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Enbridge pipeline construction hits water line disrupting services across Cass Lake on Tuesday November 10th.

Chippewa National Forest Crucial to Nelson Act Compromise

By Chris Haugene

The end of October timed another gathering of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) when they met in Minnesota's scenic arrowhead region at the Grand Portage Hotel and Casino. One of the areas of focus was the Nelson Act settlement regarding compensation to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) from the federal government for the harvesting of timber. This debate has been going for over a decade now and there finally seems to be some progress being made towards a compromise.

Last spring, Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo proposed a compromise to the TEC, where the funds would be distributed based upon population, equal distribution, and the damages that took place (see pie chart on Page 11 for damages accrued).

In a counter proposal the TEC (without consulting Leech Lake) offered a split of the funds where 20 million dollars would go to an equal distribution among the six MCT Bands and of the remaining seven million dollars 3.5 million would go towards distribution based on population and 3.5 million would be distributed based on damages.

This fall Congressman Jim Oberstar's office called Mr. Bongo regarding the Nelson Act settlement and conveyed

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Chairman sends best wishes for the holidays



We have many things to be thankful for this year on the Leech Reservation. Some of the good news I want to share with Leech Lake members is that I was able to visit the Whitehouse and meet President Obama along with Anishinabe Tribal Chairs Karen Diver, Kevin Leecy and Floyd Jourdain last week. The White House Tribal Nations Conference was a gathering of

leaders of the 564 federally recognized Native American tribes. We met with President Obama and numerous Cabinet secretaries. Discussions included broken treaty obligations, tribal sovereignty, economic development, natural resources, public safety, housing, education and health care. It was impressive to see the efforts the President made to bring so many Tribal Leaders together, to share his thoughts for Indian Country and to hopefully finally have someone at that level finally hear our concerns.

I am also thankful for the Congressional visits Leech Lake Tribal Council members made last week with Senator Franken, Senator Klobachar and Representative Oberstar.

While several issues were shared, the most important was getting fair compensation from the Nelson Act Settlement. Because the other 5 MCT Bands do not support sharing the compensation based on actual damages (68.9% from LL) we proposed as part of a compromise the idea that Congress pass legislation as part of the Settlement that would allow the Chippewa National Forest to transition under the permanent control and management of the Leech Lake Band. It may take many years to accomplish but the benefits to the Leech Lake Band would be tremendous. Once the overall proposal had been more fully developed we plan to share the proposal with the membership at a public meeting.

I am always glad to see the Debahjimon provide useful positive information so I want to apologize for the recent negative personal attacks that were printed in the last edition of the newspaper. It is easy to twist the facts and give one-sided reports that paint untruths as truths. There are always two sides to a story. To my knowledge we have never used our tribal newspaper for negative purposes such as attacks on tribal council members or employees. This type of political activity and personal attacks is not condoned or allowable. In fact, our Tribal Code of Ethics prohibits such political activity



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The indigenous peoples of North America—the First Americans—have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forebears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.



Chairman LaRose Submitted These Talking Points to President Obama's Staff

White House Tribal Nations Conference November 5, 2008 with President Obama

Economic Development

Our most urgent, primary projects are:

- (1) Telecommunication infrastructure
- (2) Youth, Education & Training
- (3) Business development
- (4) Land acquisition.

The stimulus funding available for these areas provides Leech Lake a foundation for all other economic development on the reservation.

- Because Telecommunication infrastructure, Youth, Education & Workforce Training, Business Development and Land acquisition are fundamental to Indian Nation Building, we need the White House to continue support for these areas, and consider reallocating stimulus money from less successful stimulus programs to these areas.

- In Minnesota all tribes have to plan for the state opening up gaming statewide, creating gaming operations that are in direct competition with our gaming operations. So we need to develop our own economies. We need to develop an economy that relies far less on gaming. We need to foster the birth and growth of private Indian entrepreneurs.

- These concepts are not unique to our nation. These needs are fundamental for reservations across the nation. Continue support for these concepts. Support increased dollar allocations for these areas because they are vital to the economies in Indian Country.

Natural Resources

The natural resource base on the reservation is what attracts visitors and tourists to our beautiful area. Protecting these resources is a high priority for Leech Lake. Our reservation spans 1,050 square miles, with over 50% of it being rivers, lakes, marshes and wetlands. Our water resources are among the best in the nation as we enjoy quality surface and groundwater supplies. Leech Lake has the largest natural wild rice stands in the lower 48 states, while our 256 named fishable lakes challenge our Fisheries management. Protecting our natural resources is a high priority. We

need increased financial support from the BIA and other federal agencies to restore damaged natural resources and assistance as we continue to protect our forests, lakes and wetlands.

