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MERRY CHRISTMAS



President Barack Obama met with Elouise Cobell. At the White House after Congress approved the settlement case that began in 1996. It is now up to the courts to decide and determine that the settlement if fair.

Secretary-Treasurer Report- December 2010

Dear Fellow Leech Lake Band Members:

Before I get into other portions of this report I want to take this opportunity to wish all tribal members a very happy, safe and prosperous holiday season. It is truly a season to give thanks for our many blessings of good health, family, friends and the wonderful land in which we live. I would also like to inform our Band members that at our Tribal Council meeting of Wednesday, November 24, 2010, I made a motion to approve the \$200 tax rebate to our Band members, which ultimately passed. As such, the tax rebate checks should be issued around December 15th. Again I would like to express my best wishes to all of our Band members for a very Happy Holiday Season.

As usual I will discuss some straight and hard issues of the current state of po-



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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman's Letter to the People December 2010

As we enter the holiday season and shortly the start of a new year I look back and see this year brought both good times and bad times. For the Band as a



Chairman LaRose

whole unfortunately, the reality is that the Band is in a financial deficit as I reported together with the Budget Team in the last edition of the Debahjimon. So the Tribal Council has had to make hard budgeting decisions. As we are all aware we have lots of needs for our limited financial resources.

One of the worst things the RBC is dealing with is the recent misappropriation of 2.4 million dollars. As all Band members are no doubt aware, Secretary Treasurer Bongo made the loan deal by himself and never brought the loan request to the RBC to consider. What do we do when one of the RBC members makes a secret deal with millions of tribal dollars?

Those of us elected RBC members, who did not know about the personal loan with Band funds, had the secret deal promptly investigated. We then turned the investigative report and

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Tribal Court's Joint Jurisdiction Work Recognized by Harvard Honoring Nations

In 2006, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court teamed up with Minnesota's 9th Judicial District-Cass County District Court to form a unique problem-solving court that was the first of its kind in the nation. This post-conviction, post-sentencing DWI Court was founded on the 10 principles of drug courts, and handles the cases of both tribal members and non-Indians. The Leech Lake-Cass County Wellness Court was made possible by a Joint Powers Agreement executed between

the judges of the two jurisdictions. This ground-breaking agreement allows the Courts to exercise their jurisdiction simultaneously, allowing the courts to more effectively and efficiently achieve their mutual goals of improving access to justice; administering justice for effective results; fostering public trust, accountability, and impartiality.

In February 2007, the official Leech Lake Tribal Flag was permanently installed in the courtroom of Cass County District Court Judge John P. Smith to memorialize the Joint Powers Agreement and the Wellness Court partnership. This historical event was attended by two Minnesota State Legislators; a Minnesota State Senator; a Minnesota Supreme Court Judge; and the Minnesota State Court Administrator.

On November 16, 2010 The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was one of ten tribal governments honored by Harvard's



(L to R) Bernadette Gotchie Health Division, Tribal Judge Korey Wahwassuck, Asst. Deputy Director Michael Jones, Deputy Director Leroy Fairbanks III

Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations (Honoring Nations) awards program. The Leech Lake Tribal Court's Joint Tribal-State Jurisdiction work was selected from a pool of 90 applications representing more than 68 tribes. The Honoring Nations program identifies, celebrates, and share exemplary tribal governance programs among the 560+ Indian nations in the United States. Hundreds of guests attended the Honoring Nations event, held in conjunction with the 68th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians. Leech Lake Tribal Judge Korey Wahwassuck accepted the award on behalf of the Band.

The success of the Leech Lake-Cass County Wellness Court was closely watched by other jurisdictions, and new partnerships have developed as a result. In April 2007 the 9th Judicial District Court - Itasca County in Grand Rapids, Minnesota went operational with its own Wellness Court after months of de-

velopment that included input from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Not only was tribal staff invited to participate in the planning stages, but Leech Lake Tribal Judge Korey Wahwassuck now regularly takes the bench alongside Itasca County District Court Judge John Hawkinson to preside over Wellness Court hearings. The judges are part of a multi-jurisdictional, multidisciplinary core team made up of representatives from Tribal, County, State and other agencies.

On February 22, 2008 Leech Lake Tribal Court Judges and Itasca County District Court signed a Joint Powers Agreement identical to that executed with Cass County. As part of the Itasca County Ceremony, Leech Lake Tribal Flags were installed in all three Itasca County Courtrooms.

Based at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Honoring Nations is administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. This is Honoring Nations' 12th year of awards. At each stage of the selection process applications are judged on the criteria of effectiveness, significance to sovereignty, cultural relevance, transferability, and sustainability. In addition to the awards, the Harvard Project prepares reports, case studies, and instructional materials based on the honorees' successes.

Leech Lake Health Care Initiative and Demonstration Project

An exciting new initiative has begun here at the Leech Lake Reservation. We have been chosen as one of five Tribes in the nation as Demonstration Project to develop a health care model toward improved health care delivery to Indians.

The United States Congress passed the Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization and Extension Act in 2009 and Leech Lake's Cass Lake I.H.S. health facility was listed as a "demonstration project" within the bill. This status provides the Band the opportunity and responsibility to develop plans for a new health care model and/or facility including developing new or expanded health programs for the Leech Lake Reservation.

There is an informational meeting scheduled regarding this initiative on Tuesday December 21, 2010 starting at 10:00 AM, at the Leech Lake Tribal College (Benny Tonce room). This first informational meeting is for the Band's division directors, managers and other key tribal personnel within the organization.

It will be the first in several community meetings that will inform the Leech Lake employees and constituents of the health care initiative. The LLBO has employed Roger Aitken, as a consultant to lead the project and if you have any questions relating to this meeting or project please contact him at: 218-760-0274 or rtaitken@arvig.net.

