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Capital Hill and the White House During Impact Week in D.C.

Newly re-elected Congressman Rick Nolan is new on the political scene, again. As some of you may know, Congressman Rick Nolan previously served as the U.S. Representative for Minnesota’s 6th congressional district from 1975 to 1981. After returning to the political stage in 2011 he was nominated and then challenged Republican incumbent Chip Cravaak in the 8th District defeating Cravaak soundly last November. After his victory last fall, he has settled in and is ready to go, and it was our pleasure to meet with him during our visit. The Leech Lake delegation’s meeting was very interesting indeed. The Congressman was energetic, eager, and chomping at the bit to get the ball rolling for Minnesota’s 8th district, and for Leech Lake.

During our meeting, tribal roads director Art Chase discussed the new federal formula for funding tribal roads: MAP-21 (Moving Ahead Progress for the 21st Century Act) was signed into law in 2012 and was a point of interest during the meeting with Mr. Nolan. Consequently the new formula reduced the amount of funding for Leech Lake dramatically. The new formula that cut millions from Leech Lake’s roads budget takes Band population more into account as opposed to the old formula which took number of miles of roads in a Tribe’s inventory into account. This new version of the formula benefits large member bands and cuts funding from bands with greater numbers of roads i.e., tribes in the Midwest with larger highway infrastructure.

As the meeting progressed we mentioned our greater land management goals, how we could help get the MAP-21 formula readjusted for roads funding, what we could do to move the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School up the replacement list at the BIA, and how we could help coordinate inviting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn to the school for a site visit. Continued page 2
At the end of our meeting with the good Congressman he mentioned to us that he was an intern for Walter Mondale as the week progressed so too did the meetings, and later in the day we got to meet with our friend and Representative Senator Al Franken. Senator Franken is quite up to date on the state of affairs regarding the Bug O Nay Ge Shig school replacement effort at Leech Lake and is one of our most vocal advocates regarding education. Mr. Franken mentioned his recent visit to the Leech Lake Tribal College and his talks with the students, Chairwoman Carri Jones and his talk with Tribal College President Dr. Don Day as being frank and open to exploring better avenues of educating our youth about the many substances that our students are exposed to. Special Projects Director Jim Michaud, Mapetsi Lobbyist Debbie Ho and myself work in the office to bring some of our healthcare issues into focus on the federal level. During our meetings with HHs staff, substance abuse and mental Health key staff in order to bring some of our healthcare issues into focus on the federal level.

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High school shows evidence of continuing deterioration. The type of construction of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, improvements to the school such as expansion or construction of one building for classrooms or administrative space is not an optimum solution. Preliminary evaluations indicate that the building should be replaced. The estimated date of replacement of 2011 will depend on the priority ranking of the high school and amount of facilities, environmental, safety, and Cultural management had documented the need of Band students have suffered for decades in this makeshift building. the facility does not meet basic safety, fire, and security standards due to the flimsiness of the construction materials, electrical problems, and lack of alarm systems. Further, the building lacks a communication interconnect system, telecommunication technology, and safety zones, which puts students, teachers, and staff at great risk in emergency situations.

Chairwoman Carri Jones and Congressman Nolan discussing the Bug School replacement. APIKE President Area 2, Deputy Director Pete Paquette, District II Rep. Steve White, BIA Aud. Wilson, Special Projects Director Jim Michaud, Mapetsi Lobbyist Debbie Ho, Senator Al Franken and his staff also, as well as Congresswoman Betty McCollum, and the Mapetsi Policy Group.

Without proper facilities, our children's educational opportunities are compromised. Section 701 of Title VII of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) states:

It is the policy of the United States to fulfill the Federal Government's unfulfilled promise to continue in trust relationships with and responsibility to the Indian people for the education of Indian children. The Federal Government will continue to work with Indian tribes toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

In accordance with its obligation to Indian children, the United States must work with us to seek a solution to ensure that our children go to school in adequate facilities.

The President’s FY13 budget request solely for school improvement and repair is $52.866 million, which is a proposed cut of $17.960 million from the FY12 enacted level for Indian school construction. The FY12 enacted level for Indian school construction was $263.3 million, the FY06 enacted level was $208.9 million, the FY05 enacted level for Indian school repair is $52.866 million, which is a proposed cut of $17.960 million from the FY12 enacted level for school improvement and repair.

The Administration’s failure to request and Congress’ failure to appropriate sufficient funding for BIE school construction is unconscionable in light of recent DOI Office of Inspector General reports finding “severe deficiencies” at BIE schools. The Administration is not complying with its obligation to Indian children, the United States must work with us to seek a solution to ensure that our children go to school in adequate facilities.

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Opinions Ranged Far and Wide at CESD Discussions

Community members came out to voice their opinions on economic development at community meetings held in February in each of the three districts on Leech Lake Reservation.