Public Safety

- Leech Lake is in a Public Law 280 state in which many of our people are subjected to the state run, non-Indian justice system. Racial bias plays a key role. A county that borders our reservation incarcerates Indians at 6 times the rate of the Indian population for that county. We need continued support of the Department of Justice's efforts to target and reduce racial incarceration disparities, as we have in our area.

- We are amid an incremental expansion of our tribal court system to include jurisdiction and sentencing for our Band member juveniles. As we assert jurisdiction for our troubled youth, we need probation officers and court personnel properly trained and supervised. We need continued grants and funding opportunities from the Department of Justice to assert our sovereignty and care for our troubled youth.

Housing

- Leech Lake has four major housing issues: 1) Housing affordability; 2) High number of sub-standard units, 3) Insufficient supply of affordable housing, and 4) Lack of home ownership opportunities.

- Affordability is the most critical issue, yet our lack of a land base limits our development of affordable housing.

- With our current housing, we need continued federal stimulus funding for solar, wind and energy improvements.

- Meanwhile, we are aggressively pursuing more fuel assistance and grants to renovate our schools and governmental buildings to increase energy efficiency to become "greener". We need a speedier process for putting our band's fee land into trust, so we can increase our supply of affordable housing. We need continued support

and assistance for "Green" funding to increase the energy efficiency in our homes and buildings across the reservation.

Health

- Our IHS Hospital serves 12,000 patients a year. Built in 1937, it is in dire need of replacement. The facility is inadequate in its size, inadequate in its staffing, and lacks resources.

- We have 4.5 doctors, 4 in-patient beds, with Physician's Assistants providing most of the primary care

services. Our hospital has no services to youth, limited, prevention services, no elder's service, and no assisted living facilities.

- We have a shortage of physicians, dentists, hygienists, nurse practitioners, diabetes educators, registered nurses, podiatrists and eye specialists.

We need access to quality health care. We need adequate medical staffing with lower turnover to provide the services we need. Then, once the services can be provided, our people need access/transportation to the services.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2009

Dear Tribal Leader:

Our Nation is at a defining moment. We face challenges unlike any in our lifetime, both at home and abroad. My Administration is working day in and day out to meet them -- to rebuild our economy, strengthen our security, and ensure that our children have every opportunity to fulfill their dreams. But moving this country forward will require more than any government can do alone. It will require every American and every community to get involved. That is why strengthening and building on the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and tribal nations is so important.

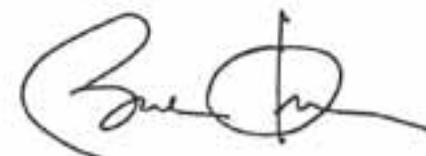
While no one meeting by itself can reverse past neglect or erase longstanding frustrations, I do believe that constructive dialogue can open the door to a new era in that special Federal-tribal relationship. My goal today is to encourage open discussion between tribal leadership and my Administration. I hope that you'll speak candidly about the challenges you face and offer your suggestions for addressing those challenges. And key members of my Administration will listen to what you have to say.

But this Tribal Nations Conference represents more than just a high level "listening session." It signifies the beginning of a lasting and critical conversation as we forge a better future together for this Nation generally and Indian Country specifically. The challenges we face in the 21st century are ones we will only meet and overcome through continuing consultation and collaboration.

Today, at this conference, I will sign a memorandum instructing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with the Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, to submit to me recommendations for further improving tribal participation in Federal policy decisions that affect Indian tribes. This memorandum has been shaped by the feedback given to my advisors over the past several months at a variety of "listening sessions" around the country, and it reflects my commitment to the Federal Government's trust relationship with tribal nations.

Thank you for coming together at this vitally important event. I look forward to joining you today and to a long, productive relationship over the years ahead.

