Tribal Roads Projects Underway

Utilizing American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds, the Leech Lake Tribal Roads project is undertaking several assignments that will help smooth and create new highways across the reservation.

A total of 13 projects will be undertaken using ARRA funds that will span from the Oak Point road to the Catholic Cemetery Road in Onigum. District I has four projects; District II has four projects; District III has five projects. Work has begun on the Old Agency Housing Road, Catholic Cemetery Road, and Oak Point Road. Work on the remaining projects is slated to begin very soon as construction season begins.

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Pictured above, the Tribal Roads Crew and Dist. III Rep. pose by American Reinvestment and Recovery Act signage on the Oak Point Road across from Steam Boat Lake.

May 2010 Sec/Treas. Report

To the Good People of the Leech Lake Reservation:

It is an honor and privilege to address you as your Secretary Treasurer. These are very exciting, interesting, and some what turbulent yet historic times that we find ourselves in as a Band as a Tribe, and as a People. With the upcoming election one is not sure of which direction the outcome will lead us in. from my perspective – as I have been echoing throughout this campaign – the Leech Lake Reservation is nearing a cross road. What direction we take is very soon as construction season begins.

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Leech Lake Tribal College Graduation

Walker, MN- The Leech Lake Tribal College held its Graduation ceremonies Wednesday, May 12th at the Northern Lights Casino & Event Center.

Forty Eight students earned degrees and certifications this year, the largest graduating class in Leech Lake Tribal College history.

The Graduating Class of 2010

Kelly Beaulieu*
Wanda Bebeau
Viola Bellanger*
Benjamin Bowstring*
LeRoy Burnette
Robert Budreau, Jr**
Russell Bunker
Shaun Butcher
Bryan Cash
Rebecca Chase**
Annette Cloud*
Loretta Cloud
Joshua Cross*
Burnham Drouillard
Brenda Fairbanks
Thomas Fairbanks**
Lowell Fisher
Shea Fleming
Mary Jo Frazer
Jeremy Goggleye
Jami Headbird
Jess Headbird
Arthur Jones
Jeremy Jones
Cassandra Kingbird*
Flower Kingbird
Diane Koutsky*
Kevin Locke
Marie Lowry*
Jennie Meyer*
Crystal Morgan
Lynda Morrison*
Garian Moss
James Poitra*
Melynne Quaderer
Barbara Raines**
Mary Robinson
Kristopher Roybal, Sr.**
Ronald Skinaway, Jr.
Randall Stangler
Laura Therriault
Supaya Therriault
Anthony Wadena
Leota White*
Steve Whitefeather
Eva Wilson
Tera Wilson
Joey Wright

* GPA 3.0-3.49
** GPA 3.5-4.0

Top Left: Keynote Speaker Winona Laduke, addresses the class of 2010. The theme of her speech: “We will outlast them”.

Top Right: Valedictorian Thomas Faribanks

Bottom: Co-Salutatorians Kristopher Roybal Sr. and Rebecca Chase
Cass Lake-Bena Seniors Sign Letter of Intent

By Chris Haugene

Cass Lake-Bena High School system will be sending three of its star athletes off to four-year institutions to pursue their futures both on the field of competition and in the classroom. Martin Wind, a varsity basketball player will attend Bismarck State University. Mike Hanson, varsity CL-B baseball team will play ball for Bemidji State, and Danielle Jourdain has decided to run track and cross country for Bemidji State University.

All three signed letters of intent regarding their future on Wednesday May 12, 2010 at the Cass Lake-Bena high school. All three of these lettered athletes are accomplished in their academic worlds as well, each of them having earned academic honors to go along with their achievements on the field.

These student athletes are paving the way and setting examples for the students to come. They are who should be looked up to by the younger students who don’t necessarily have positive role models that are close to them. We need more students to be good examples for the younger kids. Congratulations to all three of you, and we wish you all the best!

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a Partner in the Minnesota’s Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) IDA Program

Increasing income is only part of the solution in helping people rise from poverty: Building assets through home ownership, higher education, or entrepreneurship is also essential. Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are special savings accounts designed to encourage low-wage workers to build assets through matched savings, financial education, and financial coaching. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has 10 slots available through this program; presently, one slot is filled. Minnesota’s statewide IDA program, Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) is made possible through federal, state, and private funding. IDA accounts can be used towards acquisition of one of three assets.

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They also must complete 28 hours of financial management classes and 10-14 hours of specific asset training classes, such as first time homebuyer, business development or career development.

In addition to helping participants to acquire assets, IDAs also promote savings behavior and provide social support that contributes to sustainable economic self-reliance and asset-building. This is achieved by providing participants with no-fee bank accounts, which encourages regular savings, and providing financial literacy education and coaching.

LLBO Receives Grant for Early Weather Warning System

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been awarded the Remote Community Alert Systems Program grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management through the US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS), in the amount of $234,802.00.

This grant is a collaborative effort between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County Emergency Management. In the spring of 2009 the Remote Community Alert Systems Program grant became available, Tonya Losh Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Leech Lake Health Division, Kerry Swenson Cass County Emergency Manager and Lacretia Larson, Grant Writer for the Leech Lake Health Division assessed and identified critical areas within Cass County and communities on the Leech Lake Reservation that would benefit from a warning system and the grant was submitted. On August 31, 2009 the grant was approved and awarded.

Through this grant 14 weather warning sirens were approved, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County will each have seven weather warning sirens. The sites identified include Bena, Sugar Point, Onigum, Cass Lake area, Palace/Tribal College area, Northern Lights area, Boy River area, the cities of Lake Shore, Longville, Hackensack, Pillager, East Gull Lake, Backus, and Remer. Installation of the systems will begin late June and testing will begin in July with the project completed by the end of August 2010.

