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State and Local Governments Collaborate to Provide Safety For Our Children

By Patsy Gordon

The Leech Lake Tribal Council and Leech Lake ICWA staff recently met with Beltrami County, Itasca County, Cass County, and Hubbard County Child Welfare staff on May 15, 2007, at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, Mn. The collaboration between the Counties, Leech Lake, and the State will strive to ensure the safety of our Indian children.

Rose Robinson, ICWA Director for Leech Lake, explained to the group the process and steps that Leech Lake has taken to date. The legislation to turn the ICWA program over to Leech Lake was passed in August of 2005. The initiative has been moving forward since then. Robinson explained that a solid infrastructure, staff, technology and support of all agencies involved are needed to make this program a success.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will eventually limit their dependency on the state and counties. This project is an excellent opportunity for Leech Lake to develop a program that is based on Ojibwe values. Respect, honor and family values that are already in the communities will be utilized. Our Indian elders will also play a huge part in the process. They will be relied upon for their teachings and ceremonies. Our own community members will be involved also to help make this project a success. Robinson said, "Anything that is of quality, takes time."

The program has started to hire new employees to staff the offices of the Indian Child Welfare Program. Ground has been cleared next to the Facility Center in Cass Lake where a new modular building will be brought in on May 26th to house the offices. The building will include 14 offices.

Leech Lake staff has met with all of the counties except for Beltrami County. The staff for Beltrami County explained that they are willing to work with Leech Lake through the process but that the state is reluctant to sign an agreement with the Band at this point. Leech Lake Chairman George Goggleye, Jr., responded that there is skepticism on all levels involved, but more recently, the State has shown a lot more commitment in honoring Tribal sovereignty and their status as governments. The matter will go before the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. With MIAC's input, the state will be ensured that this is an excellent opportunity to make this a model project for other Tribes to follow. Goggleye stated, "We have some very experienced people working for Leech Lake but commitment is needed by all participants, without collaboration, this initiative will not be successful." Goggleye had the chance to visit with Governor Pawlenty when he was on

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Rose Robinson (second left) Leech Lake Social Services explained to the panel and the rest of the groups which included all of the 4 local counties, the process that Leech Lake has taken in regards to ICWA.



Governor Tim Pawlenty (far right) waves as his fishing guide and crew prepare to set out for the afternoon trip after having lunch at Huddle's Resort.

2007 Governor's Fishing Opener a Success

By Patsy Gordon

Although my boat didn't get close enough to snap a shot of the Governor catching his fish, I did hear it was a successful fishing trip for him having already caught 3 walleye before lunch on opening day. His wife and Lieutenant Governor Molnau also caught their walleyes that morning.

A shore lunch of walleye, fried potatoes, and beans was served at Huddle's Resort on Leech Lake.

The evening before opening day, a community picnic was served at the Walker City Park. An awards ceremony took place right after the Grand Entrance at 4:00.

The Governor and his wife and Lt. Governor Carol Molnau were presented with several plaques and gifts. They received a key to the city from Walker City Mayor Brad Walhof and his wife Cindy.

Seven o'clock that evening took all reporters and photographers to the Moondance Jam Facilities to meet our fishing guides

and hosts for the next day. The Governor and many, many boats left the shores of Leech Lake at 6:45 a.m. on opening day in search of the elusive walleye. Several found him.

A celebration ceremony and wrap up was held at the Northern Lights Convention Center that evening, after which the Governor and his crew drove to Longville and got back on their private charter and flew back to St. Paul.

Leech Lake Wildland Fire Fighters Assist With Gunflint Trail Forest Fire

The Gunflint Trail recently reopened again after burning 36,443 acres on the U.S. side of the fire before skipping into Canada. The fire was mostly contained to the Boundary Water Canoe areas where the Gunflint Trail is located. The Leech Lake Wild Land Fire Crew left on May 6, 2007 at 4:00 a.m. for the Gunflint Trail fire to assist with the uncontrolled fire. At the time they left, there were close to 8,000 acres already burned and was only 5% contained. The Crew members that assisted with the fire are Crew Leader, Duane Bebeau, fire fighters; Clinton Bryan, John Drouillard, Eric White, Terry O'Connor, Kevin Fairbanks, Jr. and Brandon Bebeau.

Leech Lake Health Division Hosts Annual Health Fair

By Patsy Gordon



Tonya Losh, Ambulance Director (L) and the EMT Ambulance Crew wait on the Leech Lake Ambulance booth.

Every year the Leech Lake Health Division hosts their annual Health Fair to promote healthy eating and healthy living styles. And each year it becomes even more successful with attendance growing each year. Many of the Leech Lake programs participate with booths, along with other local agencies. Program information, pens, pencils, note pads, candy, fruit, little trinkets of different sorts are given away at each booth encouraging visitor participation. The participants can also register at each booth for a door prize.

Flutist, Jon Romer, was there to entertain the crowd with his beautiful flute playing. The Bug School Drum Group also attended to perform honor songs. Nurses were also available for blood pressure and glucose screenings, etc., for those who wished to know their readings.

Indian Health Service was set up with a booth promoting safe sex with free condoms to be given away.

A healthy lunch was prepared and served to all.



A full house packed the Veteran's Memorial Building near Cass Lake, MN for the annual Elder's Feast.
Photo by Patsy Gordon

To all the Members of the Leech Lake Tribal Community:

Aaniin! My name is Linsey McMurrin. I am an enrolled Tribal member at Leech Lake and am currently a senior at the University of Minnesota, Morris, pursuing my bachelors degree in American Indian studies.

I was in high school when the Star Tribune's series on "The Lost Youth of Leech Lake" was published and was deeply impacted by the stories and the community's reaction. There is a lot of misunderstanding and ignorance fueling the feelings of division in the Leech Lake area, and I think the articles added fuel to the fire. The articles did nothing to provide suggestions for improving the situation. I feel that the answers lie in educating our children in the traditional ways of our people. The assimilating forces our people have had to endure over the years have tried to erase our identity as American Indian people, which is the root of many of our problems.

I would like to give the general public a chance to see our Tribe and situation through our own people's eyes, especially the eyes of our elders. Ultimately, I will present my findings to the Tribal Community before I present it to the general public. Therefore, I would like to talk with any willing community members in order to record the past, better understand the present and to ensure our Tribe's future.

I will be starting my research the last week of June and will continue as long as there are people who would like to talk with me. If you are interested in taking part in this project, you may call Roger Monroe (my father) at (218) 547-1495 or leave a message at (218) 547-3745. Thank you.

Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center

Who are we?

The Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center is a facility that provides health and fitness support for those individuals who have diabetes, cardiovascular disease, or any other medical condition that will benefit from exercise and a healthy lifestyle change. Individuals without any limiting medical conditions are also welcome to use the facility to promote prevention and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle.

Who can use the Fitness Center?

Anyone can use the fitness center! If you are enrolled in a federally recognized tribal affiliation, a LLBO employee, Gaming Employee, IHS Employee, IHS eligible, your membership is free. There is a great membership rate for those who do not fall under one of these categories. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult and adhere to a structured exercise program. Minors (Under 18) must have an adult signature for membership approval.