Sincerely,



LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE Summary of Job Openings

Closing November 20, 2009

Human Services Division:

Program Assistant • Job Code: 09-141

Dept. Of Public Works:

Driver/Operator • \$12.00/hr • Job Code: 09-099

Dept. Of Resource Management:

GAP Technician • Job Code: 09-133

Closing November 27, 2009

Dept. Of Public Works:

Plumber • Job Code: 09-129

Human Resources Division:

Electronic Records Clerk • Job Code: 09-142

Human Services:

CD Activities Coordinator • Job Code: 09-085

Youth Service Coordinator • Job Code: 09-140

2 FT Service Coordinators • Job Code: 09-139

Closing December 31, 2009

Health Division:

2 PT EMT's • \$11.00/hr • Job Code: 09-132

Education Division:

ECD Family Service Advocates • \$8.40/hr • Job Code: 09-102

-Positions in: Inger, Bena, Bemidji, Cass Lake

Human Services Division:

Case Manager • Job Code: 09-044

Full Job Descriptions available at <http://www.llojibwe.org>

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You May request a complete job description for any position listed. All positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated). All positions DOQ unless otherwise noted.

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at www.llojibwe.org. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe HR
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633

You may also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com.

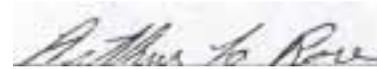
LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

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in the workplace. It has been the unwritten policy of every administration not to use our newspaper in this manner and until now that policy has never been violated. This should not happen again. We have enough enemies without being our own. We know there are also many things that we continue to battle against as individuals and as a people. As an elder reminded me a negative attitude produces negative results. We need to remember the many positive things to be thankful for. At the government level we will continue the positive direction and the goal we have set to maintain an open and honest government. We will do this by using the Nation Building approach to improve our tribal government with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for our people. It is not something we like, but we know change comes slowly in Indian Country it requires patience and persistence and no one knows that better than us Anishinabe People.

As Thanksgiving approaches we will continue the tradition of giving turkeys and wild rice out to our band members. We all know it is not our traditional holiday but the use of this holiday for the purpose of our giving thanks to the Creator and sharing a meal and time together is a good thing. It provides a time of reflection and healing that is needed for all of us.

Chi Miigwetch



Chairman Arthur "Archie" LaRose

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2009 Turkey Distribution

The Leech Lake Tribal Council will give one turkey per household to enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe living within the Leech Lake Reservation Boundaries and Leech Lake Band Members living adjacent to the Leech Lake Reservation.

Turkeys will be handed out at your community center on Monday November 23rd, starting in the afternoon. The time of the Turkey distribution will be posted at each community center.

On Wednesday, November 25th any household that did not get a turkey at their community center may come to the Food Distribution Building for their turkey. We are located about 1 mile west of Teals Market on Highway 2 and CR 146, our telephone number is 335-2676.

**Remember
to bring your
Tribal ID
& Proof of
Residence**

Questions? 335-2676

Households eligible to pick up at the Food Distribution Building may pickup at these times:

Monday November 23rd • 1:00PM - 3:30PM

Tuesday November 24th • 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Wednesday November 25th • 8:30AM - until gone?

If you live in these areas you must pick your turkey up at the Food Distribution Building:

1. City of Cass Lake
2. West of Hwy 371 including Nary Rd, Prescott, Wilkinson, Tower Hill, Southwood Loop, Countryside, etc.
3. South of RR Tracks, including Townhouses and Fox Creek
4. Tract 33 & 34 and Area north of Tracts
5. Allen's Bay
6. Bemidji, Wolf Lake, Midge Lake & West of Palace Rd
7. Stony Point
8. Deliveries will be made to Thompsonville, Four Seasons & both Heritages by FDP Staff

Happy Thanksgiving!

from The Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe



Letter to the Editor: A local economic stimulus

Something very significant has happened throughout our area over the last 30 days, and I want to be sure everyone is aware of it.

We hear on the news every day about the financial problems people throughout the country are experiencing and the various methods the government and others are employing to try to help. We have heard over and over about all of these stimulus programs designed to get the economy going again.

Well, our area has seen a huge injection of a cash stimulus in excess of \$700,000. This stimulus didn't come from the government in Washington, D.C., or the Minnesota state government. This cash injection came from the Leech Lake Tribal Government. That's right. Our local tribal government, in an effort to guarantee that our natural wild rice pickers received a fair price for their green rice, bought that rice for more than four weeks at an average of \$1.75 per pound. This not only put money into our local economy, but it also helped maintain and preserve the unique wild rice beds we have in our area.

When you put that kind of cash into the local economy, everyone benefits. This type of effort puts money into people's pockets and they, in turn, spend that money in our local area. From banks and car dealerships to grocery stores and gas stations, everybody shares in this economic boost.

If \$1 is injected into a local economy and is spent locally, it increases in value by at least half. That's what happened in our local area and I, for one, want to say thank you to the Leech Lake Tribal Government and recognize them for this great effort that helped all of us.

