration and served on many state and national boards and committees for many years, including; a Tribal Nations Education Committee, the MCT Tribal Executive Committee sub-committee on Education and was an advocate for Indian health care dollars around the Bemidji area.

He was a member of the Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe. Gilbert enjoyed playing Keno, softball, partridge hunting, and watching all sports. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Violet Caribou and brother, Alvin Caribou.

Gilbert is survived by his wife and soul-mate of 28 years, Cecelia Vondall; daughter, "Mouse"; step-daughters, Melissa, Cheri, Lydia and Dama; step-sons, Henry and Clayton Villeburn; grandchildren, Conrad, Steven, Donovan, Aurora, Anthony, Ethan, John, Lohnen, Zane, Shylan, Beriah, Aniah, Desi, Skylar, and Caira; brothers, Walter (Doris) Caribou Jr., Billy Blackwell and sister, Judith (Roger) Hervig and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001 4th Annual Awards Banquet a huge success.

On January 11, 2009 an estimated 180 people attended the 4th Annual Leech Lake American Legion Bena Post 2001 Awards Banquet. The successful event was held at the Northern Lights Casino, Hotel and Convention Center, Walker, MN.

The annual event is designed to pay special tribute to certain veterans, their families and members of the tribal community who have been directly affiliated with the LL American Legion Post within the past year or prior.

The event pays tribute to the past year's (2008) prestigious MN Boys State program participant. This is the third year the Post has proudly participated and sponsored the Boys State program. The 2008 lone participant was Ray J. Walker a Bemidji High school junior (now a senior in 2008-09) who is an outstanding student-athlete. He is co-captain of his basketball, track and cross country team's and maintains a + 3.0 grade point average. Ray enjoys math, science, computers and physical education and definitely plans a college career. He is the son of James & Sharon (Buckanaga) Walker, Cass Lake, MN.

The Post paid special tribute and honor to those members of the Bena Post 2001 who died in 2008 under the program heading of TAPS. A eulogy of their loved one was read by a member of the family and an award was presented to the next of kin. This year's honorees were Mr. William J. Bobolink, Bena, MN who died on January 14, 2008. Mr. Bobolink served in WWII and the Korean War in Army and Air Force from 1943 to 1946. He received a good conduct, American Theater Service, European African Service and Middle Easter Theater Service medals. His eldest daughter Gloria and her husband Duane Budreau accepted the award on behalf of the family. Duane stated to the audience that Bill Bobolink was 'the greatest man he ever knew'. Bobolink was an active, spiritual leader in the community & a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Ms. Geraldine R. Fairbanks was honored for her devoted membership and participation in the LL Honor Guard. Though not a military veteran, Geraldine was an important and reliable member of the Honor Guard. Her cheerful manner, an infectious laugh and great sense of humor complimented her sweet and pleasant personality. Geraldine's son, Kevin Lyons of Deer River, MN was not able to attend the event on her half of the family but will receive Geraldine's award.

George Cummings was born in Boy Lake on the LL reservation in 1927 and died in March 7, 2008. He served in the US Naval Reserve as an Apprentice Seaman from 1945-1946. Accepting the award on his family's behalf was his sister Helen Cummings, nieces Bernice Mitchell and Christine Cummings. George was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Lyman W. White, Sr. was born in 1928, attended school and lived most of his life in Onigum, MN. He enlisted in the US Army in 1952, serving in the Korean War as an infantryman & prison guard in North & South Korea helping unload 9,000 POW's off ships from China & North Korea. Lyman spoke of POW's expressing their desire not to return to their home lands. For his service Lyman received the Army good conduct, Korean ribbon, Bronze medal, Bronze Star and United National Defense Service medals with an honorable discharge in 1954. His wife Shirley and entire family (Vickie, Marilyn, Lyman Jr, Gary, Debbie) graciously, with great honor and humility accepted the award on behalf of their beloved father who is missed by all very much. He was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Dennis M. Harper was born in 1942 in Cass Lake, MN and attended elementary and secondary school there. He served in the US Army Reserves from 1962 – 1965. His daughter Laurie read a biography of her father who was a humble, intelligent, humorous gentleman, a devoted and patient family man. He was active member of the Leech Lake community and initiated several Indian education and youth programs on LL and worked at the Legal department. Accepting the award on behalf of Dennis was his wife Judy, daughters Laurie and Leslie and grandsons. Dennis was member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