What type of equipment do you have?

The fitness center has a variety of cardiovascular exercise equipment, treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary bicycles, seated exercise

Leech Lake Housing Authority Hosts 14th Annual Elders Feast

By Patsy Gordon

Each year they serve a full house and just like the annual mothers day feast, the event keeps getting bigger and better every year.

Ron Hare and Kenn Mitchell emcee the event. Door prizes are given away, entertainment is provided, and a 50/50 drawing takes place every year too.

Ninety one year old (91) Libby Kittleson, from Cass Lake and 94 year old Ray Staples were honored as the two oldest of our elders attending.

machines, and more. We also have a combination of machine and free weights for strength training.

What type of programs do you offer?

We also offer a multitude of exercise and health related classes to help you improve all areas of your health lifestyle. Circuit training, strength training, flexibility, and relaxation are just a few that have been offered. We also have a bicycle check out program for our members.

What if I have never exercised before or feel intimidated to come in?

We have personal and professionally certified staff that can assist you in developing a specific program for you. Our members and programs are all designed for people in the same circumstances that you are. There is a sense of support and camaraderie with all our regular members. The atmosphere is conducive to those who are working to improve their quality of life.

How do I join?

To join you need to stop in to the fitness center and fill out a membership packet. You will need to bring along the following information.

Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center Membership Checklist

- Personal Contact Information
- Primary Physician's name and Location
- If under 18, parent or guardian signature
- For **free membership** we need a copy of one of the following:

1. Tribal ID
2. LLBO Employee ID
3. Gaming Employee ID
4. IHS Employee ID
5. ¼ Blood Quantum Papers

- For other memberships the costs are:

1. \$5.00 Daily
2. \$15.00 Weekly
3. \$30.00 Monthly
4. \$75.00 3 Months
5. \$150.00 6 months
6. \$240 12 months
7. Family membership rates also available

- Medical Clearance Form from your physician if you have any medical issues.

Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center
201 1st NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633 218-335-2081

How Alcohol and Smoking Affect Your Heart

By Karey Lyon, RN, MSN, NP-C,
Program Coordinator, Leech Lake
Healthy Heart Project

Alcohol and smoking are sensitive topics in our community. Still, it is important that we talk about them as risk factors in heart disease. When we talk about alcohol and heart disease, we are talking about alcohol abuse. Similarly, when we talk about smoking and heart disease, we are talking about tobacco abuse, and not ceremonial use of tobacco.

Alcohol use can raise your blood pressure and prevent blood pressure medicines from working, making it even more difficult to control your blood pressure. Excessive alcohol use is a risk factor for strokes and heart attacks. Alcohol use can also damage the heart, liver and brain. If you drink alcoholic beverages, have only a moderate amount — one drink a day for women, or two drinks a day for men.

Smoking has a direct effect on heart disease. The lungs, heart and blood vessels are all linked in a "cardiovascular" system. So, what you put into your lungs affects that system. Smoking can harm your heart and lungs, raise your blood pressure and raise your blood cholesterol levels.

If you never start smoking cigarettes, you will be much less likely to develop heart disease. If you have been a smoker and you quit, your risk of heart disease will drop by more than half after one year. There are other health benefits from keeping your lungs free of smoke — non-smokers are less likely to have lung diseases and lung cancer, as well as other cancers.

Your health and the health of others who live in your household should be reason enough to not smoke. There are all kinds of additional benefits to avoiding cigarettes. Think of the money that you will be able to spend on other things that you want. For example, the cost of cigarettes for two years is about \$3,100.00 the same as the cost of a good used car! And cigarette smokers have the side effects of yellow stains on their teeth and fingers, bad breath and gum disease.

If you are not a cigarette smoker, you should never even think

about starting. If you are currently a smoker, you can get help quitting. Experts say that the best way to quit is to use a combination of these three methods: 1) nicotine patch or nicotine gum, 2) support and encouragement, and 3) learning how to handle urges to smoke and stress. For help getting started, call Roleen Walgenbach, NP-C, at PHS, IHS 218-335-3200 regarding smoking cessation classes. It will be the best thing you ever do for your heart!

In this monthly column, I have been sharing other ways to reduce your risks for heart disease. Also, you can call me at 335-4500 if you want more information about heart disease and how you can get involved to strengthen the heartbeat of our community.

Next Month: Getting Motivated to Change Your Lifestyle.

What is alcohol abuse? Alcohol abuse is defined as a pattern of drinking that results in one or more of the following situations within a 12-month period:

- * Failure to fulfill responsibilities
- * Drinking in situations that are physically dangerous (driving)
- * Having recurring alcohol-related legal problems
- * Continued drinking despite having ongoing relationship problems that are caused or worsened by the drinking.

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Leech Lake for the fishing opener. The Governor is very supportive of this effort and also is hopeful of commitment on all levels. Each entity involved is working on a statement of commitment.

During the panel discussion, Rose Robinson informed the group that although the project is limited to the 4-county area, the caseload is statewide. They are also working on cases that are in other states other than Minnesota. All Leech Lake families are assured that the Leech Lake ICWA will be responsive to them wherever they may be. Currently there are 180 ICWA cases in the metro area, but only three staff are working there.

Dorothy Opheim of Cass County commented that their county had finished their statement and are now working on a Memorandum of

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Public Notice

This notice is to inform you that the Leech Lake Tribal Council will be submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indian Community Block Grant Program to construct an Early Childhood Center in the village of Onigum.

A copy of a Community Development Statement will be available for viewing by the public at the Early Childhood

**Center (Head Start),
16120 60th Ave, NW
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633**

Please contact the Early Childhood Division during the following dates and times:

**8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday's
Except on Holidays**

**If you have any questions or comments please call
218-335-8256**

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Civil Division

In the Matter of the Guardianship of
the Child(ren) of:

Nicole Dunn and
John Fairbanks, Parents.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CP-06-47

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 19, 2006, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. On October 24, 2006, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving temporary guardianship to the petitioner, Christina Morgan. A Review Hearing will commence on July 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of permanent guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682 or 218-335-4418.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear in person for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

DATED: April 25, 2007.

Samantha L. Gale
Court Services Coordinator

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218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court on **Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**, and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Chapter, Section 304:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.
2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:
 - a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
 - b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
 - c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
 - d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
 - e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2006. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

Defendant	Case No.	Reason
Darrick Earl Brown	TR-05-28	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 22, 2005
Skippie Alana Finn	TR-06-150	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Joseph Edward Isham	TR-06-118	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on January 2, 2007
Robin Marie Ladeaux	TR-06-162	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Marty D. Lagarde	TR-05-23	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Gilbert Joseph Littlewolf	TR-04-779	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Mikele Lucille Northbird-Finn	TR-03-656	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on February 20, 2007
Mikele Lucille Northbird Finn	TR-06-157	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on February 20, 2007
Francis Lee Oothoudt	TR-01-324	Failure to pay fine ordered on October 4, 2001
Warren Bradley Paquette 16, 2002	TR-02-436	Failure to pay fine ordered on July 16, 2002
Warren Bradley Paquette	TR-04-731	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 25, 2004
Jesse Eugene Seelye	TR-02-369	Failure to pay default judgment

Jesse Eugene Seelye	TR-04-763	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on February 8, 2002, March 20, 2003, and October 22, 2003
Leroy Allen Staples	TR-06-160	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 29, 2005
Rhonda Clarice White	TR-06-02	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
		Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on July 24, 2006

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Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2007.

Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Ida Elizabeth Beaulieu	TR-07-052	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 2/15/07
Heidi Eileen Bogda	TR-07-039	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 1/29/07
Darrick Earl Brown	TR-07-048	Failure to use Seatbelt or Child Restraint Devices Occurring On: 2/17/07
Nicole Marie Drift	TR-07-027	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 1/1/07
Dawn Marie Fineday	TR-07-042	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Failure to use Seatbelt or Child Restraint Devices
Jennifer Marie Fineday	TR-07-057	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 2/13/07
Debra Ann Isham	TR-06-187	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 2/14/07
Debra Ann Isham	TR-07-002	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Driving Occurring On: 11/26/06

Trevor Allen Kingbird	TR-07-049	Occurring On: 12/23/06 No Driver License Failure to use Seatbelt or Child Restraint Devices
Beth Ann Lague	TR-07-058	Occurring On: 2/16/07 Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over the Limit
Thomas Wayne Matthews	TR-07-065	Occurring On: 2/28/07 Driving After Revocation/ Suspension
Mikele Lucille Northbird-Finn	TR-07-036	Occurring On: 3/17/07 Driving After Revocation/ Suspension
Francis Lee Oothoudt	TR-07-055	Occurring On: 11/30/06 Failure to use Seatbelt or Child Restraint Devices
Warren Bradley Paquette	TR-07-041	Occurring On: 2/14/07 Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Failure to Remain at Scene of Accident not resulting in Injury Failure to Show Proof of Insurance
Jesse Eugene Seeleye	TR-07-004	Occurring On: 1/27/07 Driving After Revocation/ Suspension
Gina Rose Standing Cloud	TR-07-061	Occurring On: 12/8/06 No Drivers License Failure to Stop for School Bus
Rhonda Clarice White	TR-07-063	Occurring On: 2/27/07 Failure to use Seatbelt or Child Restraint Devices Occurring On: 9/21/06

- d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full;
- f. Garnishment of wages by the Leech Lake Band.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2007. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Karen Ann Adams	TR-07-35	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on April 12, 2007
Jesse James Beaulieu	TR-99-22	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on April 17, 2007.
Lana Marie Bellanger	TR-06-156	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Cierra Lacy Cloud	TR-06-167	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Charles Dean Croaker	TR-06-179	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
William Leeland Croaker, Sr.	TR-07-06	Failure to pay fine ordered on March 21, 2007
Lawrence Albert Cronquist	TR-00-143	Failure to pay fine ordered on October 20, 2000
Lawrence Albert Cronquist	TR-00-143	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on October 19, 2001
Raymond Allen Geving	TR-06-171	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Donald Dale Goggleye	TR-06-180	Failure to pay balance of default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Rodney John Headbird	TR-06-175	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Stefanie Evelyn Howard	TR-99-28	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on April 21, 2000
Kelly Jean Jackson	TR-06-153	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on January 29, 2007
Leah Renee Jacobs	TR-06-73	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 21, 2007
Paul Alfred Lindgren	TR-06-173	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Rueben James Littlewolf	TR-00-201	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 1, 2001
Jamie John Mitchell	TR-00-97	Failure to pay balance of fine ordered on March 7, 2000
Frances Rose Partridge	CN-04-141	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 25, 2004
Alexis James Rea	TR-06-165	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Andrew Charles Staples	TR-06-177	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 8, 2007
Brandon James White	TR-06-146	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on January 2, 2007

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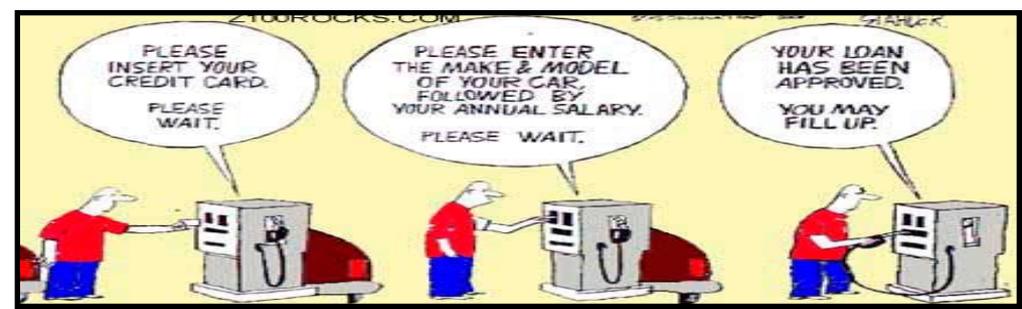
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DATED this 21st day of May, 2007.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Alvin John Brown	TR-07-088	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 04/16/07
Jason Lee Dunn-Haugen	TR-00-227	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit No Driver's License Open Bottle Occurring On: 11/21/00
Jason Lee Dunn-Haugen	TR-07-076	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/02/07
Barbara Jean Haugen	TR-07-078	Improper Use of Registration Occurring On: 02/02/07
Larissa Marie Howard	TR-07-079	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 03/09/07
Sondra Jackson	TR-07-074	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 03/27/07
Tanya Lynn Michaud-Jourdain, TR-01-335		Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 11/09/01
Tanya Lynn Michaud-Jourdain, TR-01-043		Failure to Use Seat Belts or Child Restraint Devices Occurring On: 02/13/07
Brandon Wayne White	TR-06-196	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Driving Occurring On: 11/30/06



The 6th Annual Ball Club Youth basketball tournament was held on May 12th, at Deer River High School. Submitted Photo



Several people/entrepreneurs participated in the AIEDF training that was recently offered at the Northern Lights Casino on April 27, 2007.

Photo by Chris Haugene

AIEDF Offers Training to Local Entrepreneurs

By Chris Haugene, Debahjimon Writer

The American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) is an organization dedicated to "assisting American Indians by being a catalyst for the development of entrepreneurial activities, and to act as a "gap" financier for projects that have positive economic potential." The AIEDF held a workshop for some of these entrepreneurs on Friday May 1st at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker. There were a number of different small business owners in attendance ranging from contractors and truckers, to a family that owned an ice cream truck.

The focus of the meeting was how to create a business plan in order to secure funding from investors or banks, as well as how to begin and maintain a business.

David Goodman, an Economic Development Officer for AIEDF, ran the class along with Tera Nowicki, also an Economic Development Officer for AIEDF. The two both talked about the hidden pitfalls of owning your own business along with the percentage of people that get funding with help from the American Indian Economic Development Fund.