Mert Lego

Lake of the Woods Wild Rice, Federal Dam

General Rules for Space Heating with Electricity

1. Keep your heating equipment and anything that can burn at least 3 feet apart.
2. Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
2. Turn off heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.
4. Inspect for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections, and replace any before using.
5. Never use or store flammable or combustible liquids near or in rooms with heaters.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 US Hwy 2 West
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
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 12th day of November 2009.

APPEARANCE DATE: December 1, 2009, at 2:00 PM

Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Cecelia M. Benaise	TR-09-117	Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Occurring On: 05/24/2009
Jacob M. Budreau, Sr.	TR-09-081	No Insurance Occurring On: 05/07/2009
Edward J. Fairbanks, III	TR-09-116	No Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 06/06/2009
Alisha M. Hart	TR-09-087	No Driver's License Occurring On: 05/14/2009
Peter L. Headbird	TR-09-113	Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Occurring On: 05/24/2009
Cassandra M. Jackson	TR-09-064	Driving After Suspension No Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Occurring On: 02/16/2009
Nathan J. Lindgren	TR-09-076	Driving After Cancellation Occurring On: 12/27/2008
Ross S. Littlewolf	TR-09-114	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/26/2009
Thomas W. Matthews	TR-09-115	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 06/26/2009
Michael P. Morris	TR-09-118	Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Occurring On: 05/24/2009
Curtis A. Ortleby	TR-09-071	Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Occurring On: 04/01/2009
Travis L. Raisch	TR-09-070	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 04/04/2009
Walter S. Reese	TR-09-061	Open Bottle Occurring On: 01/16/2009
Walter S. Reese	TR-09-031	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 1/16/2009
Franklin L. Robinson	TR-09-108	Failure to Show Proof Of Insurance Occurring On: 05/21/2009
Glenn A. Smith	TR-09-073	Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 02/08/2003
Ronald J. Staples	TR-09-067	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/07/2009
Ronald J. Thunder	TR-09-085	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 05/01/2009

APPEARANCE DATE: January 05, 2010, at 2:00 PM

Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Marcelia K. Brown	TR-09-128	No Driver's License

Mariza R. Brown	TR-09-129	Occurring On: 07/16/2009 Failure to use a seatbelt/child restraint device
Autumn R. Cambron	TR-09-022	Occurring On: 07/16/2009 Driving After Revocation
Shauna M. Cooper	TR-09-069	Occurring On: 12/03/2008 No Driver's License Failure to use a seatbelt/child restraint device
Gordon L. Dunn	TR-09-029	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 04/01/2009 Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 02/05/2009
Sara J. Dunn	TR-09-026	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/07/2009
Benjamin G. Fairbanks	TR-09-059	No Driver's License Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 03/31/2009 Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 08/01/2009
Linnea R. Gale	TR-09-121	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/26/2009
Laurie J. Headbird	TR-09-033	No Driver's License Occurring On: 02/14/2009
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-017	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/20/2008
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-018	Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Traffic Control Light Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/18/2009
Leah R. Jacobs	TR-09-048	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 12/24/2008
Joshua S. Johnson	TR-09-125	No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/04/2009
Rosalie G. Lovelace	TR-07-001	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/23/2006
Cassandra M. Paul	TR-09-130	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 07/15/2009
Michael G. Robinson, Jr.	TR-09-131	No Motor Vehicle Registration Occurring On: 07/07/2009
Shenna R. Rodriguez	TR-09-134	No Driver's License Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device
Rozanna M. Roy	TR-09-024	Occurring On: 07/27/2009 Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/30/2009
Edmond L. Williams	TR-09-132	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 07/25/2009
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Vs. W.C.J., Minor Child; James & Pat Jones, Parents	TR-09-133	No Driver's License Occurring On: 07/27/2009
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Vs. T.M.R., Minor Child; Janice Holstein, Parent	TR-09-135	Failure to Use a Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 07/27/2009

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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.

Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: January 19, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Baird, Melissa Marie	TR-08-66	Ellis, Myron John	TR-07-215
Busse, Dennis Lee	TR-06-14	Fairbanks, Benjamin G.	TR-08-95
Cross, Mary Ann	TR-08-48	Fairbanks, Mark Leo	TR-08-77
Cutbank, Neil Curtis	TR-09-52	Fisher, Lucille Rachel	TR-08-80
Donnell, Jeff Scott	TR-08-71	Goose, Jeanne Louise	TR-08-7
Donnell, Jeff, Sr, & Jolyn		Howard, Stanley Dean, Jr.	TR-09-41
Dunn, Gordon Lee	TR-09-12	Michaud, Suzanna Marie	TR-08-110
Dunn Gordon Lee	TR-08-83		

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ATTN: Leech Lake Honor Guard Members

The Leech Lake Veterans Affairs Office requires Updated/Corect Addresses and Phone Numbers for all Members.