The key note address was provided by Iraqi War marine veteran and Leech Lake Band member, Mr. Gabriel 'Gabe' Wakanabo, of Bemidji, MN. He emphasized that "senior veterans help out younger vets returning from combat; the significance and responsibility of a veteran; and how the Indian community respects its veterans; especially the youth more than any other ethnic group in the US; how a brotherhood culture exists in the military and needs to be brought home to overcome the prejudices outside the reservation today; he suggested not to applaud him, but applaud those who paved the way for current Indian veterans and those who did not return home." Gabe was an impressive and popular figure in his marine dress uniform at the event, as he mingled in the crowd visiting friends and relatives before the ceremony. He battle a bout with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and with much support he is finally healthy and at peace with himself. He is currently a full time student at Bemidji State University, Vice Commander of the Bemidji American Legion Post and works for Riley Construction in his spare time. He visits relatives in Inger, MN where hunts, fishes and enjoys the tribal events on LL.

The events Master of Ceremonies was Legion member Mr. Lee Turney who kept the program moving smoothly and effectively. Pastor Mr. John Rock, a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a retired I.H.S. Employee and Vietnam veteran provided, the meal invocation and benediction. Mr. Walter F. Reese, Post commander, provided the welcome and closing comments. Mr. Roger T. Aitken, Vice commander & Banquet coordinator, introduced special guests that included Tribal council members Chairman Archie LaRose and District III representative Eugene 'Ribs' Whitebird; Sixth District representatives: Mel Buesseler, Commander; Shirley Frederick, Auxiliary President; Mr. Wayne LaDuke, Mayor and Commander Cass Lake Legion Post; Roger Burley, Commander, Walker Legion Post 134. Also, two tribal and Post members and WWII veterans, Mr. Leroy Fairbanks and Alvin Staples were present with their families.

A special appreciation goes out to the Northern Lights Casino events staff and chef for a superb job.

Leech Lake Meets With Deer River ISD #317

Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo, and District I Representative Robbie Howe met with faculty and staff from the Deer River Independent School District # 317 recently. With a good percentage of the Deer River student body representing American Indian kids the partnership seems to fit both parties.

The meeting agenda covered a range of topics including: truancy, transportation, and the creation of new student groups that could aid in everything from tardiness to raising test scores on equivalency exams for the kids. "Many of the Deer River students have overwhelming issues outside the school building and by working together, we can help them overcome, believe in themselves and pursue their goals. We look forward to future planning meetings and making things happen for our students," wrote Principal Brent Colligan, the Principal of the Deer River High School. An investment in our youth is something the Leech Lake Tribal Council has been taking very seriously since taking office in July of last year. One of the first things the new administration did was to oversee a new Head Start facility that opened in August.



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Onigum: Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 PM - Cass Lake: Thursday February 26, 11:00 AM
Leech Lake Housing Authority Offices

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Leech Lake Housing Authority's Resource Center will be offering future classes on such topics as "General Ways to Improve Your Credit," "Tracking Your Spending," "Analyzing Your Credit Score." Future classes to be offered include: "How to Clean and Maintain Your House," "Setting up a Regular Maintenance Schedule," "Cooking on a Budget," "Managing Your Utility Costs," "Defining Substance Abuse," and "Addressing Gambling Issues."

Classes will be held at a later date should there be another event scheduled at the community center.

