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Public Needs to be Aware of Crude Oil Spill Near Cass Lake

By Tim Hugley, Hazardous Waste Technician, Leech Lake DRM

The Brownfields Program, through the Division of Resource Management, of the Leech Lake Reservation is providing public awareness concerning an approximate 48,000 gallon crude oil spill. The site is located south of US highway 2 west of the City of Cass Lake near the railroad tracks. Crude oil was detected in 2001 and currently can be found in the groundwater aquifer through on-site monitoring wells. The spill is a result of a leak from the Enbridge Energy Company South Cass Lake Pumping Station.

Since the spill has occurred several events have taken place to remediate the situation:

1. Remediation technologies being addressed
2. Risk factors are being addressed
3. Several studies have been generated
4. Two additional monitoring wells have been installed
5. Oil recovery in field studies began October 2005
6. Cooperative working relationship between Enbridge and Leech Lake Reservation

The Leech Lake Environmental Department was given the mission to "protect and preserve the Reservation's land, water, and atmospheric resources from degradation of any kind which threatens the health, welfare, traditional customs or development of the Leech Lake Band within their homeland."

For further information concerning this spill please visit the DRM Environmental Information center, contact us or visit the websites provided. All questions or concerns will be addressed.

Enbridge Energy Company

South Cass Lake Pumping Station Spill website:

<http://www.enbridgecasslake.com/go/site/986/>

Leech Lake Division of Resource Management website:

<http://www.lldrmenvironmental.com/>

Leech Lake Reservation website:

<http://www.llojibwe.com/>

Leech Lake Early Childhood Continues Down the Path of Success

By Patsy Gordon

LeRoy Turney, Leech Lake Early Childhood Director is leaving his position with the Leech Lake Band to accept a job with the State of Minnesota, Department of Education, where he will be doing headstart monitoring and compliance throughout the northern part of the state.

Turney first started with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe on February 14, 1994, as the Early Childhood/Headstart Director. In the year 2000, all of the Early Childhood programs were combined and he then became the Early Childhood Director.

During Turney's 11 years and 11 month tenure with the Band, he, with the help of his staff, successfully accomplished several different major tasks. Turney doesn't take credit alone for these accomplishments, he said, "It wasn't only me accomplishing these tasks, it was the entire Early Childhood staff that made these changes happen." "Without them", he said, "I couldn't have done it!"

In 1994, when Turney first started as the Headstart Director, the program had over 140 non-compliance findings in their federal review. In March of 2005, the program had zero non-compliance findings. The Leech Lake Early Childhood Program was one of only three headstart programs throughout the country that achieved

zero findings for 2005 in the federal review. Turney credits the reflection of growth and development of the staff at all levels for this accomplishment. Leech Lake Headstart staff also meets the federal mandate for teaching staff that is required to have AA degrees in Early Childhood.

In March of 2001 a beautiful new Early Childhood complex was built to house the programs. Turney gives much credit to the Leech Lake Tribal Council for making this new building a reality. The Band provided approximately 50% of the funding for construction. The Onigum Early Childhood program will also move into a new facility in the fall of 2006. Bids for construction are scheduled to open this spring with a spring and summer construction and hopefully will be ready for occupancy in the fall by the Onigum headstart and childcare programs.

Under the direction of Turney, the Leech Lake Child care services program was also successful at securing grant funding to represent and facilitate discussions between the 11 Tribes within the State of Minnesota. Turney and the Early Childhood staff were also successful in refining the family and center licensing requirements for providers on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The program has been able to operate within the funding grant and match funding support and not over expend their budgets.

Another accomplishment that Turney is proud of is that the programs have converted from 15 passenger vans to 30 passenger school buses. Program staff that drive the buses have successfully attained their CDL/



Leroy Turney, former Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Early Childhood Director. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Class B Commercial drivers licenses.

Turney says, "I've always referred to my job at Headstart as February 14th, a special day, and a special job and it has been the most challenging and rewarding job that I've ever had. I've totally enjoyed working with the people that I work with and it was great to see Band members grow and excel by being able to have that opportunity to grow."

Turney says a special thank you to the Tribal Council and their executive staff for the support they provided him through the years and for making his job a lot easier and enjoyable. He also sends out his gratitude to Tami Finn, Childcare Services Manager, Kim St. John, Senior Headstart Program Manager and to Glenda Bryan, Childcare Center Manager for their support and would like to wish them the best as they go into their future.

