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Primary Results Are In!



Top Two Vote Getters For Two Positions Will Go on the June 8th Ballot for the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council General Election.

Pictured are L: George J. Goggeye, Jr., R: Peter D. White.

Leech Lake Band members went to the polls on Tuesday, March 30th, to narrow the field of candidates for the two seats that are currently up for re-election on the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council.

Incumbent, Peter D. White and George J. Goggeye, Jr. will

advance toward the Chairman position with White getting 665 votes and Goggeye receiving 573 votes. Richard Jones and Donald "Mick" Finn will advance toward the District III Representative position with Jones getting 308 votes and Finn with 187 votes.

The Leech Lake General

Election Board certified the results on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. The four candidates will advance to the general election on June 8th, 2004. The winner of these races will fulfill a 4-year term on the Leech Lake Tribal Council.

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Leech Lake's New Well Drilling Rig Is Here!

By Patsy Gordon

Delivered from St. Louis, Missouri on March 19, 2004 the brand spanking new well drilling truck is finally here. Special thanks goes out to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for their generous grant of \$500,000.00 to purchase the new well drilling rig and accompanying water truck. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community has become a leader in promoting tribal sovereignty through economic

development grants and loans.

This new equipment will enable the Reservation to drill their own wells instead of contracting them out to outside well drilling outfits. According to Steve Kleeberger, Dept. of Public Works Director, Leech Lake digs approximately 110 to 120 wells per year for Leech Lake Band members. At the cost of \$3,000 for just digging the hole for the well,

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Quite a rig, huh?

Photo by Patsy Gordon

REZ BRIEFS

Spelling Bee Held at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School



Superintendent Karen Baldwin and Reba ManyPenny LaRose

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Spelling Bee was recently held at the school. Second through fifth graders participated in the event. The overall winner of the Spelling Bee, Reba ManyPenny LaRose, 5th grader, represented the school at the District Spelling Bee held in Brainerd in March. The Brainerd Daily Dispatch sponsors this event. The final winner of the Brainerd event will go to Washington, D.C., to represent Minnesota. Good Luck, Reba!

LLTC to Submit Grant Application to U.S. Health and Human Services

This is a notice to inform all reservation community members that the Tribal Council will be submitting a grant application to the U.S. Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans for the following purposes: to strengthen existing services by conducting a reservation wide needs survey that will identify the most current needs, and to conduct a preliminary study on the viability of consolidating all programs/services into one government center.

Leech Lake Housing Authority Announces New Affordable Housing Available

Leech Lake Housing Authority is currently taking applications for the newly developed housing community located in the Boy Lake area. The Boy Lake housing area is in the southeastern part of the reservation off of County Rd. #8, between Federal Dam and Highway 200 which is located in District II. This new housing community is situated in a quiet environment and consists of twenty (20) three bedroom low-income rental duplex units with

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Timeline for 2004 Leech Lake Local Indian Councils, Housing and School Board Elections

March 22 Reservation Tribal Council (RTC) appoints one school board, or housing board, or Local Indian Council member to the general election board.

- March 29 General election board prepares school board, housing board, and Local Indian Council election announcement.
- March 30 General election board posts school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election announcement.
- April 12 Notice of candidacy may be filed with the RTC Secretary/Treasurer or sign up sheet at each Local Indian Council community center.
- April 23 Deadline for candidates to file for the school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils.
- April 26 RTC certifies candidates.
- April 30 Deadline for RTC to appoint election appeals judge, general election, and precinct election board members.
- May 3 General election board prepares school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election notice.
- May 4 General election board posts school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election notice.
- May 18 School board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils provide ballots to the general election board (21 days before the regular election).
- June 8 Regular school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election.
- June 9 General election board certifies school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election results.
- June 10 General election board posts school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election results.
- June 15 Deadline for filing school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election protest.
- June 16 Deadline for general election board to determine and order school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election recount.
- June 25 Deadline for determining school board, housing board, and Local Indian Councils election protest.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Set Timelines, Requirements, and Deadlines for Local Indian Council Elections

The Leech Lake Tribal Council has determined that the Local Indian Councils election will be conducted at the same time as the housing and school board elections. A copy of the new timeline will outline the election requirements and deadlines for Local Indian Council elections.

The Tribal Council will amend the Organizational Bylaws of the Leech Lake Local Indian Councils to include two-year

election terms. The second amendment shall include a timeline for the elections that will be conducted at the same as the RTC, housing, and school board elections. The timeline will further include a sign up sheet that must be posted at each community center no later than April 12, 2004.

Questions can be directed to the Leech Lake General Election Board at (218) 335-4414.

Letter from the Editor:

The April issue of the De-Bah-Ji-Mon marks my one year anniversary with the paper as the Managing Editor. I must say, I have thoroughly enjoyed finding my niche (so to speak) and hope that you, as the readers, have found the paper to be informative, interesting, and enjoyable. I could not have done it without Cari. Cari Tabor is the Graphic Designer and has been just a joy to work with. She is extremely knowledgeable when it comes to computers and is always willing to lend that extra helping hand.

We are getting about 3 to 5 new subscriptions through the mail per day on an average, and several calls a week where someone wants to be added to the mailing list. So this tells us we must be doing something right. But of course, there will always be your critics too as with any publication, etc. But we thank you for the many positive comments, compliments that we have received either directly from you or by word of mouth from others. It's always good to get that positive feedback.

We would also welcome your comments and suggestions on different things/sections that you may want to see added to the paper. You are welcome to stop by, call us at 335-8225 or 335-8232, or email us at lltpaper@paulbunyan.net

Enjoy your spring and summer! Again, we say thank you.

Patsy Gordon, Managing Editor

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Official Election Results March 30, 2004 Primary Election

Chariman

Candidates	Inger	Ball Club	S. Lake	Bena	Sugar Point	Smokey Point	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Mpls.	Absentee	Total	%
Wallace Storbakken	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	1	19	1	0	11	4	48	2.37%
George J. Goggleye, Jr.	35	84	9	29	10	1	140	46	39	8	9	59	104	573	28.30%
Peter D. White	56	73	14	14	21	21	210	59	26	3	7	50	111	665	32.84%
Victoria (Vicki) F. White	4	7	2	2	4	1	36	1	37	1	11	33	15	154	7.60%
Roger Buck	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	3	12	0.59%
Delmar Jones, Jr.	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	5	5	0	1	3	15	38	1.88%
Terrance Roy White, Sr.	2	0	0	3	15	16	6	0	2	0	2	4	4	54	2.67%
Alfred "Tig" Pemberton	11	16	3	2	0	2	109	57	27	5	4	36	42	314	15.51%
Lenee D. Ross	1	6	0	8	0	1	34	12	3	6	4	4	27	106	5.23%
Diane E. White	0	4	0	1	0	1	11	5	5	1	4	12	17	61	3.01%

District III Committeeman

Candidates	Inger	Ball Club	S. Lake	Bena	Sugar Point	Smokey Point	Cass Lake	Mission	Onigum	Cass River	Oak Point	Mpls.	Absentee	Total	%
Richard Jones							147	41	6	12	6	35	61	308	21.97%
Donald "Mick" Finn							75	25	9	1	1	12	64	187	13.34%
Jennie (Wind) Reyes							65	20	11	1	3	5	22	127	9.06%
Nancy M. Beaulieu							6	8	3	0	0	2	6	25	1.78%
Martin "Mutt" Robinson							55	5	4	1	3	3	9	80	5.71%
Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird							47	34	11	2	0	19	27	140	9.99%
Leona Bedeau							2	0	11	0	2	7	1	23	1.64%
Debra A. Isham							8	1	30	0	7	9	3	58	4.14%
Randy G. Finn							37	9	6	1	6	8	12	79	5.63%
Robert (Robbie) Budreau, Sr.							19	2	7	0	0	8	1	37	2.64%
Glen (Tuffy) Fisher, Jr.							55	12	3	1	6	3	16	96	6.85%
Doris M. Jones							12	8	13	0	1	6	21	61	4.35%
Samuel "Rocky" Papasodora							29	14	15	3	4	7	15	87	6.21%
Tracy Anderson							3	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	0.43%
Bonnie Rock							7	5	6	3	0	5	8	34	2.43%
James Bedeau							6	2	28	0	4	10	4	54	3.85%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Leech Lake Reservation, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the Primary Election held on Tuesday, March 30, 2004. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with Election Ordinance #9 of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Sharon Rodriguez Chairperson
Mary J. Dvorak Member
Sharon Northrup Member
April Jee Member
Jessie J. Norak Member

New Equipment Helps Tribal Officers Identify Impaired Drivers

Thanks to a new PBT (preliminary breath tester) provided by the Safe & Sober Campaign, law enforcement officers on the Leech Lake Reservation are better equipped to classify impaired drivers.

The PBT, formally known as the Life Loc, is a hand-held breath alcohol testing device designed to electronically read blood/breath alcohol concentrations when a subject blows into the device. The PBT then displays the result as a number representing the amount of alcohol in the blood.

This determination is important in a number of instances, including underage drinkers who are driving. "The Not-A-Drop law allows us to suspend the license of drivers under the age of 21 when they have drunk any alcohol at all," said Chief Steven Day. "Or if a person's BAC (blood alcohol content) reads over .20, stiffer DUI penalties apply." In

addition, commercial vehicle drivers risk DUI charges if their BAC is .04 or higher. "These PBTs allow us to better enforce Minnesota's DUI laws and keep our roads safe," said Chief Day.

The PBTs were awarded to only 21 Minnesota law enforcement agencies in conjunction with the Safe & Sober November mobilization; during which over 300 Minnesota enforcement agencies buckled down on those who weren't buckled up. The campaign is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and was developed to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and increase the use of safety belts and child safety seats.

A formal presentation was presented to the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department on March 1, 2004.

Leech Lake DRM Starts Tribal Brownsfield Program

When you look around the Leech Lake community do you see abandoned, idled, or under used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination? The Division of Resource Management of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe would like to help you. The DRM along with the Environmental Protection Agency has started a Tribal Brownfields program to help Leech Lake deal with these issues. By investigation and cleaning up a Tribal Brownfields and taking care of a site's possible health and environmental risks, Leech Lake can reuse local land, generate jobs, or add other benefits such as creation of parks or residential areas.

People that believe that they may have any environmental issues dealing with possible contamination currently or in the past can contact the Environmental Director Shirley Nordrum at (218)335-7417. The DRM is committed to address all environmental issues brought forth that apply to any Leech Lake Reservation property. The DRM can conduct site investigations to offer advice and provide options on restoring lands. You can find more information about the Tribal Brownfields program by contacting the Environmental Assistant Diane Thompson at (218) 335-7431 or the Hazardous Waste Technician Tim Hugley at (218) 335-7412.

REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the **individual who burglarized The Eagle Transitional office on or about the evening of Monday, March 1, 2004.** This type of behavior will not be tolerated and we intend to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated and your name will remain anonymous. Please report information to any Leech Lake Tribal office. Thank You.