Champions- Ogichidaag (Red Lake/Cass Lake) **Runners Up- Ball Club Hoops**
3rd Place- Warriors (Red Lake) **4th Place- Bomb Squad (Cass Lake)**

All Tourny Team

Jon "mad dog" White - Ball Club	Sam Kingbird-Warriors
Jimmy Oshea - Ball Club	"Big" Ben Cameron - Ball Club Hoops
Kyle Goggleye - Ball Club	Ernesto Martinez - Ball Club Hoops
Joe Smith - Bomb Squad	Jeromy O'Brien - Ball Club Hoops
Robbie Courneyer - Bomb Squad	Tridell Beaulieu - Ogichidaag
Willard Kingbird - Warriors	Brady Fairbanks - Ogichidaag
MVP- Tom Barrett-Ogichidaag	
CO-MVP- Keith Deegan- Ball Club Hoops	
Mr Hack- Matt Bowstring-Ball Club Hoops	
Mr Hustle- Rob Pemberton-Ogichidaag	
Mr Defense-Travis Deegan-Ball Club Hoops	
Sportsmanship-Anthony Schaaf Ball Club Hoops	

The tournament was sponsored by L.L Youth Division, L.L Gaming, L.L Housing, Tobacco Prevention, L.L Tribal Council and Y.C.D.P.P.

Workers Memorial Day Observance Underscores Need for Improved Driving Behavior in Highway Work Zones

By MN DOT

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will observe this year's Workers Memorial Day (April 28) with remembrance ceremonies and a plea for motorists to use extra caution while driving in highway work zones.

This year's observance will carry added significance for Mn/DOT employees because a highway maintenance worker was killed Oct. 5, 2006 while mowing roadsides along Highway 4 near Fairfax. Darrell Blackwell, from the Mankato District's Sleepy Eye truck station, died when his mower was hit by semitrailer truck.

Because the observance falls on a Saturday, department employees will conduct related events on different days. "Mn/DOT staff will observe the official day at different times and in different ways, but the observances will focus on recognizing department employees who died in the line of duty," said Lt. Gov./Commissioner Carol Molnau. Since 1960, 30 Mn/DOT employees lost their life while working on the state's transportation system.

Last year, the number of work zone crashes decreased and injuries decreased. There were more than 1,800 crashes in 2005 compared with 1,492 last year. The number of injuries fell from 905 in 2005 to 637 last year. However, the number of fatalities in work zones increased from six in 2005 to eight in 2006.

"The decrease in crash and injury numbers compared with 2005 is encouraging," Molnau said, "but the rise in fatalities, including Darrell Blackwell's, shows the need for motorists to drive much more carefully in work zones." "Working safely is an integral part of our business," Molnau said, "and we strongly encourage motorists to adopt that mind set when they drive, especially in highway work zones. "There will be hundreds of construction and maintenance operations on state highways and

countless others on tribal, county, city and township roads," she said. "This intense level of activity requires that we all drive mindfully with extra care for our own safety and that of thousands of highway workers."

Molnau also urges motorists to follow the state law to move over one lane when approaching police or other emergency vehicles on the highway shoulder. If moving into another lane isn't possible, the law requires that drivers slow down as they pass by the emergency scene. Driving requires motorists' full attention. Mn/DOT urges motorists to follow these recommendations in work zones:

Stay alert.
Watch for signs, equipment and workers.
Minimize distractions such as using cell phones, eating or drinking.
Avoid tailgating.
Follow posted speed limits and directional signs.
Stay in one lane while driving through a work zone.

For information about Mn/DOT's 2007 construction season, visit its Web site at www.mndot.gov. Current highway project and weather reports are available from Mn/DOT's 511 Traveler Information Service by dialing 5-1-1 or via the Web at www.511mn.org.

Motorists Cautioned to be Alert for Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is asking motorists to be alert for Adopt-A-Highway volunteer workers who are out cleaning roadside ditches.

The Adopt-A-Highway volun-

teers provide a valuable public service by picking and bagging tons of litter each year, helping to keep our state roadways clean and attractive.

Mn/DOT appreciates all the volunteers do and would like to see that they are safe so their work may continue.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Highway program, visit <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/adopt/>.

Tribal College Arts Flourishing

By Chris Haugene

The 2007 Spring Art Expo was held on Friday May 11th at the Tribal College in Cass Lake. There were many contestants as well as a number of different creations offered for the competition. From the paintings and beadwork to the photography and mixed media design, the depth of the work was astounding, the colors were vibrant, and the level of effort shined through the final creations. You could tell everyone put in a lot of time on their work as intricate as some of the detail work was, and how beautifully it came through in the final product. What really caught the eye was how vibrant the colors were and how well it focused the experience of some of the pieces.

Following the Expo was a very nice dinner with a live band where professor Duane "Dewey" Goodwin, an award winning and world renowned sculptor, handed out the awards. There were a number of different award winning artists participating in categories including:

Pottery 1st place Celia Littlecreek
 2nd and 3rd place went to Bambi Goodwin.

Photography 1st place Linda Johnston
 2nd place Aaron Fairbanks
 3rd place Linda Johnston

Jingle Dress Design 1st place Dana Goodwin

Quilt Design 1st place Paula White
 2nd place Celia Littlecreek 3rd place Susan Hallett

Mixed Media (refers to an artwork

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Strawberry Flavored Meth is Slowly Introducing Itself

By Patsy Gordon

This is one of those things that has a double edged sword. A reporter may be indecisive on reporting on something like this because of someone possibly wanting to try and duplicate it, or, a they do want to make the public aware so they can watch out for it.

So, parents and children BEWARE! A new candy flavored methamphetamine (meth) is quickly making its way around the nation and possibly into Indian Country.

The new drug is pink in color and sweetened with strawberry flavor. I won't say what they use to flavor it with, for the sake of those who might be tempted to try and make it. I'm sure the word will spread quickly enough on its own.

But the drug is made to look kind of like the popular "Pop Rocks" candy with drug dealers hoping to get it to appeal to our youngsters in an attempt to get more kids to try it. According to the Leech Lake Police Department, they don't think the strawberry flavored meth has yet made it to Leech Lake and are strongly hoping that it does not. The LLPD also cautions that sentences will be doubled for anyone convicted of selling the drug to kids.

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Moccasins 1st place Bernice Mitchell 2nd Tammy LaRose 3rd Elizabeth DrumBeater

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Youth Division 1st place Drawing Elaine Greenleaf 2nd Andrea Goodwin

Youth Division Beadwork: Audriana Goodwin

Collaboration

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Understanding (MOU), which is also close to being finalized. The other counties are expected to finish theirs soon.

Cass County Commissioner Bob Yoakam requested that as soon as there has been an agreement signed between Beltrami County and Leech Lake that all of the other Counties be notified as early as possible.

Leech Lake Tribal Judge Anita Fineday, who has worked with child protection cases since 1987, said that Tribal Court would begin to do family court in the near future. She stated, "It is our aim to make culturally appropriate and comfortable surroundings for our families who are in crisis. We put emphasis on trying to keep families together."

September 1, 2007, has been the projected transfer date for Leech Lake to take over the ICWA cases.

