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## Former Leech Lake Chairman Is Recognized for His Achievement in Making Tribal School a Reality

By Patsy Gordon



Hartley White, former Leech Lake Tribal Council Chairman, who was instrumental in making the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School a reality, accepts his gifts of honor from students at the school. Gerald White (standing) emceed the event.  
Photo by Patsy Gordon

Eighty two year old, Leech Lake elder, Hartley White, who is wheel chair bound, still hasn't lost that sense of humor that he is quite well known for. He says, "There were three great men born in February, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Hartley White!"

The elderly Leech Lake man has always been a jovial, jolly old fella'. He was honored at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on October 17, 2007 for his part he played in

bringing the school to reality and to fruition.

It all started back in 1975 when Hartley was the Cass Lake Teen Center Director. Students from the Cass Lake/Bena schools walked out of class because of poor treatment they were receiving there. Hartley was instrumental in getting classes started at the Teen Center so students could attend class there. From that moment on, Hartley, who had a tender spot

in his heart for our Native kids, played a major role in making the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School into what it is today. At first a small school was built out by the area what is called "The Plantation". Students attended school there before funding was secured to build a much larger school at the location where it is now. From what started out as a small group of Native kids attending school at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, it now has over 200 students who attend there. Hartley says, "It's a wonderful thing, our kids are being taught the Ojibwe language and culture as well as modern day studies." He wanted to point out "I had a lot of help, it wasn't only I alone. Ed Demery, Dick Wolf and Mike Schmid all played a major role in bringing the school into existence." Hartley also credits Congressman Jim Oberstar as getting funding for the school as one of his priorities. Hartley considers the accomplishment of getting the Reservation their own Tribal school as one of his biggest accomplishments.

The current School Board and administration are now working on obtaining funding to expand the existing school.

Hartley is the Great-Great Grandfather of Anthony, who is the youngest child pictured on page 5 in the five generation family picture.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on November 12 for Veteran's Day and November 22 and 23, 2007 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## Leech Lake Deserves Fair Share of Nelson Act Settlement

By Patsy Gordon

At every quarterly meeting of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Chairman George Goggleye, Jr., reports on the latest issues of dire importance to the constituents of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

One issue of key importance to the Leech Lake Band is the Nelson Act Settlement. Chairman Goggleye updated the audience on the status of the Nelson Act Settlement at the last quarterly meeting that was held on Friday, October 5, 2007 at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, Minnesota.

The following is a brief synopsis of the details of the Nelson Act.

On January 22, 1948 the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, representing all Chippewa Bands in Minnesota, except for the Red Lake Band, filed a claim before the Indian Claims Commission for an accounting of all funds received and expended pursuant to the Act of January 14, 1889, referred to as the Nelson Act.

On August 2, 1951, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe again filed a number of claims before the Indian Claims Commission for an accounting of the Government's obligation to each of the member bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, except for the Red Lake Band, under various statutes and treaties that are not covered by the Nelson Act of January 14, 1889.

On June 22, 1999, \$20,000,000 was transferred to the Department of the Interior and deposited into a trust fund account established for the

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## *Leech Lake Youthbuild Will Be Taking Applications Soon!*

### **What is it?**

Leech Lake Youthbuild is a partnership between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Cass Lake-Bena school district to provide education and workforce training to 16 – 24 year old area residents. Youthbuild members will receive an hourly stipend as they pursue the completion of their high school diploma or GED and training in the construction trades and hospitality industry.

### **When Does It Start?**

Applications will be available beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Leech Lake Education Division located at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

**Orientation begins Monday, December 3, 2007.**

### **Are U Eligible to Apply?**

Yes, if you are 16 – 24 years of age.

- U.S. Citizen
- Have not completed a high school diploma or GED
- Willingness to make a commitment to your FUTURE!

### **What Else Do I Need To Know?**

There will be a screening and interview process for applicants beginning November 19, 2007. Applicants will be notified the date and time of their interview. This is a year round program. This is a first come – first serve effort due to the large interest. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe policies apply and all applicants have to comply with mandatory drug testing.

### **How Do I Get Involved?**

Applications available November 5<sup>th</sup>

Leech Lake Education Division – Facility Center,

Cass Lake, Minnesota

866-638-7738 or (218) 335-8250

## **Ninety-Six Groups Receive U.S. Labor Department's First YouthBuild Awards**

\$535,480 dedicated to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

CASS LAKE, Minn. - U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao today announced the award of \$47 million to 96 groups that will provide education in construction as well as leadership training to

at-risk young people across the United States, who will take part in building affordable housing in their own communities. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, one of the award-winning organizations from hundreds of competitively screened proposals, will receive \$535,480.

"These \$47 million in YouthBuild awards will help at-risk youths get the education, training and opportunity they need to achieve a better life," said Secretary Chao.

YouthBuild will include individuals who have been in the juvenile justice system, young people aging out of foster care, high school dropouts and others.

"Young people in YouthBuild can take pride in the fact that they are not only improving their own lives, but also making a positive difference for their families, friends and neighbors," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco. "Their participation in this creative program will help them take the first steps toward a variety of rewarding educational opportunities and careers."

Today's awards are the result of a competition begun in April, during which 322 qualified applications were received. Organizations chosen for YouthBuild funding include workforce investment boards, faith-based and community groups, and local and nonprofit housing development agencies.

With broad support, Congress transferred YouthBuild from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the U.S. Department of Labor in 2006. The program's original goals remain - to educate, provide construction training and employ at-risk youth in their communities - while a greater emphasis is being placed on offering postsecondary education and forging stronger links with the One-Stop Career Center system and the nation's community colleges.

For more information on YouthBuild grants & other Department of Labor youth employment programs, visit [www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services).

**Native Youth  
Crisis Hotline  
1-877-209-1266**

## **Four Johnson Brother Veterans will be Honored at Memorial Event**

The family of the Johnson Brothers plan to honor their brave uncles, present family veterans and all veterans in a memorial and honoring ceremony at Winnie Dam Community Center on Saturday, November 10, 2007. All family members are invited to attend this historic gathering to pay homage to these 4 brave brothers.

The brothers joined the U.S. armed forces, one of whom, was killed in action. The parents of the brothers died when they were quite small, and the boys were raised by their sister and brother-in-law, (the late) Kate Johnson Sherman and Tom Sherman of Winnie Dam. Richard Johnson was killed in action in WWII on June 5, 1944 in Italy. James Johnson served during World War II in the South Pacific. Samuel Johnson also served during World War II in the army as a Fighter Pilot. George Johnson, World War II, Army, was captured by the enemy, was held "Prisoner of War" and was forced to walk in the "death march". The foregoing information was reported in The Deer River News on September 21, 1944.

The focus of the upcoming ceremony will be to raise awareness of the service and sacrifice that these 4 brothers, and all veterans made, and to establish a memorial legacy for them so that this family veterans memorial will continue on for generations. "Our uncles and other veterans gave their lives and limbs so we could live." "aangwaamas, (it's about time) we reconcile their status of honor and pay true homage to their service, sacrifice and memory", exclaimed Elizabeth Sherman (maternal niece of the Johnson brothers) one of the family organizers of this memorial event. For more information, contact Elizabeth at (218) 339-5230 or Frank Sherman at (218) 246-2388.

## LL American Legion Post 2001 & Honor Guard News

**New Post Commander:** At the October 18, 2007 regular meeting the Post elected Mr. Frank Bowstring, Cass Lake, MN the new Post commander. Frank will complete the unexpired term to June 2008. Mr. Bowstring is also the current reservation Tribal Veterans Service Officer. He may be reached at: Office – (218) 335-3691 (or) Cell – (218) 556-0345; [frank.bowstring@llo-jibwe.com](mailto:frank.bowstring@llo-jibwe.com).