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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, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Atkinson, Tammy Jo	TR-07-166	Fairbanks, Leroy Louis	TR-07-167
Bebeau, Tina Marie	TR-04-747	Fairbanks, Mark Leo	TR-08-10
Bebeau, Tina Marie	TR-07-222	Jackson, David Joseph	TR-08-40
Bebeau, Tina Marie	TR-07-75	Kingbird, Charles Anthony	TR-07-123
Bendix, Terri Lee	TR-08-07	Raisch, Christine Anne	TR-07-125
Brown, Nita MiWaBiGoNeence	TR-07-139	Staples, Michael Allen	TR-07-119
Denasha, Leo Lawrence	TR-07-161	Thompson, Karla Jean	TR-07-110
Dunn, Sara Jean	TR-07-84	Woodward, Lucas Alan	TR-07-168

APPEARANCE DATE: February 24, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Carmona, Emerejirido Duane	TR-08-47	Smith, Timothy Lee Jr.	TR-08-54
Ellis, Jeanette Rae	TR-08-44	Smith, Timothy Lee Jr.	TR-08-53
Fairbanks, Amanda Leigh	TR-08-38	Smith, Timothy Lee Jr.	TR-08-57
Fairbanks, David Wayne	TR-08-37	Staples, Ronald Joseph	TR-08-34
Jones, Robert Joseph	TR-08-58	TeJohn, Thomas Lee	TR-08-32
Miettinen, Gary Gene Jr.	TR-08-49	White, Diana Michelle	TR-08-3
Munnell, John David	TR-08-51	Whitebird, Marcy Jean	TR-08-31
Robinson, Andrew Martin	TR-08-22	Wind, Darlene Marie	TR-08-63

APPEARANCE DATE: March 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Barney, Derrick Gordon	TR-05-57	Mitchell, Charlene Ann	TR-04-709
Howard, Douglas Charles	TR-01-340	Moose, Luvette Lee	TR-02-472
Losh, Tonya AnnaMae	TR-03-567	Roy, Todd Raymond	TR-01-325
McClimmek, Leslie Paul	TR-01-342		

It is Not too Late for Influenza Vaccination

Cass Lake, MN - According to the Center for Disease Control every year in the United States an average of 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications; and about 36,000 people die from flu. At the Cass Lake Indian Health Service Unit, there have been two positive cases in the last week.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each fall.

Symptoms of flu may include: a fever (usually high), headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and stomach symptoms. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can occur but are more common in children than adults. The flu virus spreads mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with a flu virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

How to Prevent Influenza

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination each fall. The "flu shot" is an inactivated vaccine (containing killed virus) that is given with a needle. There are over a 1000 different flu viruses – the flu shot contains three that CDC has decided are mostly likely to infect this year. It has been shown that the main influenza virus that has hit Minnesota is in this year's vaccine.

One can not get the flu from receiving the shot, but you may get symptoms that your body is making antibodies such as low grade fever and body aches. The flu shot is approved for use in people six months of age and older, including healthy people and people with chronic medical conditions. About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses.

Good health habits are also an important way to prevent the Flu. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Put your used tissue in the waste basket. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Who should get vaccinated?

Anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. Certain people should get vaccinated each year because they are at high risk of having serious flu related complications or because they live with or care for persons with high risk conditions. People who should get vaccinated each year include health care workers, children aged 6-59 months of age, pregnant women, people 50 years or older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (examples asthma, diabetes, COPD, heart disease), people who live in nursing homes and other long term care facilities, household contacts of persons at high risk of complication from flu, and/or of children less than 6 months of age.

Influenza Cont.

Who should not be vaccinated?

There are people that should not be vaccinated for influenza. They include: anyone with a severe allergy to chicken eggs; anyone who has had a previous reaction to an influenza vaccination, anyone who developed Guillain Barré syndrome (GBS) within six weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously, children less than six months of age, and anyone who currently has a moderate or severe illness with a fever. All should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen. If you have questions about whether you should get a flu vaccine, consult your health care provider.

October or November is the best time to get vaccinated, but getting vaccinated now can still be beneficial since most influenza activity occurs in January or later in most years. Though it varies, flu season can last as late as May. The Cass Lake Indian Health Service has vaccine available for eligible patients six months and older. Appointments are not needed.