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other information over to the FBI. We also held a public meeting with the Band membership to get out the facts and to keep the people informed. We have also taken steps to try to recover as soon as possible the \$2.4 million.

As elected RBC members we have to make sure that our governing processes are followed, including the MCT Constitution, Band ordinances and resolutions. When any violations happen they need to be addressed, including ethical violations. If determinations conclude that the violations may be illegal or criminal as elected officials we have a sworn obligation to follow matters even to that level. In matters such as this the reality is that the facts will determine the violations and therefore the process that each violation triggers. And the final validation of the facts will determine the remedy or outcome for those involved.

As one of our elders reminded me politics is not pretty. That is true but neither does it have to be ugly. If as elected leaders we do our best for those we represent and make sure the services are provided and we watch out for our people, then politics and leadership can be rewarding. The fact is as elected leaders we have rules and procedures to follow and ethics to maintain. If we can work together, communicate and follow the rules we can do great things. But the slippery slope of self destruction starts when we forget who put us in these positions and what the rules are, or start to think the rules do not apply to us. They do.

The misappropriation of the \$2.4 million dollars and the large deficit has forced the Tribal Council to make some hard decisions. Thankfully the second \$3.5 million Enbridge came in early. This payment was not expected to come in until the end of December. We will use these funds to help cover program costs. This then freed up the tax money in time to get it out to the members before Christmas. The Tribal Council felt even if we are a little economically strapped we should give out the tax rebate because this is also a hard economic time for most of our band members.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011.

Chi Migwetch



Arthur "Archie" LaRose

ALL HEIRS TO ALLOTMENT LL 815 - GOVT Lot 6,
S1, T147N, R26W, 5th PM, Itasca County, Minnesota.,

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Bruce Bowstring	Emma Bowstring	Lily Gogleye
Elden Bowstring	Emily Dahl	Evelyn Bowstring
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Josephine Brown	Vicky Rabbit	Leslie Reece
Louis Bowstring	Marvin Bowstring	
Rose Bowstring Smith	Chelsey Durant	

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TAX REBATE DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leech Lake Tribal Council approved a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) tax rebate distribution on November 24, 2010, for Leech Lake Band Members turning eighteen (18) by November 30, 2010.

Distribution of checks is scheduled as follows:

ON RESERVATION MEMBERS: Friday, December 17, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

District I - Ball Club Community Center

December 17, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 18, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

District II - Bena Community Center

December 17, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

District III - Palace Casino Bingo Hall

December 17, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

December 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Northern Lights for the Walker/Onigum area

December 17, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Twin Cities - Twin Cities Office

December 17, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

December 18, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

OFF RESERVATION MEMBERS:

Checks will be mailed out on December 16, 2010.

Enrollment Deadline: Those turning eighteen by November 30, 2010.

Proof of identification will be required when picking up checks. Drivers license, Minnesota I.D., Tribal identification.

Checks reported as lost will have a 60-day waiting period before a new check can be issued. A \$20.00 stop payment fee will be assessed for each check.

Please contact your local post office if you suspect your check is lost in the mail. Do not call Accounting or the Tribal Office. The 60-day waiting period is in effect for lost mail.

On checks reported stolen, you will be required to utilize Law Enforcement. We expect to have a large volume of calls as well as applications so we would like to request your patience and understanding. We do our very best to serve you in a timely manner.

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litical affairs of the Leech Lake reservation as I see them. I believe and regret to report, that the Leech Lake reservation has reached another, in a historical series of sorrowful political events and now has reached a very serious crossroad. The coming months will ultimately determine the future direction of the Leech Lake Reservation. Either we are going to be progressive, proactive and move forward in a positive manner, which is going to require a complete change in how we conduct business on the Leech Lake Reservation, or we are going to subject ourselves to another decade of dysfunction that has sadly come to characterize the Leech Lake Reservation for the past ten years. We are all aware that constructive change does not come easy, especially within tribal communities, but come it must.

You have heard me suggest over the past 2-1/2 years that Leech Lake reservation is a sleeping economic giant in our region. Seldom in the recent past have we (LLBO) ever been in a financial situation where we have the resources and ability to LEND money for profit, rather than always being the borrower and debtor. Because of several recent financial developments, (Enbridge, etc.) the Band has received millions of dollars. It is the government's duty and responsibility and primarily me as the Secretary/Treasurer to protect, advance, and strengthen those resources whenever possible. We have received an estimated \$8M of the Enbridge funds, that was transferred to our Western Bank accounts in Cass Lake, MN receiving less than 1 percent interest. To anyone who has ever invested funds, this is a crazy.

Many of you have heard countless rumors and stories of the recent Moondance Jam, Inc. investment & loan transaction made by the LLBO. Like any other issue, please remember, there are always two sides to every story. The needless and costly David L. Lillehaug (Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.) report is one side of the story. In this report, I will offer my personal side of the story.

For your information, David L. Lillehaug, was the former Minnesota US Prosecuting Attorney that made his name fighting Indians in MN and putting some of our local former tribal officials behind bars in the 1990's.

The Moondance agreement's main points are as follows: \$2.4M loan at 8 % annual interest for seven years. As the loan carries through, it will net a profit to the LLBO of an estimated \$850,000. This compares to an estimated \$19,000 it would have made in the Cass Lake Bank for the same amount of time. On a side note, we may need this investment to pay Lillehaug's estimated \$200,000 for his report he will bill the Band.

This agreement was designed to 1. make the Reservation money 2. solidify a long standing profitable business relationship that we have had with Moondance Jam for years now, and 3. develop and improve community relations between the Indian and non-Indian communities surrounding the Reservation. As I've said time and again: if we are to be successful economically and socially we must learn to work successfully and in partnership with the surrounding communities.