Meetings were held in Ball Club by District I Rep., Robbe Hoive, in Bena by District II Rep., Steve White and in Cass Lake by District II Rep., Lally Staples from Fairbanks. Tribal council members joined citizens in discussions that will aid in the tribal’s new Fairbanks Economic Development Strategy (CESD) for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The CESD provides a framework for making program and policy decisions that will become a binding document for future projects. A typical strategy focuses on enhancing competitiveness, increasing sustainable growth, and ensuring that growth includes everyone.

In Ball Club, Robbe Hoive opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and explained that the CESD is an essential strategy and planning document that is being informed by the community’s comments, creating a tool that will be an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the Leech Lake economy.

The discussion centered on the group discussion facilitated by Ken Nagle, Economic Development Director and Rita Albrecht, planner from Tribal Development.

Three questions were posed to the groups: “Who are we?” “Where does our strength come from?” and “Where should we invest to gain the most?” Those questions are based on a census that includes valuable family, education, and culture. These responses were in agreement with survey responses that have been collected through MonkeySurvey® at LeechLake.org. Protection of natural resources, education, economic diversification and developing solutions for challenging social issues topped the list of prime investments among 250 plus survey respondents. Additional comments suggested that 79% of LL citizens are proud of their community and 74% feel safe. An interesting result of note is 68% of citizens responding said that they like to be self-employed or own their own business. Even if you have not taken the opportunity to add your input, please participate in the online survey or join us for upcoming community meetings.

Stating that, “The CESD provides a framework for making program and policy decisions that will become a binding document for future projects. District II Rep., Lally Staples from Fairbanks encouraged community members to participate in the group discussion facilitated by Ken Nagle, Economic Development Director and Rita Albrecht, planner from Tribal Development. A group discussion facilitates a discussion that provides thoughtfull feedback that included strong opinions and also a lot of humor.

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Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 13, 2012

Present: donald “mick” Finn, steve White, steve Donald “mick” Finn, robbie Howe-Bebeau, steve White and Leroy Fairbanks III. motion by steve White to approve agenda with changes, table resolution LD2013-6, motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
- Motion by steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2013-43 concerning the Red Lake Band of Chippewa as agent to provide for the Government and Contract Services Fund for the year 2012 through June 30, 2013, seconded by steve White. Carried 3-0-0.

Wild Rice presentation.
- Motion by steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2013-41 concerning the American Indian Girlfriend event, seconded by Leroy Fairbanks. Carried 3-0-0.

Human Resources:
- Approved (3)

Public Notices:
- Motion by steve White to approve dennis Banks travel request. Carried 3-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 6, 2012

Present: donald “mick” Finn, steve White, steve Donald “mick” Finn, robbie Howe-Bebeau, steve White and Leroy Fairbanks III. motion by steve White and Leroy Fairbanks III. to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. Seconded by Leroy Fairbanks III. motion carried 4-0-0.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
- Motion by steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2013-45 concerning the Human Resources grant. Carried 3-0-0.

Other:
- Motion by steve White to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. Seconded by Leroy Fairbanks III. motion carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
September 24, 2012

Present: donald “mick” Finn, steve White, steve Donald “mick” Finn, robbie Howe-Bebeau, steve White and Leroy Fairbanks III. motion by steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2013-49 concerning the Indian Highway Safety Grant. motion carried 4-0-0. motion by steve White to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Seconded by Donald Finn. Carried 4-0-0.
Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 16, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leach Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 15, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 14, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 13, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 12, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 11, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 9, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 8, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 7, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 6, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 5, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 4, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 3, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 2, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
November 1, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
October 31, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
October 29, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
October 28, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
October 27, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting
October 26, 2012

Chairwoman Carrie Jones calls meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Concurrence motion made by Donald Finn, second by Steve White and LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Carried 4-0-0.
912 Kids at this Years Perch Jerk

It began in 2004 with a handful of volunteers and some eager kids that like to ice fish. This year the Leech Lake Band's biggest fishing event almost doubled the amount of kids that participated from last year. Every year the event grows and grows, from the vendors to the volunteers and prizes given away and prizes won. This year there were over nine hundred kids that participated, dozens of vendors that provided and hundreds of kids that had fun all day playing games out on the ice, fishing, eating, and getting to socialize amongst their own.