Letter from the Editor:

Working for the Debahjimon the past 3 years, has taught me that May is my busiest month of the year! Being that it's American Indian Month with all of its events and activities, and Memorial Day weekend, it keeps me pretty busy. It is unfortunate that I cannot include more of the pictures this time, but this issue is literally "bursting at the seams". A big thanks to Chris Haugene for assisting me with covering events!

The Debahjimon has again gone back to a monthly issue starting with this month's (June) issue. The newspapers will be on the stands near you on the first of every month.

The mailing list has gone up significantly during the past several months, where I have had to increase my circulation. Thank you readers and subscribers! You are wonderful.

Patsy Gordon

All Leech Lake WWII Veterans

The State of Minnesota will remember and honor the more than 326,000 Minnesotans who served in the armed forces during World War II at the dedication of the World War II Memorial, June 9, 2007 on the State Capitol Mall in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The historic event, entitled, "Above and Beyond", will include a roll call of the names of more than 6,000 Minnesotans who lost their lives during the war, ten of whom received the Congressional Medal of honor.

Dedication activities will begin at 10:00 am and end at 4:30 p.m., allowing World War II veterans and their families to attend all or a portion of the scheduled events.

WWII veterans will gather in the memorial area for a group picture at 1:00 p.m. A dozen WWII aircraft will then fly over the area to signal the beginning of the formal dedication program at 2:00 p.m.

Guest speakers will include feature keynote speaker General John Vessey, Governor Tim Pawlenty, nationally known soloist Tom Tipton, and other notable WWII veterans and dignitaries.

For more information, please contact Frank Bowstring, Leech Lake Tribal Veterans Service Officer at 218-335-3691 or cell phone number 218-556-0345.

What are the Requirements for Tribal Enrollment?

By Laurie Harper, Leech Lake Enrollment Director

Let's begin with the requirements for tribal enrollments. The Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (approved March 3, 1964), "Article II – Membership" outlines the tribal membership requirements. In July, 2005, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee passed Resolution 116-03, Enrollment Ordinance and Policies and Procedures for Enrollment with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

An application for a minor or incompetent must be filed by a parent, guardian or other person legally authorized to act on behalf of the applicant.

Applications may be filed with the Office of Tribal Enrollments and must be filed within one year after the birth of an applicant born after July 3, 1961.

Applications must be completed and must contain sufficient information to determine eligibility for enrollment.

The application must be accompanied by information establishing that the applicant is a child born to a member of the Leech Lake Band, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. If the applicant's biological mother is not a tribal member, then the biological father must be a tribal member and paternity can be demonstrated by a certified birth certificate (not a hospital record); results of a DNA or genetic marker test determining the probability that a specific tribal member is the biological father of the applicant to be not less than 97%; or [tribal/state/federal] court documentation of paternity.

The enrollment procedures and the blood quantum requirement cannot be changed without MCT membership approval. However, there are some proposed changes to counting blood quantum at the TEC level. One such proposal is to count all Ojibwe (Chippewa) Blood towards the ¼ blood quantum requirement and to

drop the "...application must be filed within one year of applicant's birth," requirement. These proposed changes would still require a Constitutional Amendment and that would need to be voted upon by the total Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Membership as it is changing the scope of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and lowering the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe blood quantum requirement. At this time, the Leech Lake Tribal Council feels that there has not been enough input from the Leech Lake membership regarding this issue and does not support any proposed changes to the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

The Office of Tribal Enrollments is located in the upstairs southeast corner of the Facility Center, Office 201 and can be reached at 218-335-3601. The office is staffed by Laurie Harper, Director of Tribal Enrollments and Beverly DeVault, Administrative Assistant.

Thank You Veterans

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The veterans names listed on page 8 and 9 are Leech Lake Tribal members and their descendants and any Native American and their descendants who have lived or worked on the Leech Lake Reservation who have served in the military from the civil war to present. If your name or a name of a loved one who has served or is serving in the military does not appear on this list, we apologize for the oversight. Please contact Al Robinson at 218-335-2804 and your/their name will be added to this list and to the Wall of Warriors located at the entry of the Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Powwow Grounds. Please contact Al and leave a message and phone number if he is not available to take your call. Thank you.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Environmental Assessment: Forest Highway 3 Project Planning Study CSAH 39 and CSAH 10 from US 71 to US 2

The USDA Forest Service, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Highway Administration Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division are pleased to announce the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Forest Highway 3 Project Planning Study (CSAH 39 and CSAH 10) from US 71 to US 2. The EA will be available on **May 30, 2007** for public review. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, Director's Order 12, and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, to provide guidance in determining the appropriate actions needed to perform the improvements.

Public Review: The Federal Highway Administration considers public involvement to be an important component to a successful planning process. An electronic version may also be found at the Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division's website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nepa>. Users of the site are encouraged to submit comments on this document while it is available for public review. Written comments can be mailed to the address below:

Mr. Kevin Rose, Project Manager, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Federal Highway Administration, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166

The EA will be available for review at the Blackduck Public Library located at 72 First Street East Blackduck, MN 56630; at the USDA Forest Service office, 200 Ash Ave NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633; USDA Forest Service Office 417 Forestry Drive Blackduck, MN 56630; Leech Lake Reservation Division of Resources Management, 115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633; and on the world wide web as indicated above. Copies of the EA will also be sent to applicable Federal, State, and local agencies for their review and comment. If you have any additional questions concerning this announcement, please contact Mr. Kevin Rose, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166, or at (571) 434-1541. Please submit all comments to Mr. Rose by **June 29, 2007**.

11th Annual Mother's Day Celebration Draws Largest Crowd Yet

By Patsy Gordon



Kenn Mitchell and Ron Hare must be doing something right. Mitchell and Hare hosted their 11th Mother's Day Celebration this year on May 13th, drawing a crowd of what was estimated to be between 700 and 800 people. This is the largest group ever since the two men started putting on the Mother's Day Celebration back in 1996.

Thanks to the Shakopee Mdewankanton Sioux Community, Leech Lake Housing Authority, Leech Lake Gaming, First National Bank of Walker, First National Bank of Bemidji, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Mille Lacs Gaming, and several local businesses that donated food, door prizes, monetary donations as well as other contributions to the event.

It turned out to be a beautiful day to partake in this Mother's Day celebration that was dedicated to the late Lisa Schulman of Cass Lake, and Alisha White of Red Lake. Lisa Schulman was a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe enrollee and employee who was tragically killed in a pedestrian accident a few months back. Alisha White is the mother of the two little Red Lake Boys that disappeared last November and were found dead recently frozen into a lake near their Red Lake home.

Beautiful Pendleton blankets were given to Lisa Schulman's husband, Richard, but since Alisha White was not able to make it, her blanket will be delivered to her.

Richard Schulman of Cass Lake, and Jon Greene of Boy Lake also entertained the crowd with their music. The two performed for the group and also joined in on the games that needed music. Several contests were held with some pretty good prize money too. All of the contests that were held had 1st,

2nd, and 3rd place winners. Third place won \$30.00, second place won \$40.00 and first place won \$50.00.