I believe that by utilizing our buying power locally we can ignite continued economic growth and development in the Indian and non-Indian communities by recycling our money locally. Other's philosophy seems to be to keep the reservation isolated, and not interacting with the surrounding communities. While

people are quick to point fingers, I ask you this: what has been done in the past decade to bring Leech Lake into a position of economic leadership in this area? Nothing. Our past is one of conflict, chaos, recall elections, and dysfunction. This is no way to lead. This sends the wrong message to our people, our children, our neighbors, Congress, and the State Legislature.

Some would have you believe that the recent report issued by Dave Lillyhaug, is gospel truth. While the reality is that, this report is one man's subjective opinion that arrives at the conclusions, which he was paid to arrive at. Someone has paraphrased certain segments of the report to support these subjective findings, and I offer this: the devil is in the details of the report which clearly state that 1. NO ONE, profited from this personally, and 2. that the evidence in the report does not support David Lillyhaug's personal opinion.

I have requested a copy of Lillyhaug's bill which he has refused to share with me. However, Chairman LaRose indicated at the November Public meeting that the bill was

\$67,000 total. My additional question is: why is it that David Lillyhaug has only shared his bill with one Council member? David Lillyhaug purports to work for the full council yet he is only willing to share his bill with one member of the Council. Interesting. A review of the full report supports my claim that the evidence does not support the conclusions.

Recently, our Executive Director and Legal Director were fired without so much as one single chance to explain their side of the story. This report totally exonerates Eric Lochen and yet he was still terminated. Why? This decision is yet another clear example of how not thinking through the long term implications and consequences of our decisions ultimately could cost the Leech Lake Reservation millions of dollars.

As I said the decision to fire Eric Locken could end up costing the band \$1.225M (which is what the State owes us through our cigarette agreement, and Mr. Locken was working on recouping for the Band, however there is a limited window for doing so). This also leaves the new State tax agreement up in the air. This has put our ability to recapture this money in serious jeopardy. Rather than deal with the business at hand we are set to suffer through yet another round of our leaders dragging the Leech Lake Reservation through the mud publicly once again.

Facts I Would Ask Our Band Members to Consider:

At the last public meeting it was said that because of this 2.4 million dollar investment that we can't afford the Cost of Living Raises for our government employees. This directly speaks to the wrong way of doing business. The Enbridge moneys are one time funds. By infusing this money into our operating budget we are increasing our long term costs without having the long term revenue to meet those costs.

With the changes in the recent State elections we now have a state legislature who is looking to expand and open gaming statewide. If this happens it is going to have a serious and potentially devastating impact on our gaming operation and especially our gaming revenue. Again, this is one of the reasons that it was vital to do the Moondance Jam investment. It showed that the Band is willing to invest in neighboring communities and local economies. Like it or not the Leech

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Lake Reservation is a major contributor to the regional rural economy. Let me pose this question to you, where do we make our money? We make it from the surrounding non-Indian communities who support our casinos. This is a classic example of how working with these communities can have a positive long term impact on our economy, political gain, and social harmony. Hiring Zenas Baer to recoup this money from the Moondance Jam Inc. WILL have an adverse effect on our gaming revenue, and our relationship with the residents of Walker MN, which is where our flag-ship operation (Northern Light Casino) is located, not to mention a large number of Band members make their home.

An additional point that seems to fall on deaf ears is: when is the last time the Leech Lake Reservation had 2.4 million dollars to invest? Rather than find fault, we need to realize that having this money to invest is a good problem to have. We also will have more money to invest in the coming days and this speaks to what I've been saying since I took office. If we do things the right way we can move forward and awaken the sleeping economic giant. We should be thankful that we have the money to make these kinds of investments. Again this investment will make the Leech Lake Reservation over \$850,000 in interest compared to the \$19,000 it would have earned sitting in Western Bank in Cass Lake at .008% interest. You cannot argue with these numbers.

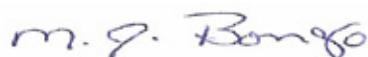
We need to understand that once this money is spent, it is gone forever. By spending it as soon as we get it we receive no residual economic benefit from it. If we continue to do this the Leech Lake Reservation is never going to get ahead financially.

While I'm trying to make the Band money and work in partnership and establish good will locally, some of my colleagues are frivolously wasting money on white attorneys and their outrageous fees to somehow prove wrong doing for purely political purposes in order to discredit me and win political favor for themselves.

There is a reason I ran for Secretary Treasurer. I have over 30 years experience in organizational and financial management. I have a plan to progressively move our Reservation forward in a positive direction which includes working in partnership with our neighboring non-Indian communities to ensure economic, social, and political prosperity for all of our communities.

I have always believed that if you are not part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem. Not once have I heard any constructive ideas or solutions from any of my colleagues regarding their plan to move Leech Lake forward.

Thank you all very much for your time and patients. It is a real honor serving as your Secretary Treasurer and I will keep doing the things that will ensure our stability both financially and socially. I wish you all a safe and fun holiday season.



Michael J. Bongo
Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE Summary of Job Openings

Closing December 17th, 2010

Tribal Police:

Police Officer • \$16.50/hr • Job Code: 10-168

Reservation Services Division:

Custodial- Bena • Job Code: 10-167

Administration Division:

TEP Community Supervisor- Sugar Pt • Job Code: 10-166

Education Division:

ECD Cook- Cass Lake • Job Code: 10-157

Open Until Filled

Education Division:

ECD Family Service Advocates • Bena, MN • Job Code: 10-020

Health Division:

Behavioral Health Provider • Job Code: 10-075
Behavioral Health Case Manager • Job Code: 10-039

Full Job Descriptions available at <http://www.llojibwe.org>

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You may request a complete job description for any position listed. All positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated). All positions DOQ unless otherwise noted.

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at www.llojibwe.org. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to:

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe HR
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

You may also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@LLOjibwe.com. LLBO Policy: HR 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.

Obituaries

MELINDA JEAN FAY

Melinda Jean Fay, 38, of Bemidji died Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at her home in Bemidji.