Reference: Influenza Fact Sheet. (July , 2008). Retrieved at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

Townhomes For Rent

Dream Catcher Homes in Ogema, MN has an open waiting list. This townhome community is a place for families experiencing long term homelessness. Certain income and eligibility restrictions apply.

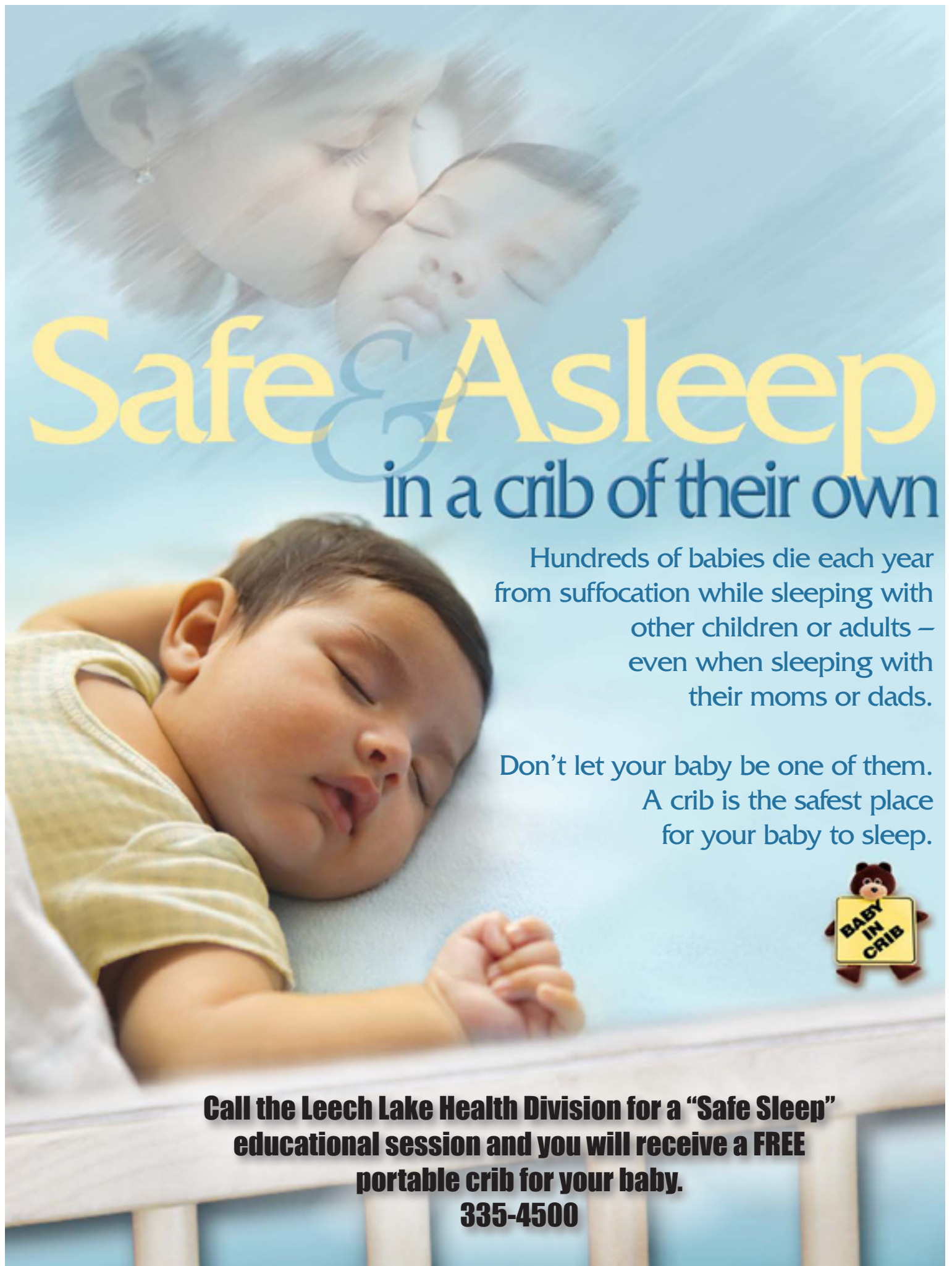
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Obituaries

MICHAEL EDWARD JONES

Michael Edward Jones, age 58 of Rochester Passed away due to natural cause on Monday, January 19, 2009 at his home



following a lengthy illness. Michael Edward Jones was born November 23, 1950 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. In 1982 he Married Laura Accardo, they were later divorced.