The popular "Men's Beauty Contest" was just a riot as it is every year. All of the men who joined the contest had the crowd in stitches strutting their stuff to win that first place prize and title of "Cass Lake's Most Beautiful Man"!

A first ever for the event

– they had a marriage proposal take place. (It was not planned.) Silas Blue asked Melissa Fineday to marry him and she said, "yes"! She proudly showed off her beautiful engagement ring she received right then and there. They were wished a "Happily Ever After"!

Evelyn Sargent, 90 years young, received the monetary prize for being the oldest mother attending. Evelyn, you are wished many more years to come.

As always, the men in attendance served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, wild rice hot dish, beans and a beverage to all the mothers in the audience. Year after year, they are always good sports and always serve the mothers with pleasure. Mike time was also given to anyone who wanted to wish their mother a happy mother's day.

Better plan on joining in next year. Like I said, this event is growing bigger and better with each passing year.



Silas & Melissa



Spiritual runners as they leave the city of Bena on their way to Kego Lake.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Annual Spiritual Run Hosted by Leech Lake Youth Division

By Patsy Gordon

Taking turns at running, the group took off at 6:00 a.m. on Friday morning, May 4th, 2007 from S. Lake, Minnesota. Some of the runners included Leech Lake Band members, Band members from other reservations and kids from Cass Lake/Bena School District, amongst the different participants. A caravan of cars followed with refreshments and a place for runners to take a break and rest during the day.

The staff that is carried by the runners must not stop at any point during the run, except when the runners stop to rest for the night. The runners continued to pass the staff every quarter mile when new runners would take over.

The staff that the runners carry has 11 feathers on it. Ten of those feathers represent the communities of Leech Lake. A feather that was found by one of the runners last year has been added to the staff also.

Saturday, day two of the run continued on from Kego Lake to the Veteran's Memorial Grounds in Cass

Lake, Mn. Gary Charwood, organizer of the Spiritual Run commented, "The most important reason for the run is to bring unity amongst the people, relatives, friends, natives, non-natives. No one was left out."

The runners also ran for their own physical health, spiritual healing, and for loved ones that have passed on. Next year, they will run again.

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Leech Lake Tribal College Graduates 16 Students

By Patsy Gordon

The 2007 graduates and faculty proudly marched into the room of the Northern Lights Convention Center where the 2007 Commencement Ceremonies took place to the beat of the Tribal College Drum honoring them with an honor song. Sixteen proud graduates, dressed in cap and gown, were handed their degrees on the evening of May 16, 2007. They were Yodi Blomgren, Jessica Brobowski, Curtis Brown, Amanda Brunette, Myron Cloud, Dawn Farr, Milton Gotchie, Elizabeth Jenkins, Tammy LaRose, Dawn Litzau-Staples, Cheryl Masten, Gina Munnell, Katherine Norton, Christina Raisch, Stephanie Smith, and Lejana Wright.

Harv Lueck, who is an instructor at the College was the Master of Ceremonies. The Honorable Benny Tonce led the group in prayer in his Native tongue.

Dr. Leah Carpenter, who is the Tribal College President, in her welcoming address told the audience that the Leech Lake Tribal College received accreditation in October of 2006. She also spoke of the construction progress of the new College. The 2nd wing of their new campus is now complete. Another phase of construction will begin this summer that will hold the construction trade programs.

Just a few weeks ago, on May 12, 2007 Dr. Carpenter received her doctorate degree from the University of Arizona. Dr. Carpenter told the

graduates that "I am an example of perseverance and determination and you can do it too!"

Leech Lake Chairman George Goggeye, Jr., also addressed the graduates and audience. He congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Leech Lake Tribal Council. He said, "This is one of the milestones in your life. There will be many more. It is important to work and achieve to be at the places where you want to be. We are here tonight to celebrate this accomplishment!"

Yvonne Wilson a member of the Tribal College Board of Trustees brought along two of her second grade students from the North Elementary School where she teaches near Deer River, Mn. The students, Travis Cloud and Rydell Baird have both already published books. Rydell Baird took the opportunity to read his book to us. He wrote about his teacher, Yvonne. Wilson used this as an opportunity to stress how important it is to start with young children in early childhood to encourage them to pursue their dreams and reach their goals. She also introduced the rest of the Board of Trustees, with making special mention of one of the members who was not able to be there. Judy Hanks just finished her last round of chemotherapy for breast cancer. She spoke of Hank's willingness to be a survivor and her positive attitude toward her illness and wished her the best.

Dr. Priscilla Fairbanks presented the "Faculty Member of

the Year Award" to college instructor, Elaine Fleming, who also served for two terms as the Cass Lake Mayor.

Dr. Ginny Carney presented the special student awards. Students, Amanda Burnette, Liz Jenkins, and Catherine Norton were listed in the "Who's Who Among Students in America's Junior Colleges". Student, Dawn Farr, made the National Dean's List. Several students received 1st place in their categories during the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) conference last year in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Tammy LaRose was selected as the Class of 2007 valedictorian and presented the valedictory address. Dawn Farr was selected as the Class of 2007 Salutatorian and presented the salutatory address. Both thanked their families for standing by them and believing in them and said they were proud to stand with the rest of the Anishinabe graduates.

Dr. Brenda Child, who is a teacher at the U of M in Minneapolis, who is trained as a historian was the keynote speaker for the graduation. Her speech reflected on Indian education in the past. Families, extended relation and clans were responsible for the education of their young. They were taught to respect the natural world. The natives lived in very large settlements they called "cities".

Dr. Child spoke mostly of how plants and herbs were used for medicinal purposes. Plants were harvested to make medicine from roots and leaves. The Indians came to realize how important the plants effects were with their healing properties and how they were used to treat the sick. All summer long, the older Ojibwe men and women would gather and dry herbs so they would have a plentiful supply of medicines to last through the long cold winters.

Back in the early 1920's, it was primarily the Indian women who protected and harvested the wild rice for food. Before the rice was picked, they would tie the stalks into bundles to protect the rice in its eco-system. They were extremely knowledgeable

Leech Lake Tribal College Alumni in the Spotlight

Darla D. Flores

Darla Flores began attending Leech Lake Tribal College in 2003 and graduated in 2006 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Education. To support herself and her four-year-old daughter she worked part time as a custodian at the college. To help her get through school her mom and dad took care of her daughter while she went to school and work.



Her best experiences here are talking to all the people and visiting everyone. "Everyone is beautiful to me" says Darla.

Learning anishinabeemowin is also one of her favorite experiences, growing up, as a child Darla never knew fluent anishinabe speakers. "The older ones are my favorite, Bob Jourdain, Benny Tonce, Wally Humphrey and Wilf Cyr"

She found out that there is a lot of teachings behind the language and not just a word. "It's a beautiful language when told".

She wants to go on to a four-year university, keep learning Anishinabeemowin and the meanings behind them.

Darla says "Attending Leech Lake Tribal College kept me occupied and out of trouble. It was fun, you get to meet different people of all ages, going on fieldtrips as a student is fun, school is habitual, once you start it becomes addicting."