Memorial Services will be at 10:30 am, Saturday, December 4,

2010 at the Cass Lake Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. John Rock and Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiating. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji assisted the family with arrangements.

She was born on May 1, 1972, in Denver, CO, the daughter of Dennis and Georgia (Goose) Fay. She was raised and educated in Denver, until the age of 12 when her family moved to Lancaster, Wisconsin. She graduated High School in Lancaster, and moved to Bemidji. She worked as a personal care attendant and volunteered her time at the People's Church cooking, and helping out the church goers. She enjoyed singing, beadwork, animals especially cats, and loved children. She was kindhearted, always happy, and was an excellent listener. She enjoyed and loved her Native American heritage.

She is survived by her: her mother, Geor-



gia Fay of Bemidji, Father, Dennis (Rosemary) Fay of Shingle Springs, CA, Brother, Mitchel Fay of Bemidji, Step-Sisters, Rachel (Roy) Pederson of Modesto, California Noel Fay of Woodland, California. Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. A lot of special relatives who cared about her who are too numerous to name.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, and her brother Michael Fay.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Mitchel Fay, Michael Goose, Kevin Mainville, Yvette Mesarina, John Goose, Jeff Goose Sr., Jeffrey Goose Jr., Donavon Goodman, Melinda's Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, and friends.

Messages of condolence may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

PEGGY SMITH

Peggy Lynn Smith, "Mashkwijiwan," which means Strong Whirlpool, age 48, of Bemidji, MN entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji with her family by her side.

She was born January 10th, 1962 in Cass Lake, MN to Phillip and Clara Smith.

Peggy's favorite pastimes were spending time outdoors, gardening, fishing and riding around listening to music with her life partner Mike Porter. She also loved watching TV, especially the E! channel. Her favorite shows were: "Kendra," "Keeping up With the Kardashians," and "Family Guy." She enjoyed shopping, especially at garage sales.

Most of all she loved spending time with her five grandchildren: Jerzi, Julea, Jiselle, Ohiya and Aiyanna, doing crafts and teaching them our old traditional ways.

She was preceded in death by the father of her four children: Edgar "Duane" Archambault, Jr.; her father Phillip Smith, Sr.; son: Edgar Duane Archambault, III; brother: Phillip Smith, Jr.; sisters: Wanda and Rebecca Smith.

Peggy is survived by her mother Clara Smith of Bena, her life partner Mike Porter of Bemidji, daughters Rebecca Smith of Bemidji, Heather Smith of Mpls, Clarice Archambault of Bena, brothers Michael Smith of St Cloud, Darwin Jones of Mpls, Gary Smith of Bemidji, sisters Rooney Kingbird of Cass Lake, Jackie Sam of Mpls, Bonita Desjarlais of Bena, Ruth Anne Smith of Bena, Thelma Smith of Cass Lake, numerous nieces and nephews other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers: Phillip DelaPaz, Theodore DeFoe, Mikeal Archambault, Vincent Brown, Bryan Archambault, Gerald St. John, Travis Brown, Petey Jones, Jeff Brown, Bijah Brown, Jason Brown and Joe LeBlanc.

Honorary Pallbearers: Brenda "Binky" Smith, Lurinda Defoe, Angela Carrier, Judy "Dodo" Fairbanks, Sharlene "Towie" Seelye, Tina Smith, & Corrine Goose.

Chilson Funeral Home of Winsted, MN assisted the family.

RAYMOND "SLIVERS" STAPLES

Raymond "Slivers" John Staples, 97, of Bemidji died Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the Havenwood Care Center.



Funeral Services will be 11:00 am, Friday, December 10, 2010 at the

St. Charles Catholic Church in Cass Lake, MN with Father Kuriakose Nediakala officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at the Pine Grove cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born on December 29, 1912, the son of James and Mary (Beaulieu) Staples, in Beaulieu, MN. He grew up there with his 9 siblings. He attended school at St. Joseph Catholic School, and later Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota. After attending school he moved to Michigan and began work at Packard Motor Company, later he worked for Whitehead and Kayle in Wyandot, Michigan, a steel fabricating company. Because of his love for boating and water activities he later worked part time for a boat manufacturing business. During that time he married, and raised his son Ron. He was later married on February 23, 1974 to Barbara. They eventually moved with his son Ron to Bemidji in July of 1981. He enjoyed boating, fishing, spending summers at the cabin on Cass Lake, and making apple pies for family and friends. He also loved children, and having them around. Often he and Barbara took care of many children

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while their parents enjoyed fishing. He was privileged to watch many grow into adulthood, they in turn enjoyed the fun of riding the pontoon boat and water skiing.

He is survived by : his wife, Barbara of Bemidji, MN Sister, Eunice of Illinois, Son, Ron (Sue) Velthoven, and their children: 3 Grandchildren, Jay and his wife Wendy, Aaron and his wife Amy, And Lindsay, all of Michigan; Son, Ron Staples of Stevens Point, Wisconsin Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, 4 brothers, and 4 sisters.

WILBUR ROCK

Wilbur "Pud" Jay Rock, 58 of Cass Lake, MN died Monday, November 29, 2010 at St. Olaf Health Care Center in Minneapolis, MN.



Funeral Services will be 9:30 am, Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake will begin on Thursday at the Veteran's Memorial Building and go until the time of service on Saturday. Interment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born June 24, 1952 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Thomas O. and Cecelia M. Rock. His warm wonderful smile, kind and generous spirit will be missed by his friends and family. He was raised in Cass Lake. He moved to the cities in the early 1970's. He worked as a machine operator for many years until he found a job delivering produce to grocery stores up until he retired in 2002. He enjoyed spending time with his family at picnics and gathering, hanging out with his friends and attending sporting events.