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Sam Edward Ardito, Jr.

Sam Edward Ardito, Jr., age 58 of Walker, MN died on December 30th 2005 at the St. Joseph's Health Care Center in Park Rapids, MN.

Sam was born on July 14, 1947 in Minneapolis, MN to Rita (Parker) and Sam Ardito, Sr. He graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1965. He went on to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps from December 1, 1965 until November 30, 1971, including active duty from 1965-1968. He returned from active duty to attend the University of Minnesota, majoring in American Indian Studies. On June 2, 1979, he was married to Marcella Tanner of Walker, MN. He worked in both the Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts, and was dean at NAES College - Minneapolis Campus. He was currently employed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Sam is particularly remembered for his love of family, history, yard projects, crossword puzzles, and his Mac computer.

He is survived by his wife: Marcella; 5 daughters Sammie Ardito, Kelly Harper, Kimberly Libby, Michelle (Danny) Manos, Stephanie (Gary) Winger; 3 Sons, Fire Eagle Dewitt, Kerry (Lori) Harper, Patrick Rodeck; his father, Sam Ardito, Sr.; his mother Rita Ardito; 4 brothers, Edward (Mary) Ardito, Michael (Marilee) Ardito, Ronald (Wanda) Ardito, Steven Ardito; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Visitation was held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN on January 2, 2006. Visitation was also held on January 3, 2006 at the Indian Ministries 3045 Park Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN. Funeral Services were held at the Indian Ministries facility on January 4, 2006 with Fr. Jim Notebardt officiating. Interment is in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Arrangements by Thomas-Dennis Funeral Home, Walker, MN.

Ronald Robinson

Ronald David Robinson, 42, of Tacoma, WA, formerly of Cass Lake, died December 23, 2005 at his home.

He was born on May 6, 1963 in Fort Leonardwood, MO to Tyler and Louise (Webster) Robinson.

He worked at the Flying Boots Restaurant in Tacoma, WA for 15 years.

He graduated from Clover Park vocational school with a degree to become a chef. He enjoyed spending time with his three daughters.

He is survived by his three daughters; three brothers, Mike Robinson of Cass Lake and Tyler and Kenny Robinson of Tacoma, WA, and sister Sandy, of Mayetta, KS.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Robinson.



In Loving Memory of Kenneth J. Smith

God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's Golden Garden must be beautiful for he only takes the best. He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered: "Peace Be Thine". It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone... For a part of all of us went with you,

The day God called you Home.

I Love & Miss You, Dad.
Love your Daughter,
Barbara-Jo

LEECH LAKE BAND of OJIBWE

HUMAN RESOURCES - JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - Cashier (Palace & Hotel)

EDUCATION

Early Childhood Director 01-17-06 - Education Program Manager 01-17-06

Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator 01-23-06

HEALTH DIVISION

Infant / Toddler C-PHN - Fitness Specialist 01-23-06

Dir. of Nursing 01-23-06

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services Director - Mental Health Therapist (LICSW)

Medical Doctor

PUBLIC WORKS

Office Clerk 01-17-06 - Attendant (Solid Waste) 01-23-06

Compactor Truck Driver (Solid Waste) 01-23-06

TRIBAL POLICE

Dispatcher 01-09-06

DIVISION of RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Environmental Policy Analyst 01-17-06

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Academic Honors

*Leech Lake Tribal College
Fall Semester 2005
President's & Dean's List*

President's List

Jewell Finn

Lejana Wright

Dean's List

William Badboy

Cindy Hurd

Andrew Baker

Laura Jackson

Nancy Beaulieu

Elizabeth Jenkins

Nicole Beaulieu

Brenda Littlewolf

Royce Beckett

Stanley Morris

Jessica Bobrowski

Jeremy Moss

Sophia Brown

Mary Robinson

Michael Bunker

Marilyn Westbrook

Dean Engen

Nicholas White

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Jennifer Wind

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*President's List recognizes
full-time students who
earned a GPA of 4.0.*

*Dean's List recognizes full-
time students who earned a
GPA between 3.0-3.9*

**Congratulation
Students!**

Learning Lounge

By Bobbie Castillo, Leech Lake Early Childhood

Leech Lake Child Care Services is proud to invite informal caregivers, licensed family child care providers, licensed child care centers and Leech Lake Head Start programs to our new Learning Lounge. At the Learning Lounge, children will have stories read to them, do craft activities and have time to explore and look at their favorite books!