Tom Krummrow, Law Enforcement Liaison with the Minnesota DPS presents BPT equipment to Leech Lake Chairman Pete White and Chief Steve Day of the Leech Lake DPS.



The Formation of A Citizens Review Board

The Leech Lake Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility to represent the Bands many interests, while still being responsive to the concerns of individual Band members and citizens. The Leech Lake Tribal Council recognizes that in discharging the duties of their offices that at many levels, there is a potential for real, and perceived, conflicts of interests. With that in mind, the Tribal Council introduced and passed a resolution allowing the Tribal Council to provide an independent and unbiased forum to hear allegations of civil rights violations carried out by Leech Lake Tribal Police/Conservation Officers, as well as hearing complaints of other Law Enforcement Agencies and bringing those complaints to the attention of their Law Enforcement Official.

The Tribal Council has established a five (5) member Citizens Review Board comprised of Leech Lake Band Members who are given the authority to hear, investigate, and issue findings in the alleged civil rights violations.

Civil Review Board Members and Telephone Numbers are:

Hilda Beaulieu, Chairperson
(218) 335-3723
Bernice Pemberton, Note Taker
(218) 335-2417
Edwin Mainville, (218) 246-9371
Laurie Harper, (218) 335-2548
Lucy Donnell, (218) 246-2548

All CRB Board Members have complaint forms available to the citizens of each district on our reservation. Please contact them. We have been attending each Local Indian Council Meeting these past 18 months informing Leech Lake Band Members of our Board and it's purpose.

The Citizens Review Board Members meet once every month at regularly scheduled time and place for the purpose of conducting evidentiary and/or to conduct any other business necessary to the operation of the Citizens Review Board. The CRB may meet at such additional times and places deemed

necessary by its members or at the discretion of the chairperson.

The Mission Statement
Adopted 2001 states

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Citizen Review Board was established by the Tribal Council to provide a fair and impartial process for review of citizen complaints of misconduct by the Leech Lake Tribal Police/Conservation Officers. The Board exists to promote the highest attainable standards of integrity and professionalism in our Tribal Police Department. Public confidence is strengthened by assuring that citizen complaints about police conduct are taken seriously, are carefully investigated, and are reviewed by panels made up of citizens of our reservation. The best interests of the people of the Leech Lake Reservation are promoted by fair and thorough examination of conduct of the Leech Lake Tribal Police/Conservation Officers.

The goal of civilian involvement in review and disposition of citizens complaints is the improvement to the quality of police service on the Leech Lake Reservation. This can only be achieved by treating all parties-complaints, witnesses, and charged officers- fairly and with respect.

Goals of the Citizens Review Board

- Maintaining a fair and impartial process of review of citizen complaints of misconduct by Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Police/Conservation Officers
- Investigating and resolving complaints effectively.
- Delivering relevant, timely, impartial and accessible services, including mediation.
- Acting as a resource to victims of alleged police abuse, the public, the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Police Conservation department and Community organizations to prevent future complaints.

- Increasing public awareness of the CRB.

- Requiring ethical performance and accountability.

- Encouraging teamwork through collaboration and communication.

- Monitoring and evaluating our organization's performance.

- Training to reflect responsibility of the CRB role.

- Increasing trust between the Leech Lake Police/Conservation Officers and the community.

The usual types of complaints that Citizens Review Panel normally receive are alleged misconduct by an individual police/Conservation office or officers acting in their own discretion, including but not limited to the following:

- Use of excessive force
- Inappropriate language or attitude
- Harassment
- Discrimination in the provision of police services or other discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, affectional preference, disability or age.

- Failure to provide adequate or timely police protection

The Complaint Process

Any person who has personal knowledge of alleged misconduct on the part of Leech Lake Tribal Police Conservation Officer may file a complaint with the CRB.

To file a complaint, an individual contacts a member of the Citizens Review Board (There is person in each area) than he or she will give complainant a complaint form to fill out and instructions on how to fill out the complaint form. The complainant will also be given a copy of the complaint process. No complaint will be deemed filed with the CRB until it has been reduced to writing and signed by the complainant.

The concept of the Citizen Review Boards is not new. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has long advocated such boards. In fact boards and commissions are in place in many jurisdictions. While no agency wants to encourage complaints, especially those that are unfounded or malicious, it is important the police remain accountable to the public.



Pow Wow Highway April 2004

April 2-3

32nd Annual University of Utah Pow Wow, University of Utah Ballroom, Salt Lake City, Utah, (801) 581-8151
utah.edu/itsa;shely93AK@yahoo.com

April 2-4

Spirit of Lee Kic Kee Pow Wow
419 Summit Street, Minden, LA
(318) 377-4806
turn107@bellsouth.net

April 2-4

University of North Dakota Indian Association Time Out and Wacipi, University of North Dakota, Hyslop Sports Center, (701) 777-6291

April 2-4

Cherokee River
Indian Community Indian Festival, Moulton, Ala.
Klieta Bagwell (256) 566-3818

April 3

A.I.R.O. Pow Wow University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point-Berg Gym, Stevens Point, Wis, (715) 346-3576

April 3-4

15th Annual Honoring Past, Present and Future Generations Competition Pow Wow
University Arena, Western Campus, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Michael Robertson (269) 387-7729
klmorres@wmich.edu;
Jodie.palmer@wmich.edu

April 3-4

Pah-Loots-Pu Pow Wow
Washington State University, Pullman, Wash, (509) 335-8676
April 9-11
15th Annual University of Iowa Pow Wow, Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa, (319) 335-6883

April 10-11

12th Annual Spring Contest Pow Wow, First National Bank, Expedition Hall, Larimer County Fair Grounds, Crossroads Boulevard and Interstate 25, Loveland, Colo., (970) 498-0290
www.fortnet.org/powwow

April 9-11

Celilo Wy-am Salmon Feast and Pow Wow, Celilo Indian Village, 12 miles east of the Dallas on I-84, exit 97, Celilo, Ore,

Bobby Begay (541) 296-8031

April 10

9th Annual Harvard University Pow Wow, Radcliffe Quadrangle Athletic Facility, 66 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass., (617) 493-3649

April 13

11th Annual Traditional St. Cloud Pow Wow, Halenbeck Hall, St. Cloud, Minn., (320) 654-5449

April 16-18

38th Annual LIHA, Hidden Oaks Campgrounds, Robert, La.
(504) 367-1375

April 16-18

6th Annual United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation Pow Wow
Guntersville, Ala
Gina Williamson (256) 582-0114
stilwtra@bellsouth.net

April 16-18

11th Annual Chilliwack Pow Wow, Heritage Park, Chilliwack
British Columbia, Canada
(604) 824-2454
www.stolonation.bc.ca/Miramar/

powwow/twmain.htm

April 16-18

18th Annual Arizona State Univeristy Spring Competition Pow Wow, ASU Band Practice Field
Sixth Street & Rural Road
Tempe, Ariz
Lee Williams (480) 965-2224
http://powwow.asu.edu

April 17

Cherokee Gathering, Blackjack Road, Abrey, Texas, (940) 482-3381
dougwalp@advantemail.net

April 16-18

39th Annual Haliwa-Saponi Pow Wow, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribal Ground, Hollister, N.C., (252) 586-4017

April 16-18

First Nations at the University of Washington 32nd Annual Spring Pow Wow, Bank of America Hec Ed Pavillion, Seattle, Wash, (206) 685-4147
Angela Picard (206) 543-4635
Stephanie Peterson (206) 934-8639

April 17-18

15th Annual Humboldt State

University Pow Wow, West Gym, Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. (707) 826-4994
www.humboldt.edu/~powwow

April 18

Modesto Junior College/Red Nations & Friends 6th Annual Pow Wow, Modesto Junior College East Campus Quad, 435 College Ave., Modesto, Calif
Eric Anthony Ivory (209) 575-6255
www.angelfire.com/mb/rednations

April 17-18

6th Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, Frisco Native American Museum, Hatteras Island, N.C., (252) 995-4440

April 22-24

21st Annual Gathering of Nations Pow Wow and Miss Indian World Pageant, University of New Mexico Arena, "The Pit", Albuquerque, N.M., (505) 836-2810
www.gatheringofnations.com

April 23-25

Native Solutions 6th Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, Heflin Football Field Heflin, Ala., (265) 835-0110; (265) 820-6315

April 24-25

7th Annual Bison Grounds Blessing Pow Wow, Wildlife Prairie Park, Peoria, Ill., (309) 676-0998
www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org

April 24-25

13th Annual AIC Spring Traditional Pow Wow, Boone County 4-H Grounds, Lebanon, Ind., (765) 482-3315

April 30-May 2

Munsee Delaware Nation, USA Gathering and Festival, Route 22 Vista Lane, Winterset, Ohio (east of Cambridge), Mother Red Hawk or Little Shadow (330) 386-1121

April 30-May 2

J. Longfeather's Awakening of Mother Earth, Lazybrook Park Kunkhannock, Pa., Kathy Johnson (507) 836-3344; windhawks daughter@hotmail.com

The entire summer Pow Wow Highway schedule is available by contacting the DeBahJiMon at (218) 335-8225 or lltpaper@paulbunyan.net

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attached garages and large yards, surrounded by wooded areas.

Low-income families with at least three (3) family members or up to six (6) family members are encouraged to apply. Income qualifications are at 50% and 30% of the 2004 Median Income Guidelines.

Applicants must meet all LLHA admission requirements in addition to criteria stated above. See Rosi Reed, Tax Credit Specialist, or call her toll-free at 1-866-223-2233 at the Leech Lake Housing Authority office for further information.

Fiscal Year 2004 Application Deadlines USDA, Rural Rental Housing Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the application deadlines for several of their rural rental housing programs. They include:

Direct Rural Rental Housing Loans: Deadline April 6, 2004 – Loans made directly from the USDA Rural Housing Service to provide rental housing in rural areas for very-low, low, or moderate income individuals or families (including the elderly and those with disabilities). Individuals, corporations, associations, trusts, Indian tribes, public or private non-profit organizations, consumer cooperatives, or partnerships are eligible for the loans. Rental assistance for low and very-low income residents may be requested with the loan application.

Housing Preservation Grants: Deadline May 6, 2004 – Grants are provided by USDA Rural Development to public agencies, private non-profit organizations,

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approximately half of that was profit for the contractor. Now that Leech Lake has the capability of digging their own wells, this will create a significant savings for the Band.

The new rig is a brand new shiny red truck that has both air and mud drilling capability. It is also equipped with grout and water



and other eligible groups to assist homeowners in repairing or rehabilitating their homes. The grant recipient may also assist rental housing owners and cooperative housing complexes if they agree to make the renovated units available to low and very-low income people.

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants: Deadline May 6, 2004 - Loans and grants are provided by USDA to provide off-farm housing for farm worker households. Public agencies (such as local housing authorities) and local or state units of government are eligible, along with broad-based non-profit organizations, non-profit organizations of farm workers, federally recognized Indian tribes, and limited partnerships having a non-profit entity as the general partner.

Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Loans: Deadline May 14, 2004 (or until all funds have been expended) – USDA Rural Development will guarantee up to 90

percent of a loan made by traditional lenders to state and local housing finance agencies and bond issuers. Loans may be for new construction or the purchase and renovation of existing rural rental housing units.

For further information, contact Joyce Vondal at 651-602-7804, or your local USDA Rural Development Area Office.

New Funding Available for Home Ownership and Repair Loans

The Brainerd Rural Development office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has loan funds available for low income applicants to finance the purchase of construction of a home, or for home repairs for residents of Crow Wing, Aitkin and Cass Counties. If you meet the income guidelines, have a good credit history, job stability, show repayment ability for the loan amount, and be unable to obtain sufficient credit from other sources, Rural Development may be able to help you.

No down payment is required and part of or the entire loan closing costs may be written into the loan. Inquiries can be directed to the Brainerd Rural Development Office at (218) 829-5965, extension 4. Written inquiries should be sent to Rural Development, 512 NE C Street, Brainerd, Mn. 54601.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Housing Corporation First-Time Homebuyer Education Class

Saturday, April 24, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

15542 State 371 NW

Cass Lake, MN



Course Topics:

- ◆ Are you ready to buy a home?
- ◆ Budgeting and Credit
- ◆ Obtaining a Mortgage with MCT
- ◆ Keeping your Home & Managing Finances
- ◆ What to Look for in an Existing Home
- ◆ MCT Procedures for New Construction
- ◆ Fee Land and Lease Land
- ◆ Understand Homeowners Insurance
- ◆ Closing your Loan
- ◆ Maintaining your home

First-time Homebuyer Education is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Housing Corporation for qualified buyers.

Please reserve your spot in this class with Cindy Beaulieu at 218-335-8582 extension 150 or cindyb@paulbunyan.net

No childcare is provided so please make other arrangements.

<h3>Seeds of Spring!</h3> <p>Garden Seminar and Seed Giveaway</p>		<p>Monday April 12, 2004</p> <p>4pm to 6pm</p> <p>Vet's Memorial Building</p>	<p>Greater Cass Lake Weed and Seed Initiative will be there to answer questions. Prizes and seeds will be given away throughout the seminar!</p>
<p><i>Leech Lake Tribal College's One Garden at a Time Program (formerly Project Grow) invites you to attend this year's garden seminar and seed giveaway event!</i></p>		<p>Garden Seminars include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting seeds • Preparing the soil • Preserving foods • Traditional gardening • and more 	
<p>Sponsors: Leech Lake Tribal College's One Garden at a Time Program, the Woodland's Wisdom Program, Beltrami County and Cass County Master Gardeners, Leech Lake Department of Resource Management, and the Greater Cass Lake Weed and Seed Initiative. Prizes and seeds donated by Minnesota Green.</p>		<p>For more information contact: Sherri Moe Leech Lake Tribal College Center for Career Development 335-4258 or 335-4200 TDD No. 1-800-627-3529</p>	



Meth, Sex and the Rez

By Andrew Iron Shell, Guest Indian Country Today Columnist

The reservation party scene has become more complex over the generations. In our more traditional times, a party in Indian country was based on a celebration of spirituality and community. A time to exploit the beauty of the life force around us, a time to give thanks. In this time of innocence, we did not need stimulants to produce good feeling and good times.

As indigenous populations became and become more of an endangered species, the party circuit ranges on but a very different end of the spectrum. Natives still come together to visit, share war stories and snag. From ancestral times to contemporary times, the party scene in Indian country has gone from gatherings of celebration to predominately a gathering to ease the pains of intergenerational trauma and daily hardship.

Since its introduction to indigenous populations, alcohol has become the Native gateway drug to harder substances. In the '60's, although thought to be isolated, we experienced the psychedelic drug craze via migration Native urbanites and our returning servicemen and women. We were introduced to the world of synthetic drugs, heroin, cocaine, and of course cannabis, which continues to be very popular.

It is common knowledge in

Indian country how the party life has affected our nations. It has numbed the assimilation process, which all Natives are born into. It has maimed and killed, it has created a slow and systematic death drawing even those who don't abuse alcohol or drugs into its agony.

Alcohol abuse is visibly and statistically rampant in Indian country. Sadly, at times we seem to have become desensitized or complacent in addressing the overwhelming challenges we face in helping our people. Because of this, we have not really noticed that crystal meth is becoming a greater problem than all our intergenerational addictions combined.

Our breakdown of family structure, traditional mentality and spirituality has been overwhelmingly and negatively influenced by alcoholism and substance abuse. This is nothing compared to what meth has to offer. Meth is a large contributing factor to the AIDS epidemic in the United States. Nicely said, when someone takes meth it usually results in a very sharp increase in sexual appetite. With lowered inhibitions it is not uncommon that we are finding users utilizing multiple sex partners while on meth and not considering any precautions toward sexual safety. One young girl I spoke with said, "I have unsafe sex while on crystal, I

think I was lonely, bored and meth gets me close to guys I like and makes me closer to them." The result of these behaviors is an increase in unintended teen pregnancy, domestic violence, criminal activity, sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and the continued erosion of the positives in our tribal communities. We are finding house parties where the menu consists of meth only, and sex for as long as possible and with as many people as possible. When I asked why they choose that drug over alcohol, the answer was that meth is more accessible than alcohol and more of an intense high than marijuana.

The reservation party circuit is a complex place. For every sad story of substance abuse and self-destruction there are many more stories of lasting friendship and richly satisfying experiences. Our people are gathering for more than just the high. It is a jaded form of a healing process. Life in Indian country is hard and we've spent so much energy just trying to stay Native and stay alive that many of our people don't have the coping skills needed to deal with the complex issues we are born into. No one is going to stop their party life until they are ready to do so.

It is not time to condemn those who won't or can't stop but it is our collective responsibility to provide a means for those who do want to walk a different path in life. For those who continue to party, it's time for them to take ownership of the health issues associated with the party scene. Consider moderation, use bleach kits, use condoms, wear seatbelts, respect yourself and those around you. Those are some things we should all be doing but it's very important for those who choose high risk behaviors to take notice. Long-term methamphetamine abuse commonly results in paranoia, violent behavior, anxiety, confusion,

unhealthy weight loss and insomnia, and can even result in painful death.

One troubling issue to note consists of meth smokers graduation to injection use. It is becoming alarmingly common to see our Native youth injection drugs before they're old enough to experience their first prom. Some meth injectors are stealing syringes from diabetic family members and may not be using proper safety precautions to avoid Hepatitis C or HIV. Some who get their needles in this manner are secretly returning

the needles thus placing our diabetics in grave danger.

With the majority of new HIV infection happening in women and young people from 15-24 years old, we must learn what personal actions we may be doing that would put us at risk for HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and addiction itself. We all need a break from the everyday challenges now and then but I don't think any of us start out wanting to destroy ourselves or contribute to the genocide of our Native populations.

We as native people have an obligation to rekindle our tradition of helping one another. I'm not saying we should be a snitch or a preacher but be compassionate and use the power of peer pressure, wisdom and caring to support one another in positive ways. This is the only way we are going to succeed in meeting the many health challenges that our great Native nations face everyday. There is help in our local health systems to help those who want to address their substance abuse issues. There is support for those who want to help someone else. Give yourself permission to make the effort. The life force of Indian country may well depend on it.

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Lisa Tiger Tells Her Story

Well Nations Magazine

Many of you may remember Lisa Tiger when she came to Leech Lake a few years back and spoke to the students at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School about her life and being infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. This is her story as she is living it today.

People throughout Indian Country have heard my story and I'm sure many assume I am dead. I've been infected with HIV since 1988. I've had AIDS since 1999. I will be 39 years old on March 2 and I will give birth to my first child on March 22, 2004.

I was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1965. My father was Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole and my mother is Irish and Cherokee. My sister Dana is two years older than me, and my brother Chris was two years younger.

My father, the artist Jerome Tiger, died of an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound in 1967 at the age of 26. I was only two and a half years old. My mother Peggy put herself through college, raised her three young children, and started

a successful art company that sold reproductions of my dad's original paintings.

We have always been an athletic family. My dad and uncle, Johnny Tiger Jr., were golden gloves boxing champions. My sister Dana and I were state champion arm-wrestlers. My brother Chris was in baseball, football, and wrestling. I was in dance class - tap and ballet - was a class I gymnast, head cheerleader, a diver on the high school swim team and I coached the Muskogee Boxing Club.

My high school goal was to graduate a virgin and stay away from drugs and alcohol. I met my goals, but started drinking after I graduated and lost my virginity while drunk at age twenty. I decided drinking was not for me and quit around my 21st birthday.

I met the man who infected me with HIV in 1988 and we dated for almost three years. I broke up with him after my 22 year old brother was murdered. Chris was shot at point blank range and died instantly. I had a hard time dealing with his

death. My grief was too much for my boyfriend to understand.

Two years after the breakup I found out my ex-boyfriend had sex with men. Knowing that sex between men was considered high-risk behavior for contracting HIV, I decided to be tested. On July 5, 1992 I found out that I was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. In the early 1990s when a person had an AIDS diagnosis, their life expectancy was only two years. This was, of course, devastating news for my family but it actually helped me to begin to heal and accept my brother's death.

I promised my mom that I would take care of myself and try to live as long as I possibly could. I was never ashamed of having HIV and felt it was important to warn others of the dangers of this deadly, but preventable, disease. Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller hired me to do AIDS education throughout the Cherokee Nation. I was able to go to national Indian conferences where the members of other tribes heard me speak. I was soon traveling to reservations all across the country.

I was in Albuquerque, NM when my best friend, painter Raymond Nordwall, introduced me to my future husband Diego Romero. Diego said it was love at first sight. I was definitely attracted to him. It was exciting to be interested in such a talented artist. Diego is a contemporary Pueblo potter. We had serious feelings for each other, but Diego wanted a physical relationship. I explained to him that I had been celibate since learning I had HIV and that celibacy was an important part of my life also I didn't like the fact that Diego was a drinker. I despised alcohol. Both my dad and brother's deaths were alcohol related. We parted, because of our differences, after dating for several months.

I had always thought about having a baby. One of my first questions for my AIDS doctor was about the possibility of having a family. He has always encouraged me not to let HIV stop me from having children. Today, with the AIDS drugs now

available, there is less than a 1% chance of passing the AIDS virus on to my child.

For years, as I traveled throughout Indian Country I searched for the perfect Native American sperm donor. My top three candidates were a former professional baseball player, a doctor, and a contemporary pueblo potter. Yes, Diego was third on my list.

In 1996, I was on a reservation when I came across four children, siblings, ages three, five, six, and seven. They had been abandoned in a park a long way from their home reservation. The tribe had located them, brought them back, and was in the process of finding them a placement, when I visited the shelter in which they were staying. I called my mom and asked her if she would be willing to help me if I were able to obtain custody of the children. She told me to see what I could do. I petitioned the tribe and they granted temporary custody, which has now lasted for over eight years.

