

# DeBahJiMon

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## Ahnji-Bi-Ma-Diz Center Reopens

By Patsy Gordon

After being closed for 18 months, the Leech Lake Men's halfway house finally reopened on June 26<sup>th</sup> in its new location. Spiritual Advisor, Bill Bobolink, blessed and smudged the house before the grand opening ceremony began.

The center has 24 hour coverage, is handicapped accessible and is located west of Cass Lake on Bingo Palace Drive just south of the Palace Casino and Hotel. Presently, the halfway house has a capacity to house 4 men with hopes of adding another 10 beds for men and also

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Photo by Patsy Gordon

## Annual Healing Walk Comes With Message

By Patsy Gordon

The message was clear. The drugs and alcohol in this community have led to much heart ache, grief and hurt and has adversely affected most everyone who lives here. Some have lost loved ones to murder, some have lost loved ones to the prison system, and many have felt the loss in the community as a whole in one way or another, and the community is working to try and do something about it.

Thanks to Cass Lake Mayor, Elaine Fleming, Cass Lake Family Services Center Director, Joanne Mulbah, Katie O'Kelley, and Fran King, Garden organizers, for putting together the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Healing Walk. About 75 people took part and walked the route across Highway 2, through Tract 33, and back across Highway 2 where they briefly stopped at the two sites where two young



Photo by Patsy Gordon

women, Heather Casey and Faye Nelson died one year ago. Some of the walkers quietly wept at the sites.

A garden of medicinal plants was dedicated in honor of the two women where community members were invited to lay a memorial rock with a person's name on it in the garden. Eventually, a wall and a bench will be added to the garden where

people can go to sit and remember loved ones they have lost.

Mayor Elaine Fleming choked back tears as she spoke

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Photo by Patsy Gordon

Pictured above is Gov. Tim Paulenty and Leech Lake Chairman Peter White at the 54th Annual Governors Interstate Indian Council. The Governor addressed the audience that had assembled at the new Northern Lights Hotel Convention Center on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. Tribal leaders from across the nation attended the 4-day event.

## NCAI Will Host 2003 Scholarship Pageant in Albuquerque, NM

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will host its annual Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant at the Albuquerque Convention Center on November 17, 2003 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Each year, a young lady is selected from a group of candidates to represent NCAI and Indian Nations as a youth role model, educator, and ambassador for the duration of one year. Miss NCAI 2003 is awarded a \$5000 scholarship to help meet

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# HIP/Constituent Services Program Hires New Program Director To Improve Services.

By Patsy Gordon

Requests from constituents have prompted the Tribal Council and Leech Lake administration to implement changes in the HIP/Constituent Services program. The program will be transferred back to its original status and become a separate division from the Leech Lake Housing program. Hopefully, this change will assist with making changes for the better for Leech Lake Band members requesting housing repair/renovation assistance.

An application for assistance will still have to be completed with the HIP staff at the Leech Lake Housing office. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Executive Director, Gerald White, says, "We want to make changes on how we address their issues. In addition, we want to make sure that we follow up on their requests and that the work gets completed." In doing so, a new Director for the program has been hired.

Bruce Bowstring, Leech Lake Band member, a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Army with a background in housing/barracks repair and renovation has been hired to take the position of Community Services Director. During his last 12 years in the Army, he was assigned to the Aviation unit where he was always on "jump status" as a paratrooper. Bowstring enlisted in the Army on November 19, 1963 and retired in 1984.

Following his retirement from the Army, Bowstring went to Carpentry school in 1984 and 1985. After finishing his training there, he opened Bowstring Construction in Fayetteville,

North Carolina, which he owned and operated until April of this year. Bowstring says he still has the company but is not presently operating it and is considering just closing it out.

Bowstrings plans for the HIP/Constituent Services program include hiring an overall supervisor to supervise housing crews that actually do the repairs on homes. He will also be looking for additional personnel that are trained in the construction field. He says there are already calls coming in for the weatherization of homes which includes everything from putting plastic on windows to furnace repair. Three inspectors are already on duty with the HIP program that go out and do the inspections on houses after the application for assistance has been completed. The inspectors are responsible for taking pictures of the units that are in need of repair and compiling the estimates necessary to get the work done. There are many, many requests that come in for this type of assistance which does create a back log of work that is presently being put on a waiting list. It is Bowstrings hope that the changes being implemented will alleviate some of this waiting time that the Band members are now subjected to.

Bowstring is willing to hear your concerns and do his best to get the requested work done on a timely basis and see to it that Band members are not left waiting to get their requests processed and finished. You can reach him at the Housing office at 335-8280.

Dear Editor:

I thank you and your staff for putting together an outstanding publication. Your coverage is from A to Z, i.e., current events, Council meetings, and the Elder's Chair feature, etc.

I was born, raised and educated in Cass Lake. My mother was Edythe Munnell. In the summer of 1954 I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and ended up making the Air Force a career and retired after 21 years of service. Having been all over the world I chose to settle down in Massachusetts. Very few of the kids I went to school with came back to Cass Lake to live and now I have classmates from coast to coast.

I enjoy reading your publication as it brings back memories of the area, updates me on changes that have been made and gives an insight of Tribal progress (many changes since I left). Also a lot of surnames mentioned ring a bell with the past, i.e., Little Wolf, Wakazo, Wakanabo, Harper. Went to school with some, worked with some, and played sports with some. Thanks again.

Yours truly,

Boyd "Nick" Schluter, Jr.  
Charlton, MA 01507

Dear Editor:

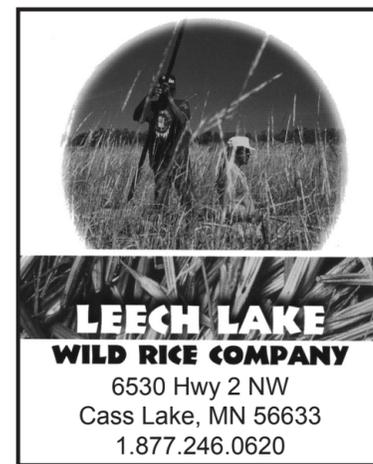
Boozhoo. I saw in my latest newspaper that you asked for writers to send in their works and so I thought that I would send you this little booklet of poetry that I had put together as christmas gifts this past year.

As it had a bit of everything theme-wise, I thought that you could pick and choose as to what you might like to use in the paper.

Even if you decide not to use anything from it, you can keep it as my gift to you for the great work that you and your staff are doing with the paper, and the direction you are taking it!

Craigalan West – Leech Lake Band Member  
Albion, PA

One of Craig West's poems is found on page 6.



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# Testing Begins on Dirt Samples Taken From Superfund Site

By Patsy Gordon

Thanks to local residents speaking out on the hazards and action needing to be taken on cleaning up the superfund site, something is finally being done. The site located immediately south of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks, west of Pike Bay on Cass Lake, east of highway 371, and north of Fox Creek in Cass Lake, where the old lumber company known as the St. Regis Lumber Company used to be located, has been a long standing complaint for past and present area residents. The lumber company that operated as a wood preserving plant made it a practice of dumping their waste/sludge into the old Cass Lake Dump site then burning it, or pushing it into a creek that led to Pike Bay and into Cass Lake. Local residents and other community members have long since complained about the fears they have lived with for the past several years regarding health problems they attribute to



**Barr Engineering employees remove dirt to test for contamination.**

Photo by Patsy Gordon

living on or near the site.

International Paper who bought the lumber company in 2000 contracted with the Barr Engineering firm to take the

samples so that they can be tested for dioxin and other harmful chemicals that it may possibly contain. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and International Paper will test the samples to ensure uniform results. Testing will be done in labs that have been pre-approved by the EPA.