If you have questions regarding this grant feel free to contact Tonya Losh at 218-335-4500.
truly up to the people. We can move forward and be progressive by electing professional, skilled, competent, ethical and honest leaders – such as myself. Or, we can continue with the same old tried and true dysfunctionalism that has held the Leech Lake Reservation back for the past ten years. As you have heard me say many, many times before, if you keep doing the same things then don’t be surprised when you keep getting the same results.

As I’ve stated before there are a lot of people watching to see what direction the people of Leech Lake choose. As I’ve said before, this election is being watched closely by members of Congress, the State Legislature, and County Commissioners. These institutions are willing to partner with Leech Lake Reservation and invest millions of dollars into the Reservation. However, this is not going to happen unless they know that we have skilled, competent, qualified, and experienced leadership.

Presently we have many serious issues and decisions regarding the Reservation and its future. As many of you may have seen, there is a considerable amount of work that has begun on Shingobee Island with the investment of approximately 2.5 million dollars with renovating this property into a bar/restaurant, but can’t confirm this as a majority of the Tribal Council has been left in the dark with what has been taking place. The full Council has not been briefed as to the game plan regarding this property. I am seriously concerned that whatever the project is at Shingobee is destined for failure and that we have not learned from our past mistakes. Case in point: the project is being headed up by our Economic Development Director Wally Storbakken and Steve Erickson (non-native non-band member). While I applaud their initiative I am concerned with their lack of knowledge and experience regarding the scope and nature of such a project. First of all: there appears to be no business plan, no marketing plan, no operations plan, no construction plan. It appears that construction alone has been undertaken in a hasty manner without approval of the Council. As an example: from what I understand, construction began without the necessary permits or EPA approval which in itself raises serious issues. Furthermore preliminary estimates regarding the cost of such a project were estimated at over 2.5 million dollars based on the limited information presented to me and the Council going back six months ago.

My concern is what type of return on investment will the Leech Lake Reservation accrue on such a business venture. Additionally, where is the funding for this coming from. As Secretary Treasurer I have no knowledge of any appropriated funds, nor have I seen any budgets or cost analyses associated with this project. This goes back to the old backward business philosophy of: ready, shoot, aim. Another classic case where Leech Lake has not learned from its past mistakes. My fear is this will turn out to be another failed business venture for the Leech Lake Reservation. I hope that I’m wrong, but I fear that I am right with my analogy. This speaks to the overall dysfunction of the current administration.

Presently, as is so sadly the case at Leech Lake we have a divided Tribal Council once again. I fear our system of government is near total collapse. Until such time as we restore democracy and majority rule we will continue to flounder. We currently lack experienced, competent, skilled, ethical leadership that can build consensus among the Council and should be about the people of the Leech Lake Reservation and not about any particular individual.

In order for the Leech Lake Reservation to be become progressive we must have leadership that can adequately represent the Leech Lake Reservation in the halls of Congress, at the State Legislature, and with local units of government. In order to be effective we need experienced people lobbying Congress, the State Legislature and local units.
I hope you take the time to read this. To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ... Here is how to understand the flag that is laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocket hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'
Notice of Intent to Proceed by Default

You (the Defendants listed below) are hereby notified that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

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

Dated this 3rd day of May 2010.

Charge and Date

Defendant Case No. Charge
Rhonda L. Buck TR-09-223 No Driver’s License
Rhonda L. Buck TR-10-014 Driving After Suspension
Amanda K. Bush TR-09-168 No Driver’s License
Amber S. Fairbanks TR-10-008 No Driver’s License
Eric D. Grigsby TR-09-228 Failure to Stop for Stop Sign
Stephanie M. Northbird TR-10-010 No Motor Vehicle Insurance
Joel T. Roy DO-09-01-DD Seizure & Destruction of Dangerous/Potentially Dangerous Dog
Cody S. Seelye TR-10-013 Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device

Defendant Case No. Charge
Emerejirdo D. Carmona DO-08-008 No Driver’s License
Benjamin G. Fairbanks TR-10-030 Failure to Stop for a Stop Sign/Red Traffic Light
David J. Jackson TR-10-025 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Clayton Oothoudt CN-03-012 Dangerous Dog
Hunter C. Pemberton TR-10-012 Operator Restrictions-No Helmet
Bradley G. White TR-09-220 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Calvin Jackson CN-97-014 Use of Gil Net
Michael A. Kingbird CN-97-012 Commercial Rough Fishing Without Permit

Defendant Case No. Charge
Bilyeu, Heidi Eileen TR-07-39 No Driver’s License
Day, Alicia Marie TR-09-50 No Motor Vehicle Insurance
Faibanks, Amy Ann TR-08-15 Seizure & Destruction of Dangerous/Potentially Dangerous Dog
Jackson, Peter George TR-09-165 Reckless Driving
Jones, Julian Wayne TR-08-09 Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device
Jones, Vydell Bernice TR-09-105 No Driver’s License
Keeler, Dora Jean TR-08-05 No Driver’s License

Defendant Case No. Charge
Benaise, Cecelia Marie TR-09-117 Dangerous Dog
Brown, Ashley Marie TR-09-183 Driving After Revocation
Brown, Mariza Renee TR-09-129 Operator Restrictions-No Helmet
Budreau, Jacob Milton, Sr. TR-09-81 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Butcher, Shaun Leon TR-09-195 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Cambran, Autumn Rae TR-09-22 Driving After Revocation
Chase, David Lee TR-09-200 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Cooper, Shauna Michelle TR-09-69 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Dunn, Ernest Wayne DO-01-08 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Dunn, Gordon Lee TR-09-29 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Dunn, Sara Jean TR-09-26 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Fairbanks, Benjamin G. TR-09-59 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Fairbanks, John Howard TR-09-209 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit
Finn, Jayme Raymond TR-09-206 Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit

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.

Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

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Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: June 1, 2010, at 2:00 PM
Defendant Case No. Charge and Date

APPEARANCE DATE: July 6, 2010, at 2:00 PM
Defendant Case No. Charge and Date

APPEARANCE DATE: July 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.
LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 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 the Leech Lake Judicial Code, Part VI, Sections 3 & 4, and Leech Lake Conservation Code, 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, wild riceing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band for a period of up to one (1) year’s duration.
   b. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

Joseph Plumer, Judge of Tribal Court.

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The defendants listed below are hereby ordered to pay a civil contempt of court penalty in the amount shown below (an amount equal to the fines previously imposed but not more than $500.00). The fines are hereby stayed on condition that defendants comply with the terms outlined in paragraph two (2) below.

That defendants shall have sixty (60) days from the date of this Order to purge the Contempt of Court by requesting that the contempt order be set aside, completing a payment agreement, and/or a Community Service Work Agreement with the Court. If defendants fail to purge the contempt, the stayed civil contempt of court penalty will be lifted.

Failure to comply with the above conditions listed in paragraph two (2) above within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order may also result in one or more of the following penalties being imposed pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Section 303:

- a. Order the seizure and impoundment of the license plates of any vehicle driven or operated by a defendant at the time of the issuance of the citation;
- b. Order that the citation be reported to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety;
- c. Order the seizure and impoundment of any vehicle driven or operated by a defendant in the commission of the offense charged;
- d. Use any of the means permitted in Leech Lake Code, Title 2, for the execution and enforcement of judgments;
- e. Notify the Leech Lake Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the non-payment of fines and order that the amount due to be paid pursuant to the citation or judgment of the Court be added to the fee charged for registration of any vehicle driven or operated in the commission of any offense or to any other vehicle which the defendant seeks to register.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2010.

/s/ Korye Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court

NOTICE:

IF…YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT BECAUSE YOU RECEIVED A LEECH LAKE TRAFFIC CITATION AND FAILED TO APPEAR FOR COURT AND/OR FAILED TO PAY FINES...

TO CLEAR YOUR CONTEMPT OF COURT, you may appear in person in Leech Lake Tribal Court on the first or third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to discuss your case with the Leech Lake Tribal Prosecutor.

If you cannot afford to pay the fine, you may be allowed to do community service work instead. If you were found guilty by default and wish to contest the finding of guilt, you may be given the opportunity to do so after speaking with the Tribal Prosecuting Attorney. Once acceptable payment or community service arrangements are made, or if another plea agreement is reached with the Band, the contempt fine will be waived.

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR TO CLEAR YOUR CONTEMPT OF COURT within sixty (60) days from the date of the stayed Order for Contempt, the final contempt order will be issued and forwarded to the Leech Lake Registrar of Vehicles and your plates may be confiscated. In addition, your wages may be garnished to collect the full amount due (original fine plus civil contempt penalty) and your conviction may be reported to the State of Minnesota.

The full Leech Lake Traffic Code is available on the Court’s webpage, which can be accessed on the official Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe website (www.llojibwe.com) under the “Legal” link. If you have questions, please call Court Administrator Patricia L. Pizzala at 335-4418. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Obituaries

NAOMI COUNTRYMAN

Naomi Joan Countryman, 62, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Tuesday, May 04, 2010 at the Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji, MN. She was born on May 20, 1947 to Charles Robert Staples, Sr. and Margaret (Charwood) Staples. She liked to play Y a h t z e e, Scrabble, Bingo and Slots. She was on the all men’s Volley Ball League in Minneapolis and played pool. Naomi really enjoyed children, especially spending time with her grandchildren playing Super Mario Bros. and Ms. Pacman.

Naomi was preceded in death by parents, grandparents, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

She is survived by daughters; Karen (David) Staples of Bemidji, Marilyn (Robert) Staples of Cass Lake, special son and nephew Clarence (Koosh) Staples, Mike (Julio) Staples, David Swanholm, Robert (Beartoe) Adams, Daniel (Bug) Kingbird, Jr., Samuel (Shine) Staples, Jr., Duane (Dewey John) Clark, Dimitri (Bro) Staples and Anthony (Antman) Swanholm. Interment will be held in the Fairbanks Cemetery at Cass Lake following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

KAYDANCE HUNT-DURANT

Kaydance Rose Hunt-Durant came into this world on April 16, 2010 in Minneapolis. She was taken into Jesus’ arms on April 17, 2010. She is the daughter of Lavonne Hunt of Bemidji, MN.

Kaydance was preceded in death by her brother Duane Joseph Hunt; and maternal grandmother Brenda Hunt.

She is survived by her mother Lavonnie Hunt, sister; Brenda Hunt, and maternal grandfather; Lawrence Gogleye.

Visitation for Kaydance will begin at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Onigum Community Center and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service Wednesday, April 21, 2010 with Father George Ross officiating. Interment will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency, MN. Pallbearer for Kaydance will be Edward Fairbanks, III. Honorary Pallbearers are Phyllis Hunt, Crystal Hunt, Brenda Hunt, Osmond Hunt-Fairbanks and Owen Hunt-Fairbanks.

Kaydance, though your time here was short, you will be in our hearts forever and loved and missed by all.