**Post Membership Dues:** This is a reminder to the Post 2001 current members that the Post PAYS YOUR ANNUAL DUES from its annual budget. So please do NOT send in your personal payment to the State American Legion Dues Notice. If you have questions please contact the Post Membership Coordinator, Roger Aitken at (218) 760.0274 or [rtaitken@arvig.net](mailto:rtaitken@arvig.net). The Post authorized payment of the Dues for 2008 at the October Post meeting.

**November 10, 2007, Sat. 1:00 PM Honoring Dedication:** The Post has agreed to a request to provide Honor Guard services at the Winnie Dam Cemetery in honor of the Johnson Brothers. The proclamation will honor the extended family of the Johnson brothers (Richard, Jimmy, Sam, and George), their uncles, current living families veterans and all veterans. The Honor Guard will meet at the Winnie Dam Community Center at 12:30 PM, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007.

**Veterans Day Memorial Service:** November 11, 2007, Sunday, 11:00 AM, the LL Honor Guard will provide the annual Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Veterans Monument grounds, Cass Lake, MN. The Honor Guard will meet at 10:30 AM at the LL Veterans Monument grounds on Nov. 11, 2007.

**Post Awards Banquet:** The date for the Annual LL American Legion Post Awards Banquet is Sunday, 1:00 PM, December 9, 2007, Northern Lights Casino Hotel & Con-

vention Center, Walker, MN. A formal notice & invitation letters to members and special guests is forthcoming. For comments or questions contact Roger Aitken, at (218) 760.0274.

**Honor Guard Services:** If a family of a deceased veteran, agency or organization requests the services of Leech Lake Honor Guard for funerals, events or functions please adhere to the following process:

For a funeral service; make the request with the Funeral Director when funeral services data is being made. The Funeral Director will contact the LL Honor Guard (or); have the contact person or family member of the deceased veteran contact Mr. Frank Bowstring at 218.556.0345 or Roger Aitken at (218) 760.0274 or any Honor Guard member you know.

For Agency or organizations: Please send a written request with specific details of the event or function by fax or e-mail to request LL Honor Guard services to F. Bowstring; Fax (218) 335 3667; [frank.bowstring@llojibwe.com](mailto:frank.bowstring@llojibwe.com); R. Aitken (218) 760.0274 or [rtaitken@arvig.net](mailto:rtaitken@arvig.net). Please provide as much notice as possible.

If you have any questions relating to the above please contact: Mr. Frank Bowstring or Roger Aitken at the above numbers and addresses. Your attention and cooperation of this is appreciated.

## Presumption of Agent Orange Exposure for Vietnam Veterans

Recently, there have been questions about how to handle Agent Orange exposure for veterans who served in Vietnam but who check "NO" on their Application for Medical Benefits, Section IV, Military Service Information, question 2g. "Were you exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam?"

VHA policy is that veterans with service in Vietnam qualify to claim Agent Orange exposure, and they are placed in Priority Group 6. Therefore, those Vietnam veterans that meet the service location requirement to claim

Agent Orange Exposure qualify for the full Medical Benefits Package. These individuals should not be rejected and should not be denied care.

VA presumes that a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of January 9, 1962 and ending on May 7, 1975 was possibly exposed to Agent Orange.

Service locations that qualify a veteran to claim Agent Orange Exposure and assignment of Enrollment Priority Group 6 has recently been expanded to include service "off the shores" of Vietnam. "Service in the Republic of Vietnam" is qualifying if the veteran had duty or visitation in the Republic of Vietnam as well as service on the inland waterways of the Republic of Vietnam. A recent court decision mandates we consider veterans that served off the shores of Vietnam, referred to as serving in "Blue Waters" around Vietnam, be given the same consideration as veterans that served in country. Therefore, for VHA enrollment purposes, if a veteran claims Vietnam service and presents evident that they served in country, on the inland waterways, visitation to the country or service off shore (Blue Water Service), they will be entered as Agent Orange Exposure "Yes" and placed in Priority Group 6 unless they have attributes that place them in higher Priority Group.

If the veterans has marked "NO" to the AO exposure question on their Application for Medical Benefits but actually has qualifying service in Vietnam, we should indicate exposure to Agent Orange in VistA. It is unreasonable for us to expect every veteran to be fully informed of VA eligibility requirements. While they may be exposed to the question on the application based on their perception that they were not exposed, VA's current policy in this matter gives them the benefit of the doubt. In such circumstances, we should follow VA's standards for administering benefits by erring on the side of the veteran. While it is true that the Agent Orange exposure question in the VistA record may differ from the paper Application for Medical Benefits (10-10EZ) submitted and signed by the veteran, answering "Yes" to the Agent Orange exposure question in VistA is currently the only way to assure assignment to Priority Group 6. Remember, we are granting Priority Group 6 eligibility on presumptive exposure based on qualifying service in Vietnam, not the veteran's perception of exposure.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on November 12, 2007 for observance of Veteran's Day, and on November 22 and 23, 2007 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Happy Thanksgiving from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**



## Leech Lake Thanksgiving Holiday Turkey & Wild Rice Distribution

The annual donation of Thanksgiving turkeys and wild rice will be distributed to Leech Lake Band member households during the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> to assist you with your Thanksgiving Day meal. (one turkey per household). Band members will be able to pick up their turkeys at the community center in their area. Turkeys will be delivered to the elders. Dates and times will be posted at Tribal offices at a later date. For further information, please contact the CHR office at 335-4500.

## North Country Hospital of Bemidji, Mn, Receives National Award for Exceeding Patient Expectations in Service Quality

Orlando, Florida – North Country Regional Hospital is recognized as a national award winner in healthcare service quality for Exceeding Patient Expectations in 2006 by Avatar International Inc., the leader in measuring customer expectations in healthcare.

In making the announcement, Michael Everett, Ph.D., CEO of Avatar said, "The hallmark of exceptional service to patients is to consistently meet or exceed their expectations — not always an easy task. North Country Regional Hospital has demonstrated that it exceeds its patients' expectations in a tangible and measurable manner. As a winner of Avatar's Exceeding Expectations Award, I gladly congratulate North Country Regional Hospital for its continued and impressive efforts to put patients first."

In accepting this award, Jim Hanko, President and CEO of North Country Regional Hospital said, "This is an extraordinary accomplishment for the staff. It's interesting to note that one of our five corporate values indicates the 'quality of individualized care exceeds expectations.' It should be particularly gratifying to the staff to know that this important value has clearly been realized and that the hospital has now received this award for five consecutive years."

Jana Bromenshenkel RN, BSN, MS, Director Quality Care Services at North Country

Regional Hospital stated, "We are honored to be recognized for this award as we value our patient's satisfaction. Our ultimate goal is to continue to provide excellent care to our patients, families and the community we serve."

### ABOUT NORTH COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES

North Country Health Services is a community-owned, nonprofit healthcare organization. Nationally recognized for healthcare excellence, North Country Health Services is dedicated to providing healthcare services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. NCHS is comprised of the following entities – North Country Regional Hospital, North Country Home Care & Hospice, North Country Peak Performance, Senior Behavioral Health Unit, Neilson Place, Baker Park Housing, Bemidji Medical Equipment, Northern Medical Clinic, and the NCHS Foundation.

### House and Cabins for Sale on Leased Lakeshore Lots.

Need not be a Tribal member to lease these lots.

For more information, call the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Land Department at **218-335-7420** or **218-335-7419.**



### Public Service Announcement

The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project-ACLU-MN, of Bemidji, is looking for members of our communities to become volunteer court monitors in the following counties: Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Mahnommen, and Becker.

Our presence in the courtroom promotes accountability, and raises public awareness. Our data collecting will provide a forum for constructive dialog, will allow us to become better advocates for resources, and be used in statistical research.

If you are interested in the judicial process, are 18 years of age or older, and are available weekdays beginning at 8:45am, please call 218-444-2285 to make an appointment.