International Paper is also in the process of accessing an agreement with Burlington Northern Railroad so that the soil there may also be tested for dioxin/chemical levels.

Don de Blasio, from the EPA in Chicago, Illinois came to Cass Lake to head up the project. He and Barr Engineering Project Manager, Tim Drexler, explained the process for the taking of the samples. The crews took three samples each from many different areas located on the site. The first sample was taken at 4 inches deep, the second sample was taken in an area from 4 to 12 inches deep,

and the third sample was taken in an area from 12 to 24 inches deep within the same hole. A narrow auger was used to dig the holes and after each digging, the auger had to be carefully cleaned and washed off so possible contaminants from the prior hole did not cross-contaminate the next sample of soil taken. Samples are sent into the labs as areas are finished, and the sampling will continue for the next 4 weeks.

Although the crews wore protective clothing while taking the samples to minimize any possible exposure to chemicals, no dust masks were worn. The trucks they used were equipped with air monitoring devices which indicated that the dust was not at a high enough level where protection was needed.

Once the results are in, a town meeting will be organized to discuss the outcome with the community.

# Chippewa National Forest Service Looks Forward to Working with Leech Lake on CNF issues.

By Patsy Gordon

Norman Wagoner, new USDA Forest Supervisor for the Chippewa National Forest Cass Lake office dropped by the Tribal offices to introduce himself and pay a visit to Tribal Chairman Pete White and other Leech Lake staff. In the past, Wagoner has worked with Tribes all over the country in his capacity as Supervisor for national forests.

The Chippewa National Forest organization is interested in assisting the Band with new economic opportunity ideas, and offers their expertise if they can be of help in any way to Leech Lake. Since both organizations do overlap with responsibilities in many areas which includes forests and roads, Wagoner and Chairman White agree that a

relationship built on trust between the two entities will serve to only enhance their agreement to work together cooperatively.

Since many Band members do have a genuine interest in gathering natural resources such as berries, pine cones, christmas tree boughs, birch bark, etc., Wagoner will work to make the resources readily available to them. He also welcomes the opportunity for Tribal members to bid for contracts on jobs that the Chippewa National Forest has to offer.

Wagoner is interested in continuing to build a positive working relationship between the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Band on related issues that affect both agencies.



**Chairman Peter White and Norman Wagoner, USDA Forest Supervisor, Cass Lake, MN.**

Photo by Cari Tabor

## Cass Lake Joins in "National Night Out" Campaign.

By Patsy Gordon

The National Association of Town Watch located in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, just wrapped up sponsoring their 20<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out Celebration where thousands of cities from across the nation join forces in their campaign fight against crime and drugs where all communities are invited to participate. But, of course we all know, it's not just a one night fight. Every night and every day we, as law abiding American citizens, need to join together to do our part in keeping our communities and towns safe, and yes, even you, can make a difference!

On Tuesday night, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Cass Lake joined in to do their part in the campaign. The Cass Lake Family Service Center proudly supported the Night Out campaign with their own celebration. The Center joined forces with the Boys and Girls Club, Leech Lake Youth Division, Leech Lake Housing, Cass Lake Police Department, Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department, City and Tribal police, and community members and sponsored their own "Take Back The Night" event. Joanne Mulbah, Family Service Center Director, says that as a result of this event and the joint

effort of all involved, "we hope to have better relations and a more friendly environment with the police".

Tim Reiplinger and Art Schumaker, volunteer firemen with the Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department, gave tours of the department's fire trucks. Tribal Police Officer, Ken Washington, showed the kids and others interested, what the inside of a police car looked like.

Cass Lake has formed a Citizen's Patrol Unit of which Dorcy Showen, is Captain of. The Cass Lake Citizens Patrol was organized by former Chief of Police, Larry Johnson. To date, the unit has had the last three months of active patrol, and has 8 active members who have joined



**Will St. Cyr paints an eagle on the face of this little boy.**

Photo by Cari Tabor



**Ken Washington shows his police car to young onlookers.**

Photo by Cari Tabor

the unit and work on a volunteer basis. The citizens patrol volunteers go out in pairs and ride two to a vehicle, and pay for their own gas. They are supplied with radios in case problems arise and they report any suspicious activity, etc. directly to the police.

Fund raising events are being planned for the near future to assist with Patrol expenses. In addition, nine donation containers are located throughout the City of Cass Lake to raise money for the Citizen's Patrol needs and supplies, such as uniforms and training. Any member of the community may sign up to volunteer unless they have been convicted of a felony.

Mary Jane Richards, volunteer with the Citizen's Patrol says, "We are the eyes and ears, we don't step in or get into conflicts. We report what we see/hear to the police."

Aside from all the seriousness, some fun and games were planned as well. Will St. Cyr joined in to do his artistic face painting on the children's faces. Will says, "I enjoy face painting. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> time at this type of event."

Cass Lake resident, Gordon Wright, revels in the fact that he is a jack of all trades. He's a set designer, laborer, cook, gopher, and then some, all wrapped up

into one. I heard that he proved himself right and served up some awesome brats, polish sausages, and hot dogs.

Not to be outdone, some young actors entertained the crowd with a play they had put together called, "How Shooting Stars Were Born". I hear Hollywood has some competition on their hands. Look out Hollywood!

So don't underestimate yourself, with your help and others just like you, Cass Lake can celebrate a stronger and safer city.



**These two guys are warming up for a game of three on three.**

Photo by Cari Tabor

## Inger Round House Finally Complete Nine Years Later

By Patsy Gordon

In 1960, the original Inger Round House burnt to the ground. It wasn't until 1991 that planning for the reconstruction of the Round House took place. After the renovation was completed, a dedication ceremony for the reopening of the Round House was held on Veteran's Day November 11, 1994. Veteran's Day seemed to be a suitable and appropriate day for the dedication of the Round House since honoring veterans is part of Ojibwe tradition and the Round House would be used for purposes of honoring Native American Veterans also. The elders taught that keeping with the round house Ojibwe traditions would aid the village in staying united as a community.

The actual rebuilding of the Round House began in the fall of 1993, but the project ran out of funds before a floor could be constructed, so the floor was left dirt until recently. Thanks to



**William Bowstring works on laying in the round house floor while Steve Jackson looks on.**

Photo by Patsy Gordon

the Enbridge Corporation of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, a floor has finally been laid into the building. Enbridge donated some logs to the Band that had been cut down during the pipeline installation that runs along Highway 2 through Cass Lake. In turn, the Band sold the logs and used the profits to purchase the materials needed to

install the floor.

Bernard Robinson, Sam Johnson, Jr., Victor Robinson, and Will Bowstring were contracted to install the floor. Now Inger's dance hall is complete. Other communities are invited to utilize the hall as well.

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educational goals.

Pageant coordinator Alyssa Burhans said the winner will be "selected on the basis of her knowledge of tribal government, culture and history and her concerned interest in conditions affecting the well-being of American Indian and Alaskan Native governments and people, as well as scholastic achievement, communication, presentation, and personality."

Awards include Miss NCAI 2003, Miss NCAI Runner Up, Best Talent, and Miss Congeniality. To be eligible to compete in the Miss NCAI Pageant, contestants must be 17-25 years of age on or before October 1, 2003; a citizen of an American Indian or Alaska

Native tribe or village with proof of enrollment; current high school senior, full-time undergraduate student (12+ credits), or full-time graduate student (9+ credits); and single, never married and have no children.

Official applications are available on the NCAI website at [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org) or call 612-860-3300 to have an application mailed to you. The deadline for applications is October 29, 2003.