At the time I was young and naïve and thought I could single-handedly change the world. I was not qualified or financially secure enough to take on such a responsibility but I've done the best that I can with the resources I have.

A couple of hard blows came in 1999. My HIV turned to AIDS, which happens when a person's t-cells or CD4 cells drop below 200. I also found out that I have the debilitating disease Parkinson's. With AIDS, Parkinson's disease and the four children, I stopped thinking about having a baby.

Ten years after our brief romance, Diego called to tell me he had quit drinking. He said one of the first thoughts he had after sobering up was; "Now I can be with Lisa." We talked for hours on the phone and couldn't wait to see each other. Diego told me he always had a feeling we were meant to be together and that he was going to marry me. He flew to Oklahoma and we fell right back in

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Elders Chair: Peter Pequette, Jr., a Legend in his Own Time

By Patsy Gordon

After traveling through one of the worst snow storms of the winter of 2004 and after my knuckles had turned thoroughly white, I finally reached Pete Pequette's home on Dupont Avenue in South Minneapolis. He had been up early and had already shoveled off his walk and steps!

I could tell as he greeted me at his door that Pete was one of those people we would consider "a young senior"! He still has a lot of spring in his step.

Pete was born and raised in Cass Lake, Mn. to Peter and Susan Pequette, 62 years ago. His siblings included 3 brother and 7 sisters, whom all still live within the state of Minnesota.

Pete attended school in Cass Lake and Duluth where he completed the 11th grade, and enjoyed bowling as a sport and boxed as a young man. He then enlisted in the service in 1958 and spent 3 years in the Army. His tour of duty took him to Berlin, Germany, for 19 months where he was in the regular infantry. He was honorably discharged as Corporal Pequette in 1961. That's when the Corporal moved back to Cass Lake where he worked for the Forest Service.

In 1963, he married his wife Joanne and they moved back to Minneapolis. He said they had to go where he could find work. Pete worked as a machinist for 40 years in 3 different machine shops in the Twin Cities. He worked building machine parts for Honeywell, Control Data, and other major corporations. Also, during this time, he purchased the neighborhood convenience store from a friend of his. He ran the store for 5 years from 1985 to 1990 until he sold it himself.

Together, Pete and his 21 year-old grand daughter live in his well-kempt home

in Minneapolis. I told him, "You sure do keep a clean home for a man!" He confessed that it was his granddaughter that was responsible for the tidy house. Pete lost his beloved wife, Joanne, in 1994 after 32 years of marriage. Pete and Joanne raised their 5 children in Minneapolis. They had 3 girls and 2 boys. Every year during the first two weeks in July, Pete would take his family camping. They visited places in South Dakota, Wyoming, and other states, but mostly went up north where they enjoyed spending their vacation time. His children have blessed him with 17 grand children. His daughters still live in Minneapolis, but both of his sons live on the Leech Lake Reservation and work for the Band. Pete said, "I've always kept in contact with the rez, if there had been work there, I would have stayed".

Growing up, Pete said he danced at the pow-wows in his younger days.

He also made sure he went ricing every year. Pete said, "We would buy school clothes and all kinds of stuff with our ricing money. I would take vacation time to

go ricing!" He continued that tradition into his married years when he and his wife would then rice together. Pete said, "We would get a couple hundred pounds, just enough to last for ourselves, then we would get it finished". As a young fellow, he also used to pick pine cones and blueberries. He recalled the days when he used to go to North Dakota to work on a "spud truck". All of these activities produced income and food that he and his family used as part of their livelihood.

Pete spoke both Ojibwe and English as he was growing up. Unfortunately, over the years, he has lost some of his ability to speak Ojibwe. He says he can now understand it better than he can speak it.

When we talked about his favorite past times he told me about how he likes to hunt and returns to Cass Lake every year to do just that. I hadn't noticed the buck when I first walked in the house, how I could have missed it, I don't know. Being a hunting woman myself, I was curious and when I inquired if he had ever shot a legend, he pointed to the buck hanging above the fireplace.

Perched behind me was Pete's legend, a 10-point buck, that he shot one year while hunting on the rez. (see

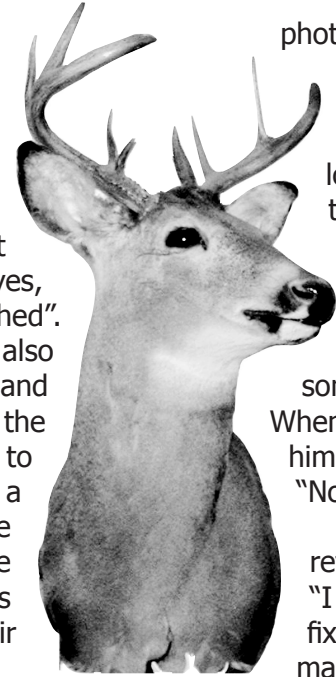


photo). I was flabbergasted and amazed as I sat there and admired the buck because that looked like one fine prize to me!

Pete used to do a lot of fishing, but "I don't fish much anymore though, my son's got a boat", he said. When I asked if his son takes him fishing now he said, "No, I take him fishing!"

Pete says he is now retired and he hates it, "I just can't live on that fixed income, I just can't make it!" We all know this proves to be a common problem with many seniors in today's life. He said there are a lot of elders that need help, just to have medical insurance is \$130.00 a week!

Being retired, one of the activities he participates in and enjoys is singing with the Ojibwe Hymn Group. Pete said his dad started that group in 1968 and made sure that he and his siblings sang and he said they still do it. The group sings at all the wakes they are asked to.

ELDERS SEARCH

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

(218) 335-8225

You can also e-mail at:

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


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Join us for a walk before lunch

"Nutrition 411"

Submitted by **Kim Jacobs, MS, RD**, a registered dietitian for the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

Q. How can I be healthy when I eat out? S.L., MI

A. Once you read these tips from the American Dietetic Association and get the hang of it, it's easy (and doesn't cost any more money) to cut back on the "not so healthy" way of eating when dining out!

- Choose fried foods only sometimes -- go for grilled, broiled, or steamed foods more often.
- Order the regular or kid-size portion. Mega-sized servings are probably more than you need.
- Try a side salad instead of fries.
- Split your order. Share fries or an extra large sandwich with a friend.
- In place of fries or fried onion rings, order corn on the cob, green beans or baked beans, or rice.
- A baked potato offers more fiber and fewer calories than fries, just go easy on the sour cream and butter. Top your potato with broccoli, a small amount of cheese or salsa.
- At the deli or sub shop, choose lean beef, ham, turkey, or chicken on whole grain bread.
- For a lighter meal, order an appetizer for your main course.
- Go easy on condiments, special

sauces and dressings on sandwiches and salads. Ask for mustard, catsup, salsa or low-fat spreads and dressings.

• At the salad bar, pile on the dark leafy greens, carrots, peppers and other fresh vegetables. Lighten up on mayonnaise-based salads and high fat toppings.

• Order salad with dressing on the side so you can control how much is added.

• Pass up all-you-can-eat specials, buffets and unlimited salad bars if you tend to eat too much.

• If you do choose the buffet, fill up on salad and vegetables first. Take no more than two trips and use the small plate which holds less food.

• For dessert, choose fresh fruit or a container of fruit chunks if available. Or, share dessert with a friend.

Getting Fit and Staying There

The Life Work Family Newsletter

Getting fit is easier than most of us think – or so they say! Just 30 minutes of activity a day can boost your health. Your list of options is endless – go for a walk, mow the law, dance, swim, whatever your little ole' heart desires. If a full 30 minutes is more than you can do or find time for, you can accumulate shorter spurts of activity. A 10 minute walk before work, 10 minutes of stair climbing during lunch, and 10 minutes of household chores after dinner, and you're on your way to the good life.

You can tailor your activities to fit your lifestyle and fitness level. It doesn't have to be about training for marathons. It's just about moving and having fun, stretching your muscles, working your lungs and heart, warming up your joints. If you begin at a pace that's comfortable for you, with an activity you enjoy, you'll feel benefits right away.

You'll feel good about yourself for getting started; then your body will start feeling stronger and more

flexible. And, if you keep at it, you'll probably start eating better, feeling more energetic, coping better with stress, and generally living a more healthy lifestyle.

Other benefits include a stronger heart and immune system; stronger lungs; healthier bones, muscles and joints; better balance and weight control; and improved sleep.

Regular exercise also reduces risk for many diseases and can postpone disability, according to the National Institutes of Health and the American Medical Association. For instance, exercise can:

Reduce the risk of heart disease, colon cancer, and diabetes.

Reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Relieve pain and ease joint mobility in osteoarthritis.

Reduce depression, stress and anxiety.

Prevent osteoporosis.

Thank You!

The Squaw Lake Gilfillan Memorial Episcopal Church held a 50-50 raffle at the Facility Center Concourse at noon, March 26th, 2004. The total of \$410.00 was raised from selling the raffle tickets and the proceeds of \$205.00 will go for the upkeep and utilities of the Church.

Frank Reese was chosen to draw a name out of the box and the lucky winner was Becky Northbird, Leech Lake Housing, for winning a total of \$205.00. Congratulations Becky!

A thank you goes out to Ruby Rogers, Vicki White, Karen Washington for helping with selling the raffle tickets. A special thanks goes to Shallah Washington for selling the most tickets.

The members will be sponsoring fund raisers in the following months and hope to have another good turn out.

Tree & Shrub Giveaway

This spring the Leech Lake DRM will again distribute wildlife trees and shrubs to tribal members. We have again ordered the wildlife trees and shrubs (usually includes wild plum, chokecherry, red osier dogwood, etc.), plus a limited number of black elderberry bushes, white cedar, white spruce, and red oak. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of trees and/or shrubs per person will be limited, so that more people will be able to get them. They will be available at the DRM in early or mid-May, but the exact date is not known yet. Watch for notices posted at community centers, the Facility Center, DRM, etc.

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love the moment we saw each other at the airport. He said we could marry after he had been sober for a year. The wait was so that others would take our marriage seriously. I suggested "We could get married now and not tell anyone for a year." We were married on a beautiful spring day in Van Buren, Arkansas. We were only able to keep our secret for a couple of weeks.

Diego asked me if I ever thought of having a baby anymore and I told him "No". He said that he wanted us to have a baby girl and name her Cricket. I said, "Cricket after my dad?" He replied, "Your dads name was Cricket?" I said "No, but he told people that after he died he would come back as a cricket."

After careful consideration I decided to try. I believed if it were meant to be then it would happen. While visiting Diego's mom in California I artificially inseminated myself using a syringe given to me by my doctor. I became pregnant on the very first try. Because I believed any drug powerful enough to control AIDS would damage my health I had never agreed to take medication. I resisted the advice of every physician with whom I spoke as well as my primary doctor.

The pregnancy was a drain on my already compromised immune system. Ideally, a woman will have an undetectable viral load at the time she gives birth but the virus in my body was out of control and my T cells, which protect the body from disease, were almost non-existent. It was time to decide whether to start the AIDS drugs immediately or wait until the second trimester of pregnancy; it was my decision.