Volunteer internships are also available at The Greater Minnesota Racial Justice Project-ACLU-MN. Our office is located at 303 Railroad St. in the Warehouse.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 133, Bemidji, MN 56619 - Phone: 218-444-2285 - Fax: 218-444-7860.

### Your Child's Name and Photo on Leech Lake's Nest Program Calendar

Wouldn't it be nice to see your little one's sweet happy smiling face on the 2008 Leech Lake Nest's program calendar? Well, you can get it there and here's how.

If you live in the Cass Lake area you can drop your photo(s) off at the Nest (large blue building underneath the blue water tower) located across the street kitty corner from the Facility Center on Tract 33. If you live in the outlying communities, you may drop your photo(s) off at the area clinics and staff there will see to it that your photo gets to the Nest in Cass Lake.

Requirements for submitted photos are: child's age must be from birth to five years old, actively using the Nest or outlying clinics for health services, have child's name and birthdate written on the back, must be 35 mm, and photos are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please do not submit family photos, just your child's photo is all that is needed.

For further information, please call 1-866-289-5995.

### BUY LEECH LAKE PRODUCTS

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe offers several different products/amenities available for purchase. Why not put your hard earned dollar back into the Leech Lake economy? Leech Lake businesses include:

**Che-We Mini Mart** in Cass Lake offers: gas, c-store, wild rice, bait, and gift shop. 218-335-8827

**Che-We Supply** in Cass Lake offers business and office products. 218-335-6101

**Northern Lights Express** in Walker offers: gas and a c-store 218-335-3181

**Leech Lake Casinos, Hotels, Restaurants & Gift Shops** 218-335-7500 or 1-800-442-3910

## Leech Lake Diabetes Awareness and Prevention Fair

**When: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Where: Palace Casino Bingo Hall**

### Lunch provided for first 300 participants.

Many door prizes – must be present to win

Grand prize presentation award

(Do NOT need to be present to win)

### Many booths representing:

- Local Services
- New Drugs and Treatment Options
- Various Wellness and Prevention Topics
- Mini Presentations on Wellness and Diabetes Topics

Sponsored by: I H S Diabetes Center,  
Leech Lake Tribal College DETS Program, LLDCEP,  
Leech Lake Health Heart Project

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**JOIN THE FIGHT  
AGAINST DIABETES!**

## Minnesota's Waiting Children Need You.

Minnesota's Waiting Children are in the foster care system throughout the State of Minnesota. County social service agencies and the courts have determined that the families into which these children were born are unable to care for them. Parental rights have been terminated, placing the children under state guardianship. Children in this program can be between the ages of newborn to 18 years old; however, most are over the age of six. Many are also members of a sibling group or have significant special needs. Of the more than 690 children who need homes immediately:

- Slightly less than 300 have a diagnosis of a physical or medical disability,
- More than 400 are a member of a sibling group and need to be adopted in a family together,
- Almost 400 are children of color.
- More than 500 are over five years of age.

What they have in common is the desire to be part of a forever family.

These Minnesota Waiting Children may be adopted **FREE**. North Homes, Inc., in Coordination with the Minnesota Adoption Resource Network (MARN), will be hosting a **FREE** training for anyone interested in adopting Minnesota Waiting Children. This two-day mandatory training will be held in Grand Rapids on Thursday, November 15, and Friday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. both days.

During the same two day period, North Homes, Inc., will also be offering two additional trainings: the Minnesota Child Passenger Safety Training three-hour course is scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/Shaken Baby Syndrome one-hour training is scheduled for Friday at 8:00 a.m. A \$25.00 fee will be charged per participant for the Car Seat Training and the SIDS/SBS training is free.

To pre-register or have your adoption questions answered; call North Homes, Inc. Adoption Services at 218-327-3000 or toll free 888-430-3055.

### Hartley White Family



(L to R): Granddaughter, Laurie Chase, Daughter, Donna Conger, Hartley White, great grand daughter Erin Chase, and great-great grandson, Anthony Chase.

### Nelson Act

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beneficiaries of the funds awarded. In short, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe afforded the biggest loss of their timber of sales to private corporations, etc., amongst all Bands belonging to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, over 68% of the Leech Lake Band's timber was sold.

It is the opinion of the Leech Lake Tribal Council and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe that Leech Lake should rightfully benefit its deserved share from that claim.

However, Congressman Jim Oberstar has introduced a bill into Congress to split the funds into a 6 way even split amongst the Grand Portage, Nett Lake, Fond du Lac, Mille Lacs, White Earth, and the Leech Lake Bands of Ojibwe.

The Leech Lake Tribal Council will continue to work with Oberstar's office to openly and adamantly continue to oppose this bill brought forth by him and let the Congressman know Leech Lake's stand.

## Leech Lake LTCC Accepting Bids

The Leech Lake LTCC program is accepting bids for Home Modifications to be done at individual homes located on the Leech Lake Reservation. Modifications must be performed by a licensed contractor and per MN State Code. Payment will be made in full after final inspection of completed job. Bid specifications and locations are available at Leech Lake Health Division, 120 Second St., Cass Lake, MN 56633. Due to client confidentiality, bids must be picked up in person from Peg Blakely, LSW. Bids will be accepted until 11/9/07.

# High School Teachers Class Commemorates the Last Battle At Sugar Point on its 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Patsy Gordon

It was a windy and cool day by the lake. But the sun was shining as the kids from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School jovially joked around with each other as the first bus load of students built the fire they were going to use to finish their wild rice.

Standing next to the young boys, I couldn't help but overhear their conversation. They made me smile as I listened to their chatter. One of the boys said, "I told you, I'm not gonna' have a car, I'm going to have either a horse and carriage or an ostrich!" One of the other boys, Gabe Haaland, said back to him, "I'm telling you, nobody rides ostriches anymore!"

Gabe had been digging out the ground for the fire pit as he startlingly exclaimed, "There's a dog in here!" There really wasn't. I kept laughing as the Indian humor continued amongst the students throughout the morning.

As many of you may know, on October 5, 1898, the last armed conflict in the war between the White Man and the Native Americans (what some say) was a three-day battle at Sugar Point, now known as Battle Point, which lies on the east end of northern Minnesota's Leech Lake.

Although there is no way to go back and do an accurate census of that time period and of the battle, different versions of the last battle at Battle Point exist. No one really knows for sure exactly what happened. One version of the story of the battle is written to the left of this article. Although this article claims that Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was the one person that the US Marshals were hoping could help them out with information on who was selling illegal liquor, another version claims that Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig himself, was the person

responsible for the bootlegging.

Mike Schmid, who teaches American History, (he also includes Ojibwe History in his class) at both the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School and Cass Lake/Bean School makes it his ritual to take his students out to Battle Point every year on the anniversary of the Last Battle at Sugar Point to commemorate the day. Although Schmid is not Native American by blood, he was officially adopted into the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in May of 2006. Schmid has made it his life to work with the Native American students on the Leech Lake Reservation and no one is more deserving of the official adoption than him.

Leech Lake elder, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School employee, and spiritual leader, Gilbert Moose was there to speak with the students and offer his prayers for the event and the day. The tobacco offering that was given to the students and everyone else in attendance was given to the fire at the end of Moose's Ojibwe prayer.

With this day and event every year comes a demonstration supervised by Moose, where all the students actually get to take part in hand finishing wild rice. First, he teaches them how to parch the rice by stirring the rice in a large tub over the open fire. This takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to do. Next, the student's winnow or fan the rice by shaking it up and down so everything but the wild rice blows out of the birch bark basket. The third and final step is the jiggling or thrashing of the rice, where the thrasher puts on a pair of moccasins and works the rice with his/her feet to break apart the wild rice from the remaining dead ends, then again the rice is winnowed to remove the unwanted left overs from the rice. The whole process of hand finishing the wild rice from start to finish takes approximately 3 to 4 hours.