Her advice for future students and graduates: "Be responsible now, have discipline for yourself, for your own good so you can feel good, have energy and think clearly. Always be positive and life will be beautiful to you, because you will always see the good things".



2007 Leech Lake Tribal College Graduates

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Obituaries

Kathleen Headbird

Kathleen Binesiikwe Headbird, 59, of Cass Lake, MN died on May 1, 2007 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

Funeral Services were held on May 6, 2007 at Kathleen and Gabby's home at the Mission in Cass Lake. Full Fledge Traditional Services at their home started on May 4, 2007. Interment followed at the Headbird Family Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born February 25, 1948 in Cloquet, MN. She was raised by Maggie "Shib" and John "Jack" Negadjiwang King.

Her family includes her husband: Gordon "Gabby" Headbird of Cass Lake, MN, Children: Delina, Gordon, Robert and Gloria, Grandchildren: Lavender, Sam, Zagijiw, Sage, Raining, Jesse, Ningozis, Ciara, Kailee, Gordon, Jr. and Gabrielle, Great grandchildren: Nookwakwii Binesiikwe and Miskwakone, and numerous brothers and sisters.

Honorary Casketbearers were Mel Hunt and Larry Hanks. Active Casket bearers were Mel Goodman, Jess Headbird, Donny Headbird, Gordon Fineday, Randy Finn and Gerald White.

Lucille Loretta Garcia

Lucille Loretta (Reed) Garcia, 75, of Walker, MN died on April 27, 2007 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

Lucille was born in Onigum, MN on May 1, 1931 to Andrew and Catherine (Weaver) Reed. She was enrolled with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. She enjoyed dancing, singing, cookouts, gardening, Cajunfest, campfires, traveling, watching and collecting movies. LuLu was game to do anything and was the life of the party. Her nieces and nephews fondly remember the method she used to teach them the ABC's, "Aetle, Beetle, Ceetle, Deetle..." She loved making

others happy and liked to make people laugh. Life led her in many different directions unknown to her family. She came back to Minnesota to complete her circle of life.

She is survived by Zimmerman, Roy and Garcia children; many grandchildren; brother, Henry Reed; sisters, Frances Elmborg and Shirley Lindley; numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Preceding her in death were two husbands, Arthur Zimmerman and Frank Roy.

A traditional wake began on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN and continued until time of service. Funeral services were held on May 3, 2007, also at the Community Center. Reverend Harold Eaglebull officiated and interment followed in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Dennis Funeral Home of Walker, Minnesota.

Miskwaanakad Francis Oakgrove

Francis "Chuck" Allan Oakgrove (Miskwaanakad - Red Cloud), 56 of Cass Lake, MN died on May 4, 2007 at the Cass Lake Hospital in Cass Lake, MN of cardiac arrest.

Traditional Funeral Services were held on May 10, 2007 at the Redby Center in Redby, MN. A wake began Tuesday afternoon at the Redby Center and continued until the time of service on Thursday. Interment followed at the Fox Point Cemetery in Redby, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Chuck was born February 6, 1951 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Gertrude Marie (Oakgrove) RedEagle and Thomas Edison Johnson. He served in Vietnam and was awarded the Gallantry Cross for his service to the U.S. He was very involved in the community and helped many young men and women find their traditional beliefs and heritage. During his



younger years he traveled the U.S. protesting to protect various Native American Rights. His kindness and sense of community touched many people and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by children: Angela Oakgrove of Duluth, MN, Amanda Oakgrove of Carlton, MN, Devin Oakgrove of Tyrone, GA, Miskwaanakwad Oakgrove of Cass Lake, mother: Gertrude RedEagle, siblings: Alvin Johnson, Tom E. Johnson, Sam Kitto, Howard Kitto, Joe RedEagle, Betty Johnson, Rose Gibbs, Eve RedEagle, Julie RedEagle, Linda P. and Sandy RedEagle, and grandchildren: Leah Rose Bethke and Phoenix Rayne Oakgrove.

He was preceded in death by father Thomas Edison Johnson, grandfather Francis Oakgrove and grandmother Julia (Johnson) Oakgrove.

Honorary Casket bearers were Franny Morris, Earlene May, Adele Zephier, Elden RedEagle, Joe RedEagle and Connie Carpenter.

Active Casket bearers were Mekenock Bellcourt, Tommy Johnson, Kurt Buckanaga, Brian Meat, Ben Meat and Ralph Wakanabo, Jr.

Oras Smith

Oras Mae Smith, 55, of Cass Lake, MN died on May 12, 2007 at the Cass Lake PHS Indian Hospital in Cass Lake, MN.

Funeral Services were held on May 17, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake with Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiating. A wake began on May 15 and continued on until the time of services on Thursday. Interment followed at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born June 20, 1951 in Cass Lake the daughter of Joyce Ann (Headbird) Hanson of Cass Lake and Kenneth Charles Hanson of Red Lake. She worked in the Health field since 1968 and had been a Registered Nurse for 20 years. She worked various nursing jobs in Minneapolis.



During the last 14 years she has worked with the children and families of the Leech Lake Reservation and surrounding areas for the Leech Lake Health Division. From 1993-1997 she worked as the Infant Toddler Program Coordinator and in 1997 she began as the Director of the Leech Lake W.I.C. program in Cass Lake and surrounding communities and continued to work there until the time of her death. She was very devoted and dedicated to the program. She was the MLIC Chairperson and was involved in local community events. She was loving, hardworking and a caring mother, and was involved in school functions with her children and grandchildren. Activities she enjoyed were spending time with her family and friends, loved country music, dancing, cooking, playing slot machines at the Palace casino, snuggling in bed with Joy watching the Simpsons, and playing poker at home with her family. When her friends and family were in need she was always there for help and support.

She is survived by her son Richard (Kitrinka) Butcher of Bemidji, daughters; Rhonda (Frank) Butcher, Glenda Smith and Joy Smith all of Cass Lake; mother Joyce Hanson; sisters, Brenda (Henry) Hanson and Mary Hanson of Minneapolis, Mn; brother, Marvin Hanson of Cass Lake; grandchildren, Marcy White, Douglas, Gerald and Riley Butcher, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Hanson, aunt Lucille Raish, nephew Roshawn Fairbanks, brothers Douglas Hanson and Gerald Hanson and sister Sarah Hanson.

Active Casket bearers were Marvin Hanson, Kenny Hanson, Henry Sutton, Peter Raish, Jr., Donald Headbird, Sr., Mark Hanson with alternate Dennis Brown.

Honorary Casket bearers were Bev Raish, Cathy Northbird, Donna Murray, Weedy Masten, Jody Bellanger, Carol Blue, Edna Staples, Barb Fairbanks, Faye Headbird, Nancy Whitebird, Cindy King, Trish Prentice, Della Prentice, Barb Prentice and all her nieces, nephews, cousins and the family pet "Benny".