Please Contact One of the following:

Frank Reese • 335-3790
Spencer Whitefeather • 335-3771
Frank Bowstring • 335-3691

NOTICE-DEER DISEASE TESTING

The Leech Lake Reservation DRM in conjunction with USDA APHIS will test tribally harvested deer through December for *Bovine Tuberculosis (TB)* and *Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)*

\$25 Che We Gas Voucher
will be provided per adult deer.
Testing will be limited to 50 deer.

CWD

CWD has been found in a few domesticated elk and deer from captive herds in Minnesota.

It has not been found in wild deer in Minnesota.

To date there have been no known cases spread to humans.

Testing will create baseline information on the reservation's deer herd.



Bovine TB

TB has been found in deer just northwest of the Red Lake Reservation.

It is believed to have been spread from infected domestic cattle herds.

This disease is caused by bacteria *that can be spread to humans* from direct contact with infected animals or by consuming undercooked meat.

Both of TB and CWD can be detrimental to deer populations, but have not yet been documented in the reservation deer herd.

To receive a \$25 Che We Gas Voucher

- Starting **November 5th** you can bring your adult deer to the Leech Lake Division of Resources Management Office in Cass Lake from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.
- We will not collect samples from fawns. (Fawns are too young to have contracted these diseases and exhibit symptoms), or head-shot deer. Six lymph nodes will be collected from the head of each animal. The chest cavity will also be examined for lesions. Sampling only takes a few minutes on unfrozen animals, so please do not allow the deer to freeze or sampling is more difficult.
- Bring your deer hunting license and tag information. You may not bring in more deer than your legal harvest limit.
- Be able to locate the harvest location from a map that we provide.
- In the event an animal test positive for these diseases the hunter will be notified of test results.

For additional information on this program, **Bovine TB**, or **CWD** call the DRM office at 335-7423.

Obituaries

TINA GALE

Tina Marie Clark Gale, 40, of Bemidji, MN died Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji. Arrangements are pending with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.



Funeral Services were held 11:00 am, Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake with Rev. George Ross officiating. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born June 3, 1969 in Bemidji, MN in Bemidji, MN the daughter of Phyllis Clark/Day and Phillip Frank Taylor. She enjoyed 20/20 Bingo, going to the casino, taking rides, watching ghost stories and the Lifetime Channel and visiting haunted places. She loved most of all being with family, children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband: Ernest Gale of Bemidji Sons: Joseph White and Kenneth Clark both of Bemidji Daughter: Nicole (Jeffrey) Clark of Bemidji grandchildren: Blaze Charles Clark and Hazel Ann-Marie Goose both of Bemidji Brother: James (Kathy) Littlewolf of Cass Lake Sister: Toni White of Walker Parents: Phyllis (Jimmy)

Clark/Day of Cass Lake Phillip Taylor of Cass Lake

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Edward and Loretta Clark and Frank (Lillian) Taylor and 2 nephews Jayden David and Jordan Donovan White.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Joseph White, Kenneth Clark, Nicole Clark and Toni White.

Active Casketbearers will be Nicholas Littlewolf, James Littlewolf, Jr., Jimmy Day, Ricky LaDuke, Todd Lillemo, Ricky Lillemo, Donald Armstrong, Jr., Kenneth Clark and Joseph White.

WINIFRED E. LINDBOM

Winifred Elizabeth Lindbom, 67 of Bemidji, MN died Thursday, October 15, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Memorial Services were held Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji, MN with Rev. Mark Papke-Larson officiating.



She was born on March 3, 1942, in Walker, MN the daughter of Susan Brown. She was raised in Onigum, MN. She attended elementary school in Walker, and high school in Backus, graduating in 1961. After graduation she and a girlfriend traveled Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, and most of the United States while working for a publishing company. Winni met Tom Lindbom in 1959 in Nisswa, MN, and they

were married on June 15, 1963. They lived in Missouri, and later Brainerd, and St. Peter, MN. They moved to Bemidji in 1985. Winni coordinated the Girl Scout Program for the Red Lake Reservation. She trained, mentored, and recruited for the Girl Scouts. She and her husband started caring for foster children through North Homes Inc. Winni wanted to help kids, and give back. She enjoyed bingo, her friends at the Palace Casino, and all the friendships she's had over the years.