The students impressed me with their respect and quiet solitude while the elder prayed and taught them the process of hand finishing the wild rice.

Next year, Schmid and Moose will do it again.

## "Famous Battle of Sugar Point Begins by Accident"

This article is believed to have come from a book at the Minnesota Historical Society.

"Once called the Blueberry War, Minnesota's last Indian battle had nothing to do with blueberries. In fact, it could hardly be called war.

What started as a routine incident ended with a careless slip of a gun and wild rumors of Indian attacks on such towns as Walker, Cass Lake and Bemidji.

It was the fall of 1898. Federal agents had been looking for Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, of the Pillager Band of the Ojibwe, who lived on Sugar Point at Leech Lake. A man was suspected of illegally selling whiskey and it was hoped that Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig could provide information to help send him to jail.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig refused to cooperate. At least once before they had made him make the long trip by train to a Duluth courtroom, only to have him walk home through the freezing forests when he was finished. This time he would not leave his people.

Instead he remained on Sugar Point, venturing out only occasionally. September 15<sup>th</sup> was such a day, and he crossed Leech Lake to visit the Indian Agency in Onigum. Guessing he was on his way, a deputy United States Marshall was waiting. When he arrived, he was promptly arrested and handcuffed.

His capture didn't last long, however. Within minutes, 50 or so young members of the Bear Island Pillager Band and Sugar Point, the Marshall would not admit defeat.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of 22 participants in the escape. To assist the deputies in their duty, the War Department in Washington sent 20 men on September 30, and a reinforcement of 80 individual soldiers on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Brigadier General John Bacon, Major Melville Wilkinson and other officers were in command.

At day break on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1898, two small steamers and a barge left the town of Walker, carrying the soldiers across to Sugar Point. They landed a few hours later, to find only women and a half dozen older men who quickly fled into the surrounding woods. Disappointed, the soldiers halted and prepared a noon meal in a forest clearing. As they began stacking their guns, one rifle slipped to the ground and fired.

Believing that they had been fired upon, dozens of Ojibwe in the forest fired back, thus starting the famous Battle of Sugar Point. When the firing ended, several soldiers lay dead, including Major Wilkinson. More were wounded, but the Ojibwe were unharmed.

Fearing even greater trouble, General Bacon retreated to Walker on October 7, and began fortifying area villages and farms. Soldiers camped at the Leech Lake and Winnibigoshish Dams, at local Great Northern Railway stations, and at Deer River and Cass Lake.

The Ojibwe, however, had no plans to attack. Instead they met Commissioner of Indian Affairs, W.A. Jones in council meetings during the next few days. All parties finally agreed the incident was unfortunate and the Indians involved consented to surrender.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig was not among those who accompanied the deputy marshall to Duluth, however. He preferred his freedom and no one continued the search.

Those of the Pillager Band who turned themselves over to officials were found guilty and sent to jail. But on January 3, 1899, President William McKinley in Washington issued full pardons and allowed them to return home.

This marked the end of the last Indian battle in Minnesota.

## Traditional Processing of Wild Rice

Photos by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake elder, Gilbert Moose, demonstrated the steps of hand finishing wild rice to the students the traditional way.



Step 1: Parching



Step 2: Winnowing or fanning:



Step 3: Jigging:

## LEECH LAKE - DISTRICT I INFORMATIONAL MEETING

"The Voices of our Communities",  
are encouraged to attend.

**Sponsored by: District I Representative  
ROBBIE HOWE  
District I Local Indian Council Members**

**Working together to strengthen our  
community and improve the way  
of life for our community members!**

**LOCATION: BALL CLUB COMMUNITY CENTER**

**DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

Agenda Items will include: District I Update,  
Speakers, Open Forum, Food, and Door Prizes

**ANYONE WISHING TO BE ON THE AGENDA MAY  
CONTACT THE DISTRICT I OFFICE AT:**

**PHONE: (218)335-8200**

**FAX: (218) 3335-3648**

**Email: robbieh@llbo.org or  
penny.butcher@llojibwe.com**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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Veterans and  
Show your support  
for our Troops.  
November 11, 2007  
Veteran's Day  
Fly your Flag!*

## INDIAN WINTER

It was already late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in South Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his Tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the Village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold,' the meteorologist from the National Weather Service responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

'Yes,' the man at National Weather Service again replied, 'It's going to be a very cold winter!'

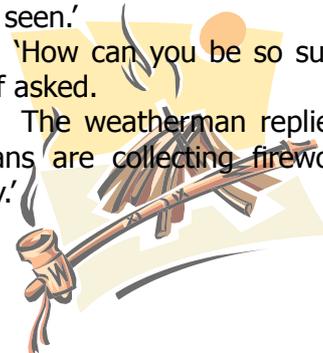
The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen.'

'How can you be so sure?' the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, 'The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy.'



# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
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 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.
- f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

**APPEARANCE DATE: November 20, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Allen, Gary William	TR-99-36 TR-00-165	Meeshenow, Robert Scott
Bowstring, Joseph Anthony	TR-99-39 TR-02-465	Northbird, Michael Wayne
Deegan, Venessa Marie	TR-99-38 TR-06-83	Northup, Matthew James
Elmberg, James Raymond	TR-02-490 TR-06-50	Pequette, Clarence John

**APPEARANCE DATE: November 20, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. (Continued)**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Evans, Evelyn Elaine	TR-99-08 TR-99-52	Ross, Dominick J.
Goodwin, Salina Kay	TR-06-49 TR-06-32	Roy, Marcella Josephine
Hart, Kelly Wayne	TR-99-48 TR-03-512	White, Dallon Wayne
Jackson, Candice Rae	TR-03-559 TR-07-08	White, Michael, Jr.
Kornezos, Jennifer Leanne	TR-99-51 TR-06-184	White, Robert James
Meeshenow, Robert Scott	TR-99-46	Whitebird, Leroy John, Jr.

TR-03-542

**APPEARANCE DATE: November 27, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Humphrey, Steven Cameron	TR-06-40 TR-00-127	Kingbird, Michael Anthony
Hurd, April Lynn	TR-06-135 TR-07-21	McKennett, Louise Marie
Jackson, Claudette Marie	TR-06-190 TR-01-269	Moose, Maureen Rae
Jacobs, Beverly Jean	TR-04-732 TR-06-35	Morris, Curtis Dale
Jacobs, Beverly Jean	TR-04-766 TR-07-29	Morris, Curtis Dale
Jones, William Lewis Keezer, Danielle Irene	TR-99-12 TR-03-634 TR-03-555	Ross-Jones, Vanessa B. Staples, Adrian Daniel

**APPEARANCE DATE: December 4, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Bellanger, Joanne Ruth	TR-06-43 TR-07-102	Rodriguez, Mario Anthony
Brown, Dennis Keith	TR-00-197 TR-06-124	Smith, Tasheena Marie
Brown, Dennis Keith	TR-99-27 TR-99-85	Stangle, Diana Lee
Dunn, Adrian Richard	TR-05-41 TR-07-25	Staples, Diane Marie
Headbird, William Joseph	TR-06-149 TR-99-17	Staples, Zachery Michael
Headbird, William Joseph	CN-06-23 TR-00-107	Thibault, James Wilfred
Jackson, Kerry Rose	TR-06-164 TR-07-97	White, Christopher Edward
Lovelace, Natalie Rose	TR-02-473 TR-06-80	White, Sandra Wadena
Northbird, Patrick Dennis	TR-99-19	

**APPEARANCE DATE: December 18, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Brown, Alvin John	TR-07-88 TR-07-43	Michaud-Jourdain, Tanya

**APPEARANCE DATE: December 18, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. (Continued)**

<u>Defendant</u> <u>Case No.</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>
Fisherman, John Edward	TR-99-65 TR-99-62	Mitchell, Pamela Jean
Goodsky, Francis Joseph	TR-99-67 TR-99-73	Moose, Jacklyn Kay
Guinn, Francis Lee	TR-06-192 TR-99-86	Schulman, Tim George
Halvorson, Stacy Lynn	TR-00-95 TR-99-74	Wakonabo, Christopher L.
Jackson, Sondra	TR-07-74 TR-06-196	White, Brandon Wayne
Johnson, Carrie Lynn	TR-04-735 TR-06-02	White, Rhonda Clarice
Johnson, Harriet Marie	TR-00-104 TR-07-63	White, Rhonda Clarice
Kingbird, Carmen Rene	TR-00-101 TR-00-94	Wilson, Vanessa Shawligh

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E  
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Traffic Division

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

**YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

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 22nd day of October 2007.

