LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III as District III Representative, Donald J. Finn as Secretary-Treasurer, Carri Jones as Chairwoman, Robbie Howe as District I Representative, and Steve White as District II Representative. Photo courtesy of Allan Olson Cass Lake Times

Leech Lake Inauguration Ceremony Sets Stage for New RBC

By Chris Haugene

Earlier this month the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe swore in newly elected RBC members Chairwoman Carri Jones and District III Representative LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III. The event was held at the Northern Lights Casino and was attended by over five hundred Band members, guests, local dignitaries as well as other local media.

The inauguration ceremony came after Carri Jones and LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III bested Arthur Larose and Eugene Whitebird in a close election that included a recount of the over 2,600 votes as well as a formal protest of the election results that was filed against the Leech Lake Band’s Election Board by the two losing candidates.

After the discovery portion of the election protest hearing the two incumbents withdrew their official protest of the electoral process and results citing the fact that there was not enough evidence to overturn the election results. This concludes the 2012 election cycle; the next scheduled election cycle will begin in 2014 where Leech Lake District I, District II, and the Secretary-Treasurer seats will be up for election.

This election solidifies the new Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe RBC with Carri Jones as Chairwoman, Donald J. Finn as Secretary-Treasurer, Robbie Howe as District I Representative, Steve White as District II Representative, and LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III as the District III Representative.
Broadband Effort Continues
By Janice Gale

Recently the Blandin Foundation has included the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in its Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities (MIRC) Program. MIRC was funded through the U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA Broadband Technolo-
gy Opportunities Program. The Foundation has provided our Leech Lake Reservation with $100,000 to promote the use of Broadband Technology so that rural communities can access the skills necessary for gainful employment and specialized training. The Leech Lake Temporary Em-
ployment Program was awarded a $50,000 grant which supplied four communities with computer labs located at Cass Lake, Ball Club, Bena and Onigum Community centers where laptop use available to the public.

It is a requirement to take the basic computer skills class to be enrolled in Leech Lake’s Temporary Employment Program (TEP). It is also necessary for our people to be involved with upgrading their skills, and having the ability to do a re-
same, look for employment opportunities, GED testing at each site, and for college students having a place to do their homew-
work who do not have access to broadband or a computer. The Computer Labs in these communities is a stepping stone toward success and making a difference in each of our lives, and there will be other train-
ing opportunities at each site for our band members in the future.

“I am very thankful to give such a gift to our communities and to be able to work with the Minnesota Deadwood Program and North Star Digital Literacy Task Force, and being a part of that success story for the grant,” said Janice Gale TEP Director. Monday July 16, 2011 Leech Lake Band Chairwoman Carrie Jones hosted and welcomed the Governor’s Digital Liter-
acy Task Force at the Leech Lake Tribal College. Chairwoman Jones visited the Temporary Employment Program and acknowledged the success of the program as well as the program’s room for growth. From this we hope to see more funding possible for the other centers upcoming and in places such as Soudan Point, Inger, Prescott, and Mission.

Another aspect of the grant is the PC’s for Parents program, which was suc-
cessful in giving access to our Band students. Lee Tourney, Head Start Director at Leech Lake stated, “this is an amazing opportunity not only for our Band mem-
bers, but especially for our kids.”

Public Announcement from Leech Lake DRM
The Leech Lake Reservations, Division of Resources Management is in the process of applying for a grant from the USDA Rural Development Program for narrow-
banding radio equipment to meet the upcoming Federal Communication Commis-
sion (FCC) Mandatory conversion. As part of this process the public is given the opportunity to comment on the proposal. An open house meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13, 2012 from 3:30-4:30pm at the Reservation DRM offices that is located just south of Cass Lake on Hwy 371. For further information call 218-335-7421.

Honor the Gift of Food
Cooking Classes

New Inger Community Center
Tuesday and Thursday evenings
August 7, 9, 14, 16, and 21
6:00-8:00 pm

**Come enjoy a series of 5 different cooking classes.

**Learn how to cook from basic foods and save money.

**You will have the complete “Honor the gift of food” cookbook.

**Get small kitchen gifts at each class and 1 large gift after 5 classes.

**Take home leftovers for your family to taste.

To sign up call 218-760-0342
(Adults only, please)

Sponsored by the Leech Lake Health Division Nutrition Program

Storm Damage,
Power Loss, Hits
Leech Lake Hard

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Cass Lake Times

Leech Lake
4th of JULY
Traditional Pow Wow

The 4th of July Pow Wow, sponsored by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, took place recently at the Leech Lake Reservation.

Photo courtesy of Allan Olson
Cass Lake Times

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Cass Lake Ranger Station Administration Transfer

On June 12, 2012, administration of the former Cass Lake Ranger Station was transferred from the USDA Forest Service to the Secretary of Interior to be held in trust for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. In early 2000, the Chippewa National Forest vacated the office building when the Forest moved from five Districts to three Districts, consolidating portions of the Cass Lake Ranger District into the Walker, Blackduck and Deer River Districts.

