Candidates Certified for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe March 30th Primary Election

At a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Special Tribal Council meeting held on February 18, 2004, the following candidates were certified for the 4-year chairman position: Wallace W. Storbakken, George J. Gogoleye, Jr., incumbent Peter D. White, Victoria (Vicki) F. White, Roger Buck, Delmar L. Jones, Jr., Terrance Roy White, Sr., Douglas D. Cloud, Alfred “Tig” Pemberton, Fred K. Jackson, Jr., Lenee D. Ross, and Diane E. White.

Sixteen (16) candidates vying for District III representative position

All sixteen candidates filing for the position of District III representative were certified by the Tribal Council and will appear on the primary election ballot. Those certified were Richard Jones, Donald “Mick” Finn, Jennie (Wind) Reyes, Nancy M. Beaulieu, Martin “Mutt” Robinson, Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird, Leona Bedeau, Debra A. Isham, Randy G. Finn, Robert (Robbie) Budreau, Sr., Glen (Tuffy) Fisher, Jr., Doris M. Jones, Samuel “Rocky” Papasodora, Tracy Anderson, Bonnie Rock, and James Bedeau.

Leech Lake Band Among Tribes Funded for Fish and Wildlife Projects

Interior Secretary Gale Norton recently announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is awarding 79 grants, totaling nearly $14 million, to help 60 federally recognized Indian tribes conserve and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species and other wildlife on tribal lands.

“Native Americans have a unique relationship to and understanding of the land and its wildlife,” Norton said. “As part of the President’s overall Cooperative Conservation Initiative, the Interior Department is providing these grants to build on our partnership with the tribes to conserve tribal land and recover the wildlife, especially those species that are in decline.”

Of the $14 million, the Service is providing about $4 million to federally recognized Indian Tribes to help fund 23 projects under TLIP. Contributions from tribes and other partners raise the total value of these projects to $6.8 million. The grants were chosen through a competitive process to address protection, restoration and management of habitat to benefit at-risk species, including federally listed endangered or threatened species and proposed or candidate species. The maximum award under this program is $200,000 with a required minimum 25-percent match from non-federal funds.

Meanwhile, about $10 million will help fund 56 projects under TWG. Contributions from tribes and other partners increase the total

Leech Lake Education Division Hosts Another Successful Career/Job Fair

By Patsy Gordon

The new Northern Lights Convention Center was abuzz with a flurry of activity as several agencies and corporations operated their booths at the 2004 Career/Job Fair. Many high school students and others enjoyed the day while strolling from table to table accumulating information and useful little gadgets, pens and other things that were given away.

Several schools and colleges were there to represent themselves and to encourage students to apply for and attend college. Many of our own Leech Lake Divisions were also on hand to offer encouragement to the kids in attendance. Something unique to this year’s job fair was the presentation of a fashion show. Leech Lake employees modeled for the “work attire” fashion show.
value of these projects to $12.4 million. These grants are awarded to federal, state, and tribal partners to help fund fish, wildlife, and their habitats including non-game species. Although matching funds are not required for these grants, they are considered to be an indicator of a tribe’s commitment. The maximum amount awarded under this program is $250,000.

“The Indian peoples were North America’s first stewards,” said PAS Director Steve Williams. “For generations, they have lived close to nature, depending on wildlife for economic, cultural, and spiritual fulfillment. The Service, through the programs funded by the Aid Program, which distributes millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The agency embraces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, conserves and enhances habitats nationally significant fisheries, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid Program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to states, territories, and tribes to benefit fish, wildlife and their habitats.

The National Indian American Housing Council (NAHC) urges Congress to recognize the immediate housing needs of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and ensures that the $647 million proposed by President Bush in his FY 2005 budget for Indian housing under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will not be reduced. The Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) is critical to providing affordable housing for Indian families, including those with the most special needs. The NAHC is deeply concerned that the Administration is proposing to limit the use of IHBG funds for low-income housing, and restore Federal funding for the Tribal Self-Determination Housing Trust Fund. The Indian Housing Block Grant is one of the most critical programs to help tribes meet the housing needs of American Indians. The NAHC urges Congress to provide $647 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant.

The Indian Vote
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Shades of Custer, Black Hills Gold

Two years before he lost his life, George Armstrong Custer led an expedition through the Black Hills, which had been designated as Indian Territory. It was greed that lured Custer and his men east of the Mississippi River, which was geographically located in rural Minnesota. At that time, the Tribes were under the direct control of the United States government.