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GEORGIA SANTERNO

Georgia Sue Santerno 36 years of Minneapolis. Born August 23, 1973 in Chicago, Illinois and died on April 24, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is preceded in death by her father, George Santerno, sister, Vicki Sue Reese and her grandparents. She is survived by her mother, Peggy Reese, daughter, Alicia H. Santerno, sisters, Jerilynne Reese, Fena Reese (Joseph Yellow, Sr.), brother, Gordon David Reese, fostersisters, Rebecca, (Becky) Conway, Lori “Quennie” Gellings (James E. Gellings) many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and many ex-hones.


Terrance Lee White

Terrance Lee White, 49, of Minneapolis passed away on April 20th, 2010 in Minneapolis. He was born October 8th, 1960 in Cass Lake, Minnesota to David White, Sr. and Beverly Beaulieu.

Terrance had a great sense of humor, we was kind, generous and very helpful to everyone. He enjoyed basketball and was a chess champion; he enjoyed playing chess for hours.

Terrance is survived by his brother Darrell Shabaish of Sawyer; sister, Karen Rock of Minneapolis; and special cousin Maxine Manypenny.

Terrance is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Marshall, Gordon and David Jr. White and sister Sandra Beaulieu.

A wake service will be held Friday, April 23 from 4-8 p.m. at the All Nations Indian Church in Minneapolis. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake with Pastor John S. Rock officiating. Interment will be held in Waboose Bay Cemetery in Bena.

Pallbearers for Terrance will be: Perry Matthews, Francis White, Marshall White Jr., Vern Mitchell, Tommy Rock and Myron Thorn.

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Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Notice

The Regular Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee a.k.a Tribal Council will be held on June 8, 2010 to fill the following positions:

**Secretary Treasurer -- 4 Year Term:**
- Donald “Donnie” Headbird
- Michael J. Bongo

**District I Committeeman -- 4 Year Term:**
- Robbie M. Howe-Bebeau
- James Howard

**District II Committeeman -- 4 Year Term:**
- Deborah “Deb” Tibbets
- Steve White

Polling Places: Polls Open: 8:00AM • Polls Close: 8:00PM

**District I:**
- Inger Community Center, Ball Club Community Center, S. Lake Community Center

**District II:**
- Bena Community Center, Sugar Point Community Center, Smokey Point/ Kego Lake Community Center

**District III:**
- Cass Lake Old Tribal Office, Mission Community Center, Onigum Community Center, Cass River Community Center, Oak Point Community Center

**Leech Lake Twin Cities Voting Precinct:**
- Minneapolis American Indian Center
  - 1530 E Franklin

***Absentee Voting***
- General Reservation Election Board
- Che-We Complex
- 115 6th St NW
- Cass Lake, MN 56633

The Following is an excerpt from Election Ordinance #10 revised 12/08/09, which states the voting requirements.

Section 6. Voter Eligibility
- A. Judging Qualifications

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by formal action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

B. Eligibility to Vote: Generally

Eligible Voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters will be entitled to vote by secret ballot on Election Day. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

C. Eligibility to Vote: Absentee

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Chapter II, Section 2.B of this Ordinance. To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for thirty (30) consecutive days.

The Leech Lake General Election Board certifies the following individuals listed below for the Leech Lake Housing Board and has found them eligible to run for office in accordance with the Leech Lake Housing Bylaws and their names are to be placed on the ballots for the June 8th General Election.

**District I - 1 Position**
- Gina Munnell
- Lawrence “Sandy” Gotchie
- Patricia Bittner
- Rosanne Wilson
- Mary Bebeau
- Donald Schaaf
- Anita Cloud-Johnson

**District II - 1 Position**
- Guy Greene
- Janice Gale
- Myrna Whitebird
- Justin Johnson
- Ester Bogda

**District III - 1 Position**
- Theresa Jordan
- Martin “Mutt” Robinson
- Sharon Northbird
- Gordon Fineday
- Douglas A Roberts Jr
- Patsy Hare-Gordon
- David Staples
Boozhoo Leech Lakers,

I would like to thank all the Leech Lake people both on and off the reservation who voted for me in the Primary Election. I ask for your continued support. For those who went with other primary candidates I respect your choice but now ask for your support in the General Election.

I have been in many of your homes during this election and thank all of you for your hospitality, encouragement, and support. I have heard your concerns and am grateful for you sharing those concerns with me. Your concerns did not fall on deaf ears. I will continue to campaign hard right to General Election Day June 8th and I will work hard as your next Secretary/Treasurer.

For those who hear my opponent and others claim negative things about me. I am and always will be...My own man. I have enough common sense, life experience, and management skills to base my decisions on what is right, practical, and beneficial for our government. I am a man of the people and I will support issues that will benefit the people. I will oppose any individual who is harmful to us or any issue that is not in best interest of the Band or our people.

One of my top priorities is putting an end to the continuous infighting between our elected council members. We must all work together collectively to find better ways to manage our dollars and resources to build a better tomorrow for our Children! We have the opportunity to set a good example for the next generation of leadership!


I WILL NOT SUPPORT OR AGREE TO: Careless Spending, placing Individuals in positions who are not able to perform or maintain their job duties. Decisions that will harm the progress, integrity, or the resources of the LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE!

Remember... Our Elders and Band members still use the natural resources given to us. We still use these resources to survive and for traditional diets by gathering, wild rice, fish, berries, as well as plants for medicinal purposes. I will stay pro-active in the protection of our hunting, fishing, and gathering rights.

Supporting existing and future Tribal programs that work is another priority of mine. For example: The Temporary Employment Program or Day Labor has played a significant part in employing Band members that have trouble gaining employment through the normal hiring process. Furthermore, this program has directly contributed to the removal of 60 tons of trash off our land.