He is survived by Eight Children, Michael LaRose of Stillwater, MN, Jeremy Jones (Amy Fairbanks) of Cass Lake, MN, Michelle (Roger) Davis-LaRose of Cass Lake, MN, Thomas Jones of Minneapolis, MN, Michael Jones of Cass Lake, MN, Mary (Luis) Jones-Valbuena of Minneapolis, MN, Bradley Wallett of Champlin, MN and Lisa Wallett of Champlin, MN. And 16 grandchildren. Brothers and sisters, Elaine Sullivan of Mpls, MN., Betty Collins of Wasioja, MN, Richard Day of Mpls, MN, Cheryl Lovelace-Charwoods of Cass lake, MN, Roy Lovelace of Cass Lake, MN, Roselie Lovelace of Cass Lake, MN, Anita Lovelace of Mpls, MN, Frances Butler of Brooklyn Center, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, DeShawn Staples. Michael was Born and raised in Cass Lake, MN. And spent his last 15 years in Rochester. Michael enjoyed going to the casino, he was a proud member of the AA pioneer club. He enjoyed Bead work and helping other AA members.

He is a member of the Ojibwe Indian tribe. Michaels Indian name is A-NA-KA-MI-GI-NO-NG, translated it means spirit tracks. Internment was at Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake. Rev. John Roth, Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Lay pastor Ben Morris will officiate. Johnson Funeral Home-Rochester was in charge of arrangements.

ELVERNA MORRIS

Elverna Morris, 43 of Cass Lake, MN died Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Merit Care Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota.



Funeral Services were held Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Anselm Thevarkunnel officiating. Interment was at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born on February 22, 1965 in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Harry W. Morris, Jr. and Susan Finn. She was raised and attended school in Cass Lake. She spent most of her life in Cass Lake. She moved to Minneapolis in the early 1990's where she worked as a waitress. She had lived in several places throughout Minnesota over her life. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts, and making things with her hands. She especially loved spending time with her family, and playing with her grandchildren and children.

She is survived by her 2 sons, Michael (Amanda) Morris and Aaron Morris, both of Cass Lake; 3 daughters, Kristine Morris of Cass lake, Deahna Vanoss of Houston,

Texas, and Brittany Weinand of the Twin Cities Metro area, Minnesota; her father, Harry Morris of Cass Lake, MN; her mother, Susie Finn of Cass Lake, MN; 1 brother, Tony Morris of Cass Lake, MN; 1 sister, Davine Morris of Bemidji, MN; her grandmother Elverna Finn of Cass Lake, MN; 4 grandchildren, Damion, Azayleigha, Anthony, and Matehya Morris; 6 nieces and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by 3 grandparents, Harry William Morris, Sr., Susan Morris, and Haley Finn.

Active Pallbearers were Michael Morris, Aaron Morris, Harry Morris, Michael Schmid, Randy Finn, and Tony Morris.

Honorary Pallbearers were Damion Morris, Azayleigha Morris, Anthony Morris, Matehya Morris, Natasha Morris, Jerrica Morris, Courtney Morris, Dynell Morris, Tonya Morris, and Jasmine Morris.

LOIS MUNNELL

Lois Munnell, 48, of Fargo, ND, formerly of Cass Lake, MN, died Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Merit Care Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Memorial Services were held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Interment was at the Thompson Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements were made with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born on August 2, 1960, in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Jacob Jr. and Margo (Broker) Munnell. She attended school in Walker, and graduated from Frazee High School. She moved to Milwaukee, WI, where she worked in various factories. She

married David Ottman, and they had two sons. They later divorced. She moved to Fargo, ND in 1990, and has lived there since. She enjoyed visiting friends, reading, bead work, and vacationing in Florida with her special friend Gregory.