A baby is protected during pregnancy but is at risk for contracting the virus during birth - and the amount of virus in the mother's body is a measure of the degree of risk to the baby. The first three months are the period when most fetal development takes place. The usual recommendation is: if you are already taking medication, continue; if not, health permitting, wait until the second trimester. I decided to wait even

though I had absolutely no immune system. It has been a difficult pregnancy.

I developed shingles, which were extremely painful. Shingles are the chicken pox virus reactivated in a persons nerves. This year's version of the flu was especially devastating; I had a temperature of 104 degrees and, as with the shingles, the medicine I could take was limited because of possible consequences to the baby. There were times when I didn't know if I would make it. Now the prognosis couldn't be better.

The baby has done well throughout the pregnancy. My doctor has ordered an ultra-sound as a part of every office visit so I have watched her grow from a tiny speck to a baby who opens and closes her eyes, yawns, and stretches her arms and legs. At my last visit to the doctor I learned she is 10% bigger than the average size baby at the end of the seventh month in uterus.

Life can be truly amazing. I think back to times when I was in so much emotional pain that I felt like giving up. Now I feel like I am being rewarded. I have an amazing husband who has taken great and constant care of me during difficult periods during this pregnancy. Right now we are staying in our family art gallery, which Diego uses for his studio. We have moved my bed into the large room where he works so we are together all the time. My body is now free of any detectible virus and after fifteen drug free years I seem to be adjusting to AIDS medication. Because my virus was untreated I am able to take milder drugs than persons who have gone through a number of treatment schedules.

The AIDS virus becomes immune to various drugs, after a period of treatment, and the medication must be changed. Over time AIDS drugs become more and more difficult to take because of side effects and damage to other parts of the body. My first doctor was a brilliant, caring man. We quarreled over my refusal to start treatment. He said I would die and I said I would not subject my body to the drugs until my

health begins to suffer because of the disease.

My doctor moved to Florida and is now involved in research. He is one of the leading experts on all areas of AIDS treatment and I consider him a close friend, so I was delighted when I learned we would both be speaking at a state AIDS conference in Florida. We know so much more now than when I first learned I had tested HIV positive. In his speech before the conference attendees my doctor said, "I have to admit if Lisa had followed my advice she would not be as healthy as she is today." I would go further - I believe I would be dead if I had started treatment in the first years after testing positive." Conversely, I risked my life by waiting as long as I did to begin treatment. My doctor was delighted about my pregnancy and said if I do everything

according to the most recent findings I would have a greater chance of being killed in a car wreck than of passing the virus on to my baby.

People ask me why I have survived this long. I tell them exercise, exercise, exercise! I have kept to a vigorous schedule of walking, running, and weight lifting. Of course, I have cut back because of my pregnancy but my doctors tell me I have the body of a woman in her twenties. I also believe in prayer. I am fortunate to have people that pray for me all across this country.

My plans for the future include resuming my work as an AIDS educator. I have friendships, which will last a lifetime, made with people I met on my travels.

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Tribal College Transfer Program

DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2004

Program Description:

Nissan North America, inc., in partnership with the American Indian College Fund, will award scholarships to outstanding American Indian SOPHOMORES ONLY!! Students currently enrolled in tribal colleges and universities who are planning to pursue a bachelor's degree upon completion of an associate's degree at the tribal college or university. Selected students will receive \$2,000 scholarships during their SOPHOMORE year and may receive \$2,000 scholarships during their Junior and Senior years of college (Pending Available Funds), provided that the students continue to meet academic standards and program eligibility requirements.

Eligibility:

Students are eligible to apply for the Nissan North America, INC. /Tribal Transfer program if they:

- Are American Indian or Alaska Native
- Will be a SOPHOMORE by the fall 2004 School term and are enrolled full time in an associate's degree program at a tribal college or university (Junior and Senior are ineligible to apply)
- Have demonstrated general academic achievement
- Plan to transfer to a Bachelor's Degree program at a tribal college or at a mainstream institution (Bachelors Degree Program can be at the same Tribal College at which the student may currently be pursuing an Associate's Degree) in the fall of 2005.

Have demonstrated leadership, service and commitment to the American Indian Community.

Complete Applications packets must be sent to:

American Indian College Fund
Nissan North America, INC. / Tribal College Transfer Program
8333 Greenwood Blvd.
Denver, CO 80221

Questions can be addressed to Rick Waters at 1-800-776-3863 or by Email to waters@collegefund.org.

New Home for Native American Students on the Web REZNET

Reznet, a new online newspaper, will pay American Indian college students to write for their school newspaper - even if their colleges don't have one.

Reznet is a project of the University of Montana School of Journalism and the Robert C. Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, a non-profit corporation working to expand journalism opportunities for people of color. A grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation funded the project.

Reznet will hire 20 Native American college students around the country as reporters and pay them \$50 a story to cover their tribal communities or colleges. Reznet reporters potentially can write one story per week, earning as much as \$200 per month. The reporters also will receive digital cameras and receive training in photojournalism. They will transmit stories and photos

via email. In addition to salary, the reznet reporters will receive college credit for their work, making the project the first distance learning journalism course available to tribal colleges.

While the internet of reznet is to produce more Native Americans entering professional journalism, project organizers also hope the newspaper will become an important, popular and crowded place for Native students to gather on the internet. Before the launch of reznet, there was no place on the web for Native students to congregate and communicate.

"I really believe it will make a difference," said Denny McAuliffe, reznet project director.

Anyone interested in working for reznet or in obtaining more information should call McAuliffe at 406-243-2191, or email him at dmcauliffe@reznetnews.org.

George V. Goodwin Memorial Scholarship Fund

The \$1,000 George V. Goodwin Memorial Scholarship has been offered to qualified Minnesota Chippewa Tribe enrollees every year since 1989. Through this scholarship, we hope to continue George V. Goodwin's quest for consummate leadership for Native Americans.

During his 20 year career in Indian government, George V. Goodwin served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington DC, and Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minneapolis Area. He believed that strong leadership and pride in oneself and one's heritage are important for the prosperity of our people. George possessed the unique combination of a strong educational background, an extraordinary ability to communicate, complimented by integrity and compassion; these remarkable traits are sought in the recipient of this scholarship.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and currently be attending full time as a junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited college or university. He or she must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and be able to show or demonstrate a potential for leadership. Deadline for application is April 30, 2004. The recipient will be selected by May 15, 2004.

Requests for applications may be directed to Katherine and/or Dana Goodwin, PO Box 44, Naytahwaush, MN 56566.

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Leech Lake Early Childhood Development Spring Conference
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Questions, contact Ann Cloud or Diane Smith at 1-800-551-0960

Kids Rules for Online Safety

The most important thing to remember is that when you are online in any kind of a public forum, you are out in public, and anyone can read whatever you type. You should never type anything on the Internet that you would not want known to anyone, anywhere in the world. You should also remember that people you meet in cyberspace might not be who they seem to be. Here are some of the potential risks that arise when children access the Internet:

Keep your identity private: if you are in any type of public forum, avoid giving out your full name, your mailing address, your telephone number, the name of your school, or any other information that could help someone determine your actual identity. The same applies to your family and friends. Never reveal anything about other people that could possibly get them into trouble.

Never get together with someone you "meet" online. The biggest danger to your safety is if you get together with someone you "meet" online. Remember, you never know (for certain) if people you meet online are who they say they are. If you do feel it is appropriate to meet with someone, discuss it with your parents and never go to the meeting by yourself. Arrange to meet in a public place, like a coffee shop or mall that you (not just the other

person) are familiar and comfortable with, and never go alone. The safest procedure is to have your parents talk with the parents of the other person and for both of you to bring your parents along on the first meeting.

Never respond to e-mail, chat comments, or newsgroup messages That are hostile, belligerent, inappropriate, or in any way make you feel uncomfortable. It is not your fault if you get a message that is mean or in any way makes you feel uncomfortable. If you get such a message, do not respond. Instead, show it to your parents or a trusted adult to see if there is anything you can do to make it stop. Sending a response just encourages the person.

Talk to your parents about their expectations and ground rules for going online. It is important that you and your parents are on the same channel when it comes to your online activities. This includes when you can go online, how long you can stay online, and what activities you can do online. Communication with your parents does not mean that you have to give up your privacy. It just means that you come to an agreement based on mutual trust and understanding. While you are at it, perhaps you can help your parents better understand the internet, what it can be used for, and how it is helpful for teens.

LLBO Early Childhood Development Presents Their Annual Spring Conference

This years conference will be held at the Early Childhood Complex in Cass Lake on May 8, 2004.

This annual conference is an excellent opportunity for parents, child care providers, Head Start program staff and informal care givers to explore new information and gain insight on a wide variety of topics. Break out sessions include literacy, science, Positive Indian Parenting and much more. We will have a Scholastic Book Fair and vendors on site. Lunch, entertainment and door prizes round out this fun-filled day

focused on improving the quality of child care.

The conference is free to parents, early childhood educators, child care providers and open to the community. Continuing Education Credits will be offered through the Leech Lake Tribal College for full participation in this valuable day. Pre-registration is requested by April 16, 2004. Walk-ins are welcome. To register or more information call Ann Cloud or Diane Smith at Leech Lake Early Childhood Development, 218-335-8345 or 1-800-551-0969.

Traditional Foods Project at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School

By Valerie Howard, 8th grade

The project we are working on is our traditional foods and plants. At the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School we planted a garden of plants and vegetables. We even saved the seeds.

We planted tobacco, squash, potatoes, corn, and other native crops. The main crop we planted was tobacco. We use it in almost every ceremony. We have an opening and closing ceremony. The opening is on Monday and closing is held on Friday. Other types of plants we use are sweet grass and sage. We are learning a lot about culture and how to plant, harvest, dry, and store our crops.

I think it is neat that we are able to learn so much about our culture and how we planted and harvested long ago. We are even learning about our native language and how to pronounce the names of the plants in Ojibwe.

Last fall we learned how to harvest and gather our wild rice. We also learned how to prepare and store it. There are five steps to gather and harvest wild rice.

At our school there is a nature trail. We learn about the trees and plants. Being on the trail is fun for me because you can learn so much more about the forest. The trails go all over and I think there is even a bog and lake. There are a whole lot of sounds of animals. You can hear them but you barely ever see them.

In the spring we collect maple syrup. We collect it from trees and have to boil it until it gets thick. It is really fun, but it gets cold. We do this almost every spring. We use it in many different ways. This is the project we are working on at our school. The knowledge gained at our school will help us in the future.



Students tend their traditional garden. L-R John Parmeter (Teacher), Valerie Howard, Robin Windom, Paris Johnson

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Silver Eagles Boxers at Hinckley Tournament

By Patty Bittner and Henry Harper

The Silver Eagle boxing team made their debut in Hinckley, MN on March 6th on a boxing card sponsored by the Crossroads Boxing Club. Cody Stangel started the night off with a convincing decision over Harold Knowlew, of the Crossroads Boxing Club, at 85 lbs. Scotty White lost a hard fought decision to John Hall, of St. Cloud at 105 lbs. Kyle Stangel and Robin Windom hooked up in a good match. When their opponents failed to show, Kyle was the victor over his own teammate in the 119 lb. bout.