For more information regarding the Miss NCAI 2003 Scholarship Pageant, please contact: Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant Program, Attention: Alyssa Burhans, Coordinator, P.O. Box 80036, Minneapolis, MN 55408 or email [dawamana@hotmail.com](mailto:dawamana@hotmail.com).

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of how the drugs and alcohol are leading to the tragic deaths that have plagued Cass Lake in the past. She spoke of how she carries anger with her because of these situations and said, "I want to give that up, I want to give it away".

Through a compelling and tearful speech, Joanne Mulbah encouraged community members to take a stand and help our young people choose the right path.

Tearful family members of Heather Casey and Faye Nelson got up and spoke during the open mic time and talked of how the deaths has affected them, how they miss them, and how we all need to take a stand against drugs, alcohol, and crime. They thanked community members for showing up and offering their support.

### The Tri-Reservation Leadership Alliance

is looking for

30 young women, ages 12 -17

to participate in the

Young Women's Leadership Conference

to be held

September 26th, 27th & 28th at

Spirit of the Forest Enrichment Center

(outside of Cass Lake, MN).

The conference is free of charge, all meals

will be provided, and many fun and empowering activities are planned.

For more information and an application to attend please contact

Joanne Mulbah at the Cass Lake Family Center:

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## So You Want To Be An "Indian"

By Craiglan West

Hey You!  
Yeah you, the correction officer says.  
Don't you think it's time to cut your hair?  
What do you mean, "No?"  
It's getting a little long, don't you think?  
Hair exemption?  
Oh, so now you want to be an "Indian".

No, I don't want to be one of your "Indians".  
I am Anishinaabe, Pre-American to you.  
Why does it frighten you to see me as what I am?  
Why do you get worried to see a man worship his creator  
In a different way than you?  
I have lived in your world,  
I have felt your discrimination  
Whenever your eyes open to see that I know the truth.  
You call me "Chief", but not in respect,  
Hey "Tonto", Hey "Geronimo", let's dance for rain.

Why do you have to be different?  
This most of all things,  
I remember being asked as a child.  
I don't have to be different,  
Not if you would see me as an equal.  
Put away your racism, put away your fear.  
Let your life be filled with beauty,  
Let the Creator open your heart and mind so that you can see  
How everything in life is connected.  
Open your eyes to see me as a man.

Hey you!  
Don't you think it's time to stop the "tomahawk chop"?  
What do you mean "No"?  
It's getting a little old, don't you think, out of respect?  
Oh, so now you want to be an "Indian"...

Craigalan West (Ta'anadeaseno) is an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, currently living in Pennsylvania. He is the author of eight books including the childrens book TOMORROW & THE LITTLE GIRL and has been published by the National Poetry Society.



## Sonya's Poem

By Sonya Lanham

How do I find the words to say goodbye,  
to drinking, doing drugs, and getting high?  
I used to love being up with dem Rolla'z,  
I was a down ass female, dey called me Kola.  
A nickname from the drug that called my name,  
all my life it has always been the same pain.  
I guess I got tired of all the hate and poor poverty,  
throwing up gang signs, to stealing other people's property.  
From the cute little school girl to the love for fire,  
just when I thought I couldn't get any higher.  
I was pulled down by the hands of time,  
caught up with the drugs, dragged down this little heart of mine.  
Lurking in the dark, sad and depressed from lost loves,  
the drugs, booze, weed, that I couldn't get enough of.  
Walking the endless mile, I'm starting to feel happy and pleased,  
with the way I'm going, I no longer have unsteady knees.  
So, I say to you, I'm sorry but I got'z ta ill you out of my life,  
because I know the difference from wrong and right.  
And, even though you call out my name,  
I'm stronger, with more power and things won't be the same.  
Let me be, so I can live my life for the best.  
I've got to put you down, and lay you to rest.

## I'm Sorry

By Star Lanham

I'm sorry for all the times I lost  
my temper,  
for the times when I was rude.  
for all the gifts that were given,  
and never received thank yous.

For all the love you've given me,  
and I haven't given back  
for all the times you were patient  
a virtue that I lack.

I'm sorry for all the people  
to whom I was so cruel,  
to all the people I laughed at  
I acted like a fool.

I couldn't see past your  
imperfections,  
I couldn't see past my pride.  
Your feelings I trampled all over  
on my high horse, I would ride.

I'm sorry for all the times I lied,

For the people I hurt along the  
way.  
Not a day goes by that I don't  
regret it  
and I'd take it back any day.

The only person I cared about  
was me and only me  
and now I'm truly sorry  
I only wish I could make you see.

I'm sorry for everything I've done  
wrong,  
for all the people I let down.  
I'm only asking for a second  
chance  
so I can turn things back around.

I know that's a little late.  
My deeds can't be undone.  
I realize now that I was wrong,  
and I'm sorry everyone.

## The Sorrowful Ten Point Buck

A Work of Fiction By Craig M. LaFontaine

It was the first day of hunting season here on the Leech Lake Reservation. I had gotten up early, but some how started out late so I didn't think I'd jump a rabbit, let alone a ten-point buck! I had driven out to the swamp in my old 1986 Chevy pick up truck, it burnt so much oil that when I was stopped for a light, people said it reminded them of an old monster movie, where the monster would appear out of a dark and mysterious fog. I like to think of it as my calling card. It gives people time to put something decent on.

The air was cool and the sun was rising high in the eastern sky on that autumn morning, and the warm autumn colors of the leaves on the trees just turning into their true selves, warmed this old hunters bones right up, like a crackling hunting campfire on a cold winter day. The reds of the maple, yellows of the birch, and orange of the aspen against the velvet green pines, all crackled in the breeze. It made me think of Nanaboozhoo out with his paint brush helping to keep up the spirits of the ricers and hunters as they bring in the harvest for the long winter ahead. Miigwitch Nijjii.

I parked the monster truck on an old logging road and had just finished my hunter's sports power pack (for this hunter, it's a baloney sandwich and a cup of coffee), and was waiting for the smells of civilization to blow away. I was just about to load my rifle when I realized I had only brought five shells with me when out jumped a buck as big as a moose. It scared the heck out of me and caused me to

drop the five shells at my feet. I looked up at that buck, he was looking at those five shells like he was actually counting them. I thought, "maybe he's not so smart, maybe he thinks I had six shells instead of five." I put that empty rifle to my shoulder, and got that buck in my sights like I was going to blast him. That only made him mad. He started tossing that rack around and kicking up the ground like he was going to charge me. I guess having an unloaded rifle between you and a charging buck is better than having nothing at all. Out of sheer desperation, as loud and as real as I could sound, I said "Boom"! That bucks eyes popped out of his head and he dropped to the ground. I didn't think that was fair. If I was going to get him, I was going to get him fair and square. Now knowing CPR as I do, and being the fair man that I am, I put my rifle down and ran to that bucks side and started mouth to mouth resuscitation on him. In no time at all, that buck started to stir. I ran to my rifle and had just enough time to put one shell in it when that buck was back on his feet. I put my rifle to my shoulder and had him in my sights again. When I made my mistake, I started feeling sorrowful. After saving him, I couldn't shoot him! So I put the barrel down and looked at the buck, he started shaking his head up and down like he was thanking me. I nodded my head back like I understood. He turned and went on his way. As he did, I yelled at him, "Next time I won't be so sorrowful". I've been chasing him ever since.

## Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig LIEC Parent Advisory Committee Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for vacancies on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Parent Advisory Committee. Nominations will remain open until September 3, 2003. Nominees must be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a Bug O Nay Ge Shig School student and committed to attending one

meeting a month in addition to occasional special meetings and subcommittee meetings.

Please submit nominations to the P.A.C. mailbox at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School main office or the Leech Lake Education Division. Elections will be held during Family Fun Night Wednesday, September 17, 2003.