She is survived by: Sons, Christopher Ottman of Milwaukee, WI, Joseph Ottman of Milwaukee, WI, Thoore Munnell of Fargo, ND, Daughters, Nikki Nelson of Fargo, ND, Lindsey May of Fargo, ND, Sisters, Leslie (Vance Quiram) Munnell of Detroit Lakes, MN, Lynn Munnell of Detroit Lakes, MN, Brother, Lee Munnell of Iron Wood, Michigan She was preceded in death by her parents.

Honorary Casketbearers were Patrick Finn, Skip Finn, Jerry Finn, Rob Finn, Randy Finn, Don Finn, Mark Broker, Kirby Finn, and Christopher Quiram.

CARL JAMES TAYLOR

Carl James Taylor, 67, of Walker, MN died Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Carl was born June 18, 1941 in Cass Lake, MN to George and Lucy (Fairbanks) Taylor. He grew up in Onigum and attended school in Walker. Following his schooling he worked at Brindleys Resort on Leech Lake, and in 1969 moved to Duluth and worked at the Duluth Arena where he helped in the set up and take down for events. He also spent many years in the twin cities working for Cleaning Systems, Inc., and as a driver for PPL Industries. In 2001 he returned to the Walker area and was a driver for the Leech Lake Public Health Service up until his death. He enjoyed fishing and cooking traditional foods, watching sports on television, and playing basketball. His family will remember his love for driving, and the

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joy he received from spending time with his grandchildren.

Carl is survived by his son Carl Taylor, Jr., daughter, Beverly Jean Villafuerte, grandchildren; Bernadette, Jessica, Brandon, Kyle, Eddie, Yolanda and Corey, brother, Joseph Taylor, nephew, Willie Jacobs, and numerous cousins.

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

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 24, 2009 at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Onigum with Fr. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating.

Interment was at St. Johns Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker is handled funeral arrangements.

DAVID BENJAMIN PAGEL

David Benjamin Pagel, Jr., 45, of Cass Lake died Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



David was not a religious man, he had his own beliefs about life. Per his wishes his family would like to invite his friends and coworkers for a memorial dinner on Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 3 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake to share memorials of David.

The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji assisted the family with arrangements. The family prefers memorials. Honorary casketbearers were all of his coworkers and friends.

He was born September 3, 1963 in Bemidji, MN the son of Karen (Sargent) and David Pagel, Sr. He lived in Minneapolis until 1978, when he moved to Cass Lake. He received his GED in 1980.

He received a Heavy Equipment Operation diploma in 1983 and his Engineer's license for Boilers Class C in 1998. In 2008, he was certified in HVAC combustion analysis, Residential burners and Gas Furnace Service and Carbon Monoxide.

He worked maintenance at the Leech

Lake Facility Center for 12 years and at Leech Lake Housing Authority since 2007. He enjoyed playing guitar and drums, spending time with his family, friends and grandchildren. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, loved the outdoors and working on cars.

He is survived by his daughters: Crystal Pagel Fuller of Cass Lake, Karen (Paul) Mix of Cass Lake, Amber Pagel of Cass Lake, Companion of 24 years: Connie Cox of Cass Lake, Mother: Karen Pagel of Pennington, Grandmother: Evelyn Sargent of Cass Lake, 2 grandchildren: Dylan and Mason Fuller, Step-grandson: Anthony Mix Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins

He was preceded in death by his father- David T. Pagel, brother- Michael Pagel, uncle- "Buzzy" Sargent and a nephew- Timothy Beaudreau.