Mr. Williams pointed out, which is clear that the intent of these compacts then was to create jobs in rural areas where they were greatly needed. Another significant item that Mr. Williams pointed out, which I believe also helps us to better understand the intent and purpose of these compacts is related to the fact that there was no sunset provision in the Tribal/State compacts. For example, the tenor of the Legislature at the time these compacts were negotiated was that the gambling that was approved under the Treaty of Fort Laramie would be confined to Tribal lands and would be strictly regulated. They were compacted for at that time.

One of the biggest problems encountered by the Tribes was that the state did not want to be responsible for any regulatory function. The Tribes were required to provide and maintain the regulatory function and the Tribes had to absorb the cost of this function. The state got horse racing, expanded liquor sales, and increased the revenue from those activities. The state government did not require a significant investment by the state in order to allow the Tribes to build and operate a casino. The compacts negotiated at the time never required the state to provide any financial assistance to the Tribes.

The Tribes agreed to share a portion of their gaming revenues with the state. The agreement was that the state would receive 20% of the gaming revenues. The Tribes agreed to pay the state a royalty of 20% of the gross gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues. The state agreed to pay the Tribes a royalty of 20% of the net gaming revenues.
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Northern Lights Casino & Hotel
Announce Food Drive

Casino representatives recently announced that they would support the Cass Lake and Walker communities with the 12th annual food drive in March 2004. Donations during the month of March are almost necessarily matched from the Minnesota Food Share program, a division of the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC). The MCC recognizes the need for local area food shelves based on a formula of available resources, including funds donated during the month of March, and its annual consumption - based on the number of people who use the local food shelf.

During this time period, the food shelves are restocked by the tribes, as they are magnified with the MCC cash donations to the Food Shelves and the Northern Lights Casino.

"Our buying power is important," said Renee Wright. "We purchase meat, milk, bread, cheese, baby formula and new nondurable goods that go directly to our food shelf customers." Wright is the Food Shelf Coordinator at the Cass Lake Community Family Center.

In 2003, the Northern Lights Casino and Hotel was the third largest casino in the state at the time. The federal government also has limited regulatory powers. "The northern bands are increasing their activity," said Ball. "I find they're doing an exceptionally good job regulating their gaming.

Hoch isn't convinced. He said it is true that it is not uncommon for state inspectors to fail. "I believe they failed this most recent one," he said.

The state was given limited powers over tribal casinos when the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act took effect in 1989. Those powers vary, but focus primarily on verifying that tribes are following the act. In a handful of cases, the software in the machines pay out between 80 and 90 percent, he said, but that is not currently required in the agreement. State inspectors, in quarterly visits, also inspect black jack games.

Hoch has gone to lawmakers and requested that the division can't provide inspection records from some of the largest casinos in the state. He's posting the reports on his Web site, he said. The state has been told that state inspectors don't routinely remove slot machines from play when they fail state inspections, "I believe they are mistreating the people of Minnesota," Hoch said.

State gambling inspectors reported to Hoch, in three years of inspections, that the 11 Cass Lake casino locations, a third of all slot machines - usually selected by lottery - were temporarily removed for an inspection. But inspectors don't verify that failed machines have been fixed.

"They don't need to cheat," said Ball, "we find that it's a matter of what's required by the tribe and Gambling Enforcement. "They'll take all of your money legally," Ball said. Tribes on the whole run good operations, and he said that, under the act, primarily regulated by the tribes' own gambling boards rather than the state. The federal government also has limited regulatory powers.

Gail Michaud, Marketing Manager. "We also recognize we are just coordinators--our casino customers are generous in their giving and that is why this annual event is so successful.

We are anticipating that our guests will come out to support this cause again," said Michael Gilbert, Marketing Manager. "It is outstanding for the community and everyone we have supported for 12 years."
Thinking of Going into Business on Your Own for Independence and Controlling Your Own Time? Here are some important things to consider about these two aspects to the decision.

By John Herrera, MBA, Attorney at Law

It is a tempting feeling to think that your decisions are your own and you can set your own schedule. In reality, the customer will control your decisions and schedules leaving little room for you. As a business owner, you are responsible for the success of the whole company. If you are selling a good or providing a service, you are selling to the customer.