Cassie Rice lost her bout to Sarah Burzette of St. Cloud at 140 lbs. Jacob Johnson won the slug-fest over Warren Komis of Spencer, WI in a 150 lb. match up.

Rob Jordan from Onigum, MN, brought the Leech Lake Boxers

to Hinckley, accompanying the Silver Eagles Boxing Team. Boxing for the Leech Lake Club, Tony Bushey, Steven Peterson, and the Rice boys, John and Charlie also boxed on the card at Hinckley March 6th.

Coaches for the Silver Eagles Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Club are: Patty Bittner of Deer River, MN, and Henry (Crock) Harper of Cass Lake, MN, who is also the coach of the Leech Lake Boxing Club.

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Boxing Club will be holding a boxing tournament in the beginning of April.

The Junior Olympic boxing tournament will be held in Mille Lacs this year on May 1st and 2nd at the Mille Lacs community center.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Staff Holds Staff Recognition Awards Ceremony

On March 5, 2004, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School held their employee recognition awards. The program began with a catered meal and a welcome from Carol Jenkins – School Board Chair, and was followed by a few words of inspiration and a song by Tribal Chairman, Peter White.

Some of the awards given out during the program were years of service certificates – most notably Mike Schmid and Ellen Adams who have both taught at the school for over 25 years. Superintendent, Karen Baldwin, recognized the three Dean of Students, who in turn awarded certificates to some of their staff. The School Board presented

Four L.I.E.C./P.A.C. Vacancies For SY 2004-05 At Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig

Bug O Nay Ge Shig Johnson O'Malley Local Indian Education Committee/Parent Advisory Committee (L.I.E.C./P.A.C.) announces it has four (4) vacancies for SY 2004-05, Two (2) year terms nominations are now being accepted until 10:00 a.m. May 27, 2004. Elections will be held at the school picnic 11-2 p.m. for the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School J.O.M. L.I.E.C./P.A.C.

Nominees must be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a Bug O Nay Ge Shig student and must be committed to attend monthly meetings and occasional special meetings and/or subcommittee meetings concerning the needs of our students. Please submit nominations to the L.I.E.C. mailbox in the main office at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig school or the L.I.E.C. mailbox in the Leech Lake Education Division office located in the Facility Center in Cass Lake, MN.

three outstanding service awards to Bruce White, Jodi Perrington, and Sue Lundeen. The program directors presented Karen Baldwin with an excellent leader award. Less serious certificates were also presented: "Staff that Never Go Home" certificates went to Carol White, Audrey Jenkins, and Jodi Perrington. The 1st annual Staff Clown award went to Sue Lundeen and the school Interior Decorator award was presented to Tanya Jourdain.

In closing, all staff were thanked again, as everyone is working hard for the betterment of our children and school. The day concluded with an Honor Song.

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig History Fair

Over 40 middle school and high school students from Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School entered projects in the 3rd Annual History Fair on March 4th at the school. The students met with each of the four judges individually to explain their project and answer questions. The winners in each division will go on to the Regional History Fair at Bemidji State University in April.

Junior exhibits included:

Individual – 1st Jage Hunt - "History of Heart Disease", 2nd Natasha Bowstring - "Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe"

Group - 1st Danielle Campbell, Jennifer Windom - "Pesticides", 2nd Nate Cornelius, Robin Windom, Cody Rushman - "Nuclear Arms", 3rd (Tied) Gina White, Cassie Charwood - "Drugs and Alcohol", Candace Wakanabo, Valerie Howard, Alicia

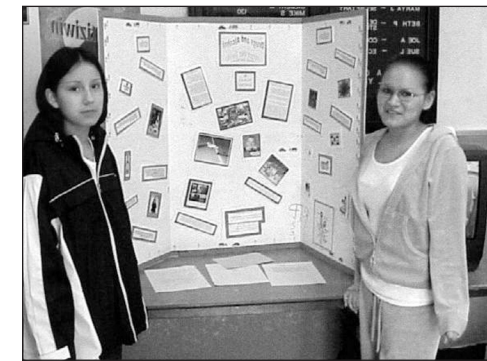
Brown - "Gangs, Past and Present"
Senior exhibits included:
Individual - 1st Jim Howard - "Indian Boarding School", 2nd Cory Jones - "History of Basketball", 3rd Karen Wilder - "Martin Luther King"

Group - 1st Jestina Morin, Tara Smith - "Teddy Roosevelt", 2nd Shayla Beaulieu, Leah White - "NAGPRA", 3rd Larry Krumrey, Jamie Taylor - "Trail of Tears"

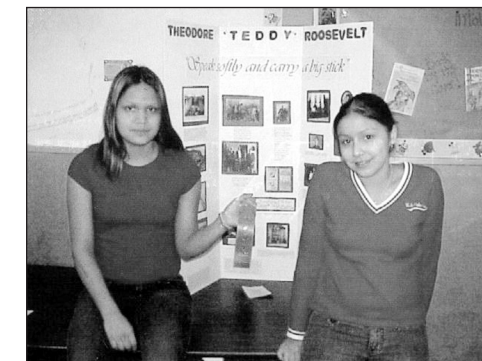
Media Exhibits

Individual - 1st Kayla Fisher - "Trail of Tears", 2nd Ryan Roy - "Genghis Kahn", 3rd Leila Schaaf - "Wright Brothers"

Group - 1st Rochelle Robinson, Angelica Hardy, Chris Robinson, Donna Brobowski - "The Birth of Soul and Rap", 2nd Savannah Smith, Melly Johnson - "The Holocaust", 3rd Cheryl LaRose, Adrian Sayers - "The Ojibwe Migration"



Regina White and Cassie Charwood from the middle school.



10th graders, Jestina Morin and Tara Smith.

Alaska Presentation at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig

The mission of the Caribou Commons Project Collective: a group of photographers, indigenous peoples and musicians, who work in Alaska, is to protect Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Representatives and volunteers of the collective recently presented slides and music as well as facilitating a discussion at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School regarding the preservation of the Refuge instead of developing its oil resources.


Tim Leech, a resident of Anchorage, showed slides depicting the vegetation and animals of the area that are in danger of being destroyed if the oil resource is further developed. Peter Solomon, an

Atahabaskan Native, born and raised in Fort Yukon, who works with wild land and fire fighting, spoke of his family's enduring relationship with the Porcupine Caribou, and how they have been a mainstay in the life of the Native People.

Jay Heeter, coalition field organizer from Minneapolis, MN, discussed how the refuge has become a political issue with some believing that developing the pipe line will raise the level of employment while others feel that the development will obliterate an environment that has existed since before time was counted.




Chairman White (center) presents roaches to Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School students, accepted by Adrian Liberty (L) and John Mitchell (R). Photo by Patsy Gordon



**Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig
Regular
School Board Meeting**

**Wed., April 14, 2004
5:30 p.m.**

Northern Lights Casino



Sixth Annual Cass Lake/Bena Anishinabe Knowledge Bowl

The 6th annual Cass Lake/Bena Anishinabe Knowledge Bowl was held on February 27, 2004 at the Palace Casino Paradise Room. There were eleven teams present from different area schools.

These teams had sent in questions which covered Anishinabe history and language. It was a competition of double elimination for each team. There was also a math and science part to the competition. Each team consisted of four team members and could have an alternate.

The judges for the day were Shirley LaDuke-Fisher and Angie Ross who were the elders with the Cass Lake/Bena School. Ms. Geraldine DeFoe from Fond du Lac was the elder with the Fond du Lac High School.

The Sportsman Trophy was presented to Kelliher High School for their participation in the Knowledge

Bowl.

The top three teams were: 1st place went to the Fond du Lac High School Team #2 of Cloquet; 2nd place went to the Cass Lake/Bena High School Team #1; 3rd place went to the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School.

For the math part of the competition there were students that participated by doing the sixty questions. The winners in this category were: 1st place went to Alisha Schulman of Cass Lake; 2nd place went to Jerrell Martin of Kelliher and the 3rd place went to Jack Warren of Detroit Lakes.

For the science part of the competition there were students that participated by doing the forty questions. The winners in this category were: 1st place went to Mike Ammesmaki of Fond du Lac; 2nd place went to Garrick Martin of Kelliher and 3rd place went to Lacy Armstrong of Bagley High School.

Natural Highs

By Kalin Wenell

Dedicated to Gramma, Pat Wenell

Dear Gramma,
I don't know if you realize,
All the happy tears that you bring to my eyes.
I don't know if you realize,
How much happiness you bring with every surprise.
I don't know if you realize,
The absolute(ness) prize of all your natural highs.
I don't know if you realize,
All the love that we have can't even be measured in size.
With every letter that you send me,
I just wish that you could see how much good you do for me.
With every letter that you send me,
That I do appreciate, the you, the me.
I just wish that you could see
How happy, how thankful that you are there for me.
I just wish that you could see
That the love you bring is enough to last eternally.
There is just one thing I ask,
And that is – never leave me!
I'll always be happy
Feeling the glow and to know
The flow of your spirit
Near to me!

"SAGE"

By Pat Wenell

The following poem is dedicated to her grandchildren.

You are my dreams-
And what you accomplish.
You are my efforts –
Which you can improve upon.
You are the future, the hopes
As you daily progress...
My hopes, my dreams
Do your best, your best!
Wisdom attaches itself
As you daily go forth.
Today is here –
You are growing. Excel.
Sage advice
Is your own wellbeing.


The one who cares:

A message to those caught in the life of addictions and sin:
Aaron S. Hare

When your feeling down,
And no-one else is around.
That's a time for prayer,
Cause the lord is always there.
Just give him a shout,
And no matter what he'll understand
what it's about.
He maybe can give you direction on
how to work it out,
But for this you must have faith not
doubt.
There will always be times in life
that are tuff,
Especially for those who are ad-
dicted to stuff.
And addiction is not always drugs,
More people have addictions than
just us thugs.
Sometimes people need reassurance
to know that their

not in this alone,
But first they must be able to admit
to themselves that
their addiction is Full blown.
And hopefully once one admits this
part,
Then allows our Heavenly Father
into their heart.
Then they shall have what one
needs
for their road to recovery
To start
Just remember stay strong and
never give up cause it's very easy to
fall back in,
That horrible life of addictions and
sin

: IF YOU'VE TRIED EVERYTHING
ELSE, TRY THE LORD ONCE:



If you are a Leech Lake Band Member who writes or have an interested in writing, the DeBahJiMon would like to publish your work. Creative writing, such as poetry and short stories, as well as non-fiction, such as news stories and feature articles are welcome. Send your work via e-mail to: lltpaper@paulbunyan.net or by post to:
DeBahJiMon Newspaper
6530 US Hwy 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Memorial Day Call

After the De-Bah-Ji-Mon featured a special page last year for Memorial Day in the month of May until April 15th to get the picture to us with their date of birth and date of death listed.