She is survived by: her husband, Tom Lindbom of Bemidji, Son, Kirk Lindbom of Grand Forks, MN, Daughters, Krey Lindbom of Lenior, NC, Numerous Foster Children, Grandchildren, Nicholas Fredrickson, Christina Lindbom, And Bobbie Jean Lindbom, Great-Grandchild, Mason Lindbom Special Granddaughter, Maggie Buckanaga.

She was preceded in death by her mother, brothers Sylas, Charlie, Frankie, and sister Rebecca.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Matt Brown, Jesse Johnson, David Lindbom, and Rob Lindbom, Carol Grzybowski, Dana Morris, Kim Anderson, and Pam Michaud.

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LAVERN "CUBBY" SMITH

Lavern "Cubby" A. Smith, 62, of Walker, MN, passed away, Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at his home as a result of his long battle with diabetes.

He was born February 7, 1947 in Cass Lake to Harry Smith Sr. and Jenny (Ryan) Smith. He enjoyed playing softball with the Minnesota Chipps and umping games. He was known as a usual at the Northern

Lights Casino. He enjoyed spending a lot of his time with his grand kids who all knew him as "Ba-Baa". He liked to watch sports with his friends Joe and Tony. His sense of humor had a very huge impact on all who knew him. "Cubby" will be greatly missed by all his family and friends

Lavern is survived by his lifelong companion and best friend Patty Jackson; sons; Jeremy Butcher, Michael Jackson, Damien and Darian Wakefield, daughters; Jolene Smith, Amy Fevig and Brandi Keezer, step children Tim, Tracy, Jeff and Candice Jackson; brothers; Wilford Smith and Randall White Sr.; and his many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Lyman White Sr. and Harry Smith Jr. Funeral Services were held on October 31, 2009 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum. Pastor Rev. John Rock and Ellen Ayers will officiate the service.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Jackson, Scott Jackson, Tony LaDeaux, Thomas Jackson, Joey Jackson and Bradley White. Burial will be held in the Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency, Onigum, MN following the service on Saturday.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.

JESSICA STAPLES



Jessica "Jess" Marie Staples, whose Ojibwe name is "Wah sii gwin" which means "The white under the wing of an Eagle", 30, of Cass Lake died Friday, October 30, 2009 at North

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Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji after a very brave and brief battle with a brain aneurism.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the Cass Lake Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Anthony Peterson officiating. Interment will be at the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

Jessica was born August 19, 1979 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Richard Hare and Linda Staples. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake. She attended the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. She attended the Hibbing Community College. She worked at the Palace Casino in Cass Lake. Tragically, she lost her father in 1992.

She enjoyed spending time with her beloved daughters, playing volleyball, bowling, watching movies, reading and walking the boardwalk in Duluth. She also enjoyed laughing, telling jokes and having fun with her friends. Jessica also loved attending pow-wows and singing behind the family drum.

She is survived by 4 daughters- Raquel, Rickay, Mickiah Patsy Ann, Terriauna. Mother- Linda Staples, Sister- Ashley (Jim) Brown, Brother- Adrian Staples, Special aunt – Patsy Gordon, Grandmother- Cecelia (Bone) Drouillard Significant Other- Terrance Franklin Aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her father- Rick Hare, grandparents- Hazel Hare, Herald Hare and uncle Ray Hare.

Active Casketbearers will be Adrian Staples, Dauser Drouillard, John Staples, Russell “Beaver” White, Kenny James Hare, Darron Wilson, with alternates- Jim Brown and Dave Staples.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Ashley Brown-Staples, Tamra Poppy, Kym Hare, Anna Drouillard, Barb Drouillard, Serena Morris, Paula Hardy, Raquel Staples, Rickay Staples, Shana Drouillard and all of her “Tract 33” childhood friends.

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DAVID WHITE

David White, “Wa a b i s h k i g i maash” 72, of Cloquet, formerly of Cass Lake, died October 26, 2009 at Bayshore Health Center in Duluth. He was a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Dave had a long illness but always would make people laugh or smile whomever he encountered daily.

Dave enjoyed country and Pow Wow music but more than anything he loved his family.