When you look at it from this perspective then you can see why going into business held accountable is an illusion. Take the case of running a grocery store that provides goods for resale to the customer. The grocery store your purchasing pattern can be very restrictive, costly and has the advantage of giving the small owner operator control over buying behavior of the consumer. The business owner understands the scale of business transacted.

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In a service business industry you need to account for what you provide and on a more personal level in most cases. A contractor for instance will most likely be held to a contract agreement with the project owner. At a contract's core is what is called a "meeting of the minds" where both parties have agreed upon a given performance by the contractor with a set time. You have to be able to seek customers out in order to develop a relationship where you can then provide a service. During this time you are not being paid but have to consider this an investment that will hopefully provide some income.

When do you plan to work? Well forget a normal workday. In most cases you can expect to work 12, 13 or even 24 hours a day if you are successful. It can be very restrictive, costly and should be entered into with full understanding and knowledge of all the ramifications. One thing is certain is whether you are working for someone else or yourself, you are working for a large chain operations.

The question is when you are going into a large chain store and stand there knowing where your item is, and there is line of your questions? Worse yet, how often have you been to a store where there may be someone there but they don’t know enough to be of any help? And that is the consumer’s experience knowing where and what products they are looking for. How large do you want your business to become and still maintain accountability to the customer?

Now that we have gone full circle on what it means to be a business owner you may find that a larger operation, the accountability and the success as a whole will suffer and this means you will lose control. There is misconception that your time is your own as a business owner. True you may see this as an advantage. Well all is not what is considered the working day. A direct service they are most likely not getting paid for the time they are not working on a client/customer matter. The success of your business will be a reflection of all your hard work.

If you are providing a direct service you are selling your time and there is only so much of it during a week. You have to be able to seek customers out in order to develop a relationship where you can then provide a service. During this time you are not being paid but have to consider this an investment that will hopefully provide some income.

But this success situation does not assure success. The new operations officials still can be accountable to the customer and public. We must reinvent the business to avoid the natural tendency of business to become personal. As a business owner you may find that you are never full time especially if you have the desire to do large operations.

Being a party to a contract in this new business climate can be very restrictive, costly and should be entered into with full understanding and knowledge of all the ramifications. Even in the most successful requirements that often exceed those of normal employee requirements. The accountant determines how and if you will be compensated.

So as you can see the work time off. You will reap the benefits of all your time spent building your business. If you are at the mature stage your business has a solid foundation. The owner can schedule a reasonable amount of time off. If you are in a startup business it may be possible for you to imagine running the business with little oversight. It is not easy to get to this stage and this is always the threat of decline posed by changes in owner of business and many other factors.

Many businesses at the mature stage fail to see that their taking place may lead to their failure. For instance, competitors will push you harder or contribute to your decline. These stages are most common with privately held businesses that are owned by individuals or even family. A public corporation or tribal government structure has an advantage in that they can survive the first stages and reach maturity they have a built relationship with the families to help them avoid decline and death by changing operations officials who run the business.

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On March 12 and 13, 2004 the Cass Lake Family Center will hold a clothing and school supply giveaway in conjunction with the Annual March Food Drive. At the giveaway we will have a bake and sale tote sale featuring some of the areas finest bakers. The food will be on sale to the public for $1.00 at both sites. Area organizations will be invited in to sell their goods on Friday with clothing and shoes being sold at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Then on Saturday the community is invited to come and take what clothing or items their family may need. The hours on March 12 is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and March 13 are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Cass Lake Family Center is committed to meeting the needs of those who are unemployed and underemployed in the Cass Lake area. We believe that while we cannot be responsible for the poverty of America, we can be responsible for the poverty of our Cass Lake area. Our Center works to nurture and encourage resiliency and self-sufficiency in order to overcome all forms of poverty. Our work is accomplished through collaborative efforts with other agencies and organizations that we have centralized and made accessible to all local businesses.

The basic external supports of healthy families compose our general mission: 1) Assisting at-risk children and families; 2) Making certain basic external supports of healthy families are available; 3) Increasing family self-sufficiency; and 4) Aiding in the search for employment legal, medical and housing needs.

Today we ask you for a hand or make a donation. Either way you allow us a chance to maintain our services to the community. We hope you will see the need to help us build the Basic Needs Food Drive to the amount of $30,000.00. We are currently looking for large yet each year this community has lagged in this area from $30,000.00 to $40,000.00. We want to ensure there is a $50 percent (4,962) of all clients are parents. Fifty our commitment to this community is our Center works to nurture children and families; 2) Making certain basic external supports of healthy families are available; 3) Increasing family self-sufficiency; and 4) Aiding in the search for employment legal, medical and housing needs.