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If you are a Leech Lake Band Member who writes or have an interest in writing, the DeBahJiMon would like to publish your work. Creative writing, such as poetry and short stories, as well as non-fiction, such as news stories and feature articles are welcome. Send your work via e-mail to:

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## Elder's Chair: William "Bill" Bobolink Active Follower of Tradition

By Patsy Gordon

As a plane flew low just above the treetops, and semis, trucks and cars passed by on the noisy and busy nearby highway, Bill and I sat down outside to begin our visit.

Bill was born William Bobolink on April 16, 1921 to his proud parents, Jim and Jenny Bobolink, although he is not sure of where he was born he knows it was either in Sugar Point or Bena. Bill remembers even before turning one year old, being securely tied into a high chair so he wouldn't fall out and being in a log house with green wallpaper keeping an eye on his mother while she canned. He said, "I really know how that place used to look"! For all of his 82 years, Bill has lived in both of the communities at one time or another. He was raised there with his three brothers and one sister, all of whom since have passed on.

Bill married Ima White in 1984. They have 4 daughters and one son. They made their home in a 16 by 20 foot house in Sugar Point that Bill built himself. This is where they raised their children.

Not unlike so many of our Indian elders today, Bill did not learn the English language until he was seven years old and had attended school in Sugar Point in a one room school house. Bill said, "I didn't know one word of English at that time". He picked up a few words at a time by listening to the teacher and other kids in school until he eventually learned the entire English language. Bill's father would walk him and his brother David to school every day, and then Bill said after school they would run the three and a half

miles home.

He told me of a time that he recalled in particular, about one of the other students teasing him. Bill hauled off and hit him. The teacher came and asked him what happened. Even though he couldn't understand what the teacher was asking him he knew what she wanted to know. Bill said, "gee bug ah tah wah", which in Ojibwe means, I slapped him. Bill further explained to his teacher in his language that the other student was bothering him. Bill went on to complete the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in that school.

Bill says, "That's the worst mistake I ever made" (not finishing high school). He has been asked to speak to the students at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on occasion and has made it a point to tell them how important an education is.

In 1943, Bill entered the Air Force and became Buck Private Bobolink. His specialty was to assist the airplane mechanics with fixing the airplanes. He r e m e m b e r s one of his Air Force buddies always calling him "Chief" in good humor and was well r e s p e c t e d by the other enlisted men.

Toward the end of his

stint with the air force, Bill spent six months at Camp Houshey in Texas where he was in the Infantry Replacement Division. This is where Bill recalls his Indian beliefs and religion started. His Captain had informed him that being in the Infantry Division would mean he would be sent overseas to replace soldiers that had either been wounded, died, or were coming home. Right then and there, Bill walked out to the nearby park to put tobacco out and talked to the spirits. Later, he was asked to speak in front of the entire Infantry Division. Bill recalls all white people looking at him with the exception of a Lieutenant who was Native American from Colorado. He asked the group to raise their hands if any of them had Indian blood in them. Everyone in the room raised their hands. He asked them for tobacco and all of the soldiers either took tobacco from their tins or broke their cigarettes and gave Bill tobacco. He then prayed to the spirits in front of the group in his own language. During this ceremony, Bill asked the spirits to guide him and to let there be peace wherever he was to go.

After being stationed in France for a few months, Bill next served in Bond, Germany. While receiving his rations and

ammunition at camp one day he heard yelling and crying coming from behind him. People were jubilant and hysterical at the same time. Bill wondered what all the commotion was about. Then he heard, Adolph Hitler had just committed suicide. Bill said, "My prayers for peace had been answered".

He was honorably discharged on Valentines Day in 1946. He was happy and relieved to get home just time in time to be with his wife Ima, and to witness the birth of their oldest daughter, Gloria, born on March 5<sup>th</sup> of that year.

Today, Bill is a spiritual leader and belongs to the Midewin Society. Bill explained that he went through 3 degrees of midewin and 3 ceremonies to become a medicine man. He originally had done this for his brother and sisters that died, but eventually started providing spiritual services wherever he was needed and whenever he was asked. Bill said his brothers also belonged to the Midewin Society although they never became spiritual leaders. He says "I don't like to talk about my way, but I will do spiritual work for people that ask for my help". He says, "Sometimes I don't have the money, or my old car will break down, but my pipe always gets me there".

Bill has two pipes that he uses for his ceremonies. He has given both of them names. One pipe he has named "Little Thunder" and Bill uses this pipe for healing ceremonies. His other pipe is a red stone pipe and he has named it "Little Eagle" which Bill uses for pow-wows, meetings, and other ceremonies.

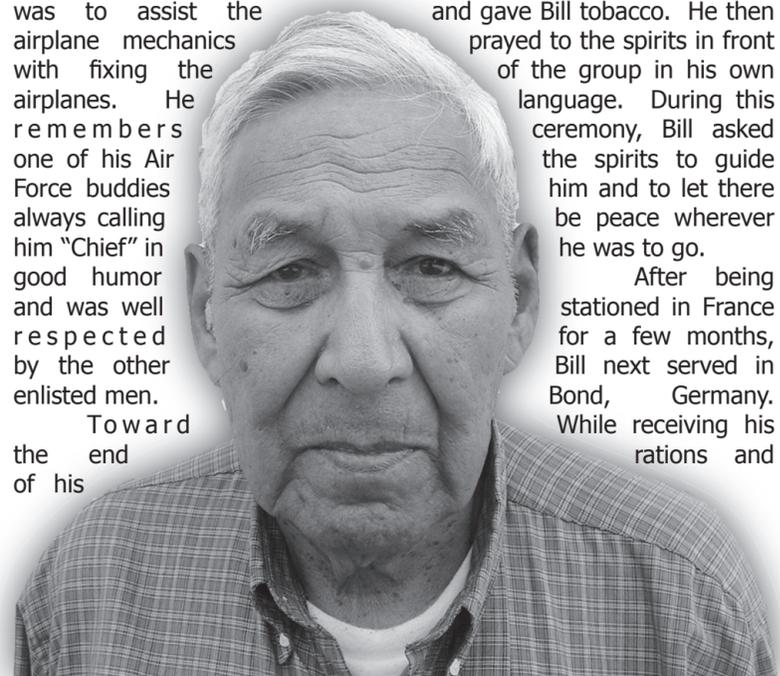


Photo by Patsy Gordon

## ELDERS SEARCH

The DeBahJiMon newspaper is seeking elders to feature in a column titled "Elders Chair". If you know an elder who would be interested in being interviewed or if you are an elder who would be kind enough to share your story, please call with the name(s) and contact information:

(218) 335-8225

You can also e-mail at:

[lltpaper@paulbunyan.net](mailto:lltpaper@paulbunyan.net)

The DeBahJiMon would be more than happy to travel to meet the elder(s) for the interview.

## Hungry For Smoked White Fish?

By Patsy Gordon

Well if you are, head for Ball Club! I'm sure many of you are already aware of the smoked fish shack that sits along Highway 2 in Ball Club right next to Harwood's store. These smoked fish are good enough to put Morey's Fish House out of business. My mother and I used to stop and buy one whenever we were in the area, so I know!

Tim Holm and Ralph Schaaf have been selling the white fish there for the past 9 to 10 years. Tim smokes the fish and Ralph sells them. Ralph says, "We average about twenty fish a day, and sell them at \$6.00 a pound. But our best ever was 100 pounds in one day." They operate the fish shack from June through October in a normal year, but they have been known to stay open year round too. Ralph says the last few



Ralph Schaaf tends the business.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

winters have been so mild; they opened up the shack in January. They don't have any set hours, they sell from about noon each day to dusk, or whenever they run out of fish, whichever comes first.