Dave was born July 16, 1937 in Boy River, MN to Dorothy (Smith) and Tom White of Leech Lake. He married Beverly (Beaulieu) White in August of 1957. She past away in 1978. He is survived by his significant partner Linda Shabaiash of Cloquet, sons David Jr., Terrence White of Mpls. and Darrell (Lisa) Shabaiash of Sawyer; daughter Karen Rock and Cynthia Roy of Mpls. Step Children Deb (Dan), Darla (Charles) of Bemidji; Doreen (Kevin), Harold Jr. (Beth), Darwin and Doug (Billie) Diver of Cloquet; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Beverly (Beaulieu) White, daughters Linda White and Sandra Beaulieu; sons Marshall and Gordon White and grandson Zack Rock.

A social gathering will be held Wednesday, October 28th at the Fond du Lac Headstart Gymnasium in Cloquet, MN from 10 am – 5 pm. The wake will begin Wednesday, October 28th at 8:00 pm at the Leech Lake Veterans Building in Cass Lake, MN and continue until the 10:00 am service on Friday, October 30th. Traditional Services will be lead by Spiritual Leader Lee Staples.

Pall Bearers are Tommy Rock, Francis White, Keith Diver Sr., Kevin Dupuis Sr., Nick Ammesmaki and Eugene “Pete” Brisbois.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN.



THOMAS WILSON JR.

“Gii-Zis-Su-In-Ninii – Sun Man” Thomas Wilson Jr. of Redby, MN, died Friday, October 23, 2009 at the North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Funeral Services were held Friday, October 30, 2009 at the St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Red Lake, MN with Father Jerry Rogers officiating. Interment will be in Family Burial Grounds in Redby, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.



He was born on September 12, 1951, in Red Lake, MN the son of Thomas Sr., and Marie (Holinday) Wilson on their 2nd Anniversary. He worked for the Red Lake Cedar Fence Plant until 1979, and moved to Minneapolis, where he worked at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, and at a recycling center in Rosemount, MN. He enjoyed playing cribbage, fixing cars, and spending time with his family. He also liked joking with everybody. He was a caring, loving gentleman. Whenever he was needed, he was there for his family. He will always be loved and dearly missed.

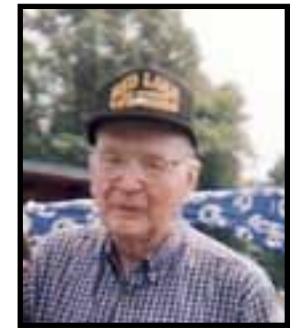
He is survived by: Parents, Thomas Sr. and Marie Wilson of Redby, Sister, Marian King of Redby, Sons, Thomas Wilson III of Bemidji, Corey (LeAnn) Wilson of Red Lake, Daughters, Desirie Wilson of Red Lake, Crystal (Chad) Wilson of Ball Club, Camille (Darrell) Wilson of Walker, MN, Cari (Joe) Frenzel of Alaska Township, Special Friend, Elaine Regguinti, 13 Grandchildren, one niece Marla (Jesse) Salazar, and one nephew Kevin (Darilyn) King.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ed and Mary (LaRose) Wilson, Edward and Lucy (Strong) Holinday, a grandson Rich, and brother-in-law Freddy King

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THOMAS WILSON SR.

“Wa Bi Gi New – White Eagle” Thomas Wilson Sr., 84, of Redby, MN, died Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



Funeral Services were held Friday, November 20, 2009 at the St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Red Lake, MN with Father Jerry Rogers officiating.

He was born on June 4, 1925, in Ball Club, MN the son of Edward and Mary (LaRose) Wilson. He was a member of the Turtle Clan. He enrolled in the US Army in 1942, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He married Marie Holinday on September 12, 1948. They have been married for 61 years. He began work as a logger in 1952, which he did for many years, until taking a job at the Red Lake Cedar Plant in 1975. He retired when the plant closed in the early 1980’s. He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching old western movies, the Vikings, the Twins, and the TV Land channel. He enjoyed spending time with his two “pumpkins,” his great-grandchildren Keon and John Paul. He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife-Marie Wilson of Redby, Daughter -Marian King of Redby, Grandson he raised, Kevin (Darilyn) King Granddaughter he raised, M a r l a (Jesse) King-Salazar Special Granddaughter, Desirie Wilson Special Nephews, Daniel “Fudd” Wilson Burton “Luke” Wilson 7 Grandchildren, and 9 Great-Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son- Thomas Wilson Jr., brothers Allen Wilson Sr., Louis Wilson, sisters Delia Hendricks, and Agnes Verant.