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Elders Chair: Frank Hurd, 88 Years Young and Still Dancing

By Patsy Gordon

“Since they cut the elders program now, we just stay at home and behave. That’s all there is to do.”

Frank was born to Charles Hurd and Mary Lincoln on March 1, 1916. He was born at home in Boy River, Minnesota, but raised mostly around the Old Agency area in Onigum and Walker. Frank was proud to tell me that his mother was a full-blooded Chippewa, and he had 9 siblings, 4 brothers and 5 sisters.

Because Frank has always had trouble with his hearing and has lost much of his memories due to age, it was difficult for him to hear or understand me as I visited with him. So Louise, his wife, filled in the blanks when Frank was unable to hear or did not understand me. Louise told me that Frank and she didn’t have any children, but Frank did have two boys before he married her, who live elsewhere, and 2 daughters who are now deceased. Frank did tell me that he had a daughter that was born in the 1950’s in Madison, Wisconsin, that he lost track of and he now has no idea of her whereabouts or if she is even still living. Together Frank and Louise raised a niece who was only 10 months old at the time the little girl came to live with them.

Frank lived in Tomah, Wisconsin for part of his life as a young boy and attended school there through the 6th grade. Since Frank’s father was white and his mother was Ojibwe, Frank grew up speaking both English and Ojibwe.

When Frank became old enough to join the service, he said he went into the Armed Forces. Though disappointed when the Armed Forces wouldn’t accept him because of his hearing difficulties, Frank says, “That’s the only thing wrong with me is my one ear burn out.” Louise said Frank must take B12 shots on a regular basis, but otherwise he is healthy. In 1989, Frank and Louise moved into the house where they live now. They bought the cabin from a resort and fixed it up, which is what they now call home. The house came with no running water and only a small bathroom. The Reservation put in running water for them and made the bathroom bigger which they are thankful for.

When I’ve attended pow-wows in the past, I recall seeing a thin, elderly man who was always dressed in his regalia and was out there dancing in the ring, and I would wonder who he was. Today, I know. Frank still gets dressed to dance and enjoys joining in the pow-wows whenever he can. Louise said Frank fell and broke his hip in 2001 and quit dancing after that, but still tries to dance, but is unable to stay on his feet for long periods of time now because of the injury.

Franks favorite past time is reading and playing cards. His favorite food is soup. Louise said, “He’s a soup eater, he loves crackers, especially those little tiny ones, those Hi-Ho crackers.” Frank likes to get out and exercise whenever he can, although it is hard for him to get out and do much in the wintertime. But in the summer months, he does get out and takes walks on the road near his home. Although Frank doesn’t remember much about harvesting wild rice, picking berries, tapping trees, and other traditional activities, he mentioned a few times about playing the mocassin game. I gathered he was very fond of that game.

On February 6, Frank and Louise celebrated their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

The following are platforms of candidates that are running for the Chairman and District 13 Representative of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. All candidates were given ample opportunity to submit their statements. Those that did not respond are, of course, not published here.

Listen for upcoming candidate forums to be held in your area. You will be able to hear all candidates that participate in the forums orally state their plans.
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Victoria F. White

Victoria F. White or Vicki as most people know her, has filed as a candidate for Chairperson of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She is a member of the Leech Lake Reservation and has a long record of service to the people.

White has shown her commitment to her community by being involved on the Walker Area Community Center, Walker Hackensack Ojibwe Transit Committee, the Leech Lake Boys and Girls Club and St. John's Episcopal Church Bishop Committee. She is currently coordinating the creation of a Boys and Girls Club in Ovichik. Vicki is currently a school board member of the Walker-Hackensack-Walkley School System. She also has been appointed to the Headwaters Regional Economic Development Commission and was appointed by Governor Pawlenty to the State's Judicial Commission.

White is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis and received her undergraduate degree in business administration from the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul. Her parents are Lyman and Shirley White of Oringum. Her three children, Brad, Carolyn and Jeremy are involved in sports and extra-curricular activities.