When the lakes are cold enough to net, they net their own

fish on area lakes. Otherwise, during the summer months, the fish are purchased from Lake Superior fisheries or from the Leech Lake Band Fisheries.

You gotta' try 'em, they're simply delicious!

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adding on a women's section with a capacity for 6 to 8 beds. The possibility of adding an outpatient treatment program is also being considered. An expansion will hopefully take place somewhere in the not too distant future.

Jim Cloud, who is the director of the halfway house, who is a recovering alcoholic himself, has been sober for 30 years! Since Jim has been in the situation that many of the men who enter the halfway house today are in now, he understands completely what these men are up against. Jim started his recovery on November 4, 1973. He says, "I probably had a thousand starts before that and every time I quit drinking, I was never going to drink again."

The program now offers

case management such as making sure that the men take care of their physical needs, keep health/medical appointments, ensure that they are actively seeking employment or attending school, and problem solving in general. The clients receive group therapy five days a week which includes lectures and must also attend two AA groups a week which are held right at the halfway house.

Cloud solemnly believes that primary treatment is only 10% of a person's total recovery. Jim took his chemical dependency counselor training in 1974 in Salt Lake City, Utah. One of his assignments was put to him in the form of a question. "If you ran a program, how would you do it?" Jim's answer was "Continuum of care", which he says means,

first going to detox, to primary treatment, to a halfway or ¾ house, and lastly aftercare. Jim says, "It takes a long time for a person to recover and they need continuum of care. A person needs to stay with a program for at least one full year to stay connected." Jim believes that aftercare should continue for the rest of a person's life to be able to stay chemically free, because once a person leaves treatment that's when the real treatment begins.

One of the clients who preferred to remain anonymous said, "This treatment means a lot to me, I am 28 days sober today!" He said, "I realized it's time to quit, it's time to find a new way of life. I feel more comfortable with my Native American culture and

this fits right in for me!"

Chairman Pete White offered his appreciation to the halfway house and center and said, "I am thankful we have a place to provide a service to our people coming out of treatment. The way I look at it inside my heart, is things are getting better and we will continue to get better." After speaking to the group, Chairman White drummed and sang the song, "All the Spirit Birds are Watching Over Them." He then presented a beautiful cross pendant to Reverend George Ross and thanked him for the advice he has given him over the past 5 years.

Reverend Ross thanked the Chairman and then offered a blessing for the meal of walleye and frybread.

## Sweet Foods & Health

By Craig Hassel, Ph.D.

There is a lot of talk right now about the health effects of sugar and sweeteners. Not only does sugar taste good, it makes us feel good, at least for awhile. But are we paying a price for our sweet tooth? Obesity, diabetes and heart disease have become almost as common as today's sweet foods.

Elders can recall times long ago when diabetes was rare. Traditional woodlands diets relied on seasonal mapling for sweetness. Most health authorities agree that diabetes has become much more common in recent times, with the advent of market foods. Are we eating too many foods and drinks with added sugar? Is it our modern lifestyle, lack of physical activity and added stress?

Many health care professionals look to modern science for answers to these questions. But from a purely scientific point of view, we cannot draw a clear cause/effect relationship between high sugar diets and diet-related disease. Instead, scientific research has given us some new alternatives to sugar, like Nutrasweet© and other sugar substitutes. Every perspective has strengths and limitations, and modern science is no different. But if we use science wisely in our decisions, it can be helpful. Let's see what science has to say about added sugars and sugar substitutes.

Added sugars are defined as the sugars and syrups that are added to foods during processing. Our intake of added sugars has more than doubled over the past century. Added sugars include white sugar, brown sugar, raw sugar, corn syrup, corn syrup solids, high-fructose corn syrup,

honey, dextrose, molasses, fructose sweetener, maple syrup and pancake syrup. Soft drinks, cookies, cakes, candy, pies, ready-to-eat cereals and fruit drinks are major sources of added sugars. You can scan the ingredient listing to find the sources of sugar added to any given labeled product.

The use of artificial sweeteners has become more common as the market tries to give consumers the sweet taste they want without the calories. The idea of non-caloric sugar substitutes seems to make sense, if they work as intended and are safe. Careful scientific study shows that sugar substitutes can help people eat less calories short-term, provided they are unaware if they are eating artificially sweetened products. But in the real world, most people know when they choose such products and tend to "make up" the calories elsewhere in the diet. Although these products were developed to give us sweetness without calories, records show that overweight and type 2 diabetes have risen during the same time we have more artificially sweetened foods and drinks. On the whole, we use them to increase enjoyment, and not reduce our calorie intake. Artificial sweeteners may be a good idea, but only if we use them appropriately. No magic bullets here.

Safety of artificial sweeteners is also a topic of debate. Science can study safety of these products using a very detailed approval process set up by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the federal government. It is impossible to "prove" absolute safety, since nothing is absolutely safe (even pure water can be toxic; its called drowning!). Rather, safety and is dependent on the amount (the dose makes the poison!). Since zero risk is unachievable, FDA

offers a standard of negligible risk of cancer, for example, of 1 event in 500,000 lifetimes. This level of risk cannot be directly observed with people, but must be estimated from other observations. So there is no exact science here!

Aspartame also called Nutrasweet© or Equal©, is a white, odorless, crystalline powder and is 180 times as sweet as table sugar. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) first allowed its use in dry foods in July 1981 and then approved its use in carbonated beverages in July 1983. People who have the rare hereditary disease phenylketonuria, estimated at 1 in 16,000 people, are sensitive to phenylalanine and must restrict their intake of aspartame. The FDA has set a maximum daily allowable intake of 50 milligrams aspartame per kilogram body weight, roughly equivalent to 16 twelve oz. soft drinks for adults and 8 for children.

Stevia is an herbal dietary supplement derived from a South American shrub. The extract, stevioside, has been approved for use in foods in Brazil and Japan. Stevioside is reportedly 250-300 times sweeter than sugar and contributes no calories to the diet. The product is used in these countries as a table-top sweetener in virtually all food commodities and as a flavor enhancer in such products as teas. Under 1994 legislation, stevia can be sold as a "dietary supplement," even though it cannot be sold as a sweetener.

Given what we know about the safety of artificial sweeteners, many health care professionals see them as potentially useful tools to help patients decrease calorie intake. While no artificial sweetener can be categorized as absolutely safe, neither can we say they are poison. As consumers, we need to accept our responsibility to use these

products wisely and appropriately. Anything we misuse can create problems down the road. This is especially true in today's world of convenience food. For more information online, visit: <http://fscn.che.umn.edu/nutrinet/March%2003/sugar.htm>

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## Worldwide Breastfeeding Promotion Wraps up at the End of August

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe WIC Program teamed up with Minnesota Department of Health to promote mother's milk as the 'original health food', during the month of August. Breastfeeding is the best, most nurturing way of feeding your new baby – something special you can do for your child and you.

Breastfeeding is best

for your baby. Breastmilk has everything your baby needs to grow and be healthy. Breastmilk is easy to digest. Your baby's stools will be soft and easy to pass. Breastmilk protects babies from ear infections, colds, allergies, diarrhea and constipation. Your baby will be sick less and have fewer doctor visits. Breastfeeding helps baby's eyes and brain

develop. Breastfed children are less likely to have diabetes or become overweight in later years. Breastfeeding is great for mother-baby bonding.