**APPEARANCE DATE: November 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Lawrence Paul Aitken	TR-00-221	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/27/00
Daniel Charles Bellanger	TR-01-251	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 1/28/01
Brian Keith Brown	CN-07-008	Open Burning with a Permit <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/6/07
Leroy Louis Fairbanks	TR-07-167	Driving After Cancellation Failure to Stop for a Stop Sign/Red Traffic Light <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/3/07
Nathaniel R. Harrison	TR-00-216	No Driver's License Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/14/00
Tina Marie Headbird	TR-07-180	No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 6/16/07
Floyd Russell Johnson	TR-07-158	To Violate any of the Following Provision of MN Statutes, § 169.34, Parking in a no Parking Zone <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/1/07
Tasha Rose LaRose	TR-07-155	Driving after Revocation Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device <b>Occurring on:</b> 6/10/07
Steven Williams Lyons	TR-07-175	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 6/1/07
Theresa Rose McClimek	TR-00-208	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/6/00
Michael John Novak	TR-07-154	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 5/18/07
Byron Lee Quinn	TR-01-250	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 1/20/01
Bethany Marie Reese	TR-01-276	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit No Driver's License

Vanessa B. Ross-Jones	TR-07-087
Scott Leonard Swanholm	TR-07-174
Wesley Buck Tibbetts	TR-07-153
Edmund Louis Williams	TR-07-127
Lucas Alan Woodward	TR-07-168

**Occurring on:** 3/28/01  
Speeding in Excess of 20 mph Over The Limit  
**Occurring on:** 4/16/07  
No Driver's License  
**Occurring on:** 6/5/07  
Driving After Revocation  
**Occurring on:** 6/10/07  
Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device  
**Occurring on:** 6/10/07  
Failure to Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device  
**Occurring on:** 7/1/07

**APPEARANCE DATE: November 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Norman Wayne Cutbank	TR-07-182	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/24/07
Beatrice Ann Dunn	TR-07-200	No Driver's License <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/17/07
Sara Jean Dunn	TR-07-084	Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Driving <b>Occurring on:</b> 1/15/05
David Joseph Jackson	TR-02-446	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over The Limit Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance <b>Occurring on:</b> 10/22/03
David Joseph Jackson	TR-07-114	Driving After Revocation Failure to use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device <b>Occurring on:</b> 5/5/07
David Joseph Jackson	TR-07-115	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 4/2/04
Christine Anne Raisch	TR-07-125	Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device <b>Occurring on:</b> 5/30/07

**APPEARANCE DATE: December 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Melissa M. Dvorak	TR-03-630	Reckless Driving <b>Occurring on:</b> 6/3/03
Janice M. Garbow	TR-07-209	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/21/07
Bernadette M. Gotchie	TR-07-212	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/19/07
Jennifer L. Greenleaf	TR-07-206	Driving After Revocation <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/22/07
Jessica S. Heinle	TR-07-196	Open Bottle (Driver Allow) <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/7/07
Nathan J. Lovelace	TR-07-205	Driving After Cancellation <b>Occurring on:</b> 8/14/07
Jennifer S. Martineau	CN-07-009	Unregistered/No Display of Boat Registration <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/7/07
Joy M. Matthews	TR-99-049	Speeding in Excess of 30 mph Over the Limit Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner <b>Occurring on:</b> 11/8/99
Alexandra M. Tanner	TR-07-171	Failure to use Seat belt/Child Restraint Device <b>Occurring on:</b> 7/11/07



**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 Children of:

Nicole Dunn and John Fairbanks,  
Parents.

Christina Marie Morgan, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION**

**CASE NO. CP-06-47**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on September 18, 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 Marie Morgan. A Final Hearing will commence on December 11, 2007, at 10:00 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 218-335-4418.

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 either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

**DATED:** October 23, 2007.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

**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 Children of:

Marla Kaye LaDuke, Brandon Deegan,  
And Ronald Staples, Parents.

Iva Lou LaDuke, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION**

**CASE NO. CP-06-50**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on October 27, 2006, and January 29, 2007, Petitions for Appointment of a Minor Guardian were filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. On January 8, 2007, and April 24, 2007, Orders were issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving temporary guardianship to the petitioner, Iva Lou LaDuke. A Final Hearing will commence on November 13, 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 218-335-4418.

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 either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

**DATED:** October 23, 2007.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

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

Dana Marie Fineday, Parent

Court File No. CP-07-17

**NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 08-13-07 a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in White Earth Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above named parent. A Hearing will commence December 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located in White Earth, Minnesota. Telephone number is (218)-983-3285. 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 the custody of your child(ren). If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: October 22, 2007 by Kim Mammedaty, Associate Tribal Attorney

**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 of:

Erica Rose Fairbanks and  
Louis Carlson, Parents.

LeRoy Fairbanks, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION**

**CASE NO. CP-07-67**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on August 13, 2007, 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 22, 2007, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving notice of a continued Initial Hearing to commence on December 11, 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 218-335-4418.

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 either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

**DATED:** October 23, 2007.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

**White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

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

Jamie Toal and Norman Goggleye, Parents

Court File No. CP-07-32

**NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 09-18-07 a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in White Earth Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above named parents. A Hearing will commence January 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the White Earth Tribal Courtroom located in White Earth, Minnesota. Telephone number is (218)-983-3285. 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 the custody of your child(ren). If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: October 22, 2007 by Kim Mammedaty, Associate Tribal Attorney



A six inch sturgeon that can grow up to six feet long. Submitted Photo

## Sturgeon Return to Red Lake

Ten thousand small, but a potentially very large primitive fish known as sturgeon, were reintroduced to Red Lake on Monday October 1st. Employees of the Red Lake DNR and US Fish and Wildlife Department released the five to six inch sturgeon at a landing on the southeast shore near where the Blackduck River enters Lower Red Lake. Tobacco was offered at the site by Spiritual Elder and Hereditary Chief Greeting Spears.

According to Red Lake DNR Director Al Pemberton, the sturgeon eggs came from the Manitou Rapids First Nation in Canada. "The eggs taken from the Rainy River, were procured and raised by the US Fish and Wildlife Genoa Fish Hatchery in Wisconsin," said Pemberton. There they were fed brine shrimp at first, then bloodworm, and finally krill to reach their release size.

"Sturgeon were indigenous to Red Lake until the 1940's when the US Government, administered by the Army Corp of Engineers, placed a damn on the Red Lake River preventing the sturgeon from entering their traditional spawning area", said Red Lake DNR Administrative Officer Dave Conner, "although other issues contributed as well." It is hoped that by releasing the 5 to 6 inch sturgeon into the Blackduck River that they will return there to spawn. "But it won't

be for a long time", said Conner, "as sturgeon females take up to 20 years to mature and reproduce, although they should grow fast doubling in size by next summer". It is believed the sturgeon will acclimate well to the Blackduck River where there is considerable suitable habitat.

The last official sighting of sturgeon in Red Lake was by the Red Lake fisheries in 1943, but sightings were reported by fishermen into the early 1950's. "Sturgeon were important culturally to our ancestors", said Pemberton, "as they not only provided meat but lamp oil, and of course the large fish - not much more difficult to catch than a smaller fish - fed many more people". Sturgeon dries and smokes well and therefore was easy to store, Pemberton added.