TERRELL LEE WILSON

Terrell Lee Wilson, 17, of Ball Club, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

A funeral was held at 11 a.m. Friday at Ball Club Community Center. Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River is assisting the family with arrangement

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Open Continuous

FT/PT Cashier - Business Development - 8.25/hr - Job Code: 09-009
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How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or they can download an application and disclaimer from our website at www.llojibwe.com. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources - 115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633. You may also FAX your documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@LLOjibwe.com. Policy: Human Resources must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.



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Ages 16-19

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Camp Rabideau Conservation Academy and Learning Center Overview

Since 2007 the Rabideau Conservation Academy and Learning Center (CALC) has been working with Congressman Oberstar, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Congressman Collin Peterson and others to secure federal dollars to complete infrastructure upgrades and renovation of Camp Rabideau; to be used as an Academy for youth and young adults. Camp Rabideau is a former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp created by President Roosevelt in the 1930's as part of the nation's effort to climb out of the Great Depression. There were more than 4,500 CCC camps nationwide serving more than 3 million young men. Camp Rabideau is registered as a National Landmark, as the best preserved CCC camp in the United States. The Rabideau campus is located north of Bemidji near Blackduck, within the Chippewa National Forest and adjacent to the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. It includes a dozen buildings, more than 112 acres and two lakes.

Rabideau CALC, Inc. was recently incorporated as a non-profit to manage and operate Rabideau to serve youth and young adults in north central Minnesota by providing service learning and conservation focused public service programs. Its partners include the US Forest Service, four local Tribal Governments, three school districts, Minnesota Conservation Corps, youth service non-profits and others.

Efforts to secure construction dollars to upgrade the camps infrastructure through the USFS have been unsuccessful, primarily because of other priorities, such as forest fires out west and reduced funding to the USFS. The cost to upgrade Rabideau is \$1.3 million and would be managed and directed by the USFS regional office. Much of the construction work would be bid out to local contractors. The project is ready to begin construction upon receipt of funding. Congressman Oberstar included \$1.3 M for Rabideau in the stimulus package that will come to Minnesota from Washington.

Once Rabideau CALC has been upgraded for use on a year around basis, it will allow the CALC to leverage additional program funding from its partners to broaden its current seasonal programs to year around. The service learning programs Rabideau CALC operates will target low income families within a 75 mile radius of the camp. Participants earn a wage while performing service learning projects and are linked to new opportunities and pathways to post secondary education and jobs. The primary focus of the CALC is 16-25 year old young adults who are neither in the workforce nor in school. One of the goals is to reduce family poverty cycles and indirectly, reduce the social costs for local communities in dealing with juvenile crime, violence and out of home placement costs for children. These social costs have increased significantly in recent years and increase the tax burdens to local citizens.

This project will create construction jobs, permanent program based jobs, and leverage additional federal and private funding on a long term basis. It will directly and indirectly serve youth and young adults and reduce poverty driven social costs for communities within its service area. This project is "shovel ready" and construction can begin almost immediately.

Chippewa and Leech Lake: Working Together for a Cleaner Environment



Chippewa National Forest is in the unique position of its land base overlaying the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. With 90% of the Indian reservation affecting national forest management, the need for good relations and natural resource champions within tribal government is critical to maintaining resources for future generations.

The work of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe / Chippewa National Forest Dumpsite Clean Up Group is an outstanding example of positive impact, and support for forest management and sustainability in both the national forest and the Indian community. Their shared persistence to develop an inter-governmental agreement and education to residences and seasonal guests regarding the safe disposal of trash at approved solid waste collection stations demonstrates a mutual commitment to Protecting Ecosystems across Boundaries.

The problem of illegal dumping is widespread on the Chippewa National Forest and within the Leech Lake Reservation boundary. Not only does unsightly trash affect tourism and community behavior, it also increases health risks to humans when dump sites are near homes, wetlands and open water. The land shared by Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Reservation is nearly

half water and wetlands, including the headwaters of the Mississippi River and 3 of Minnesota's largest lakes. The household trash of today often contains toxic materials that can threaten wildlife, plant growth and even private water wells.