From the Vendors, to the District II office and Representative Steve White to the tournament’s go-to coordinator Jim Michaud, the occasion is marked by people coming together to bring our kids together for a day of fun, competition, and perch fishing. We would like to thank the aforementioned as well as the Leech Lake Tribal Cops, Leech Lake Gaming and the many vendors who gave also, including but not limited to:

Raffle Prize winners 2013 Kids Perch Jerk

1st Prize Vizio “60 TV Amanda Richardson
2nd Prize HP Pavilion All-in-one Computer Sharon Wakanabo
3rd Prize Laptop Joe Jackson
4th Prize Sony Tablet Lyra Allen

Biggest Fish Winners:

0-5
Trevor Tellstrom 13oz

6-11
Gordon Seeley 1lb 6oz Tulibee

12-16
Colton Hines 3lb 2oz eelpout

WHITE OAK CASINO - Sponsor
Boys 0-5: Girls 0-5:
1st $75 Trevor Tellstrom 13oz Carsyn Nihart, 12.5oz;
2nd $60 Trey Tabaka, 12.5oz; Sarah Stangland, 6oz
3rd $50 Matt Arellito 10oz; Alyshah LaRonde, 10oz; Shiloh Robertson, 6oz

NORTHERN LIGHTS CASINO - Sponsor
Boys 0-5:
1st $80 Gordon Seeley 1lb 6oz Tulibee Sophie Finn 10.5oz
2nd $75 Raseab Connor 1lb 14oz Walleye Brandi Kilde 1lb 1oz Walleye
3rd $75 Antonio Hanson 1lb 14oz Walleye Jordan Schaller 7oz

PALACE CASINO - Sponsor
Boys 0-5:
1st $125 Colton Hines 3lb 2oz eelpout Hannah Fairbanks 2lb 2oz Pike
2nd $100 Raishel Conner 1lb 14oz Walleye Brandi Kilde 1lb 1oz Walleye
3rd $75 Tony Finn 1lb 13oz pike Yolanda Robinson Sur Perch

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-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:
Amanda Butcher, James Lowell, and Christopher Herber, Parents
Court File No. CP-12-11-36

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 20, 2012, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on February 25, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3386 or 3682. 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.

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Shelby A. Adams, Mother, and Vacate Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on March 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3386 or 3682. 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.

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:
Donna Diehl, James Diehl, and Amanda Diehl, Parents
Court File No. CP-12-02-04

NOTICE
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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Thaddeus A. Adams, Mother; and any man who may claim parental rights to the above-named children, if you, the plaintiff, fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, you may find you in default and enter an order suspending your parental rights to the above-named children. If you, the plaintiff, fail to appear in person or by telephone for this hearing the Court may dismiss this matter.

To come your home to assist you in filling out the application (you will not be asked for personal financial information), call DRM wildfire prevention coordinator Office with any questions at (218)335-7439. Simple steps:

You can protect your home by taking these few simple steps:

• Keep your roof, rain gutters and window sills free from pine needles, leaves, twigs and other dead plant debris.
• Clear leaves and debris from underneath decks and porches.
• Clear dead trees, bushes and shrubs from around your property.

Remember to review your defensible space for the action to keep it legal.

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Wildfire Safety Tip of the Month

Dead vegetation, leaves and pine needles can act like tinder and your house is the fuel. You can protect your home by taking these few simple steps:

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Interview with Fred Isham

CTAS Application 2013

February 28, 2013

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Call for Minnesota Artists
“Art from Within” 2013

This call for entries is open to emerging or established artists. American Indians from Minnesota tribes are strongly encouraged to submit entries as well as Minnesota youth. If you’re not Native, you must be a resident in Minnesota. This show is open to adults and youth whose lives have been touched by incarceration and/or affected by the criminal justice system, directly or indirectly. Artists relationship to the title, “Art from Within” can be literal or metaphorical. Entries will be limited to three (3) pieces of artwork per person. Small cash prizes will be awarded to top entries. Art from Within is a juried art show.

For More Information Please Contact:
Northwest Indian OIC
520 4th St. NW Bemidji, MN 56601
218.795.2627
www.nwioic.org

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What to bring:
• Photo ID
• Birthdates and Social Security numbers for you, spouse and dependents
• Income Statements W-2s for each job
• Year-end income for MFTP, SSI, MSA, VA, veteran’s benefits, workers’ compensation
• Last year’s tax return
• Direct Deposit info: routing # & account #
• Receipts for dependents’ K-12 educational expenses
• Tuition expense for college
• Interest statements for student loans
• Childcare expenses provider name, address, Tax ID or social security #
• Insurance statements: mortgage interest statement, real estate taxes paid (form 1099), Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2013
• Driver’s License: Certificate of Rent Paid

To download an application please visit: www.aclu-mn.org. For more information, please call 218-444-2281 or email gregj@aclu-mn.org.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
LLBO WIC FOR MARCH 2013
Letch Lake Band of Ojibwe WIC Program will be holding WIC clinics for the month of March as follows:

WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST
Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday: March 4, 11, 18 & 25th
Wednesday: March 6, 13, 20 & 27th
Tuesday: March 5, 12, & 19th
Friday: March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th

WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS
1st Thursday, March 7th
Onigum Community Center Appointments 10am – 12pm