I will always support programs and efforts to put the people to work.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with all of you. If you would like to discuss any issues or just talk please call me at: (Home) 218-335-0031 (Cell) 218-368-1802 (Email)donhb_1952@yahoo.com

I ask for your support and your vote on June 8th, 2010. “IT IS TIME TO FOCUS ON THE FUTURE.” Thank you for your Support.

The Leech Lake Reservation has tremendous opportunity for economic growth and development. We can settle the Nelson Act; get land from the Chippewa National Forest which includes 180 Federal jobs; we can get funding for a new Bug-O-Nay-Gee-Shig High School, and a new hospital. However, to achieve this growth and development we must begin by electing qualified, competent, experienced, skilled, professional and ethical leaders.

There are scores of people watching to see who we elect. From the halls of Congress to the State Legislature to local units of County governments: our Representatives are all watching to see who we elect and if they are qualified. I describe the Leech Lake Reservation as a sleeping economic giant held back by its own continued internal political dysfunction because we have elected leaders who are unskilled, uneducated, and have no idea how to lead. This lack of experience and diplomacy skills has kept the people of Leech Lake down and in poverty for far too long!

If we are to move forward in a positive economic direction it must start by electing qualified, skilled, and competent leaders. This is especially true for the position of Secretary Treasurer. Whom ever we elect better have the professional background with the business and financial management experience this position requires. Even under the best of circumstances the Leech Lake Reservation is always one bad financial decision away from disaster. I’ve heard that we on the Tribal Council are “advisors” that simply set the direction of the Band. This couldn’t be farther from the truth. When we discuss the budgets here at Leech Lake (which number over 500) we are speaking with accountants, who tend to speak a language that revolves around balance sheets, assets, debts, credits, allocations, and other language that can only be picked up if you have had education in finance or experience in finance. Leech Lake is a huge operation; we have upwards of 175 million dollars that revolve within and around our Reservation, and if you don’t know how to speak to our accounting department in this language the delicate operation of managing our finances can come unraveled with a single decision. We need someone that knows what they are talking about when it comes to this position, and I have had this experience for the past three decades.

Skills, qualifications and experience have never been more important than in this up-coming election. Some key questions that the people of Leech Lake need to ask themselves: who can best represent the people of the Leech Lake Reservation in the halls of Congress and at the state Legislature?

My opponent for the office of Secretary Treasurer has an employment history record and I strongly encourage you to look at his qualifications and work experience/record and ask yourself what has he done in the past that qualifies him to move Leech Lake forward especially from a financial management standpoint? The answer is nothing...

As the incumbent Secretary Treasurer some of my brief qualifications include having over 30 years of business and financial management experience, serv-

Donald “Donnie” Headbird

Michael J. Bongo
District I Rep. Candidates

Robbie Howe-Bebeau

Dear LL District I Band Members;

A big “THANK YOU” goes out to those of you whom voted and displayed the great support for me on Tuesday, March 31st, 2010 in the Primary Election! Our efforts working together for the people and for our communities will continue to shine, I’m positive of this. WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

We have a lot of great projects starting this spring. I would be more then honored to be your District Representative during and upon completion of these projects. The Inger Community Center is the highlight and the center is long over-due. Hopefully your request and mine will be heard for the basketball court and we can get them going in the smaller communities as well. We have new housing to be scattered in the District I communities, the up-graded parks and a lot of finishing touches to the prior and almost completed projects. We are planning on targeting the smaller communities this summer with projects to promote community gatherings and youth activities. I would love to develop an urban area to reservation child exchange program ~ where our kids have an opportunity to visit different life styles. I will be searching for funding opportunities for possible community safe houses.

Words can mean so much, we have to honor these words we speak and remember what we are here for ~I will do just that. We, who see through empty promises, the madness, and the corruption we must continue to fight for a fair, honest and better tomorrow, it’s up to us the people. We are the ones who will somehow, some way keep and hold our people together. We may be become battered and broken along the way, but we will emerge from the darkness holding the hands of our children, carrying the sick and taking care of our elders. We will succeed!

Stay proud, say those prayers, and always keep a positive mind,
Mii Gwetch,
Robbie Howe-Bebeau

James Howard Sr.

Ahnee, my name is James Howard Sr., candidate for District One Representative. I reside on the Leech Lake Reservation near the community of Inger, MN. My family includes my wife Laura and 5 children, James Jr., Valerie, Chelsea, Rosella and Shawnte and granddaughter Cherish. I am currently employed by the Leech Lake Gaming Division as the manager of the Transportation Department.

First of all I would like to thank the people of District One for the support of the candidate of their choice. It is important that we all support people that can and will present our views in tribal office. It is good to meet many of our people and listen to their concerns. I have decided to run for this elected position because of my concerns for our future. Also, I am very concerned about the state of the band and will work hard for the betterment of all.

Issues and Concerns

Economic Development and Planning

Leech Lake needs a proactive and viable program to address our needs. We need to take care of the business we have and insure there is enough trained labor. We need to look at cottage industries and lure more businesses to our area. This cannot happen without full cooperation from the elected tribal council and the employees of the band. We need goals and objectives for our tribe, that are achievable and well thought out.

Education

Band members trained and educated are important for the advancement of the band. From Head start to the Tribal College, all should have equal opportunities to get a good education. There should always be enough educated administrators and staff to run our schools. Additionally, with the rising cost of post secondary education, we need to allocate enough funding so tribal members may achieve their goals. We also need to insure our kids are receiving a good education from the schools that are currently operating. Our children are continually at the bottom of all achievement tests and we need to expect more from the people that are responsible for educating our children, as they are the future of the band.

Words can mean so much, we have to honor these words we speak and remember what we are here for.