The first step to remedy the problem was to inventory the illegal dumps. This was done using a federal grant obtained by the Leech Lake Department of Resource Management (DRM) to identify illegal dumpsites within the reservation. Seventy-seven sites were found, many of which were on U.S. Forest Service, county or state land.

Leech Lake DRM staff brought these findings to the Forest Service to talk about the best way to work together and clean up the sites. The Forest Service, Leech Lake DRM and Leech Lake Public Works Agencies formed an alliance to encourage people not to throw trash in the forests as well as help clean up the

sites. Together, this newly formed group pinpointed the dump sites that posed the greatest risk to humans, those nearest homes, wetlands and open water. Tribal Chairmen George Goggeye and Forest Supervisor Rob Harper signed the Dumpsite Cleanup Agreement in June 2007 and again in June 2008.

The problem of illegal dumping is widespread and the group knew that to clean up the sites it would be better to focus their efforts in key locations and publicize those successful efforts. The challenges were building trust and understanding especially as staff changes occurred, educating both internal organizations of the problem's significance, establishing how to involve and educate people in nearby rural Indian communities, and establishing a system where old batteries, appliances, shingles and TV sets in ditches and clearings are brought to waste transfer sites for proper disposal.

Using a GIS map overlaying the illegal dumpsites, soil, wetlands, roads and communities, the two governments focused on jointly cleaning sites near three Indian communities: Inger, Bena and Ball Club. In 2007, twenty-one sites were cleaned up. In 2008, their focus is on the Mission Lake area and twenty sites are in the process of being cleaned. A database to track the sites is established. The agreement also includes cooperative law enforcement, site monitoring and rehabilitation, educating and providing outreach to residents and seasonal guests regarding the safe disposal of trash at approved solid waste collection stations. The sites cleaned up thus far have been on county, tribal and federal land.

Three entities worked persistently together to get this effort "on the ground": John Persell, environmental analyst for the Leech Lake DRM

and Don Headbird, supervisor of the Leech Lake Solid Waste Dept., and Jim Barott, Soil Scientist of Chippewa National Forest. The group has learned that by working together agencies can accomplish much more than by working alone. A seemingly overwhelming task became possible. The first clean up event took place August 10, 2007 and made a huge visual difference.

Through the actions of this group, future generations will benefit from a cleaner environment and from the new behaviors and cooperation practiced in this relationship.

Congress postpones digital TV transition to June

Congress voted Wednesday to delay the controversial transition to digital television to June 12th, 2009. If you are confused, confounded or just not ready for the switch to digital TV, you have nearly four more months to get ready.

Broadcasters have the option of transmitting both analog and digital signals for another four months.

The number of people totally unprepared for digital TV is concerning, but it is surprising who those people are. The youngest viewers - adults 35 and under - have done nothing. That's about 12 percent of that demographic. The Nielsen company found about seven percent of the 35 to 54 crowd unprepared as well. Among those 55 and older, less than three percent have procrastinated.

Nielsen figures about 6.5 percent of Minnesotans have yet to figure out the DTV connections. That's higher than the national average of about 5.5 percent.

Critics of the delay say it will confuse consumers even more. TV stations spent two years and millions of dollars getting ready for February 17th.



Don Headbird, Jim Barott, John Persell

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February 20 & 21, 2009

Leech Lake Early Childhood Complex, Cass Lake

Friday, February 20, 2009

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9:30-9:45 am: Morning Break
9:45-10:45 am: Mandated Reporting
10:45-11:45 am: Fire Safety

11:45-12:30 PM: Basic Nutrition with Lunch

12:30-3:30 PM: Child Passenger Safety
3:30-3:45 PM: Afternoon Break
3:45-4:15 PM: Sanitation/Infection Control

Saturday, February 21, 2009

9:00-4:00 PM: CPR & First-Aid

There is no registration fee for these trainings but we ask that you please register by Tuesday, February 17, 2009 as most training are limited to 15 people and will be cancelled if there are not at least three people registered.

For registration or more information on any training above, please contact Diane Smith at 800-551-0969 ext. 8344 or e-mail her at diane.smith@llojibwe.com

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