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We should speak Ojibwe with each other every day.

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**LLBO Financial Services Seeks Certification**

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is moving toward certification by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Successful reservations typically have healthy, vibrant CDFI’s available, and that’s the goal of the group building the LLBO community CDFI.

Named Leech Lake Financial Services, Inc. (LLFS), the CDFI is designed to manage the Band’s Small Business Loan Program from the USDA, and the Credit Builder Loan Program available to employees in and around the reservation. Already formed as a Tribal Corporation, LLFS is seeking classification as a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization to offer financial products and trainings. As part of the U.S. Treasury certification process, LLFS established lending and collection policies specifically tailored to the USDA guidelines and the current lending programs. The certification process requires strict compliance with lending and collection policies. The challenge faced by LLFS is the merging of the loan programs into new lending and collection policies. As a result, some current borrowers may notice changes in lending and collection efforts.

So far, LLFS sponsored trainings like Business 101, and Credit Building on the Rez, serving 130 employees and community members last quarter. CDFI Executive Director Rob Aitken and Business Development Specialist Pamela Spong recently became certified trainers at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis to provide classes on Finance and Credit in and around the community. Classes will be offered bi-weekly.
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As I reported last quarter, one of my highest priorities was to expand our land base and get land placed into trust. This past quarter, we have placed two applications for trust parcels with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and we are very pleased with the way the process has been moving. The White Oak Store and Department is working closely with the BIA to ensure that we follow through with these applications in the next quarter. We are working with many steps, but both by following up when necessary, we can and will have land taken into trust for Leech Lake for the first time in over seven years.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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FINANCES

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Leech Lake Green Team Goes Beyond Composting, Strives for Food Security on Leech Lake

One of the most profound and enduring consequences of Reservation life has been its impact on food security. Indian Health Service (IHS) data show that poor nutrition leads to poor health and can attribute to other poor health conditions and life expectancy. The Food Security Project is a collaborative process that was proposed to build upon our previous composting project transitioning into the realm of food-security through assessing current food systems, mapping resources, and researching the feasibility of small-scale vegetable production.

The Food Security Project could result in: Leech Lake Band Members and Staff having a better understanding of where food production is occurring and could occur due to preferable soil conditions, land uses, proximity to food sources, and existing community programs. The project will also link networks outside the Reservation that have resources and to collaboratively strengthen resources available to Band Members to improve food security, increase agricultural assets, and improve food practices while educating the Reservation population about Leech Lake’s traditional food systems within the Reservation. The project will build on the Band’s current composting initiative to include fish waste which will provide an additional resource for local food production, and add Cas Lake Bena Middle and High Schools to the composting project and start them on their initiative to start local, traditional, local food systems while increasing the amount of traditional foods consumed, expand food sovereignty, and provide access to the marketplace for native food producers, and building capacity within communities, all of which will lead to a movement for systemic change towards a healthier and sustainable food system within our communities. The Food Security Project is a collaborative and participatory process that systematically examines a range of community food assets so as to inform food system programming, enhance regional economic development, and increase environmental health and well-being within our communities. The assessment tool is a collaborative and participatory survey that examines community food assets and assesses the food security of the Reservation.

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In addition to the development of a seed bank at Leech Lake College, Leech Lake College the Green Team will host a seed saving symposium. The Green Team will work with Community Education Coordinators to host food safety classes. These classes will focus on food safety in traditional preservation and canning practices.

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Composting is environmentally sound. Properly done, it decreases the potential for surface and groundwater contamination. Composting destroys disease-causing organisms and by larvae. The materials needed for composting (fish waste, rice hulls, leaves, wood chips, straw and water) are readily available.

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Sugar Camp

By Chris Haugene

In late April Guy Greene’s sugar camp was alive and working full-time with smoking barrels boiling syrup, silver cans hanging off several maples in the area, trees still pushing sap from their roots, birds chirping away, and much work to be done. Along with students from Itasca Community College and their instructor Larry Aikken, I had the pleasure of visiting Guy and April Greene’s sugar camp out at Sugar Point.