Housing

We need to improve the homes we have and build new and affordable housing. There are many ways to accomplish this using our own labor. In the long run, it will be cheaper to build new homes.

Enrollment

We need to work on changing the requirements for the blood quantum for enrollment in our tribe. The future of the Band depends on enrollment of our children.

Employment

Fair and equal treatment of our employees is needed. There should be no discrimination against Leech Lake members looking for employment within our government or gaming.

Natural Resources

We need to protect and enhance our natural resources.

Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs

We need to aggressively start educating our people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. It is a problem we all know about and need to address.

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District II Rep. Candidates

Steve White

Boozhoo friends and neighbors of District II,

My name is Steve White and I’m asking for your support to serve as District II Representative. It would be an honor and a privilege to earn your trust and respect through my capacity as your District II Representative. I have lived on the Leech Lake Reservation for decades; I’ve lived here my entire life except for a few years when I went back to school.

I have been married to Becky Losh-White for the past 22 years. My children and grand children live in Bena. I have been employed with the Leech Lake Reservation for a total of 20 years in a few different capacities, and I am now employed at Gaming as the Purchasing Director.

I understand the needs of the people because I am one of us – the people. I understand the needs of District II because I live here with my family. We need a new community center at Sugar Point where we can house room for a clinic, and a head start facility and possibly a computer lab. We need elder services in our local communities including transportation, security, and medication needs. We need to invest in youth programs to keep our kids busy and away from gangs, drugs, and alcohol.

Leech Lake also needs to practice fiscal responsibility regarding our budgets while at the same time increasing the living standards across the reservation. I am happy to say that we are one of the few gaming organizations that do well during this recession and we need to keep that achievement going. I would like to begin by raising the lowest income jobs to no less than nine or ten dollars an hour, with preference for advancement given to Leech Lake Band members. If we raise the standard of living across the board at Leech Lake the results of this will ripple across the reservation and all of northern Minnesota. This will pump more money into the local communities which will open the door for more people to open new businesses and hire workers who will be earning wages that will be spent in the local economy. This will lead to even more opportunities for local business development and new employees. This is a cycle of economic development that will have results on our communities and region that benefit everyone. These are only a couple of things I would like to do as your District II Representative, I have a lot more ideas on how to sustain and improve our operations across the board, and my door will always be open to you for suggestion or questions.

We need to move away from our current housing model on Leech Lake. We need to be more efficient when it comes to our productivity at housing. I would like to see a modular home factory on the Leech Lake Reservation employing Leech Lake Band members. This would increase the number of homes produced at Leech Lake from 10-15 annually to 50-100 homes annually. We have a housing need of more that 400 houses, and at the rate we’re going we will never reach this need.

I will work closely with our local Indian councils in District II and our elder advocates so I know exactly what the people are thinking and what exactly their immediate needs are so that I can bring these issues back to the Tribal Council and act on our behalf regarding District II and our needs.

I will always keep my door open to our Band members. I will never shut the door on anyone for any reason. We face all of the issues of a Federal government, State government, and a local municipality, and I can’t wait to get to work for District II and help bring my vision of a better tomorrow to a reality we can all share.

Chi-Miigwetch

Debbie Tibbets

Hi! My name is Debbie Tibbets and I am running for District II Representative. If I am elected your District II Representative, I will work hard for all of the people. I’m very family oriented, my grandfather and father were from Sugar Point. I grew up in Federal Dam with 3 sisters and 4 brothers. My husband Mike and I live in Bena and have been married 37 years; we have 6 children and 12 grandchildren. I am currently the Office Manager for the Leech Lake Tribal Council. If you elect me I will have an “open door” policy. If I can’t help you with your problem I will find someone who can.

Housing
We desperately need more housing for our people and if I am elected I will fight for you to get this done. We have many qualified people working here and if I am elected I will work to implement a program that will put people to work on building our much-needed homes rather than out-sourcing to non-tribal businesses. I would like to establish a program to build our own homes. I will work closely with the tribal council to try to make this happen. I will let the people know when homes are available and I would recommend they go to the most needy families.

Hospital
If I am elected your District II Rep I will work with the council and hospital to bring specialists on a regular basis. If you are referred out for a procedure the Cass Lake Indian Hospital should honor their obligation and pay for it. I will work to make sure our people get the best treatment available and are treated with respect.

ENP/Health Division
I feel we should reestablish the ENP to five days a week. Currently District II is only serving meals three days a week. I would like to have both departments work together and share information so our elders can be visited more often.

Tribal Departments
I will listen and support all departments on this reservation that are productive and help find a solution to those that are not. I feel workers should be paid a fair wage so they can support their families and be offered training and a safe working place. We need to stop cutting budgets from our programs and make sure they have the necessary funds for their departments to function properly and we also need to reward departments that excel. This will help employees and constituents alike.

Accessibility
As most of you know I have worked hard to help everyone and if I am elected I promise to continue to serve the people to my utmost abilty. I hear others promising to help elders and the youth. I promise if I am elected I will help everyone.

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of government because at the end of the day this is where the necessary resources are that are needed to move the Leech lake Reservation forward. A tool in achieving this is for us to utilize our buying power locally to spur additional economic growth and development through job creation in both the Indian and non Indian communities. We must work in partnership economically with the surrounding communities. Doing more buy local initiatives and getting our money revolving through the local surrounding communities creating prosperity and opportunities for everyone can and will greatly assist us in moving our agenda with Congress forward.