According to Conner, funding for the reintroduction of the fish was provided by the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program, a program that the Red Lake DNR lobbied for and was instrumental in getting created. He said that money for the Tribal Wildlife funds comes from taxes on off-shore oil well drilling, a percentage of that tax going to the fund.

Sturgeon can reach four to six feet long, and weigh 100 to 150 pounds. Their natural life can reach 80 to 100 years. They are an ancient or primitive fish such as sharks and rays, and do not have a skeleton as most animals. The sturgeon has cartilage serving as an outer or exoskeleton. These "living fossils"

of fish evolution once ranged widely throughout the Mississippi River, the Great Lakes and the Hudson River as well as Red Lake.

In the last century, this large, bony-plated animal, browsing along the bottom, was often regarded as a nuisance because it became entangled in and ripped commercial fishing nets. Only later did the sturgeon become prized for its meat, eggs (caviar) and oil. A gelatin from the inner lining of its air bladder was used to make isinglass--a substance used as a clarifying agent in jellies, glues and in the isinglass windows of carriages and early cars.

Unfortunately, the sturgeon was exceptionally vulnerable to over fishing, largely because of its slow reproductive cycle. The female requires more than 20 years to mature, and then it spawns only every four to six years during its lifespan.

At the landing, the Blackduck River welcomed the sturgeon, and the sturgeon showed their happiness at finally being released from stainless steel tanks that must have been getting quite crowded with their 10,000 brothers and sisters. As one watched from the landing, one could see many of these small primitive fish gleefully jumping out of the water over and over on a warm sunny October day. Free at last and happy to be home.

## Northwest Indian OIC/NW Technical College Receive Grant

The Northwest Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center (Northwest Indian OIC) and Northwest Technical College will continue to provide customized training for students entering the health care profession thanks to a two-year continuation grant of \$198,000.00 from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership, a division of Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

The collaboration between the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership,

Northwest Indian OIC, Northwest Technical College, and area businesses, including North Country Regional Hospital and North Country Health Services supports an innovative training process that helps NWIOIC clients develop the skills they need to obtain entry level career-building jobs as Community Nursing Assistants and contribute to community development in the areas in which they live. In the first two years of funding 90 Northwest Indian OIC clients completed the program. Of the 90, eighty entered employment in the health care field upon completion of the program; five students continued their education by entering the Northwest Technical College Licensed Practical Nursing Program, and two others found employment in other fields.

Northwest Indian OIC Chief Executive Officer, Mike Bongo, noted at a grant signing ceremony at the Northwest Technical College on October 17, 2007, that for every grant dollar spent to provide the CNA and related training services, clients return over \$28 to our communities through increased wages and savings to the taxpayers. In his remarks, he thanks the many individuals and organizations that had helped to make the partnership successful including the Nielson Foundation who provided \$25,000 to initiate the process in 2005 and Paul Moe, Director of the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership, for his leadership in bringing technical, financial and job training assistance to businesses and education institutions in rural Minnesota.

Northwest Indian OIC is a tax exempt, nonprofit, American Indian-controlled provider of employment and training programs. The Northwest Indian OIC partners with government agencies, tribes, employers, training providers and other like-minded organizations to provide a broad range of services to socially and economically disadvantaged youth and adults. Northwest Indian OIC is one of 65 national affiliate organizations of OIC of America and one of five OIC programs operating in Minnesota.

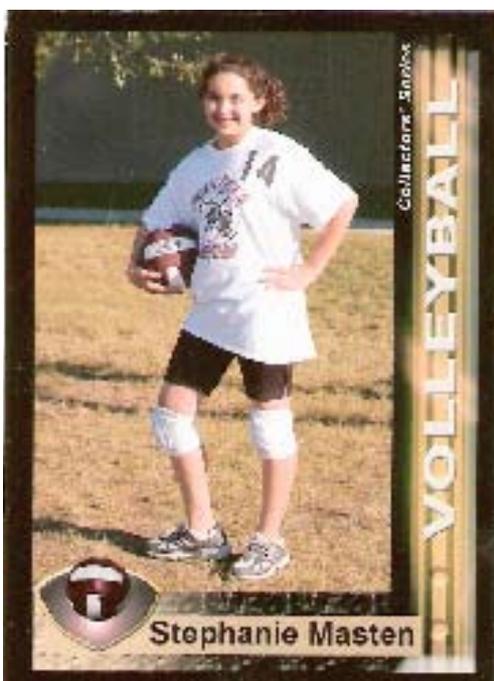
## Five Things to Tell Your Friends About Breast Cancer

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but anytime is the right time to learn the facts about breast cancer and how to detect it early, when it is easiest to treat.

1. All women are at risk for breast cancer, even those who have no family history of the disease.
2. The two greatest risk factors for breast cancer are being a woman and growing older.
3. Survival rates are high for women diagnosed with an early stage breast cancer, when the cancer is small and has not spread. Get regular mammograms beginning at age 40, and start clinical breast exams by a health professional at age 20. Although it is optional, monthly breast self-examinations are also recommended.
4. Smart strategies to reduce your risk of breast cancer include regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, and limiting alcohol intake.
5. As women are becoming more educated about breast cancer, death rates for the disease are dropping.

Tell your female friends, family members – any woman you care about. You could save a life.

For more information about breast cancer, or to find out how you can help in the fight against cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



### Stephanie Masten, Cass Lake/Bena Middle School High-Achiever Selected for State Leadership Conference

National Young Leaders State Conference in the Great Lakes Region Honoring Area's Most Highly-Acclaimed Students to be Held This Fall.

This fall, Cass Lake/Bena middle school student, Miss Stephanie Masten, will join a very select group of some of the most highly-acclaimed students in the Great Lakes Region to take part in an extraordinary leadership conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC).

The National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) in the Great Lakes Region honors and recognizes outstanding middle school students for their scholastic achievement and leadership potential. Enrollment requirements to attend the Conference are strict, mandating that every scholar who attends must be personally nominated to attend by a teacher or selected based upon extraordinary academic achievement. Miss Masten was nominated for NYLSC by Ms. Trisha Cherney of Cass

Lake Bena Middle School.

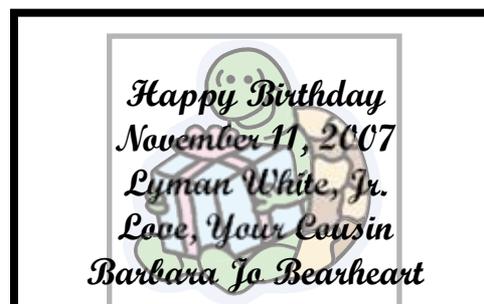
"The aim of NYLSC is to inspire students to recognize their own leadership skills, measure their skills against those of their peers and return home with newfound confidence in their ability to serve as future leaders," said Michael Lasday, Executive Director of CYLC.

The intense four-day curriculum focuses on eight core leadership power tools: communication, conflict resolution, decision making, goal setting, group dynamics, leadership techniques, project management and self-awareness. With the insight and guidance of highly trained facilitators and the assistance of their peers, scholars work within each activity to hone their plan of personal leadership.

CYLC is an educational organization dedicated to identifying and nurturing leadership in the nation's highest-achieving students. Since 1985, the Council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Currently, close to 400 members of the U.S. Congress serve on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors and more than 50 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.



Happy Belated 2nd Birthday  
Mickiah Patsy Ann Staples



**CRAFTERS NEEDED!**  
for December 8, 2007  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Looking for crafters & bakers to raise money as a fundraiser for LLBO Headstart Program needs.  
Limited space available. If interested, contact Pam Roos at 218-246-2394 or 218-246-8695.  
Craft and bake sale will be held at the Ball Club Community Center.