Guy Greene has been tapping trees and gathering the clear running syrup ever since he was a kid in post World War Two era Leech Lake. After 35 years at his current sugar camp, Guy and his wife April Greene have hosted students from Cass Lake Bena, Leech Lake Tribal College and Itasca Community College in order to show the students that maple sugaring isn’t just about the sweet end product or getting out of the house after a long winter; the Greenes take their visitors out into the woods and explain why they don’t tap unhealthy trees or trees that are too young. Guy explains how the previous year’s weather has an effect on the density of the sap. The amount of snow, humidity, and even severe weather can play into the success of maple sugaring and how many gallons of sap it can take to make one gallon of syrup (an average of 40 gallons sap to one gallon of syrup).

After introductions were made between the students from Itasca Community College and the Greenes’, Guy went right in to engaging the students with questions about their own experiences, or lack thereof, with gathering from the woods. After about 20 minutes of conversation, stories and some really good humor April Greene brought some sap to the group that had been reduced over heat that was ready to turn into maple sugar as it cooled. It was still dangerously hot as syrup reaches ideal density at 217 degrees and maple sugar is heated to around 40-50 degrees above the boiling point then allowed to cool while being stirred.

After some demonstration and a short walk around the area to see some trees, the group broke bread and Guy got back in to engaging the students with questions and stories and, again, some great humor. In the end it was another reminder that the deeper lessons that help us connect us with our culture and our history come not from books or meetings about our traditions in a hypothetical sense. The deeper lessons are learned through “doing”. These lessons are learned when we walk in the footsteps of our elders and ancestors when we practice today the ways that sustained us yesterday.
Birch Bark Canoe Building Project, Jon Jones

Participants will create a 16 foot traditional canoe from start to finish, doing everything by hand. Ojibwe language will be taught and used throughout this process. All work will be done outdoors so please dress for the weather. This is an intensive class, requiring 8 hours a day or more of work, please bring your own lunch/snacks. This is a FREE class.

July 15th-August 2nd, 2013
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For more information call 335-4344.
The Indian Health Service and several other federal agencies plan to improve interagency coordination in providing safe drinking water and basic sanitation to tribal communities. The IHS, which coordinates with the Centers for Disease Control and Health Services, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Agriculture.

In 2007, these agencies and tribal representatives assembled an infrastructure task force to improve access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in Indian Country. The memorandum of understanding formalizes federal cooperation toward the task force’s goal of reducing the number of tribal homes lacking access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 50 percent by 2015. The agreement will help to coordinate available funding, programs, and expertise for access to basic sanitation as federal officials work with tribal officials to develop successful sanitation programs in Indian Country.

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**Notice of Registration of Foreign Child Support Order**

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this Court will continue to withhold your wages in the same manner as your wages have been withheld in the past.

APPEARANCE DATE: June 18, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

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Lake on September 21, 1952 to Jack and Iona Seelye. She was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota the son of Stephen and Iona Seelye, Honey Seelye, Davey Seelye, and Mike Kormos. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joanne Ortley of Cass Lake, brother; Thomas. She is survived by her daughter, Joanne Ortley; sister, Geraldine L.; 3 infant grandchildren; and three extra special nephews.

Carrol Funeral Home will be Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm at the new Bena Community Center with graveside service at the Lakeview Cemetery with Fr. Pat Lonergan as the celebrant. Active pallbearers are Rocky Tibbetts Sr., Rocky Tibbetts Jr., Jesse Halleck, and Sam Cleveland and Lanny Seelye. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Seelye, Frank Seelye, Larry Roberts of Mahnomen, Lee Winkie Madsen, and Cameron Seelye, and Mike Kormos.