He is survived by his son: B r a n d o n (Becky) Rock His brothers: Gerald (Betty Lou) Rock of Dover, DE, Eugene Rock of Bemidji, MN, His sisters: R. Patricia Wenell of Minneapolis, MN, Valeria (Jerome) Meneely of Bemidji, MN, Elsie

Jutila of Ramsey, MN, Virginia (Richard) Henely of Phoenix, AZ And many beloved nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Thomas and sister Juanita Rock.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Eugene Rock, Stanley Rock, Jared Rock, Cody Krone and Gerald Rock.

Active Casketbearers will be Lenny Seelye, Vernon Lyons, Tom Whipple, Paul Wenell, Larry Robinson, Vince Rock, Vern Johnson and Tim Jutila.

Messages of condolence may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.



An entrepreneur is defined as someone who is willing to assume the responsibility, risk and rewards of starting and operating a business.



First Entrepreneur Training Class Held

The first class of the five classes in the Tribal Development's Entrepreneur Training had 28 participants who came ready to develop their business concepts. Discussions included what products they would offer for sale, their prospective customers, their competition, the effectiveness of e-commerce, financial resources, target markets which included Leech Lake's reservation programs and Leech Lake Gaming.

The topics for the December 14 and 21 classes will be about how to develop a marketing strategy using the 4 p's of marketing: product, price, place, promotion.

The topics for the December 28 and January 4 classes will be about how to define your operations, management, and financial strategies. How you will set up your shop. who you will hire to work for you, what their skills would be, how will your legal and accounting needs be addressed, etc. Participants will develop their sales forecast, operating budget, three year income statement and cash flow.

If you missed the first class, call 335-8266 or send an email to theresa.flocken@llojibwe.org to get a copy of the workbook to join in for the next three classes, to be held at the Palace Casino Hotel's Birch Room, Tuesdays, December 14, 21, 28, and January 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

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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 and Dog Ordinance, 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 6th day of December 2010.

APPEARANCE DATE: Defendant	January 04, 2011, at 2:00 AM Case No.	Charge and Date
Rhonda F. Bunker	TR-10-090	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/09/2010
Autumn R. Cambron	TR-10-083	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 06/01/2010
Emerejirdo D. Carmona	TR-10-091	Driving After Suspension Failure to Use a Seatbelt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 06/14/2010
Emerejirdo D. Carmona	TR-10-120	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 07/31/2010
Clifford L. Croaker	TR-10-071	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Floyd R. Desjarlais	TR-10-059	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit Occurring On: 05/20/2010
Benjamin G. Fairbanks	TR-10-074	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Jayme R. Finn	TR-10-066	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/27/2010
Jacob L. Headbird	TR-10-055	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 05/19/2010
Jordan T. Headbird	TR-10-080	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/03/2010
Jason D. Howard	TR-10-050	Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 05/13/2010
Justin R. Howard	TR-10-096	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 06/06/2010
Justin R. Howard	TR-10-131	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 08/08/2010
Tara R. Jones	TR-10-082	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/30/2010
Delma L. Kingbird	TR-10-122	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 08/05/2010
Cody S. Seelye	TR-10-114	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner

Driving

APPEARANCE DATE: Defendant	January 11, 2011, at 2:00 PM Case No.	Charge and Date
Autumn L. Harper-Tanner	TR-10-053	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 05/19/2010 No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/18/2010
Dustin D. White	TR-10-062	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/25/2010
Darlene M. Wind	TR-10-061	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seat Belt Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/24/2010
Marcelia K. Brown	TR-10-094	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/26/2010
Sue A. Brown	TR-10-075	Failure to Use a Seat belt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Kayla R. Fisher	TR-10-097	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/21/2010
Kayla R. Fisher	TR-10-126	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 08/14/2010
Bobbie J. Hislaw	TR-10-100	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/27/2010
Joseph E. Isham	TR-10-133	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 08/18/2010
Elizabeth C. Jones	TR-10-089	Driving After Suspension Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 06/12/2010
Terrance L. Jones, Jr.	TR-10-078	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/04/2010
Rikki L. Larsen	TR-10-125	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 08/11/2010
Tonya L. Luna	TR-10-086	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/06/2010
Rozanna M. Roy	TR-10-132	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 08/08/2010
Sharlene R. Roy	TR-10-073	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 05/28/2010
Jonathan C. White	TR-10-088	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/14/2010
Connie E. Whitebird	TR-10-077	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 04/30/2010
Raymond K. Wittner	TR-10-084	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 06/04/2010
Lowell R. Fisher	TR-10-069	Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 05/29/2010
Dana M. Jackson	TR-10-159	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 10/13/2010
Nena L. Lovelace	TR-10-145	Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Control Light Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 09/09/2010
Ronald J. Staples	TR-10-137	Depositing Non-Hazardous Material on Road -way Occurring On: 08/24/2010
Cheryl A. Whitebird	TR-10-144	Failure to Use a Seat Belt/Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 09/16/2010

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

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

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

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

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

/S/ Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: December 21, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Butcher, Miranda Dawn	DO-10/01	Smith, Patrick Theodore	TR-10-35
Carmona, Emerejirdo Duane	DO-08-08	Staples, Joann Bobolink	TR-10-17
Jacobs, Leah Renee	TR-10-16	Wade, Myra Faith	TR-10-68
Littlewolf, Freda Mae	TR-10-18	Whitebird, Connie Elaine	TR-10-27
Paquette, David John, Jr.	TR-09-172		

APPEARANCE DATE: January 18, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.
Lagarde, Marty D.	TR-04-724
Mellado, Gloria Jean	TR-09-51
Seelye, Cody Shane	TR-10-13
Smith, Travis Lee	TR-10-22

APPEARANCE DATE: February 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.
Donovan, Rowa John	TR-10-02
Fairbanks, Benjamin Geo.	TR-10-30
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-10-25
H.C.P. (Minor Child)	TR-10-12
Pauline Johnston (parent)	
Swan, Cynthia Cleo	TR-08-104