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Crime and Violence: A youthful young adult employment program, coupled with a strong youth recreation/education programs for after school, weekends and summer months. Our Elders: We need a nursing home for them. Tribal Referral Program: As I stated before this program does not work. We have to start all over and do it right now. It has been over-hauled three or four times its inception and let's face it, it's a lot of fun. It's not a lot of work for you but is corrupt and so forth and so on.

Don "Mick" Finn

I would like to take this time to announce my candidacy for the District III representative of Leech Lake. Over the coming weeks I will do everything I possibly can to promote the 10 districts voters in person as I possibly can. For the benefit of those who do not personally send out a letter outlining my position on the issues that face our reservation. As a lifelong resident of this area most of you already know me. Most people know that I spent some time in the military. I spent my time in the reservation, most know I did my best in this position to help both in and out of the

Doris M. Jones

"Push the Bar off the Ground and into the Air". In view of the current situation our Tribal communities are facing, there seems to be some immediate mandates made:

1) The stop of all unnecessary funding, get answers to where the monies are spent, keep balanced budgets. Leech Lake Reservation is in debt millions of dollars, at this rate, our debt is sure to skyrocket and this will not do for our great grand children will never see a day.
2) Empower the Local Indian Councils and attend the monthly council meetings. I would like to be responsible to the LCS.
3) I have attended many meetings to review all areas, including finances, governmental, contracts, grants and constitutional reform. Develop a system to take internal checks and balances. Develop an implementation of strategic long/term short term planning. I am a planning department to write grant proposals that are needed, i.e. housing, health and education, human resource, law enforcement, elder care, tribal college, social service, and the like.
4) Reduction in force – 15%
5) Work closely with Tribal Police to ensure safety and policing of our community. Assist that department in grant proposals for equipment and services.
6) The time it is "push the bar off the ground and into the air", establishing new standards of accountability, productivity and efficiency.
7) You will appreciate your vote. It is my desire to keep our children and elders safe.
8) Contribute additional funding to education for Leech Lake bands.
9) Provide programs that help our force to write grant proposals that are needed, i.e. housing, health and education, human resource, law enforcement, elder care, tribal college, social service, and the like.
10) Chemical dependence administered a program to end alcoholism, develop additional programs and services that address this serious problem. i.e. in-patient referrals, out-patient referrals, etc.
11) Work closely with Tribal Police to ensure the safety and policing of our community. Assist that department in grant proposals for equipment and services.

Jennie (Wind) Reyes

I have a strong commitment to our tribal community and a strong belief in the direction the Band needs to be headed in order to protect the future of our people. I have lived and grown up my entire life. I have been married to Mark Reyes Sr., for 25 years and we have six children and eleven grandchildren.

I have made a strong commitment to improving the quality of life for Indian people in our Tribal communities by getting involved with organizations that are focused towards the education of our children, housing for our people and getting to our environment cleaned up.

The Band is facing many critical issues that will shape our destiny. The time now is to have enough knowledgeable, fair and competent leadership. One critical area that the Band must do a better job in is that of financial accountability. I have a strong accounting background (I am the Senior Accountant for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe where I have worked for 25 years) and if elected I will demand financial and accounting information and be able to tell you how, where and why our Tribal funds are being used.

A vote for me will only be the beginning of the new Band. I am not going to promise that I can keep. I will make a commitment to be involved in issues of the Band. Some of those issues are the tribal council of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe people (including the Reserve Tribal communities). I would also diversify our work force to include more female employees.

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Richard Jones

The following are some issues that will be addressed.
1. Restructure Human Resources, develop a fair and consistent personnel policies, with the Tribal Council to adhere to such policies. Currently, there is no due process hiring and firing. Nepotism would not be tolerated, qualified, competent individuals.
2. Reduction in force – 15%
3. Contribute additional funding to education for Leech Lake bands.
4. Establish a land task purchase. Establish a land task force that would identify internal checks and balances. There are no due process Council to adhere to such policies. Currently, there is no due process hiring and firing.

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March 2004

Don "Mick" Finn
our building and to suitable housing complexes for the elderly. I will support activities for youth and assisted living for the elders. I will support the Local Councils and Youth Councils to be involved with the Band. I have a lot of good ideas and know a lot of Band members have a lot of good ideas, so if we all work together we will succeed in anything.

Please join me in our quest for a bright future! Coming together as a people is a beginning, working together is progress, staying together is success. Miquehit.