Active Casketbearers will be: Jake Bowstring, Kevin King, Daniel “Fudd” Wilson, Burton “Luke” Wilson, Corey Wilson, and Tim Neadeau. Honorary Casketbearers will be: Donald “Ducker” Kelly, Willy Strong, Keon King, Jesse Salazar, John Paul Salazar, Eddie John Wilson, Al Wilson Jr., and Roger Head.

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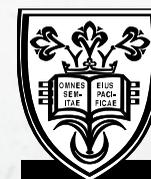
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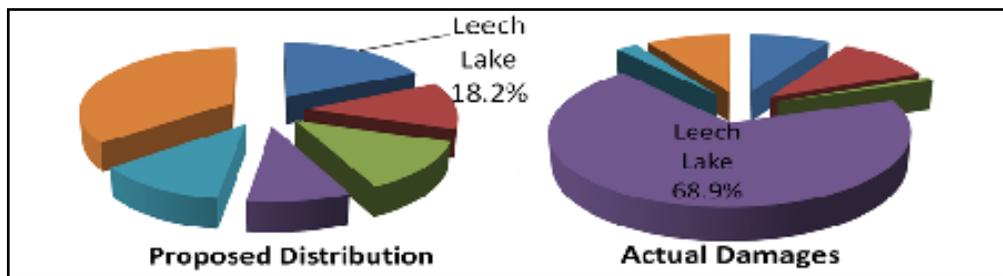


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that Leech Lake's move from our initial position of 69% compensation of funds was appreciated regarding the situation.

"The MCT proposed to divide money among Bands that did not sustain anywhere near the amount of damages that Leech Lake sustained," said Secretary Treasure Mike Bongo. "They are proposing to take money that is essentially ours which is why Congress has denied proposals such as this one in the past." In 2003 Congress recognized that an equal 1/6 split of the funds would not be fair based on a research report by the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs which outlined that a 1/6 split would give "preferential treatment to the four smaller bands at the expense of the two larger bands".

With a recent offering submitted to Congress for nearly 80% of the funds to be distributed to the other five member Bands of the MCT (Boise Forte, Mille Lacs, Fon Du Lac, White Earth, Grand Portage) Leech Lake has set forth a

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—Secretary Treasurer Mike Bongo

proposal where we would transition control of the Chippewa National Forrest out of Federal hands and under the control of the Leech Lake Band in addition to the ½ split of the funds to be distributed on the basis of population (Bois Forte 3,052 Band members, Fond Du Lac 4,044, Grand Portage 1,127, Leech Lake 8,861, Mille Lacs 3,942,

White Earth 19,291) and the other half of the nearly thirty million dollars to be equally distributed among the six member Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. This agreement was passed by the TEC and efforts continue toward creating legislation that will bring this issue to a close.

In a letter to Senator Al Franken Leech Lake outlined some background regarding the Chippewa National Forrest that said:

In 1908 the Minnesota National Forest was established using 225,000 acres of land located within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation. In 1928 the name was changed to the Chippewa National Forest and during that same 20 year time period, Leech Lake lost over 650,000 acres of land due to the Nelson Act of 1889, subsequent related laws and a failure of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to look out for the welfare of the Leech Lake Tribal members' lands and resources. Today within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation only about 30,000 acres of tribal lands remain. Historically the Leech Lake Reservation has received little direct benefit from the CNF operations.

The transition of management of the CNF operation could be accomplished over a 10 to 20 year period under a new Self Governance (P.L. 638) type demonstration program,

leaving some inherent review with the federal agency. This would allow for phased downsizing of CNF federal employment and provide time for the Leech Lake Tribal College to beef up forestry management curriculums for the on-going future management. This is a unique situation in that Leech Lake Reservation is believed to be the only Indian reservation with National Forest comprising the majority of lands within the Reservation. This creative resolution for the NSA could provide a greater land base for Leech Lake and renewable natural resource, which would create an economic stimulus-engine which would deliver revenue to Indian country first, to cycle through our tribal economy a couple times, before naturally circulating

in the adjacent local communities where many of tribal members live and shop everyday.

After years and years of getting nowhere on this issue it seems that the Tribal Executive Committee has found some common ground where progress has been made. It is through efforts such as this compromise that progress is accomplished and the business of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe keeps moving forward in the eyes of the betterment of its Bands and their Members. The Debahjimon would like to thank our Legal Department for efforts regarding CNF background information provided above.

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