Happy Belated Birthday  
Kaylee Renee Robinson  
on October 19, 2007  
Proud Great-Great  
Grandma Susie Headbird

**Congratulations!**



Happy Birthday  
Todd Theringer  
and Congratulations  
on your acceptance to  
Harvard!

**TYPICALLY, WE SET OUR  
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
THE LAST WEEKEND  
IN OCTOBER,  
THIS YEAR,  
DON'T FORGET TO SET  
YOUR CLOCKS BACK  
ONE HOUR ON  
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The **BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL** in Bena, MN, is looking to fill the following positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

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**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**  
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All certified positions require current MN licensure in their respective areas and successful completion of pre-employment drug testing and State and Federal Background checks. Applications may be obtained online at <http://www.bugschool.bja.edu/jobapp.pdf>. Teacher applicants must be prepared to bring their portfolio if selected for the interview process. Please submit applications to the Human Resources Department.

**Postings are OPEN UNTIL FILLED.**

Detailed job descriptions available upon request.

**LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE  
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 JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**EDUCATION**

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Tribal Grant Writer

**RESERVATION SERVICES**

Reservation Services Team Leader 10-26-07

Plumber 10-26-07

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Crime Investigator 11-02-07

Tribal Police Officer (VAW Grant) 11-02-07

Juvenile Crime Prevention Officer 10-26-07

Tribal Police Officer 10-26-07

**Leech Lake Preference applies.**

All open until filled unless indicated by a **closing date** (follows job title).

**How to apply:** Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or you can download an application / disclaimer from our website at; [www.llojibwe.com](http://www.llojibwe.com). You may FAX your application documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to [LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com](mailto:LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com), or mail your documents to; Human Resources – 115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E – Cass Lake, MN 56633. **Policy:** Human Resources **must** receive your application documents **before** or **no later than 4:30pm** on the date the position is scheduled to close. Applications received after 4:30 on closing date **will not be accepted**. Call #218-335-3698 or toll free at #1-800-631-5528 for more information.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority  
 Job Openings**

Records Management Clerk

Description: Provides certification eligibility and appropriate program referral for applicants through the Leech Lake Housing Authority intake process. Responsible for performing records management on all tenant and homeowner files. Associate Degree in Accounting or equivalent experience in Administrative support. Minimum 3 years Human Services experience.

Maintenance Dispatcher

Description: Provide administrative support for the Maintenance Department. Dispatch technicians to Housing Units. Must be able to withstand high volumes of phone traffic and service requests. Have knowledge of Leech Lake Reservation Housing communities.

Maintenance Office Clerk

Description: Provide administrative support for the Maintenance Department. Filing, answering incoming maintenance calls and completing tenant account charges.

Native American Preference will be applied.

Applicants must possess valid Minnesota Driver's License and pass pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

To apply send resume and application to:

Leech Lake Housing Authority, Attention: Human Resources, P.O. Box 938,  
 611 Elm Street, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Phone #: (218)-335-8357

**Closing Date: November 9, 2007**

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

**DANCE GROUP ADVISOR**

To assist the Drum Advisor of the  
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*For more information contact*

*Luann Frazer, Indian Education Director at 218-335-2203 ext. 1322*

**ALC SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER**

Applicant must possess a Minnesota Teacher License  
 with an emphasis in grade 7-12 Social Studies.

*For more information contact*

*Jim Chase, ALC Principal at 218-335-2204 ext. 6208*

**ALC ENGLISH TEACHER**

Applicant must possess a Minnesota Teacher License  
 with an emphasis in grade 7-12 English.

*For more information contact*

*Jim Chase, ALC Principal at 218-335-2204 ext. 6208*

Send a letter of intent, resume and a copy of licensure to  
 Carl E. Remmers, Superintendent of Schools  
 208 Central Avenue NW  
 Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633

Application deadline:

Until Filled

Posting Date: October 26, 2007

## Eldred Eugene Stangel

Eldred Eugene Stangel, 69, of Cass Lake, MN died on October 3, 2007 at Evergreen Terrace in Grand Rapids, MN.

Funeral Services were held on October 8, 2007 at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN. A wake began on October 6, 2007 at the Bena Community Center in Bena and continued until the time of service. Interment followed at the Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

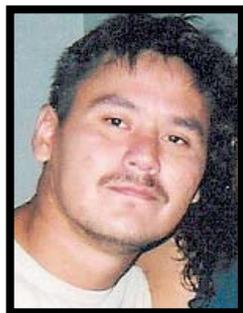
He was born December 25, 1937 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Felix and Rachel Stangel. He was loved by everybody, he had a heart of gold. He was always trying to make people happy.

He is survived by his daughter, Henrietta Thompson of Duluth, MN; Brother, Jerry Allen of Bena, MN; Sisters, Beverly Grand of Wisconsin, Dina Hendricks of Minneapolis, MN; 4 grandchildren, Bonnie, Nicole, Michael and James.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Andy and Felix, Jr. and sisters Shirley and Dorothy.

## Merrel Hill

Merrel Lee Hill, 36, of Cass Lake died on October 7, 2007 at his home in Cass Lake.



Traditional

Funeral Services were held on October 12th at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Advisor Michael Dahl. A wake began on October 9th at the Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of the funeral services. The Spiritual Advisor requested that no children attend. Interment followed at the Fineday Burial Grounds near Pennington under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born April 12, 1971 in North Bend, Oregon and lived most his youth life in Fort Yukon, Alaska. He was a member of the Athabaskan Indian Tribe. He moved to Mahnomen, MN when he was 10 years old. At age 14, he moved to Cass Lake and lived at the Leech Lake Youth Lodge. He was adopted into the Richard and Adella Jones family. He graduated from the Bug-o-nay-ge-shig School. He worked at Shingobee Restaurant, Leech Lake Tribal College and had been employed at Leech Lake Housing for the past 6 years. He became well skilled in carpentry. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family and working around the house and doing odd jobs for family members. In 2002, he married Sheryl Fineday.

He is survived by his wife, Sheryl Hill, sons, Kenneth Staples and Alfred Desjarlait, daughters, Tessa Donnell and Jaymz-Dawn Desjarlait; birth Brothers, Keith Hill, Kennedy Hill, Floyd Hill and Milferd Hill, Jr. He was not only member of the Fineday-Wind family through marriage but was considered a very close family member. Grandparents, Louis Junco, Mother-in-

law, Barbara Fineday; Uncles, Donald Wind, Sr., Dean Wind, Sr., Kermit Hill and Boyd Hill; Aunts, Karyn Wind, Gloria Wind, Betty Grassman, Mary Nathaniel; sisters, Carla Jones-Leecy, Sue Brown, Penny Jones, Ellen Hough, Candy Jones, Marilyn Fineday-Johnson Diane Staples, Dawn Fineday, Natasha Fineday, Ruth Wind, and Cassandra Kingbird; brothers, Dave Jones and Richard Jones, John J. Wind, Jr., Ivan Wind, Fabian Wind, Reggie Wind, Charlie Wind, Gordon Fineday, Robert Fineday, special brothers; Arthur "Archie LaRose, Curtis Brown, Sr., Keith Armstrong, Jeff Leecy, and many other relatives; special niece, Alyssa Leecy and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milferd Hill, Sr., Esther (Paul) Hill, Richard and Adella Jones, brother, Burt Headbird and a son Patrick and grandparents, Sophie and Fred Paul.

Active casket bearers were Keith Hill, Kennedy Hill, Floyd Hill, Milferd Hill, Jr., David Jones, Richard Jones, Jr., Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Donald "Wayne" Smith, Pat Finn, Sam Johnson, Jason McMurray, Benjamin Schulman-Fineday, Derek Daniel Kingbird, Jr., Frank Oothoudt and Donovan Fineday.