Breastfeeding is good for moms. Baby smells sweet and diapers smell less. Breastfeeding saves time. No messy bottles to fix at night, so everyone sleeps better. Breastfeeding helps you lose weight. Breastfeeding lowers your risk of breast and ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and heart disease. Women enjoy breastfeeding. Hormones your body makes during breastfeeding help you relax and feel close to your baby. Breastfed babies are easy to take on trips. Just grab the diapers and go! Breastfeeding saves money (no formula or bottle costs, fewer doctor bills and medication costs). WIC moms may get extra food for the first year of breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding is good for your family. Breastfeeding families are happy knowing their babies are getting the best food possible. Fathers and others are very important. They can talk and sing to baby, take baby for a walk,

read or tell stories, cuddle baby, and/or bathe baby.

How long should I keep breastfeeding? The choice is yours. Any amount of breastfeeding is good for you and your baby. You can breastfeed as long as you and your baby want to. You and your baby benefit from breastfeeding beyond one year of age. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends breastfeeding for a year or more. The longer you breastfeed the easier it is to breastfeed.

Plan ahead for breastfeeding. Tell your doctor or midwife you are going to breastfeed your baby immediately after you deliver. Tell the nurses NOT to give your baby pacifiers, water or formula bottles at any time. Have the baby room-in with you in the hospital. Nurse the baby often and whenever he/she shows interest. Try to manage your labor and delivery without medications (medications do affect babies and make them drowsy at the breast).

Breastfeeding is a special gift only you can give your baby.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANTS EXPO 2003

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hosting this year's Expo at Northern Lights Casino Hotel Convention Center in Walker, MN. A variety of breakout sessions will be offered, designed to improve your personal and professional life. There will be Keynote Speakers each day of the Expo and a Guest speaker on the last day. Vendors will be present and each registered participant will be included in a door prize drawing (must be present to win). The \$200.00 registration fee will include: Program materials, refreshments, a lunch buffet, a dinner buffet and a breakfast buffet the final day. Discounted room rates available to all attendees at Northern Lights Casino Hotel. Act fast, registration fee is \$225.00 after September 30th, 2003. Sampling of breakout sessions: Sexual Harrassment Awareness, Telephone Etiquette, Electronic Filing, Skin Care & Makeup, Crafts and Professional Look in the Workplace. Join us for informational fun.



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OCTOBER 28th, 29th & 30th

### Women's Circle of Life Walk/Run

Saturday, September 13, 2003  
8:30 a.m. at the "Old" Cass Lake High School Gym. Free Registration. Snacks and beverages will be provided. We will be walking along the Mi-Gi-Zi Trail going out by the rest area and continuing along the paved trail overlooking Pike Bay. One mile and three mile distances will be marked off. This is a **non-competitive** event for breast cancer.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt and a pink ribbon to commemorate the occasion. Contact LT Josie Ricci or CDR Amy Buckanaga at the Cass Lake Health Service: 335-3200.

### Northern Lights Casino Anniversary Celebration Week Announced

- September 15th, Ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m.
- September 18th, Three Dog Night performs, 7 p.m. show in the Events Center. Tickets are \$20 and \$25.
- September 19th, Anniversary Celebration Summer end fireworks show starting at 10:00 p.m.
- September 20th, artist Crystal Gayle performs two shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$18.
- September 21st, the week-long fun ends on a high gren note, with hourly cash drawings. That day the Casino will be giving away up to \$9,000 in cash.

## Donovan Staples "Sergeant Neege" Serves in Iraq

By Patsy Gordon

Recently promoted to Sergeant, twenty seven year old Leech Lake Band member Donovan Staples is a few years older than most of his comrades who he is serving side by side with in Iraq. The younger soldiers jokingly call him, "The Older Guy" or out of respect "Sergeant Neege". Donovan is serving in the Armed Forces in the war-torn country formerly led by Saddam Hussein. Donovan is a cook in the Army, but you wouldn't know it, by some of the duties that he performs. When he first arrived in Iraq, he and others like him, were trained by EMT's in what to do in case of other soldiers being shot or wounded in some way. They needed to know how



somewhere between 60 and 70 degrees. So as you can imagine, one of Donovan's chief complaints is the fatigues they must wear and that their helmets are very heavy! The long sleeved shirts, long pants, and army boots only serve to make the heat more unbearable, but the fatigues do serve their purpose during a wind storm. The whipping of the sand from a wind storm can be very extreme and literally sting the bare skin raw. There is no nearby lakes for the men to cool off in or to take a swim or just to take a much needed and much wanted bath. Donovan says when they do get the opportunity to clean up they take their showers in old ammo containers. Donovan and his comrades are living in the shell of a building that has been bombed. All of the amenities of home that most Americans take for granted every day, Donovan and the other soldiers would consider a luxury at this point and can only dream of fresh tap water, a bath tub, a bed, etc.

Amidst blistering heat, a shortage of water, and MRE's (meals ready to eat) and no real living space, Donovan says he's there to serve his country. Donovan is the son of Carol Staples and Richard Brown, both of Cass Lake.

National news tells us that the heat has been so intense the past few weeks that a heat stroke has claimed one American soldier's life. Donovan says that water is precious and the need to douse yourself with it is ever so tempting just to keep cool, but he suppresses that urge because he knows the need for quenching his thirst and that of the other soldiers must come first. The daily temperatures have reached well into the hundreds for the past several weeks with no relief in sight for days to come.

Well, actually some relief from the heat does come with the darkness of night when temperatures drop down to

ride through Iraq was quite interesting. When we drove through the Kuwait/Iraq border, there were people lining the streets with American flags and waving to us. It felt worth while to be here when I saw that. All the cute little children blowing kisses and speaking Arabic made me feel like the U.S. was actually helping." Another letter proudly informed his Grandmother, Edna Staples, "Oh by the way, I'm near the Jordanian and Syrian borders. We are holding checkpoints there to discourage drug and weapon trafficking and to hopefully catch Saddam. We did catch the #2 guy. I don't know if you saw that on the news or not. Yea, that was all us!"

One day when they were bringing some POW's back into Baghdad, Donovan noticed a phone near where he was staying. As soon as he could he dashed back out there and waited in the long line to call home. Carol said, "So he got to call his Grandpa!" Leroy Staples is his grandfather who recently suffered a stroke which causes Donovan much concern. Phone calls are rare from the soldiers in Iraq due to the lack of phones and time. Although the soldiers are allowed time to call their spouses more often, they also have a time limit of 10 minutes because many other soldiers are lined up waiting their turn too. Dawn Star Litzau Staples, Donovan's wife, is anxiously awaiting her husband's return with their two children at Fort Carson, Colorado. Edna said that they have received only two letters from her grandson since he left last March. So letters that get sent home are precious to the loved ones here in the homeland. He also told his grandmother that it takes 20 to 30 days for a letter from home to reach him.

Edna said, "Before he left for Iraq, they held a big ceremony and dinner for him. He was given an eagle feather which had been blessed and a medicine bag. He wears that medicine bag at all times, so we know he's coming home safe!" But Edna and Carol still worry. Edna says, "As much as I don't want to watch that news, I have to - I just have to!" Carol reiterates that fact with "It's so hard just to watch the news!"

Much of our Indian language is being lost today, but Donovan can be proud of the fact that he is one of the few young people today who can speak Ojibwe fluently! His grandfather taught him. Edna proudly says, "Him and his Grandpa can sit down and hold a conversation in Ojibwe!"

Donovan's heart goes to out to his friend and comrade, Army Specialist Shoshana Johnson. She was the only woman amongst 6 soldiers that were held captive (and survived) by Iraqi forces back in March. She and Donovan became good friends while working together as cooks at Fort Carson. He thinks highly of her and is proud to have known her!