Martin “Mutt” Robinson

I am running for District III Representative of the Leech Lake Reservation. I have been employed around the reservation with people, I have come to know there are many issues and obstacles that need to be resolved. I am ready to work for you, to recover our reservation and to serve the people in order to remedy the needs. I know that major issues of concern are our elders, veterans, children, and other issues regarding housing, health, and education. I will be visiting our communities and listening to you. I will work hard and do my best for you. Migejew.

Bonnie Rock

(Boombaak, Ma’inang nindomnab) I will be running for the Leech Lake Reservation, District III Representative position in the upcoming election. With the experiences I have had in and

Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird

School in 1974 and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corp. I have served on or near the Leech Lake Reservation. I graduated from Cass Lake High
Beware False Medicine Men

by Becky Blanton, SierraTimes.com

Native American medicine men and women are warning people about an increase in spiritual frauds and medicines. "The more informed the public is to these types of issues, the more they will be able to help themselves," said Native American medicine man, McCathern, a member of the Winnebago tribe.

Native American MADD Video Available

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Member Tells Story of Lost Loved One

The fifteen-minute video and provided information. Many of the addresses have experienced a loss through drunk driving.

Talk to schools and childcare providers about who has permission to tape video and is providing free of charge to Native American communities by contacting Betty Smokey at Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The fifteen-minute video features five Native American families who tell their stories on drumming and singing about their loss. They share their pain and sadness in a humbling way, and talk of their experience with their tribe and MADD victim services. Their stories are raw and honest and powerful.

The video is Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's "Path of Hope" video, directed by Candice Dashiell, with permission of hope of saving lives by preventing drunk driving."

"It is important that Native Americans know the signs of alcohol and drug awareness, under age drinking, and drunk driving, and how to recognize it," said McCathern. "They hurt and in some instances, kill. They said they were false and wanted nothing to do with them. They should run away as fast as they can, but they need to be sure they are real.

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community will be giving the video to area schools and tribes. The video is free of charge.

Kareem Jacobs@fnus.usda.gov

1,300 milligrams/day

210 milligrams/day

Dietary Reference Intake (DRI)

How much calcium do I need?

9-18 years

1,360 milligrams/day

19-50 years

1,300 milligrams/day

51+ years

1,200 milligrams/day

"Nutrition 411"

Submitted by Kim Jacobs, MN, RD, a registered dietitian for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Q. I have a bunch of questions related to calcium. Please help! S.J., MD

A. Dear S.J., I hope this information helps.

What is calcium and why do we need it?

Calcium is the mineral that supports your bones and keeps them strong. Without it, your bones begin to weaken and eventually break. Calcium and vitamin D maintain the body's stored bones and help your body absorb and use the calcium you eat.

Am I getting enough calcium from my diet?

Maybe! A multivitamin may provide the calcium that your body needs, but if your diet doesn't supply enough, you may need to take a special supplement.

How can I increase my calcium intake?

• No-fat or low-fat dairy products
• Fortified breakfast cereals and juices, especially with the bones included
• Fortified foods, including fruit juices, snacks, and juices

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A Day at Roller World for Leech Lake Headstart Kids

Photos by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Headstart children at Roller World in Bemidji.

When they see you in the community and know that you care enough to come in and read to them in their class that only gives them a little more knowledge than what they had to begin with. Research shows that reading is critical to raising more knowledge than what they can such beauty ere be found.

I want to tell you how I miss you so, I remember the memories I held in my heart, the memories I can't let go. I'm sorry that I never get to say goodbye, I try to be strong, but all I can do is cry. So many more memories we should've shared, to show you that I love you and that I really care.

Goodbye is a hard thing to say, when I think of the morning of that day, the day you were gone in the blink of an eye.

I didn't understand what would happen to you if you were going to stay here, or go to the sky so blue. My brothers, my angels, you are on my mind.

I should've been the first to go, but I am left behind. You will always be in my heart, you were always there right from the start, I know you're with me as I catch a glimpse of your eyes. Just remember that your sister loves you. You are someone I could never say goodbye to, I'll just wait for the day when I see you again. This poem is for my brothers whom I love very much, and miss dearly. I hold you all close to my heart.

I'll do everything I can do to show you that I love you and that I should've shared, but all I can do is cry.