In the fall of 2000, the Leech Lake Tribal Police began occupying the office building and portions of the garages under a special use permit. Their presence at this location has been well established and accepted in the community. They have demonstrated outstanding stewardship in caring for the facility and providing a positive image for the Tribe and the community.

Transferring the property to Secretary of Interior for administration represents the highest and best use for the facility in the Cass Lake community and demonstrates federal government trust responsibilities in support of the Indian Self Determination. In addition, the transfer supports the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 which aims to get more resources to tribes to combat high crime rates on Indian reservations. This project further represents the commitment the Forest has in working to meet the needs of the Band and working together toward a mutual benefit, government to government.

Kenneth Washington from the Leech Lake Tribal Police states “that this will aid the Police Department in its expansion since 1999 when it started with three officers and answered 1,500 calls for service and has since then grown to twenty three Officers, eight dispatchers, one Community Service Officer and four Support staff answering 9,000 calls for service. The Leech lake Tribal Police Department provides services to all residents that live within the Leech Lake Reservation Boundaries.”

Take a Kid Fishing

The Cass Lake Area Take a Kid Fishing Committee would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to some local agencies, organizations and businesses, as well as to all the guides, volunteers and local businesses for your support, contributions and time given to this wonderful event – all for the sake of our kids.

Take a Kid fishing has been around for years but only recently has been increasing in size and scope. To see the kids out on the lake having fun and learning new outdoor activities is such a reward for everyone. These organizations and volunteers are the ones who make this event possible and a huge success! This really helps foster something that is very important to our people and fun is paving something out to a new generation. There are many sayings and adages about teaching someone to fish, but this really strikes at the core of our foundations as a people who made our lives around the lakes of this region.

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Anton Treuer Wins 2012 AASSH Award of Merit

T he American Association for State and Local History (AASSH) proudly announces that Anton Treuer is the recipient of a 2012 Award of Merit from the organization for The Assassination of Hole in the Day. The AASSH Leadership Award is bestowed annually in order to recognize an individual for their outstanding and significant contributions to the field of state and local history. The selection of the 2012 recipient was made by an independent judging panel.

The Assassination of Hole in the Day is a compelling look at the life and times of Hole in the Day, a self-styled leader of all the Ojibwe. The work is one of the first books to explore Hole’s life in detail. There were over 700 Ojibwe people killed during the Ojibwe Wars, but the story of Hole in the Day has only recently come to light. His death in 1868 has never before been examined in such depth. The book is richly illustrated with photographs and includes stories from those who knew him. It has been recognized by the American Association of State and Local History (AASSH) as a significant contribution to the field of state and local history.


Loons Find Home Sweet Home

By Blackduck Ranger District

Each year, lakes on the Chippewa National Forest have become “home sweet home” to families of Gavia immer, the common loon. There is nothing quite as remarkable of the spirit of the northern lakes as the call of the loon. Some loons have been known to stay in the same location for over 60 years. The presence of loons has always been typical. Traditionally, only two eggs are laid in nests that are very different in structure. They are covered with vegetation and are moved more often than most birds. Loon chicks that successfully hatch from the eggs often fail victims to natural predators (such as raccoon, skunk, and fox). Loons have made their homes in the fall. When spring arrives, the platform is once again home sweet home to the common loon.

Ojibwe Language Now at 150 Sites

Project Receives KAXE Community Impact Award for 2012

Michael Meuers accepts the Community Impact Award on behalf of Bemidji’s Ojibwe Language Project. Michael has been working to bring Ojibwe language signs to Bemidji. Nearly 150 businesses and institutions now have Ojibwe language signs to Bemidji. Meuers said, “We hope that one day, Bemidji and Minnesota, will be synonymous with Ojibwe as it is with Hawaiian.”

The Community Impact Award is given every year for dedication to making Bemidji a better place to live. "You are the heart of the success, we couldn’t have done it without you!"
Herbert James Taylor 84 1932-2012

Herbert James Taylor, 84, of Onigum, Minnesota passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 in Cass Lake, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents, son; Jesse James Mountain, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Onigum Community Center with Fr. Paul Buck of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Cass Lake officiating. Interment will be in the Old Agency Cemetery, Onigum, MN following the service. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

Housing Authority,                  Plaintiff,
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
Civil Division

regarding the property located at 14040 Wakanabo Drive NW, Unit #0548, Cass

Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court re

DATED: July 6, 2011. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

the property to the Leech Lake Housing Authority.

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Leech Lake Reservation
Housing Authority,                  Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

vs. Beverly J. Villafuerre, Defendant.

CASE NO. CV-12-13

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Karen Pagel, Plaintiff.

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vs. Donald Jasper Fons, Defendant.

CASE NO. CV-12-18

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JULY 20th, 2012

Part-Time EMT ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-089
Ordinance Coordinator ~ TERO ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-100
Office Manager ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-101

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON JULY 28th, 2012

In the Matter of the Welfare of the children of

Timisca Bifulcos and Preston Lasman, Parents

Court File No. CP-09-67

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Job Summary

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If so, then this is your year to become a

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