Donovan is looking forward to setting foot back on American soil and coming home! His letters state, "I don't know how long exactly I'm gonna' be here, but I can't wait for the homecoming!" Donovan has been gone since March and when I asked Carol when her son would be home, with a sad look, she simply stated, "February". A long time for a mother to wait, indeed! But later she excitedly told me that her and her mother would be going to Colorado to reunite with her son upon his return.

If you are interested in participating in a workshop, setting up a booth, or providing an artist demonstration, please phone Delina White at 335-3667, before September 12, 2003, for more details

## Business Corporation Launches Cultural Arts and Tourism Department

The Band's new Cultural Arts and Tourism Department (CAT), led by Delina White, seeks to pursue what it sees as appropriate uses of the tribe's various resources. For example, tourism in Indian country has always been a major controversy as it implies commercial development of natural and cultural resources, such as filling in a wetland to build a golf course, building snowmobile trails through wildlife areas, harvesting fish for sport, or advertising to attract tourists. These kinds of activities force us to confront trade-offs between economic development and cultural value.

"Recognizing and understanding Tribal values is an important aspect of my job," White says. "I believe it is my first priority to protect the integrity, residential privacy, and spiritual ceremonies of the Leech Lake Anishinaabe.

### CAT Mission

The Cultural Arts & Tourism department is dedicated to creating an educational component about the importance of the Leech Lake Anishinaabe culture from our perspective, and seeks to develop working relationships with agencies that provide support for

the preservation, development, marketing, and presentation of Leech Lake's cultural heritage.

### CAT Projects

Current CAT projects include a human interest billboard campaign that will create a strong Anishinaabe presence in the area. In September, look for a cultural billboard featuring local dancers (pictured in this article), depicting our Veterans Memorial Building and Pow-wow Grounds as an establishment vital to our community. Other current CAT projects include:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Woodland Winterfest, December 13 & 14, 2003.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hand Drum "Dewe'igan" Exhibition, February 2004.
- Reclaiming Leech Lake's Culturally Significant Items from the Walker Wildlife & Indian Art Museum.
- Grant Writing.

"There's funding in these (tourism) areas and I want to access those dollars to enhance the Reservation for our own benefit," White says, "such as constructing acoustically-sound pow-wow arenas, build strong structures that provide comfortable seating and high visibility for



spectators and elders, ensure that traditional Woodland designs are incorporated in all architectural buildings, both interior and exterior, and build good roads to places that we identify as publicly accessible." Since May, White has written four grants to develop these departmental projects, and was already awarded one.

### Cultural Heritage Tourism

People want to experience the places and activities that authentically showcase the stories and people of the past and present. "It's a competitive industry. We are competing with other Tribes to attract economic activity - we

are all competing for the same dollar." White says. "We have to provide the public consumer with an opportunity to experience what cannot be exceeded by any other recreational venue, such as going to the Mall or to the movies."

According to the MN Office of Tourism, 2002 survey shows that approximately 21 million visitors to MN generate approximately \$9.8 billion in sales from tourism: the average travel party spends \$264 per day, spends time shopping (48%), scenic touring (35%), and visiting friends and families (35%).

Although these statistics are helpful in general terms, these facts do not speak to the diversity of travelers currently visiting Indian Country. "That's why the CAT department will be conducting a Visitor's Profile Study cooperatively with the MN Office of Tourism, and the U of M," White says. "The data accumulated will be extremely useful in improving our understanding of the economic impact of tourism in this area, and the impact American Indian tourism has on the entire state of Minnesota."

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Forest Dreams:  
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Reif Performing Arts Center  
Donation

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If you are interested in participating in a workshop, setting up a booth, or providing an artist demonstration, please phone Delina White at 335-3667, before September 12, 2003, for more details

## “Passed Into The Spirit World”

### Joseph John Jake Vos-Cloud

Joseph John Jake Vos-Cloud, 30, of Cass Lake died Friday, August 15, 2003 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 22, at the St. Peters Episcopal Church in Cass Lake and he was buried at the Prince of Peace Cemetery under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Joseph was born November 1, 1972 in Cass Lake, MN to Della Jones (Cloud) and Joseph Smith. He attended school in Granite Falls and graduated from Cass Lake High School. He attended the Leech Lake Tribal College. He loved to play basketball and was a member of several softball teams, and a dart league. He enjoyed watching movies, playing cards, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Della Jones and James Jones Sr, adopted mother, Karen (Warren) Broughton, daughter, Marissa Bugg of Minneapolis, 4 brothers, Andrew Jones of Cass Lake, MN, Arthur (Abi) Jones of Cass Lake, MN, James (Patti) Jones Jr. of Cass Lake, MN, Gerald (Annie) Vos-Cloud of Minneapolis, MN., 2 sisters, Roxanne (Jeff) Cotton of Bemidji, Felicia Cloud of Cass Lake, MN, foster sister, LaKasha Cloud of Cass Lake, MN, several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews and special friend Joleen Charnoski of Cass Lake.

He was preceded in death by his grand parents Andrew and Mary Jane Cloud, Joseph and Maggis Smith, great grand parents, Roy Clud, Evelyn Cloud, his father Joseph Smith, adopted dad, Les Vos, his uncles Terry Cloud, Gary Cloud and Andrew

Cloud Jr.

### James Burnet, Jr.

James Earl Burnette, Jr., 73 of Cass Lake, MN died Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at the North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, MN. Funeral services were held on, August 19, 2003.

James was born January 4, 1930 in Inger, MN the son of James A. and Althea E. (Kimball) Burnette, Sr. He was raised and educated in Backus, MN where he played high school basketball. He enlisted and served with the Army and Navy during the Korean War. After the service he moved to Arizona, living between Minnesota and Arizona until 13 years ago when he moved to Cass Lake living there until his death. He was a member of the Cass Lake Legion. He loved building whether it be brick laying or carpentry. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his 2 sons, Randy (Brenda) Burnette of Bemidji and Davey (Bev) Burnette of Winslow, AZ, 1 daughter, Jessica Burnette of Bemidji, 2 brothers, Richard (Nina) Burnette of Bemidji, Phillip Burnette of Cass Lake, 1 sister, Beverly (Milton) Hensley of Cass Lake, and 6 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Bruno Burnette and sister Betty Oliver.

## Local Indian Council Meeting Schedules

All community Band members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

- Ball Club LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Ball Club Community Center
- S Lake LIC – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – S

Lake Community Center

- Deer River LIC – the last Monday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Goodall Resource Center in Deer River
- Inger LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Inger Community Center
- Winnie Dam LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Winnie Dam Community Center
- Sugar Point LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Sugar Point Community Center
- Bena LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Bena Community Center
- Kego Lake/Smokey Point LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month – 6:00 p.m. – Kego Lake Community Center
- Cass Lake LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month – 6:30 p.m. – Heritage Manor Lobby
- Cass River LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month – 7:00 p.m. – Cass River Community Center
- Oak Point LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month – 6:00 p.m. – Oak Point Community Center
- Onigum LIC – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month – 6:30 p.m. – Onigum Community Center
- Mission LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month – 6:00 p.m. – Mission Community Center
- Sugar Bush/Ten Lake LIC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month – 6:00 p.m. – Is announced at previous meeting

- Leech Lake Twin Cities LIC – the last Tuesday of every month – 6:00 p.m. – MN Indian Women’s Resource Center – 2300 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. In Mpls. – ALWAYS POTLUCK!

## LEGAL NOTICES

**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Douglas Roberts, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Douglas Roberts, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 213.A, No registration (expired license plates).

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**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Beverly Kamrowski, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Beverly Kamrowski, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 205, Open bottle.

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**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Michael Robinson, Jr., Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Michael Robinson, Jr., Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 206, Careless driving.
- Chapter 200, Section 208.A.3, Speeding in excess of 10 mph over the speed limit.