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The following Rules of Procedure for the Peacemaker Division have been adopted by the Tribal Council of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and are in effect as of January 15, 2004. The order adopting the rules is in pursuant to Judicial Code, Title 2, Rule 58 investor the authority of the Chief Judge to establish such rules of procedure. The following Rules of Procedure for the Peacemaker Division has been adopted as the rules for all civil cases wherein the parties consent to have their case heard by the Peacemaker process rather than an adversarial trial process.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Judicial Code**

**TITLE 6. Rules of Procedure for Peacemakers Division**

These rules shall govern the procedures of the Peacemaker Division of the Tribal Court, which is established pursuant to Rule 58, Rules of Procedures, Title 2, Judicial Code, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

**2. Liberal Construction.**

These rules shall be liberally construed to secure a just and expeditious disposition of cases referred to the Peacemaker Division. Such construction shall be consistent with the Band’s laws, traditions, and customs.

**3. Purpose.**

The purpose of the Peacemaker Division is to provide a non-adversarial way to resolve disputes by establishing and restablishing justice through healing and restoring harmony to the individual and the community. The Peacemaker Division shall be consistent with the Band’s tradition of using respected members of the community to help resolve disputes.

**4. Composition.**

The Peacemaker Division shall be composed of one or more persons appointed by the Tribal Council or by the Chief Judge, to conduct peacemaking conferences in accordance with these rules. Peacemakers shall be designated to carry out the purpose of these rules.

**5. Qualifications.**

A Peacemaker shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and known and respected for his or her integrity, honesty, and ability to work with Band members and other Indians to resolve disputes. No Peacemaker shall serve if he or she has been convicted of any criminal activity involving violence during or within the last five years prior to his or her appointment.

**6. Duties of a Peacemaker.**

The Duties of the Peacemaker are to conduct non-violent civil disputes between family members, neighbors, and others within the community. To do this, Peacemakers shall, as needed:

- Assist in the resolution of informal conflicts of the parties and the community.
- Provide assistance on the informal conflicts of the parties and the community.
- Furnish the Chief Judge, in writing or oral reports of the status of such disputes as are pending for resolution in the Peacemaker Division.
- Attend training at Court expense as requested by the Chief Judge.
- Use of Peacemaker Division shall be limited to the resolution of any civil dispute between Band members or other parties involved in a civil proceeding in the Tribal Court, and/or any civil action in a non-adversarial process. If disputes or causes of actions arising out of domestic violence or the like are notified to the Peacemaker, then the Peacemaker shall, in their discretion, contact law enforcement officers and refuse to continue in the Peacemaker Division as long as such issues are pending.

**7. Appointment of the Peacemaker.**

The Tribal Court is seeking interested individuals to be Peacemaker(s) who shall schedule and conduct peacemaking conferences. Interested individuals may present an application that is required to be submitted to the Tribal Court at 1.800.442.3903, ext. 1248. All written agreements between the Peacemaker and the Court Administrator pursuant to these rules and all awards and decisions by the Peacemaker in the process and the same has been filed with the Court Administrator shall be executed in accordance with the rules and certified by the Tribal Court Administrator.

**8. Notice to the Parties.**

The Peacemaker, whatever transpires in the Peacemaker process or decision of the Peacemaker is voluntary on the part of the parties, and the decision shall be filed with the Court Administrator and made part of the record. All written agreements between the Peacemaker and the parties, and all agreements of the Peacemaker and the parties shall be appealable;

**9. Appeal.**

Any appeal to the Peacemaker shall be made within thirty (30) days of the time the Peacemaker rendered the decision. The appeal shall be filed in the Tribal Court.

**10. Retention of Peacemaker Division.**

The Peacemaker Division shall be the exclusive method by which any civil dispute between parties pending Tribal Court civil action who desires to have the dispute or action resolved by the peacemaker process shall be referred to a Peacemaker. The Peacemaker process shall not be resorted to unless the parties have consented to the process and the same has been filed with the Court Administrator.

**11. Effectiveness of Agreements.**

All agreements reached between the Peacemaker and the parties shall be appealable. All agreements shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Court Administrator pursuant to these rules and all awards and decisions by the Peacemaker in the process and the same has been filed with the Court Administrator shall be executed in accordance with the rules and certified by the Tribal Court Administrator.

**12. Appeals.**

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**13. Confidentiality of Peacemaking Conferences.**

Confidential information, including information gathered during the Peacemaker process, shall be used only for the purpose of the Peacemaker process, and in the judicial records, if required. The parties are encouraged to keep the Peacemaker process information confidential.