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Judicial Code, Part VI, Sections 3 & 4, and Leech Lake Conservation Code, Chapter V, Section 51.03(2):

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. 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.
- b. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/S/ Joseph Plumer, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: January 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Defendant	Case No.
Applebee, Daniel Allen	CN-02-128

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Allison Rogers and any man who may claim parental rights to the child,
M. R. J., DOB: 8/17/2009.
Court File No. CP-09-97

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 9-16-2010, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on February 7, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

TEP, Energy Assistance & Beltrami Electric Team Up to Save Energy



The Leech Lake Temporary Employment Program has teamed up with Leech Lake Energy Assistance Program and Beltrami Electric to provide a free service to eligible Beltrami Electric customers. The goal is to implement ways to save energy. The Power Savers Conservation Program with the assistance of TEP Program will be coming into your home, with a scheduled appointment; and installing 8 compact fluorescent lamps, new shower head, kitchen and bath aerators and water heater turndown. This is a total savings of 1842 kWh (per unit) and just shows you ways to save energy and lowering your utility bill, each kit installed into your home with (energy saving devices) is a total value of approximately \$50.00, plus free labor!!!!

This work project has given our day laborers experience, work skills and ethics, temporary job placement at the TEP Program, and opportunity to open doors for our (Leech Lake) program. Eventually, from this working relationship, we can renew contracts next year, work with energy pro-

grams and electric companies. Some of the summer/Spring projects such as brushing for Chippewa National Forest, Providing laborers Cass Forest Products, Labor to various programs, Tree Removal, yard clean up, Illegal Dumpsite clean-up, weatherization, garbage removal, a partnership with gaming Security at Northern Lights Event Center all summer, painting, surveys for well and septic, grave digging, partnerships with funeral homes, Pow Wow Security, Event Set-up and clean-up, driving for programs, Wood Vending to our elderly/disabled and public, Clerical pool, computer training opportunities at Bemidji OIC, GED, drivers license testing, these are just a few things we accomplished.

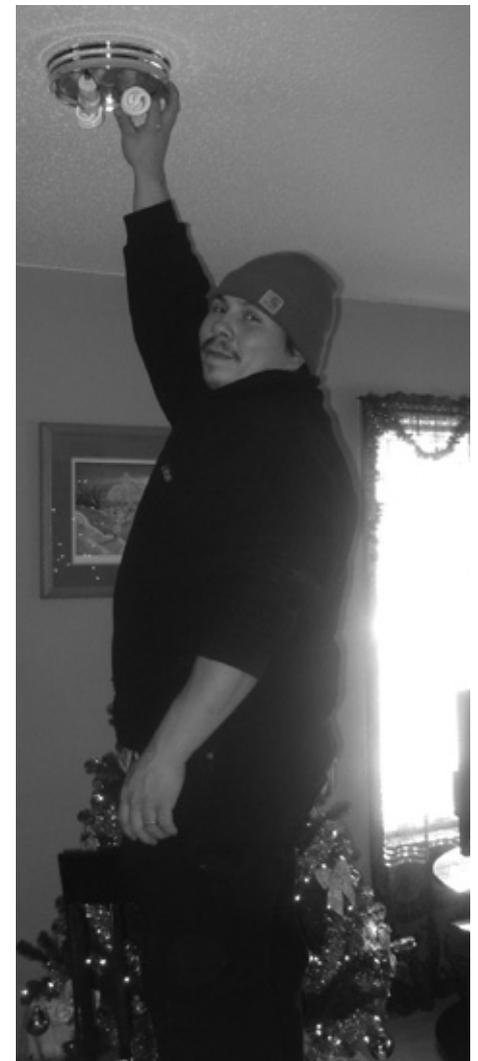
Our program is not rich with money, we are rich with pride and showing this program is a success and that it is a "hand up, not a hand out!" for all of us who work here at Temporary Employment Program!

I am trying to obtain our 8a certification that will benefit us for con-

tracting with the government. Also, I sent a video of this program, to promote it to the other Tribes (White Earth, Red Lake, Boise Forte) and my goal was to let them know the needs of all other band members who are willing to work, how this program is effective and can help everyone go to work! To us, it's a win win situation! This is a goal for everyone to achieve and help their band members succeed

I am very proud of our program, and all of us work hard in each community for our elderly/disabled, our people, and our programs. I see this program going towards a new direction in all ways to help our people and to create jobs! I want to say a big "Thank you" to everyone (Day Laborers and TEP Staff) and to our elders and people, have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! There will be more things to come from TEP in the future and it is bright!

Migwitch!
Janice Gale



Holidays are a time for celebration!

By Rita Schuldt
Dietitian
Health Division

When entertaining friends and family and cooking up a storm, it is easy to forget food safety. Please keep in mind the following tips to keep food poisoning from putting a damper on your party by making you, your family or your guests from getting very sick.

- Keep buffet foods safe by ensuring that hot foods stay hot and cold foods stay cold. When possible use sternos, chafing dishes, warming trays, or crock pots to keep hot food at or above 140 degrees.
- Place leftover turkey, roasts, stuffing, sauces and casseroles in refrigerator immediately after the meal and before dessert.
- Eat leftovers within 3-4 days. Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees.
- Before placing in refrigerator divide large amounts of food into smaller containers less than 4 inches in depth.
- Put extra food in the fridge within 2 hours.
- Ice is a good way to make sure that the temperature of cold foods remains at or below 40 degrees.
- Foods on a buffet can be kept cold by placing food dishes in larger bowls of ice.
- For party trays purchased at the supermarket, remove the lid and fill the lid with ice. Put the tray on top.
- Rather than serve food from one large platter, arrange food on several small platters. Refrigerate platters of food until it is time to serve, and rotate food platters within two hours.
- Follow the two hour rule! Chill leftovers within two hours.
- Use separate cutting or chopping boards for meats and for fruits/vegetables.
- Avoid putting cooked food on cutting boards that have touched raw food.
- Keep raw food away from vegetables and side dishes that will not be cooked.
- Stuffing the turkey is not recommended, cook the stuffing separate. If you need to stuff the turkey DO NOT stuff until right before putting the turkey in the oven.