Veteran's Benefit Program Offers Assistance

If you are a veteran or a family member of a veteran, a program run by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs may be of interest to you. It is an income-based program that is designed to help veterans, their spouses and/or widows, and dependent children with the cost of eye exams and glasses, dental work, extractions and dentures, temporary disability (subsistence), and special needs grants.

With the exception of the special needs grants, all of these benefits are based on income and assets. In addition to being an honorably discharged veteran (a discharge under honorable conditions with more than 180 days of active duty) or the widow of such a veteran, the applicant must meet the following income guidelines to qualify:

Single veteran or widow: income less than \$1520 per month (from ALL sources) and assets in the bank less than \$3000.

Married couple: total combined income less than \$1801 per month (all income for BOTH the veteran and the spouse) and assets in the bank less than \$5000.

The income amounts increase if there are dependent children in the household. Please ask for those limits if this applies to you. Here is a brief description of each benefit:

Optical: This benefit can be applied for each year and allows up to \$400 per year toward an eye exam and glasses for each applicant. For example, if both the veteran and spouse applied, they would EACH have \$400 to use. You can use a local eye doctor and the money is paid directly to the vendor. Any costs over \$400 in a year are the responsibility of the applicant. If the applicant has insurance coverage, the insurance is billed before the State benefit is used.

Dental: This benefit can be applied for each year and allows up to \$1000 per year toward any necessary dental work for each applicant. For example, if both the veteran and spouse applied, they would EACH have \$1000 to use. You can use a

local dentist or dental clinic and the money is paid directly to the vendor. Any costs over \$1000 in a year are the responsibility of the applicant. If the applicant has insurance coverage, the insurance is billed before the State benefit is used.

Extractions and Dentures: This benefit is a one-time benefit for each applicant (if there is a married couple, EACH person is eligible for full benefit). The State will pay up to \$2000 for extractions and up to \$3000 for the purchase of dentures/plates. You can use a local dentist or dental clinic and the money is paid directly to the vendor. Any costs over the limits are the responsibility of the applicant. If the applicant has insurance coverage, the insurance is billed before the State benefit is used. It is necessary to submit a "treatment plan" or "estimate" from the dentist at the time of application. This estimate needs to include the number of teeth to be extracted and the cost, any X-rays or other preparation and the cost, and the cost of the dentures/plates.

Temporary Disability (subsistence): This benefit is good for up to 6 months of assistance in the event that a veteran becomes injured and is unable to work for a period of time. It is meant to assist with rent/mortgage payments, utility bills, health insurance premiums and general needs while the vet is unable to work. This benefit can also be used by widows at the time of the veteran's death until they are able to get their finances sorted out. The key to this benefit is that there can be NO INCOME from other sources. It is mainly meant to help cover costs while applying for other long-term disability, Social Security, and so on.

Special Needs Grants: This benefit is the only one that is not income/asset dependent. It is a one-time EMERGENCY benefit that can be used for many different purposes such as replacing a water heater, purchase of medical equipment that can't be gotten from the VA, or any number of other things. The grant request is forwarded to the State and a review board determines whether or not it

will be granted. A veteran/widow can only apply for this grant once in their lifetime.

If you are interested in any of these programs or if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact Faye Dudley, Cass County Veteran's Officer at (218) 547-1340, ext. 314 or Lynette at ext. 308. The office can assist you with the application forms and getting together the necessary documentation to apply.

Graduates

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about the growth and uses of the wild rice and other Chippewa customs.

Dr. Child ended her address by saying, "In recent days, Indian education has come full circle."

Finally, the moment every graduate was waiting for. They were issued their degrees before marching out in their 2007 recession.

The night ended with a feast being served to everyone.

Leech Lake Youth Division Summer Activity Calendar 2007

Every Thursday, 12 to 3 Youth Division Staff Meetings. Call Pat: 335-3689. pat.wade@llojibwe.com

June through the August. Cultural Activities with YCDPP. Frances Sherer will be in the communities every other week. For more information contact Frances at 335-8324. kenojune@yahoo.com

June start date Community Feast (potluck) and Mini-powwow. Dream Catcher Park Cass Lake 5-5;30 PM
Contact Luann at 335-2203 Ext. 1322
lfrazier@clb.s.k12.mn.us or Denise 335-2203 Ext. 1206 ddahl@clbs.k12.mn.us

June 2 & 3 Traditional Gathering, Vets Memorial Building 12 PM – 7 PM, All age groups. Youth track will be held along with Adult sessions. For more information, contact Gary Charwood at 335-3730 or email him at maang40@yahoo.com.

June 2, Take A Kid Fishing Day. All ages. Times to be determined. For more information Contact Jamie Mitchell at 218-335-7400.

June 5, Boat and Water Safety event at Norway Beach. 8:30 AM, ages 12 and up. For more information Contact Jamie Mitchell at 218-335-7400.

June 11, 2005 WIA Summer Youth Employment. Ages 14+ Contact Norma Jackson 335-8391 norma.jackson@llojibwe.com

June 11th through June 29th, Monday through Friday, Summer Learning Opportunity at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. Grades 1-12. For information and application contact Sandy Johnson, CLC Director @ 1-800-265-5576 EXT- 3040.

June 11th through August 17th. Summer food program begins June 11th. For more information contact Genny Sherman, Nutrition Program Manager at 335-8234.

June 15th, every Friday, NIOIC basketball league Onigum Community Center, 5:00 PM. Three age categories. 12 and under tip off at 5:00 PM. 13 – 17 tip off at 6:00 PM. 18 and up tip off at 7:00 PM. Fridays, beginning. For more information contact Tomas Buckanaga at 218-547-4208 (W) 218-556-3064 (C) or email him at tbuckanaga@wha.k12.mn.us

June 23 & 24th S. Lake Pow wow 5 – 10 PM

June 26th through 28th Native Youth Leadership & Culture Camp in Worley Idaho. Register online at www.nativewellness.com. For questions or more information call (503)-669-7669. Registration fee is \$225.00.

June 27th, co-ed softball league begins. Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM at the Vet's Memorial Fields. Ages 12 to 18. Contact Gary Charwood for more information at 335-3730 or email him at maang40@yahoo.com.

June 29th through July 1st, Leech Lake 4th Of July Pow wow at the Veteran's Memorial Pow wow grounds, Noon to 10 Daily.

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Matthew Wing, 17 years of age, was sworn into the US Army. On May 2nd he departed from his home in Seattle, WA to attend boot camp in Ft Benning, GA. Matt will stay 14 weeks in Airborne Infantry then serve a three-year term in Iraq.

Matt Wing attended public schools in Everett, WA and Bemidji, Mn. Matthew is the son of Teddie Redwing, Arthur Wing, and Step-Father, Phillip Charles. He is a brother to Carlotta Redwing, Cass Lake, Eric Cloud, and Drew Wing both of Seattle, WA.

Best wishes Matt for your chosen career. You are in our prayers.



Priscilla Kay Ross
Priscilla, daughter of Bill and Carolyn Ross of Cass Lake, graduated from the U of M Duluth on May 12, 2007 receiving a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Psychology. Priscilla is a 2003 graduate of Cass Lake/Bena High School