**14. Amendment.**

These rules may be amended by and with the approval of the Tribal Council as necessary to ensure fundamental fairness, substance justice and further promote the concept of traditional peacekeeping.

**15. Severability.**

If any provision of these rules, or the application thereof, to any person is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or parts of these rules which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and all other provisions and parts of these rules are declared severable.

**16. Administration.**

These rules will take effect on the first court working day following the adoption by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court pursuant to Rule 58 and upon filing of a certified copy of the rules of Procedure and certified by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court and filed in Title 1 of the Judicial Code.

**Are you interested in being a Peacemaker for the Tribal Court?**

If you are interested, please contact the Tribal Court Administrator at 1.800.442.3903, ext. 1248. The Tribal Court is seeking interested individuals to be Peacemakers. There is a short application process required to be filed with the Court Administrator; the application shall be filed at 1.800.442.3903, ext. 1248. tp be provided at Court expense, and, appointed Peacemaker will be provided with a stipend for travel expenses for services rendered.

**What Does a Peacemaker do and what are the qualifications?**

The purpose of the Peacemaker is to provide a non-adversarial way to resolve disputes between people through healing and restoring harmony and relationships between families and the community. The Peacemaker is a person who adheres to the Band’s tradition of using respected members of the community to help resolve disputes. Applications are encouraged to be submitted to the Tribal Court.

**Appointment of the Peacemaker:**

The Peacemaker shall be appointed by the Tribal Council as necessary to ensure fundamental fairness, substance justice and further promote the concept of traditional peacekeeping. Each person appointed shall file with the Court Administrator acceptance of his or her appointment including any financial, familial or legal conflict of interest and that any award or decision of the Peacemaker is voluntary on the part of the parties, and the decision shall be filed with the Court Administrator and made part of the record. All written agreements between the Peacemaker and the parties, and all agreements of the Peacemaker and the parties shall be appealable;
Mrs. Cronis, Defendant; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David W. Cronis, Defendant, is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on March 16, 2004 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code: 1. Chapter 200, Section 217.A, No driver’s license.

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

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Jacklyn Moose, Defendant; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jacklyn Moose, Defendant, is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on March 16, 2004 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code: 1. Chapter 200, Section 217.A, No driver’s license.

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First Annual Leech Lake Reservation’s Kids Perch Jerk Draws Hundreds
By Patsy Gordon

What a beautiful February day for a perch tournament on Lake Winnie in Bena. The bright sunshine and warm weather on February 21st brought them out by the hundreds — people, that is. Although there was a winner in all of the age categories in the perch jerk, I heard much of the same thing as I walked around chatting with the participants, “Haven’t had a single bite!”

Six hundred seventy kids registered for the event! Several parents and adults gathered also to join in the festivities. This was the first time that Leech Lake had ever sponsored such an event and what a huge success it was! We have the Michaud and Dahl families and all the rest of the volunteers to thank for organizing it. Among the prizes awarded were cash prizes and trophies for the first, second, and third winners in 3 different age categories. The winners were as follows:

0 to 5 years old category — boys: 1st place, Evan Dewey; 2nd place, Vincent Rushmier; 3rd place, Terrek Frazier; girls: 1st place, Nashel Bebeau; 2nd place, Cierra Jourdain; 3rd place, Acacia Rushmier.

6 to 10 years old category — boys: 1st place, Tommy Naas, 2nd place, Tre Bedeau; 3rd place, Jerrick Pemberton; girls: 1st place, Katljen Dahman; 2nd place, Anna Yurick; 3rd place, Sheila Dahl.

11 to 15 years old category — boys: 1st place, Marcus Baker; 2nd place, Cyros Williams; 3rd place, Travis Ross; girls: 1st place, Autumn Brunelle; 2nd place, Margaret Charwood; 3rd place, Becky White.

Ugly Fish Contest — 0 to 5 years old winner; Nick Michaud; 6 to 10 years old category, Shelly Lawrence; 11 to 15 years old category; Andria Goodwin.

Names were also drawn for the ninety-four bikes and several other prizes that had been purchased/donated to the event. Kids lined up at the speaker stand anxiously anticipating their names to be called for a new bike.

Free hot dogs, chips, and pop were handed out to those who could stand in line long enough to wait for them. As you might imagine with that many people there, the line was long!

Next year will bring the 2nd Annual Perch Jerk on Winnie. I’d be willing to bet this will be an even bigger smash next year than this year’s event was.