New Year's Eve Hot Seat Drawings

Friday December 31st 8 pm - 1 am

Random Hot Seat Drawings Held one per hour from 8 pm - Midnight Each Winning \$211!

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

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Family Division

In Re the Marriage of:

Janice Martin Salazar,
Petitioner,
and

Marco Antonio Leyba Salazar,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. FA-10-47

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above named has filed a legal action against you, Marco Antonio Leyba Salazar, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, upper level, on or before February 25, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., a default judgment for dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: November 3, 2010.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Civil Division

Leech Lake Reservation Housing
Authority,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Fred Boswell,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-07-04

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 5, 2007, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the property located at Leech Lake Housing Authority Unit #0096, Federal Dam, Minnesota. A Review Hearing will commence on Friday, February 25, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of eviction from the above-referenced premises.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a resolution of this matter. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Eviction, a stay on the Writ of Restitution, and return of possession of the property to the Leech Lake Housing Authority.

DATED: December 12, 2010.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

Youth Division and Local LIC Bringing Kids Together

Kids of all ages gathered Saturday October 30th at the Inger community center to make blankets, passed out candy, and they had a little feast to celebrate the holiday weekend. The evening was sponsored by the Inger Local Indian Council and the Leech Lake Youth Division. Organizers were Melissa Bowstring, Dorothy Robinson, and Donna Cloud as well as a few parents from the community.

There will be another gathering of youth on December 20th for the kids as well as a holiday feast, games, crafts, and more. For more information call Donna Cloud at: 218-760-1914.





Department of Veterans Affairs and Indian Health Service Sign



Memorandum of Understanding

WASHINGTON (Nov. 16, 2010)- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and The Indian Health Service (IHS) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which will help both agencies improve the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Veterans. The IHS-VA MOU outlines a new plan for enhanced coordination, collaboration, and resource-sharing that will draw on the strengths and expertise of the two agencies.

“This memorandum of understanding is a renewal of the important partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Indian Health Service. It represents VA’s commitment to American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans through associations with the Indian Health Service and tribal facilities throughout the nation,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The partnership further expands VA’s capability to serve those Veterans within their communities and provides increased access for Veterans in extremely rural areas.”

The MOU will facilitate greater innovation at the local level between IHS, tribal, urban, and VA programs. While recognizing the importance of a coordinated effort on a national scope, the MOU also emphasizes the necessity and importance of tribal consultation for local adaptation.

This will be accomplished by increasing available services, improving the delivery of care by sharing programs, developing new models of care using the latest technologies, providing culturally competent care for beneficiaries, and increasing the quality of care through training and workforce development.

“This MOU between the IHS and VA provides a firm foundation for collaboration to meet the needs of the AI/AN Veterans who have served our nation,” said Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, IHS director. “It is an important step forward in our work to better serve all American Indian and Alaska Native people.”

In addition, this agreement will address joint emergency, disaster, and pandemic preparedness and response planning. Implementation Work Groups will be established to address each of the main goals outlined in the MOU. An annual progress report will be produced by the VA and the IHS. The VA and the IHS are now organizing workgroups to make progress on implementing elements in the MOU as soon as possible to benefit veterans.

The MOU expands the partnership initially established through a previous MOU in 2003 that improved communication between the agencies and tribal governments, and developed strategies for sharing information, services, and information technology.

The MOU can be viewed at:

<http://www.ihs.gov/announcements/documents/3-OD-11-0006.pdf>

Leech Lake Public Transit Coming Soon

By Chris Haugene

With the bulk of services provided to Band members located in Cass Lake, transportation has been a problem for people who live in the more remote areas of the Leech Lake Reservation for decades. The problem of centralized programs and services especially hits the elderly, handicapped, and our kids the hardest.



While certain community centers do offer services such as health care and Head Start (some on a limited basis) the vast majority of community centers have yet to open their doors for things other than LIC meetings and special events.

This problem could be coming to an end with the advent of the

Leech Lake Public Transit System. Public transit has been in the works for what seems like years here at Leech Lake, but now things are coming on line. Recently, three transit busses have been purchased and are slated to be delivered early next year. Policies and procedures regarding cost(s), routes, times, and headquarters location are still being decided.

This service will also create at least three jobs. Initially two drivers and an administrative assistant will be required to get the system up and running. There is a transit project meeting taking place at the DQ building (dilly bars not included) before Christmas. All interested parties should contact Frank Bowstring: 1-877-777-1560 for more information.

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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning is Tragic and Preventable

By Chris Haugene

Last winter on January 30, the Bois Forte Band Lost one of their members that lived in the Bemidji area. Colleen Donald Jennings, the daughter of Gary and Joanne Donald of Vermilion passed away due to complications from carbon monoxide poisoning at her home in Bemidji Minnesota. The cause was a furnace malfunction. Colleen's children Emma and Gary were also affected and required hospitalization as well as the EMT's and the police officers who responded to the emergency call. The home's 32 year old furnace was found by investigators to have had a hairline fracture that exploded in its firebox, and the family was quickly overcome by high levels of carbon monoxide when the furnace turned on that morning.