As an example: lets say our housing program buys 10 million dollars of lumber every year. Presently we buy this lumber from a Tribe in Wisconsin. While it’s good to do business with another Tribe, at the end of the day what do we get for our money; we get $10 million in warped crooked 2x4’s. What if we went to a local lumber yard and told the owner that we would be willing to buy $10 million worth of lumber each year, in exchange, we want the workers who deliver the lumber to be Leech Lake Band Members. What do you thing this business owner will do? He will hire Band members to get our business. At the end of the day here we have a non Indian business owner hiring Band members resulting in an economic gain. Six months later lets say that expansion of gaming again becomes an issue. Once again we can go back to this business owner and ask him to write his State Representative opposing the expansion of gaming as it could hurt both his and our business. What do you think he’s going to do? He’s going to write the letter to his State Representative and in the process result in an additional political gain for the Leech Lake Reservation. Next, as a Band member you go in to buy lumber from this business owner. How do you think he’s going to treat you? He will treat you like you are the best customer he has because you know what, you are. So, by utilizing our buying power we have achieved an economic gain, a political gain, and a social gain, and in the process we make the Leech Lake Reservation a leader in the field of economic, social, and political diversity and a huge step toward achieving our goal of truly achieving social, economic and political prosperity for the Leech Lake Reservation.

However, we must remember that there are those who would like to keep the people of Leech Lake anchored and isolated in poverty and addiction for their own personal and political gain; I characterize these individuals as poverty pimps. The blueprint for success lies not in isolation but in partnerships as I have previously illustrated.

Additionally one of the immediate priorities towards success is improving staff performance and staff morale. I have never seen an organization with staff morale that is totally non existent. This is not unusual when the vast majority of the employees are working in constant fear of losing their jobs. For us to be successful this must stop. This is a recipe for complete disaster. We must build strength and unity from within our staff. This can only be achieved by eliminating politics from the work place by creating various incentive programs that will reward accountability and performance in the work place and improve services to our Band membership. Teamwork must be the theme of every day for each and every department. Improved communications and solid organizational management are key components to making this a reality. We must begin by having Division Director meetings and all agency staff meetings on a regular basis. Monthly Division Director meetings should be the norm. And, twice a year we should meet in a social manner like with the Christmas party we organized in 2008 and the summer picnic that was held in 2009. These are small social events that go a long way toward improving staff morale. Staff meetings help keep people informed and on track and help keep everyone working together toward the same goals and objectives.

As a Tribe, Nation, and a People we are approaching some very exciting and historic times for the Leech Lake Reservation. In the next few weeks the good people of the Leech Lake Reservation will determine the future direction of the Reservation. In doing so some key questions that our people need to ask themselves as they prepare to select their leaders of the future, who can best represent our people in the halls of congress, at the state legislature and with local units of government? Which of the candidates have the ability and experience to properly manage the Leech Lake Reservation financially and keep our Band members well informed? As I have continued to point out the assets and resources of the Reservation belong to all of our Band members and as Band members you have a right to know how the Tribal Council is managing your assets and resources.

In closing, I would like to remind all of our Band members to get out and vote on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Your vote will hopefully help determine the future direction of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Michael J. Bongo
Secretary Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation
How The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Will Help Native Americans
Addresses the United States' Treaty and Trust Obligations to Native Americans

The Federal Government has a treaty and trust responsibility to provide health care services to Native Americans. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which provides the key authorization for these services, has not been updated in over 17 years.

Native Americans suffer from health disparities significantly higher than the general U.S. population. For example, Native Americans die from diseases at rates much higher than the general population: tuberculosis (600%), alcoholism (510%) and suicide (72%) and the Native American infant mortality rate is 12 per 1,000 persons compared to 7 per 1,000 persons for the general population. In addition, Native Americans experience the highest rate of youth suicide and type II diabetes of any group in the U.S. Further, the Indian health system experiences high vacancy rates in health care providers: 26% for nurses, 24% for dentists, and 21% for physicians.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, includes the Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization and Extension Act, which permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and strengthens and improves health care for 1.9 million Native Americans across the country. The Act will also reauthorize Native Hawaiian health care programs through 2019. As a part of the health care reform package, Native Americans are also exempt from the penalty for not buying health insurance.

Below are examples of how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will improve health care for Native Americans:

Improving Access to Health Care in Indian Country

Recruitment and Retention of Health Care Providers
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act increases the ability of Native American communities to recruit and retain health care professionals by updating the scholarship program.

Expand Health Services Offered in the Indian Health System
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act establishes demonstration projects that provide incentives to use modern facility construction methods, such as modular component construction and mobile health stations, to save money and improve access to health care services.

Modernize the Indian Health System
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act includes demonstration programs to promote new, innovative models of health care which are tribally driven and will improve access to health care for Native Americans.

Cancer Screening
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act authorizes the Indian Health Service to provide cancer screenings beyond mammographies, as law currently limits.

Long-Term Care
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act authorizes Indian health programs to provide long-term care, including home health care, assisted living, and community-based care.

Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will establish mental and behavioral health programs beyond alcohol and substance abuse, such as fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, child sexual abuse prevention, and domestic violence prevention programs. It will also expand the American Indians into Psychology program.