Honorary casket bearers were Marilyn Fineday-Johnson, Erv Sargent, Sr., Dean Wind, Sr., Keith Armstrong, Jerrin Wilson, Sr., Donald Wind, Sr., Donald Wright, Mike Sargent, Dawn Fineday, Cassandra Kingbird, Curtis Brown, Sr., Jeff Leecy and the Leech Lake Housing Staff.

## Charles Thomas Norton, Jr.

Charles Thomas Norton, Jr., 55, of Pacific Grove, California, and formerly of Cass Lake, MN, died on October 20, 2007 at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, CA.

Chuck was born on January 29, 1952 in Cass Lake, MN to Lois (Antell) and Charles Thomas Norton, Sr. He grew up in Cass Lake, MN and graduated from Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, IA. He attended Northwest College in IA. He worked for his dad in Cedar Rapids in janitorial service for a number of years. He subsequently had his own meat business for over 20 years in Colorado; and most recently, had lived in California for the last seven years.

Charles enjoyed hiking and skiing in the mountains; spent summers backpacking; loved nature itself; and was a world traveler. As a kid, was referred to as a sheeny, because he would take his money and hide it. He was very athletic, both in high school and beyond, participating in football, basketball, and baseball. He also loved to cook and to prepare fresh game.

Survivors include one daughter, Andrea; brothers, Terry Norton, Tom Norton, Dave Norton, Rick Norton, Ron Norton; sisters, Kathy Nyberg, and Terri Scareberry; aunts, Pam Lausche and Suzanne Northbird; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his mother, Lois Norton; one brother,

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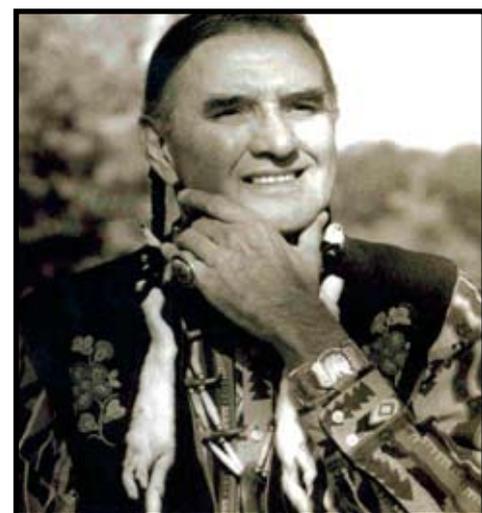
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Skip Norton; and grandmother, Louise Aitken.

Visitation began on October 30, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN and continued until time of funeral services which were held November 1, 2007, also at the Vet's Building. Interment followed in Prince of Peace Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Dennis Funeral home.



**American Indian Movement  
(AIM) Leader**

**Vernon Franklin  
Bellecourt  
(Waubun-Nuwi-Nini)  
Dies.  
White Earth Anishinabe**

Vernon Franklin Bellecourt died on October 13, 2007 in Minneapolis.

Traditional rites were held on October 17, 2007 at the Circle of Life School on the White Earth Indian Reservation. Presiding over the ceremony was Bawd Wey Wi Dun (Eddie Benton Benais) Grand Chief of Three Fires Society. Vernon was survived by his wife Carol Ann Holmgren Bellecourt, mother of daughter, Denise Mischelle (Mike) Levy; sons, Andre (Christina) Marcus Bellecourt, Bret Vincent Bellecourt, Lyna Hart, mother of daughter Raven Bellecourt and son Black Wolf Bellecourt; grandchildren, John Clark, Adrienne Levy, Darrick Bellecourt, Blaze Dauphinaus, Freedom, Katelyn, Skula, Savannah, Madison, Brooklyn; great-grandchildren, John Clark and Michael Levy; special companion, Janice Denny; brother, Clyde

Bellecourt and sister, Judy Bellecourt-Gonzales.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Sr. and Ageline Bellecourt; sisters, Maxine, Avanelle, Gwen, Yvonne, Carol, Sandra; and brothers Charles Jr., Leslie and Leonard.

Bellecourt was laid to rest in the Snyder Lake Traditional Burial Site at White Earth, after which a traditional feast was served. Active pallbearers for the White Earth service were Marcus Bellecourt, Mike Levy, Jamie Gonzales, John Gonzales, Blackwolf Bellecourt, and John Clark. Active pallbearers for the Minneapolis service were Bill Means, Bob Brown, Little Crow Bellecourt, Rick Powers, Herb Powless, and Lenny Foster.

Honorary pallbearers were Brett Bellecourt, Steve Blake, Jim Anderson, Dennis Banks, Floyd "Red Crow" Westerman, Vince Beyl, all of Vernon's friends and relatives and all American Indian Movement brothers, sisters, and supporters.

*The 2007 Holidays are quickly approaching, a time of celebration that can sometimes bring sadness with it to families that have lost loved ones that are not here to join us at this special time of year.*

*The following is a special event announcement meant for anyone to attend to help you through this holiday season and bring you peace and comfort.*

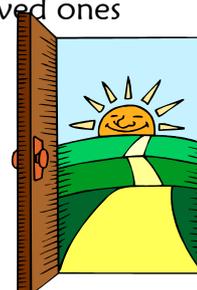
## Community Remembrance Service

This meaningful service will include a remembrance tribute, special music and readings to help provide peace and comfort to families as they remember and celebrate loved ones lives during this holiday season.



Thursday, November 29, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
501 Minnesota Avenue NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601



Transportation to this very special service is available by calling 333-5665 before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

Sponsored by: North Country Home Care & Hospice, Cease Family Funeral Home and Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home.

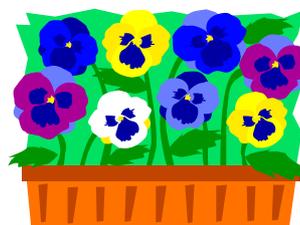
## Mark L. Wakonabo

Mark L. Wakonabo, of Inger, Minnesota passed away on October 24, 2007 at his home.

A wake was held on October 25, 2007 at the Inger Community Center in Inger, Mn until the time of the funeral services on October 26, 2007, also held at the Inger Community Center.

Mark previously worked for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as a Conservation Officer for several years and as of recent held the position of a member of the Leech Lake Housing Authority.

Arrangements were handled by the Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River, Minnesota.



## When I Must Leave You For a Little While

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile.  
And for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all the things the same.  
Feed not on your loneliness and empty days,  
But fill each working hour in useful ways.  
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer  
and in turn I will comfort you and hold you near.  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

*Brandon Wallace Humphrey  
February 7, 1988 - October 21, 2005*

*It has been two years since the Creator came to take you further on your journey,*

*I know in my Mommie heart that you flourish in your next life.*

*I imagine your strong laughter, your quick humor, and your readiness to help others.*

*I imagine also the Grandmothers giggling in comfort,  
Knowing their cook fires are always abundant with game,  
and the Grandfathers smiling proud as you walk past.*

*My strong beautiful son, I love you.  
And we miss you greatly.  
Lamya is truly a gift and she is so much like you.*

*Forever.....*

*Momma, Lamya, Marcellus,  
Cheyenne and Royal*

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**Community and Local  
 Indian Council  
 Informational Meeting**

Monday, November 5, 2007  
 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Palace Casino, Cass Lake, MN  
 The Leech Lake Tribal Council is seeking community input to help determine future funding for Tribal Operations.  
 Leech Lake Band Members are invited.  
 Please contact Eva Wilson At 335.8222 for more information.

**First Widow's Club**

Monday, November 12, 2007  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Americinn Conference Room  
 Walker, MN 56484  
 Contact: Stacy Little,  
 FWC Facilitator  
 (218) 547-1331

**Native Youth  
 Crisis Hotline  
 1-877-209-1266**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
 Tribal Offices will be  
 closed on November 12  
 for Veteran's Day and  
 November 22 and 23, 2007  
 for the  
 Thanksgiving holiday.**