Following this tragedy, the Bois Forte Tribal Council responded by requesting collaboration from several departments to try to protect its band members. Various departments' furnaces were inspected and funds were pooled to purchase combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that can kill. Every year over 200 people in the United States die from carbon monoxide produced by fuel burning appliances and several thousand people require emergency medical care due to high doses. It is important to be aware that any fuel burning appliance in your home is a potential source of carbon monoxide. It is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that can overwhelm its victims very quickly and incapacitate them. Room heaters, space heaters, furnaces, charcoal grills, ranges, water heaters, wood stoves, kerosene heaters, and automobiles in an enclosed garage can all be sources of carbon monoxide in your home.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu, minus a fever. People experience dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing as a result of exposure to carbon monoxide. If these symptoms improve when you leave your home and return when you go back home you may have Carbon monoxide poisoning. If you think you are experiencing any of these symptoms get fresh air immediately. Open windows and doors for more ventilation, turn off any combustion appliances and leave the house. Call the fire department to report your symptoms. It is also important to contact a doctor for a proper

diagnosis. Make sure to tell your doctor that you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning is responsible for your symptoms.

Editor's note:

The Debahjimon would like to thank Kevin Koski from the Bois Forte Environmental Department for sharing his article regarding carbon monoxide poisoning with us. We would also like to offer our most heart felt condolences to Colleen's family, and thank her daughter Emma for a wonderful picture of her, and to Colleen's very special friend(s) who helped the family through this terrible tragedy. S.H.



Sales Tax Facts

<http://www.taxes.state.mn.us>

The following information will help to explain how sales tax applies to Indian tribal governments and individual tribal members.

Sales to individual tribal members

Sales made off the reservation to an individual Indian are taxable. Sales made on a reservation are subject to sales tax only if the Department of Revenue has entered into an agreement with the tribal government. There are agreements with nine of the tribal governments that specify that Minnesota sales tax is collected and remitted on sales made on the reservations. This is true whether the sale is made by a non-Indian, an individual member of the tribe, or the tribe itself. If a sale is taxable off the reservation, it is also taxable when made on the reservations listed below. Sales tax that is collected on these reservations is remitted to the Department of Revenue and a portion is later returned to the tribal governments based on each tribe's agreement.

Bois Forte Chippewa Reservation, Nett Lake, Fond du Lac Chippewa Reservation, Cloquet, Grand Portage Chippewa Reservation, Grand Portage, Leech Lake Chippewa Reservation, Cass Lake, Lower Sioux Reservation, Morton*, Mille Lacs Chippewa Reservation, Vineland*, Shakopee Mde-wakanton Sioux Reservation, Prior Lake**, Upper Sioux Reservation, Granite Falls*, White Earth Chippewa Reservation, White Earth

Exceptions

*Telephone service, natural gas, LP gas, electricity, and heating oil are exempt.

** Telephone service, natural gas, LP gas, electricity, and heating oil are exempt; building materials purchased by tribal members and delivered onto the reservation for use by the members on the reservation are exempt.

Sales to tribal governments

All eleven tribal governments and any businesses owned by the tribal governments may buy or lease goods, services, and vehicles either on or off the reservation for their own use exempt from sales tax. A purchase order, payment voucher, or work order showing the tribal government is the purchaser, or an exemption letter to the tribal government from the Department of Revenue is sufficient evidence of exemption.

In addition, construction contractors may buy building materials exempt from sales tax if the construction contract is with a tribal government and the contract is for work performed on the reservation.

Vehicles

Sales. Vehicles that require licensing to drive on Minnesota roads are not taxable when sold to members of any Minnesota reservation (all eleven reservations) if both of the following conditions are met:

- the purchaser lives on the reservation and
- the sale occurs on the reservation. A sale occurs on the reservation if papers are signed on the reservation, payment is made on the reservation, or the vehicle is delivered to the purchaser on the reservation.

Leases and rentals. Leases or rentals entered into by members of the nine tribes listed in the box at left are subject to the same tax that applies off the reservation to non-Indians.

This fact sheet is a tax information bulletin intended to help you become more familiar with Minnesota tax laws and your rights and responsibilities under the tax laws. Nothing contained in this fact sheet supersedes, alters, or otherwise changes any provisions of the Minnesota tax laws, administrative rules, court decisions, or revenue notices.

Oak Point Community Gets New Community Water Control System

By John Fairbanks, Tribal Engineer

The Leech Lake Tribal Engineering office recently completed a new Community Water Control System for the Oak Point Community. A similar system is scheduled for the Old Agency Community next construction season.

Several of our smaller community water systems are controlled by an antiquated control system known as a "Tubbs" unit. A Tubbs control system is little more than a buried pressure tank which requires constant monitoring and maintenance to maintain sufficient system pressure. To complicate this situation, most of our present Tubbs units are approaching the end of their expectant life time. Rusting through is the main life ending problem with these units.

The Oak Point Community received a Variable Frequency Drive Control System and Pump to replace the present Tubbs unit. Better known as a VFD, this system will operate more efficiently and require less "hands on" maintenance.

This project was made possible through a grant issued by the EPA and administered by the IHS Minnesota District Engineering office.





**JOB OPENINGS
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Position Title: Director of Financial Aid

Primary Function: Oversees student financial aid programs in accordance with federal/state laws and regulations guidelines. This position is directly responsible for ensuring the timely and accurate disbursement of all LLTC student financial aid funds. Requirements: Master degree in related field preferred. Bachelor's degree required and five years experience managing a student finance process within an education environment desired, or an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Position Title: Adjunct Math Instructor

Primary Function: Instructors are expected to teach the contracted number of credits per semester. Requirements: A Master's in disciplined area is required and/or having a minimum of 18 graduate hours in discipline will be considered. Candidates should have experience teaching at the college or university level and be able to teach courses at all appropriate levels particularly developmental math.

Visit our website at www.lltc.edu for more information. Send LLTC application and resume to: Human Resources Director, Leech Lake Tribal College, PO Box 180 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone 218-335-4289

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us the books. They
were really good.
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LeRoy Wesley Dylah Maddox
Jameson Angeline Breaanne Isaac Trenton
Que launh Scotty Kyra Josie H
Jessica
Clarissa Tianna Jada base
Josephine A
Tahj Leann
Brian

Thanks for the
books! The kids
loved them.
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