Also, as a reminder, we will be more than happy to include, at any time, other special announcements too, such as birthdays, anniversaries, births, marriages, engagements, etc. Just bring a photo and appropriate information to us and we will see that it gets in the paper.



"Passed Into The Sprirt World"

FRED KENNETH JACKSON, SR.



Fred Kenneth Jackson, Sr., age 82, of Walker, MN., died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji, MN.

Fred was born November 9, 1921 in Onigum, MN, the son of Joseph and Maggie Jackson. He grew up and attended school in Onigum and Walker. Following his schooling he lived and worked in the Onigum and Walker area. During his working years he worked as a construction laborer and most of the time as a carpenter for the Leech Lake Reservation. After a brief retirement he worked in the senior program with the Chippewa National Forest and also as security for the summer cabins on the high banks. In his earlier years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, ricing and the outdoors. Fred especially enjoyed dancing with his wife Rose. In later years he loved to socialize at the casino. Above all Fred loved to spend time with his family and friends.

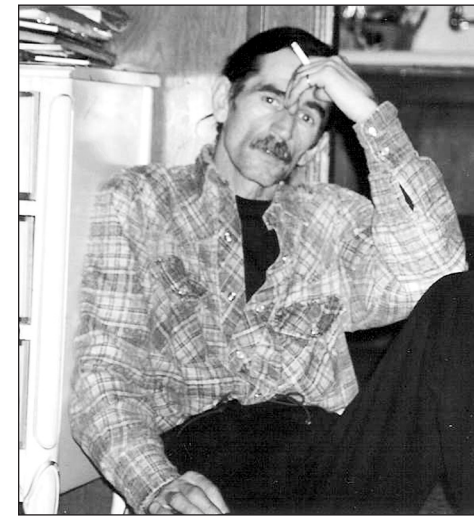
He is survived by three sons; Fred Jackson, Jr. of Onigum, MN, Simon Jackson of Ball Club, MN., Patrick Jackson of Onigum, MN., five daughters; Louise Jackson of Old Agency, MN., Patty Jackson of Walker, MN., Debbie Jackson of Benedict, MN., Berta Jackson of Bemidji, MN., Mona Jackson of Bemidji, MN., 39 grandchildren, and 57 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Roseanne, one

son, Joe Jackson, three brothers; David Jackson, Walt "Gidge" Jackson, Charlie Jackson, and two sisters ,Susan Cloud and Catherine Bruce.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, 2004 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Fredrick Method officiating. Burial took place in the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Onigum. Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home of Walker handled funeral arrangements.

MICHAEL MATTHEWS



Michael Harris Matthews, 56, of Bena, died February 28, 2004 in Bena.

Traditional funeral services were held March 4th, at the Bena Community Center with spiritual leader Tommy Stillday officiating assisted by Anna Gibbs. Interment was at the Lakeview Cemetery in Bena.

Casketbearers were Derek Kornezos, Jason Kornezos, Robert Matthews, Dave Seelye, Clarence Pequette, and Lloyd Dahl.

Honorary casketbearers were Rob Foster, Matt Waldon, Diddy Matthews, James Matthews, Stan Matthews, Jr., Howie Dunham, Dickie Dunham, Buddy Tibbetts, Jerry Allen Stangel, Bryan Finn, Lanny Seelye, Jim Chase, Gary Howard and "Scooter".

He was born February 3, 1948 in Cass Lake, the son of Howard and Betty (Sivigny) Matthews. He went to school in Cass Lake and Bena. Michael lived and worked in the Bena area for most of his life.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing,

trapping, ricing, and wood carving. His most recent pastimes had included reading and learning more about herbs, natural healing, medicines, and remedies. He enjoyed family gatherings, watching TV at his Mom's house with her, and sitting at his fire trading stories with friends, which he was good at. He was a teacher to all who came to seek his wisdom.

He is survived by his children Lillian (Scott) Dahman, Michael "Conan" (Rose) Matthews, and Earth Matthews all of Bena; his mother, Betty Matthews of Bena; brothers, Robert (Julie) Matthews of Cass Lake, and James Matthews of Sioux City, IA; sisters; Lynett Waldon of Bena, Janice (Rob) Foster of Cass Lake, and Shelly (Bill) Matthews of Grand Rapids; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his father; Howard Matthews; his sisters, Holly Kornezos, and Melissa Matthews; and his brother, Chuck Beaulieu.

EARL OGEMA, JR.



Earl Eugene Ogema, Jr., "Ringo" 37, of Cass Lake, died February 28, 2004 in Cass Lake.

Funeral services were held March 6th at the Veteran's Memorial Building with spiritual leader Steve Jackson officiating. Interment was at the Morgan Cemetery in Oak Point.

Casketbearers were Darryle Cournoyer, Loren "Totta" Swanson, Les Hough, Mike Brown, Jamie Randburg, and Dennis Littlewolf.

Honorary casketbearers were Veronica Ogema, Victoria Ogema, Kathy Lausche, Kendall Ogema, Terri Frazer, Earlene Ogema and Kathy Anderson.

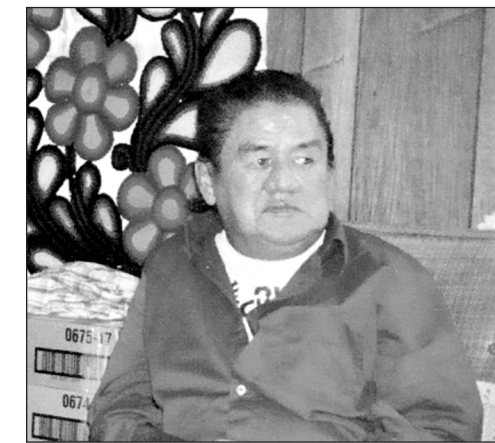
He was born February 21, 1967, the son of Darlene (Kingbird) Ogema and Earl Ogema, Sr., in Cass Lake.

His specialities were drawing, bough picking, fishing, attending pow-wows, working at Evergreen Industries and being with his friends and family.

He is survived by one son, Kendall Ogema of Cass Lake, his mother, Darlene Ogema, of Cass Lake; sister, Earlene Ogema of Cass Lake; two special nieces, Victoria and Veronica Ogema of Cass Lake; and numerous uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, a sister, grandparents and three cousins.

DAVID LOONS



David Loons, was born on October 9, 1942 in Onigum, MN to Lawrence Loons and Mary Jackson Bellanger. David passed into the Spirit World on March 22, 2004 in Cass Lake, after a long battle with diabetes. He grew up in Onigum. He lived in Akeley since the early 1960's. David helped provide a home to his mother Mary in recent years and tried his best to take care of her. David enjoyed taking long nature walks and enjoyed the serenity of the many lakes in the area and visiting with family.

He is survived by his sister Louise Bush of Akeley, MN, Cecilia Luiten of Duluth, MN, brother Jim Loons of Minneapolis, brother Robert Loons of Akeley, MN, and mother Mary Loons of Akeley, MN. His nieces Pam, Beverly and Helen Jacobs of Cass Lake, MN, Sandra Paul

of Akeley, Debbie Bush of Naytauwash, Tawnya Gavin, Portland, OR, and Linda Luiten, Duluth, MN. His nephews, Bill Pell, Onigum, MN, Joe Bush, Onigum, MN, Gary Bush, Naytauwash, MN, Terry and Jerry Bush, Akeley, MN, Todd Theringer, Berkeley, CA, and Larry Luiten, Duluth, MN.

His many cousins include, Marlyce Bellanger, Florine Iverson, and Leona Bedeau of Cass Lake, and Darrel and Harriet Johnson of Onigum.

Remembering You On Your Birthday Loretta A. Budreau (Jones)

April 5, 1931 – May 30, 2003



Our dear sweet mother and grandmother would have been 73 on April 5th.

My family and I are going to deeply miss celebrating your birthday with you this year.

We love and miss you Ma/Gram!
Brenda, Bob, Robert, Lena, Eric, "Lil" Robert & "Lil" Gil



Local Indian Council Meeting Schedules

Oak Point LIC – 1st Monday of every month – 6 p.m. – Oak Point Community Center

Ball Club LIC – 1st Monday of every month – 7 p.m. – Ball Club Community Center

Onigum LIC – 1st Tuesday of every month – 6:30 p.m. – Onigum Community Center

Cass River LIC – 1st Tuesday of every month – 7 p.m. – Cass River Community Center

Kego Lake/Smokey Point LIC – 1st Wednesday of every month – 7 p.m. – Kego Lake Community Center

Winnie Dam LIC – 1st Thursday of every month – 7 p.m. – Winnie Dam Community Center

Sugar Bush/Ten Lake LIC – 2nd Monday of every month – 6 p.m. – Is announced at previous meeting

Cass Lake LIC – 2nd Monday of every month – 6:30 p.m. – Heritage Manor Lobby

Inger LIC – 2nd Monday of every month – 7 p.m. – Inger Community Center

Bena LIC – 2nd Tuesday of every month – 7 p.m. – Bena Community Center

Sugar Point LIC – 2nd Wednesday of every month – 7 p.m. – Sugar Point Community Center

Mission LIC – 2nd Thursday of every month – 6 p.m. – Mission Community Center

S. Lake LIC – 3rd Monday of every month – 7 p.m. – S. Lake Community Center

Deer River LIC – the last Monday of every month – 7 p.m. – Goodall Resource Center in Deer River

Leech Lake Twin Cities LIC – the last Tuesday of every month – 6 p.m. – MN Indian Women's Resource Center – 2300 15th Ave. S. In Mpls. – ALWAYS POTLUCK!

LEGAL NOTICES

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Heidi Fairbanks, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Heidi Fairbanks, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.
- Chapter 200, Section 213 A&B, Expired registration.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

- Failure to appear in court on March 2, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Nathan Gotchie, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Nathan Gotchie, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Anita Johnson, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Anita Johnson, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 216, Failure to use seatbelts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Delia Keithley, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Delia Keithley, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

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

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Barbara Lequire, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Barbara Lequire, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 217.B, Failure to yield to motor vehicle or pedestrian.
- Chapter 200, Section 215.A, No driver's license.
- Chapter 200, Section 214.A, No insurance.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Richard Schulman Jr., Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Richard Schulman Jr., Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint

filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

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

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Shirley Smith, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Shirley Smith, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 208.A.3 (A), Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Todd Smith, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Todd Smith, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

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

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs.

Ronald Staples, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ronald Staples, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 214.A, No insurance.
- Chapter 200, Section 215.C, Driving after revocation.
- Chapter 200, 213.A, Expired motor vehicle registration.

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- Failure to appear in court on March 2, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Shannon White, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Shannon White, Defendant** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **April 20, 2004 at 1:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- Chapter 200, Section 208.A.3 (B), Speeding in excess of 10 mph over the limit.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

- Failure to appear in court on March 2, 2004 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For a complete job description please contact the Human Resources Office at 218-335-3698. Most jobs require a valid MN Driver's License.



Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies.

Submitted by Suzanne Northbird, Employment Specialist, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Human Services Director, Human Services Administrative Assistant, Facilities Management Program Analyst, Health After Care CD Counselor, Social Services Plumber, Community Services Secretary, Human Resources Custodial / Maintenance, Facility Maintenance Fleet Mechanic, Motor Pool Fleet Detailer / Mechanic Clerk, Motor Pool Driver / Laborer, Well and Septic, Dept of Public Works Laborer, Sanitation, Dept of Public Works Director of Public Health Nursing, Health Office Assistant, Health HIP Program Coordinator, Community Services Teen Leadership Advocate, Youth Division On-Call Receptionist Pool, Human Resources Accounting / Budgeting Team Leader, Accounting Public Health Nurse – RN, Health Community Health – LPN, Health LLDCEP Community Health LPN, Health LLDCEP Diabetes Screening Nurse LPN, Health Civil Engineer (Tribal Roads: Construction), Public Works LLDCEP RN / Diabetes Nurse Educator, Health LLDCEP Special Diabetes Coordinator, Health Mid-Level Care Provider (PA/NP/NMW), Health Teacher Assistant, Head Start, Youth Entry Level Child Care Assistant, Day Care, Youth

HOW TO APPLY

Application Intake Sessions are on Monday at 10:00am and 1:00pm, Facility Center, Cass Lake MN. Or send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to: LLBO – Human Resources Department – 6530 Hwy. #02 NW - Cass Lake, MN 56633. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

Local Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous and Alanon Meetings

MONDAY 5:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. / ABO Counselor / Caregiver – Closed Safe Haven, North on Palace Drive, 1st house of the left
7:00 p.m. – Alanon Meeting

TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. – N.A. (young people) ALC/Drugs All Ages Welcome Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:00 p.m. – Chemical Dependency Support Group Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
7:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Center

WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. – Early Bird Meeting Safe Haven
7:00 p.m. – A.A. Meeting Winnie Dam Community Center
7:30 p.m. – A.A. Big Book Study Safe Haven

FRIDAY 3:00 p.m. – Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Support Group Old Faith Mission Church, Cass Lake
For more information call 760-4572
9:00 p.m. – A.A. Candle Light Meeting Safe Haven

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. – Open A.A. Meeting Onigum community Center
6:00 p.m. – A.A. / N.A. Ahnji-Be-Mah-Dis Center

SUNDAY 6:00 p.m. – A.A. (12x12) Meeting Safe Haven – North on Palace Drive – 1st house on left. 335-0147
6:00-8:00 p.m. Sobriety Feast Every 3rd Thursday of the month

All meetings are held on a weekly basis. For more information please contact 335-2219.



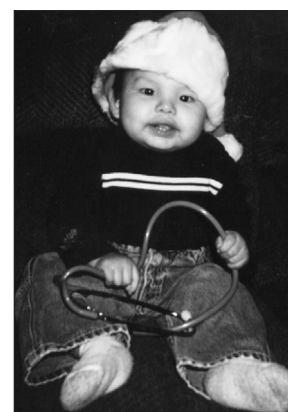
Happy Birthday Aurelia "Rae Rae" Bellecourt

6 Years old
April 22, 2004

Love, Dad, Gramma Sharon, Auntie Angie, Uncle JR, Ash and Baby Manuel



Happy 4th Birthday to our April Fools Day Birthday Girl Rickay Budreau "Tweety Bird" Love, Your Family



HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY "GOO GOO". APRIL 21, 2004 LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

21st Annual World Celebration

GATHERING OF NATIONS

INDIAN TRADERS MARKET

MISS INDIAN WORLD

POW W O W

April 22-24, 2004
Albuquerque, New Mexico

HEAD STAFF
 Head Man Dancer
 Terry Footigh, Del City, OK
 Head Lady Dancer
 Jodi Gillette, Okemuncie, ND
 Head Young Man Dancer
 D.J. Whitehouse, Madison Hts., MI
 Head Young Lady Dancer
 Andrea Thompson, Albuquerque, NM
 Head Northern Dance Judge
 Delbert Wapasa, Thunderchild First Nation
 Head Southern Dance Judge
 James Reeder, Logan, UT
 Head Northern Drum Judge
 Jonathan Windy Boy, Rocky Bay, MT
 Head Southern Drum Judge
 Daniel Trampet, Cherokee, NC
 Arena Directors
 Randy Medicine Bear, Window Rock, AZ
 George "Ocha" Shields, Oklahoma City, OK
Announcers
 Sammy Tomkei White, Anadarko, OK
 Dennis Bowen, Sr., Tulsa City, AZ
 Roy Track, Phoenix, AZ
 Vince Beyl, Bemidji, MN
Invited Drums
 Cozad, Anadarko, OK
 Midnight Express, St. Paul, MN
 Young Bird, Lawrence, OK
 Meskwaki Nation, Tama, IA
 Big Bear, Thunderchild, Sask, CAN
 All Drums Invited!
 Singers bring your own chairs!
Host Grand Dance Drum
 Cozad Singers, Anadarko, OK
Miss Indian World 2003
 Onawa Lacy, Navajo, Gallup, NM

POW W O W SCHEDULE
 Thursday, April 22
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Registration for Dancers & Singers at The Pit
 7:00 pm
 Miss Indian World Pageant
 See MW info
 Friday, April 23
 Saturday, April 24
 10:00 am
 Registration for Dancers & Singers
 Doors open to public
 Various pre-powwow performances
 12:00 noon
 Grand Entry of Dancers
 Competition Dancing & Singing
 Golden Age Jr. & Sen.
 3:30 pm
 Specials & Giveaways
 Honoring Head Dancers
 5:00 pm
 Grand Dance
 7:00 pm
 Grand Entry of Dancers
 Competition Dancing & Singing (cont'd)
 Adult & Elder Categories
 (Elder's Entry evening only)
 Crowning of Miss Indian World
 (Saturday evening approx. 9:00 pm)

CONTEST DANCING
 28 Categories - Including contest for elders 70+ & Golden Age 50+
 NEW! Men's Chicken Dance Category
 Over \$125,000 to be awarded!
 \$1500 First Place - All Adults Competition (19+)
 \$4000 First Place - "World Class" Northern Style Singing Competition
 \$4000 First Place - "Southern Challenge" Southern Style Singing Competition
 Fair contest to all dancers!
SPECIALS
 Jr. Boy's Grass
 Sponsored by the Whitehouse Family
 Women's Northern Traditional
 Sponsored by Jodi Gillette
 Smoke Dance Contest (year 4 of 4)
 Sponsored by Dennis Bowen & Family
 Round Dance Singing Contest
 2 Men, 1 Woman, Round Dance Singing Contest
 Saturday, April 24 @ 10:45 am
 Sponsored by Della & the Waskewich Boys of Onion Lake, Sask, CAN

University of New Mexico Arena "The Pit"
 1238 & Cesar Chavez Blvd., Albuquerque, NM USA
Over 30 hours of Native American Festivities!
 Admission: Friday - \$10.00 / Saturday - \$12.00 / Two Day Pass - \$18.00
 Advanced tickets available beginning December 31, 2003 online at www.gatheringofnations.com
 Discount Coupon for Dancers and Singers on GON mailing list - Good at Dancer/Singer registration only
 Photos permitted - Audio recording not allowed - Everyone (the public) invited!
GON INFORMATION
 Gathering of Nations, 3301 Coors NW #R300, Albuquerque, NM 87120
 (505) 836-2810 • Fax: (505) 839-0475
 www.gatheringofnations.com - Sign up for free e-mail, special offers, and 24 hour internet radio from GON!
 For Miss Indian World info ask for Melonie Mathews
TRAVEL INFORMATION
 Official Airlines for the Gathering of Nations, offering discounted fares:
 Southwest Airlines 800-433-5368 ID Code #S0230
HOTEL INFORMATION
 GON Host Hotel - Radisson Hotel, 2500 Carlisle Blvd, NE (505) 888-3311
 Ask for Gathering of Nations Powwow Rate! \$69.92+tax
 For airline, hotel, and car rental online go to www.powwowtravel.com.
"Midnight Special"
 Friday Night Two Step
 Couples that have been married for at least 10 years
 co-sponsored by Michael & Becky Roberts.
 Prize Money and Trip to Las Vegas, NV

North America's Biggest Powwow!

Leech Lake Tribal College and Bemidji State University Ojibwe Art Exhibit

Spring Art Competition & Banquet
 May 3rd - May 7th, 2004 LLTC
 Awards Night & Banquet
 May 7th - 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 Guest Speaker & Juror - Carl Gawboy

Ojibwe Art Exhibit
 American Indian Resource Center
 Bemidji State University
 April 26th - May 1st, 2004
 Opening Reception Wed. April 28th
 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Bemidji Exhibit in Recognition
 of Josie Ryan's Teaching
 Career at BSU
 (1973 - 2003)



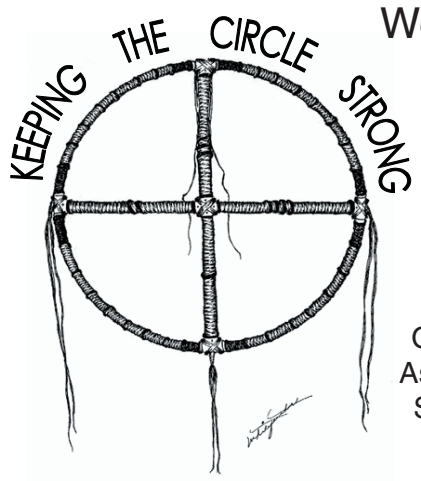
Work can be dropped off at:
 Leech Lake Tribal College - 335-4265
 BSU American Indian Resource Center - 755-3977
 Deadline for drop-off is April 23
 All work must be recent or no more than two years old.
 No Reproduction / Prints, Ceramics or Dolls.

Traditional & Contemporary Art Categories. For a list of acceptable art please call the number(s) above.

POW-WOW at Bemidji State University Fieldhouse Friday, April 30 - Sunday, May 2.



The 9th Annual American Indian Wellness Fair



Wednesday, April 28, 2004
 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Minneapolis American Indian Center
 1530 East Franklin Avenue South

Over 60 Community Resources. Health Assessments, Buffalo Burgers, Nutritious Snacks., Refreshments, Face Painting, Door Prizes and Free stuff!

For more information contact Christine Roy 612-824-7606 or Sandra Rivera 612-625-4441

Leech Lake Tribal College "ANWEBIN" POWWOW

Saturday, April 17, 2004

Held at Cass Lake Senior High School
 Grand Entry at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 Supper Break at 5:00 pm

Host Drum: Leech Lake Tribal College
 Master of Ceremonies: Jerry Hawk
 Spiritual Leader: Steve Jackson
 Arena Director: Royce Kingbird
 Honorarium: First 5 drums

For more information contact Valerie 218-335-4252