Scott Alan Ayers

Cay roll Curtis Ortley

Frank Curtis Ortley, 65, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND. He was born on September 11, 1947 in White Earth, Minnesota the son of Stephen and Iona (Bassett) Ortley. Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Steven and his sisters, Joan, Leora, David and brother, Dana Ortley. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Ortley of Cass Lake, son; Frank Ortley Jr. of Oregon and Joel Ortley of Cass Lake; daughters; Anne Ortley of Cass Lake, Teresa (Derek Franks) Ortley of Cass Lake, Jolanda Diane Ortley of Minneapolis, Jeannie Saguin Ortley of Michigan and Michelle Ortley of Cass Lake, brother; Stephen Ortley, Jr., step brothers; Larry Roberts of Mahoneys and Sam of Minneapolis, sisters; Charlotte (Frank) Elias of Houston, TX; Florence Escobas of Pine Point, MN; Mary Ortley of Milwaukee, Louisiana Westbook of Minneapolis and Roberta Ortley, 5 granddaughters, 10 grand- children, great granddaughters and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A traditional wake service for Frank will be begun at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 14, 2013 and will continue until the 11:00 am service on Tuesday all at the Old Pine Point Church in Pondford, MN. Spiritual leader will be Allen Fahlberg. Pallbearers will be David Franks, Emily Ortley, Eugene Escobas, Jr., Jerry Adams, Juan Vasquez and Marlon White. All other pallbearers will be James Ortley and Tim Bixon. Honorary Pallbearers are Craig Ortley, Vicente Ceda Romo, Bryant Cooper, Jonathan Weyaus, Darian Weyaus and Gabriel Ortley. Interment will be held in the St. Theodore Catholic Cemetery at Pondford, MN. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Rainbow Woman, 60 years old, went to join the Creator on March 19, 2013 after fighting her battle with cancer with her “sista” by her side. She was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota on September 21, 1952 to Jack and Rose Seelye.

She spent her younger days in Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Nursing Home, then an LPN for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minneapolis where she was a CNA for Indian Minnesota. She attended the time of the interview. She passed away on March 22nd at 4:00 pm with the Rosary at 5:00 pm; funeral services by Rose Seelye.

She was preceded in death by her father, Curtis Ortley and her maternal grandfather and a great grandchild; two brothers; Larry and Scott McClimek, and three extra special nephews. She was married on September 14, 1973 to Tommy Ortley, and was blessed with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A traditional wake service for Frank will be begun at 5:00 pm on Sunday, April 13, 2013 and will continue until the 11:00 am service on Tuesday all at the Old Pine Point Church in Pondford, MN. Spiritual leader will be Allen Fahlberg. Pallbearers will be David Franks, Emily Ortley, Eugene Escobas, Jr., Jerry Adams, Juan Vasquez and Marlon White. All other pallbearers will be James Ortley and Tim Bixon. Honorary Pallbearers are Craig Ortley, Vicente Ceda Romo, Bryant Cooper, Jonathan Weyaus, Darian Weyaus and Gabriel Ortley. Interment will be held in the St. Theodore Catholic Cemetery at Pondford, MN. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

JOBO ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cass Lake-Bena School District #115 is searching for individuals interested in the following position:

Community Mental Health Practitioner

Starting an eligibility list for new position to hire in May/June. Benefits, IS Services, Human Services, plus 2000 hours supervised in mental health. Assist people with long-term mental illness in strengths-based recovery skills. EOE.

Send resume’, strengthes and references to:
PO Box 1097, Bemidji, MN 56619. (218) 444-6748.
What are YOU doing this summer?

Apply now for a Center of American Indian and Minority Health (CAIMH) Summer Program at UMD!

Stepping Stones to Health Careers

Are you in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade?

Come experience college life at the University of Minnesota Duluth!

July 7th-12th and/or July 14th-19th, 2013

Stay in the dorms, eat in the dining center, rock climb, use the fitness center, and more!

Learn about health careers while also experiencing fun Duluth attractions like a Huskies game, boat ride on Lake Superior, and Spirit Mountain’s adventure park!

High School Super Stars

Are you in 11th or 12th grade or a recent high school graduate who is interested in learning more about health careers?

Check out our High School Super Stars program!

June 17th-July 26th, 2013

Work in teams with doctors to solve medical puzzles!

Learn how doctors diagnose patients!

Meet Native American medical students and health professionals!

Tour local hospitals and clinics!

For more information on CAIMH Summer Camps and Programs please contact us!

Call (218)726-7235, email caimh@d.umn.edu, or visit www.caimh.umn.edu

Native Americans into Medicine

Are you a college student interested in health careers?

We’ve got a program for you, too!

Come to UMD to learn more about medical school and other health professions, while strengthening your skills in Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Research and Math!

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Native Americans into Medicine students also get the chance to meet Native American health professionals and tour local hospitals and clinics!

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