Other Advancements to the Health Care Services Provided to Native Americans

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act also authorizes:
- Expanded program authority for Urban Indian Health Programs by establishing behavioral health or mental health training, drug abuse prevention programs, and communicable disease prevention programs for urban Indian organizations.
- Updates for tribal epidemiology centers, granting the centers more access to data in order to properly track the health status of Native Americans.
- Expansions to the chronic and infectious disease initiatives, by expanding the programs from only tuberculosis to all communicable and infectious diseases.
- Enhance the coordination between the Indian Health Service and Department of Veterans Affairs so as to improve the health care provided to Native American Veterans.
- Certain Indian tribes and an urban Indian organizations to purchase coverage for their employees from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and also authorizes Indian tribes to use Indian Health Service dollars to purchase health benefits coverage for beneficiaries; and many other important expansions to improve the Indian health care system.
Thank You Veterans For Making Our Country Free
Some Gave All, All Gave Some


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

Almost three decades ago the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, with funding through the BIA, began the effort of enhancing the fish population on the reservation by establishing a fish hatchery, constructing rearing ponds, and partnering with the White Earth Band regarding walleye fingerling rearing. The effort now includes fish rearing ponds below Winnie Dam and at the White Earth Reservation. Eggs from whitefish are collected in late October and early November from Leech Lake and Ball Club Lake which are incubated for roughly 6-8 weeks, at which time they are hatched and fostered at DRM within indoor tanks until May when they are returned to reservation lakes. Whitefish are significant to Ojibwe people and culture known as a diet staple for centuries. There have been over 4 million whitefish fingerling reared through this effort to mitigate commercial harvesting and projections of possible population declinations to come as a result of climate shifts.

Walleye eggs are collected in mid to late April, usually in a cooperative effort with the Minnesota DNR at the Cutfoot Sioux trap site on Lake Winnie. These walleye are incubated for two weeks and hatched into “fry” tanks where they are held for a day or two before stocked. Some of the walleye are stocked directly into lakes on the reservation; some are reared at the Winnie Dam ponds, while the remainder go to White Earth rearing ponds to grow over the summer and returned in the fall when they are 4-8 inches long. The White Earth ponds are utilized because they are better suited to rear walleye than the ponds at Leech Lake. There have been over 168 million walleye fry stocked and as of fall 2009 the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management will have surpassed their one millionth walleye fingerling.

Stocking is a tool that helps the reservation maintain and enhance its natural resources so that we may enjoy such fertile lakes, rivers, and woodlands to hunt, fish, and gather from. Other factors that are involved include: water quality, over harvesting, shoreline vegetation and the prevention and/or control of non-native species of plants and animals within our waterways.

Fineday announces Candidacy for LLHA Board

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the District Three Commissioner seat on the Leech Lake Reservation Housing Authority Board. As a lifelong resident, I am familiar with the residents and the houses serviced by the Housing Authority. I graduated from Cass Lake Bena High School and attended the University of Minnesota Duluth for Elementary Education. I returned home to raise my children and give back to our people.

Professionally, I have been employed as the Assistant Housing Director for the Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College, the Cass Lake Unit Director of the Leech Lake Boys & Girls Club, managed an independent business providing capacity building and technical assistance to nonprofit native youth organizations and currently I am employed as the Training and Development Coordinator for Leech Lake Child Welfare Department.

In my free time I volunteer as a basketball coach for various basketball programs in Leech Lake. I enjoy spending time with my family and golfing.

I am strongly committed to the future of our Reservation, with a particular focus on our young people and elders. Our Reservation has a housing shortage, we are overcrowding in our homes and many of our houses are in need of major repairs. Many have our houses have mold and air quality issues that are negatively affecting the health of our people, especially our young people and our elders.

The Leech Lake Reservation Housing Authority is responsible for providing decent, safe and affordable housing to Leech Lake residents. If elected to the Housing Authority Board, I would work along with current members and our Housing Director to address the issues, uphold fair and responsible management of our resources and work with our communities to address other issues that L.L.H.A. can assist in.

I ask for your vote on June 8th.

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Leech Lake Hoops in the Target Center

After months of practices and tournaments, the Leech Lake Hoops youth basketball teams biggest game day arrived. It was April 9th, and our opponent this day would be the Red Lake youth basketball team in the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis! This is the same floor that the Minnesota Timberwolves call home. The game was scheduled to begin at 4pm, and the hometown Timberwolves had a game set to begin a couple hours after our game so it was a very exciting time for both teams because the opponent for the Wolves would be the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers.

After a ride that seemed to last forever to the kids, the team finally arrived in downtown Minneapolis at 2:30pm. The excitement in the team was showing, but they were also pretty nervous. After getting into the building, they got dressed and began preparing for the big game. It was finally 4pm, and after warming up they were ready.

The atmosphere was pretty amazing and the kids were very excited, each player was announced before the game which was a nice touch. The announcer also called the whole game play by play over the speaker system in the arena. The game was a back and forth battle as the team traded basket after basket. When the first half ended the game was very close, and most importantly each player had gotten on the court for some playing time. The second half was again a tough battle, but Leech Lake built a small lead, and after Red Lake played some excellent defense they got back within 2 points. And to put more pressure on each teams respective players Los Angeles Lakers starting center Pau Gasol took in the majority of the second half of our game. With a few seconds remaining Red Lake had the ball, but Leech Lake held a slim 2 point lead. As the time ran down Red Lake got a good shot off, but it rattled in and out as Leech Lake held on for the 46-44 win.

But winning was not important on this day as each player got to experience playing on a NBA floor and each family member that was here to witness this got to see their kids have a fun time. After the game the kids got to get some autographs of each teams players, and watch each teams shoot around. After some long standing around getting autographs, the kids each went to find their seats, and watch the Timberwolves play the Lakers. Which to the Leech Lake teams surprise, turned out to be a very good game but the Lakers pulled out a 9 point win over the Timberwolves.

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FRONT ROW (L-R) Alvin Wind, Iian Belgarde, Keith Howard, Travis Cloud, Nate Seelye, Colton Hines, Eugene “Opah” Jenkins, Ethan Hardy, Missing Dylan Hardy

BACK ROW (L-R). Coach Phil Johnson, Benjamin Eby, Charles Raisch, Aaron Shearer, Seth Fairbanks, Corey Oothoudt, Elysja Guinn, Ethan Hardy, Missing Dylan Hardy
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