2nd Thursday, March 14th
Inger Clinic Appointments 10am – 2pm

3rd Thursday, March 21st
Ball Club Community Center Appointments 10am – 1pm

4th Thursday, March 28th
Bena Clinic Appointments 10am – 12pm

If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call 218-335-8385 or 1-866-289-5995.
In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Elder Abuse Awareness Conference
Presented by the Elder Services Providers Network
April 16-17, 2013
Grand Casino Hinckley Convention Center
777 Lady Luck Dr. Hinckley, MN

Registration Forms available at the following locations:
Elder Services Programs
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Elderly Nutrition Programs

This is an Elder’s Event Early Registration is Strongly Encouraged
All registrations received after April 15, 2013 will be considered as on-site registrations

Mail / Fax Registrations:
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Sadie Cooper PO Box 217 Cass Lake, MN 56633
Phone: (218) 335-8385
Fax: (218) 335-8406

For more information, please contact:
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We are located in the BLUE building on the corner of Minnesota Ave and 4th St, south of the Post Office.
The spring fire season is here!

It has been a cold, wet winter and with the arrival of spring the leech lake fire department is gearing up for another fire season. They have started by placing smokey fire danger signs in the ball and community halls.

These signs will notify the public about the current level of fire danger, of which there are 5:

1. Low – fires are easily started. Medium – fires start easily and spread at a fast rate. High – fires starts easily and spread at a fast rate. Extreme – the fire situation is explosive and can result in extensive property damage.

Be sure and keep these fire dangers in mind as you anxiously await to burn leaf piles and grass.

If you haven’t already burning your leaves and grass, wait for the right conditions.

• Low fire danger is easier to control.
• High fire danger is dangerous; ground fuels will ignite, producing smokes and intense heat.

The leech lake wildland fire prevention coordinator Robert Gotchel

Partnering up for Family Night

I t was a packed house as you walked into the Deer River High School (DDHS) commons area on the night of December 10th. The Event, Family Night, was a partnership between Deer River School District’s Indian Education organization and the S.T.E.P. Coalition. The evening was a planned event to provide an opportunity for families and friends to meet together. The idea is to reduce a safe and healthy environment. The evening was supported by local businesses and a mill grant through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. DDHS Human Services (MN DHS-ADAP).

Family Night shared a wild rice caserole and ham and beans that was served with a side of dessert. It was also a chance for families to meet and relate for all ages. Names were drawn to win books, gift cards and hotel stays. Young and old could put their talents to use by making dream catchers or Christmas stockings made from felt. Or, if you wanted to fix your blood pumping and sign up they could have joined in with dodgeball tournament. Santa Claus (played by Sherman Obey) even made a showing. More than 200 people in attendance.

“Collaboration with the S.T.E.P. Coalition is natural for our program, we have the same goals, like providing guidance and advice for our future leaders. Providing alternative activities and education is important in all our communities including our school,” said Gerald White of the DDHS Indian Education Program.

The students volunteered their time to put the event together. Heather Kuchenknohn oversaw the dodgeball and bean bag tournament. Doreen Johnson helped make Christmas stockings to the families. Lynn Evans and Beatrice Goyocks gathered traditional and contemporary dream catchers. Singer/songwriter Annie Humphrey played on musical instruments and provided hotel stays. Young volunteers include: Tessa Hestand, Pam Thompson, Lauri Alger, Sara Warren and Amanda Young running Cranes.

A large group of young people get the vibe to the Indian Education’s S.T.E.P. Coalition Family Night dodgeball tournament.
**Entertainment**

**Northern Lights Event Center**

- **March 16th**
  - King of the Cage
  - MMA
  - 7:00 pm
  - Tickets: $29/$38/$47

- **April 20th**
  - Gabriel Iglesias
  - “Fluffy”
  - 6:30 & 9:00 pm
  - Tickets: $29/$36

- **May 4th**
  - Little River Band
  - 7:00 pm
  - Tickets: $24/$30

- **May 20th**
  - T.G. Sheppard
  - 6:00 pm
  - Tickets: $11/$16

**Women’s Expo**

- **Saturday, March 2nd**
- **Women’s Expo 2013**
- Join us for the Women’s Expo 2013 at the Northern Lights Event Center for Breakouts, Spa Services and Professional Chef Presentations and More!
- Door Prizes • Women’s Only Texas Hold’Em Poker Tournament • FREE Admission!

**Honoring & Celebrating**

**District I Elders** (62 and over)

**March Birthdays**

- Mike Brown
- David Cronin
- Sarah Jackson
- Rose Robinson
- Marvin “Bud’ Tibbetts
- Terrance Warner
- Lorraine White

**Wishing you a Happy Birthday!**

District I office Robbie, Penny, & Sarah

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