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**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Sam Goggleye, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Sam Goggleye, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 215.C, Driving after revocation.

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duly served upon you.

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**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Everett Fairbanks, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Everett Fairbanks, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 216, No seat belts.

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:**

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**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Fred Jackson, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Fred Jackson, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 215.A., No driver’s license.

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## Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meetings

**April 4, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Oak Point Community Center.**

Invocation: Bill Bobolink  
Chairman: Peter D. White calls meeting to order.

Roll Call: Arthur LaRose, Burton Wilson, Lyman Losh and Richard Robinson, Jr.  
Motion to approve agenda by Lyman Losh, second by Arthur LaRose. Lyman Losh rescinds his motion. Discussion on agenda items.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve the agenda items, with stipulations in writing. Carried 3 for, 1 opposed (Lyman Losh).

**Old Business:**

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Burton Wilson to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2003. Carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

Chariman’s Report: Pete White.  
Financial Report: Arthur LaRose to approve the financial report. Carried 4-0.

Tribal Council Resolutions:  
Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-93 concerning Eligible Enrollments. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-94 concerning Ineligibles - less than one-forth. Carried 4-0.  
Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-95 concerning Transfer - White Earth to Leech Lake. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-96 concerning Transfer - Red Lake to Leech Lake. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Burton Wilson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-97 concerning Transfer - Leech Lake to Fond du Lac. Carried 4-0

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-98 concerning Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Temporary Hiring Freeze. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No, 03-99 concerning Revising the Gaming Signature Authority. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Richard Robinson, Jr., to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-100 concerning the Gaming Division to Develop an Internal Administrative Plan to Address the Leech Lake Hiring Preference Policy and Employment Practices. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-101 concerning addressing the Temporary Suspension of Operation for the Leech Lake Corporate Commission Board of Directors.

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**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Gerald Hurd, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Gerald Hurd, Defendant**

is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 214.A, No insurance.
- Chapter 200, Section 215.C, Driving after cancellation

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**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Clayton Oothoudt, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **Clayton, Oothoudt, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **September 16, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Tribal Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 2, Subsection 2, Dangerous dog killed a domestic animal w/o provocation while off the owner’s property.

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Carried 3-1. Burton Wilson opposed.  
Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-102 concerning Community Action Plan. Carried 4-0.  
Division Director Reports:  
Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve Division Director Reports. Carried 4-0.  
Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Richard Robinson Jr. to adjourn. Carried 4-0.  
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting, held on Friday, April 4, 2003, at Oak Point.



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Reservation

**Special Meeting.**

**May 13, 2003. Ball Club, Minnesota.**

Chairman Peter White calls the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Burton Wilson, Lyman Losh, Richard Robinson Jr. and Archie LaRose.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Burton Wilson to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0.

**Old Business:**

Motion by Burton Wilson second by Lyman Losh to approve the following minutes: April 9, 2003. Carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Richard Robinson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-112 Concerning Indian Health Grant Application. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Richard Robinson to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-113 Appointing Esther Bogda to State Indian Mental Health Advisory Council. Carried 4-0.

**Land Resolutions:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-113 amending Land Resolution No. LD2002-58 concerning Melvin Hunt, new lease, Old Agency area. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-134 concerning Helen Condo, new lease, Grace Lake area. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-135 concerning Russell Lego, renewal, Sugar Point area. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-136 concerning James and Joan Lafriniere, renewal, North Cass Lake area. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-137 concerning Alvah Alger, renewal, Sugar Point area. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-138 concerning Richard Tiedman, termination, Walker Bay area. Carried 4-0.

Motion Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-139 concerning James L. Peake, new lease, Walker Bay area. Carried 4-0.

**DRM:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Arthur LaRose to approve RFP#303DRM, Forest Inventory, NSR Land Management, Inc. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Arthur LaRose to approve contract with Fertile Building Center to build Metal Storage Building. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Richard Robinson to approve Contract with the University of Minnesota-Methyl Mercury Analysis. Carried 4-0.

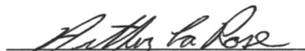
**Social Services:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to approve the following Foster Care Licenses:

Donna Conger, Lois White, Dawn Wind, Susan Hunt, Deanna Fairbanks, Sara Waybenais. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Lyman Losh to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true and accurate record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, a quorum being present, held on May 13, 2003, Ball Club, Minnesota



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Reservation

**Special Meeting**

**June 17, 2003. Cass Lake, Minnesota**

Chairman Peter White cass meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

Roll Call: Lyman Losh, Burton Wilson, Richard Robinson, Jr., and Arthur LaRose.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Lyman Losh to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0.

**Old Business:**

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Burton Wilson to approve the minutes of April 28, 2003 and May 13, 2003. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Lyman Losh to table the minutes of May 12, 2003 and May 14, 2003. Carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

**Tribal Council Resolutions:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No.03-117 concerning Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Youth Divisions Initiative to provide advocacy services for family support and re-entry support for out of the home placed yourth through a grand provided by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-118 concerning contract with the Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP). Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-119 concerning naming Leech Lake Housing Authority - Tribally Designated Housing entity. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-120 concerning acceptance of Oak Point, Onigum and Kego Lake Community Centers. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Burton Wilson, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to table Tribal Council Resolution concerning Providing for the Organizational Structure and Management of the Leech Lake Band Business Director. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to table Tribal Council Resolution concerning Providing for the Consolidation of the Leech Lake Band Business Operations.

Under the Business Corportation and the Suspension of the Corporate Commission. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Arthur LaRose to table Tribal Council Resolution concerning Providing Redemption of Stock Shares and Transferring the Funds to the LLBO Employee Money Market Account. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Burton Wilson to approve Tribal Council Resolution Real Estate Mortgages and Foreclosure Ordinance. Carried 4-0.

Land Resolutions: Polly Johnston  
Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Burton Wilson to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-140 concerning Rhonda White, rescind Resolution No. LD2002-63. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve Land Resolution No. LD2003-141 concerning Betty Staples, new lease, Cass Lake area. Carried 4-0.

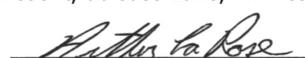
**Accounting:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve the 4th of July 2003 Pow-wow budget. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Aruthr LaRose to approve the GSA billing. Carried 4-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that is is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting held on June 17, 2003, a quorum being present, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Reservation

**Special Meeting**

**June 26, 2003. Cass Lake, Minnesota.**

Chairman Peter White calls meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Lyman Losh, Richard Robinson, Jr. Quorum present. Burton Wilson and Archie LaRose excused, travel.

Motion by Richard Robinson Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve the agenda. Carried

2-0.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

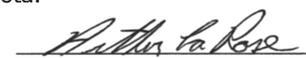
**Tribal Council Resolutions:**

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 03-122 providing for Redemption of Stock Shares and Transferring of those funds to the LLBO Employee Money Market Account at Centennial National Bank. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Lyman Losh, second by Richard Robinson, Jr. to approve Tribal Council resolution No. 03-123 concerning Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, Jr., second by Lyman Losh to adjourn. Carried 2-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting, held on June 26, 2003, a quorum being present at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Reservation

**Special Meeting**

**July 1, 2003. Cass Lake, Minnesota.**

Present: Peter D. White, Richard Robinson, Arthur LaRose, Lyman Losh, absent-excused, Burton Wilson, absent-excused.

Motion by Arthur LaRose, to approve the agenda, second by Richard Robinson. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution No. 04-01, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Temporary Spending Ordinance, second by Richard Robinson. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Richard Robinson, second by Arthur LaRose to adjourn. Carried 2-0.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting held on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, a quorum being present at Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Reservation



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