The Learning Lounge will be open to informal caregivers and licensed family child care providers the first and fourth Tuesday of each month starting March 7th 2006. Licensed childcare centers will be able to attend the last Thursday of each month starting March 30th 2006. Leech Lake Head Start classrooms will be able to attend the first, second and third Thursday of the month starting March 9th 2006.

Leech Lake Child Care Services will be mailing out a flyer with scheduled times the providers can attend with their children. The Learning Lounge is located in the Early Childhood Complex in Cass Lake. We also need volunteer readers. If you would like to read a story to the children or talk about the American Indian culture with the children please call me at 335-8249 and we can set up a date.

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The Anishinaabeg Minosewag Program would like to acknowledge and give a chi-miigwech to the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School for hosting and co-sponsoring Don Burnstick on December 20, 2005. During the morning, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in the "Empowering Our Youth" workshop about bullying.

Don performed his play "I Am Alcohol" for the 6th through 12th grade students in the afternoon. The evening brought much laughter to all who attended the comedy performance. Miigwech to all who made these events possible. It was a huge success.

Leech Lake Fire Crew – Job Well Done!

The following commendation letter was sent to Rich Robinson, Leech Lake DRM Director from the Agency Forester of the United States Department of Interior, BIA office in Bemidji, MN.

Dear Rich Robinson:

Subject: Fire Crew

As the 2005 fire season draws to a close, I want to take this time to say thank you for your fire crew's great performance this past year. They have contributed greatly to assisting the local, state and National efforts not only in wildland fire, but all risk response. The reports from other agencies give a glowing report of a very professional, well trained, and committed crew.

The fire crew is in high demand because of the good work they perform. The Operations Section Chief on the Alpine Lake fire in August said, "When there was a tough job to do and I knew that the Leech Lake Fire Crew was on that division, the job would get done and get done right." The crew has helped many of the other reservations on prescribed burn projects that could not be completed if your crew was not available to them. The Chippewa National Forest also has used your crew on their burn projects and is very thankful for the good work. The response to Hurricane Katrina was overwhelming; with the many different jobs your crew was able to perform.

I could go on and on about the success stories of your crew and the compliments we have received. Please extend a thank you to your crew for the excellent work in 2005 and we look forward to working with them in 2006.

Sincerely,

Robert Lintelmann
Agency Forester



Happy Birthday
Travis! 7 Years Old
Love, Mom, Jade &
Bubba

Tobacco Use by Minnesota Youth Continues to Decline Dramatically, According to Minnesota Youth Tobacco

Minnesota Department of Health News Release

Tobacco use by Minnesota youth continues to decline dramatically, according to Minnesota Youth Tobacco Survey. Smoking dropped by 43 percent among middle-school students and 31 percent among high-school students between 2000 and 2005; all tobacco use dropped by 25 percent and 24 percent respectively. Far fewer young Minnesotans use tobacco today compared to five years ago, according to the Minnesota Department of Health's Youth Tobacco Survey, conducted in 2000, 2002 and 2005.

The 2005 survey results, released today, show that the significant drop in youth tobacco use that occurred between 2000 and 2002 continued during the past three years.

The percentage of middle school students who used any form of tobacco (including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco and other products) fell from 12.6 percent in 2000 to 9.5 percent in 2005, a decline of 25 percent. At the high school level, the percentage of students using tobacco fell from 38.7 percent to 29.3 percent, a decline of 24 percent.

Cigarette smoking declined even more abruptly. The percentage of middle school students who smoked cigarettes fell from 9.1 percent to 5.2 percent over the five-year period, a decline of 43 percent. The percentage of high school students who smoked dropped from 32.4 percent to 22.4 percent, a decline of 31 percent. In 2000, nearly one in three high school students was a current smoker, while in 2005 less than one in four was a current smoker.

"These results are extremely encouraging," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dianne Mandernach. "If these rates keep going down, more and more young Minnesotans will live to achieve their full potential, unburdened by the devastating diseases that far too often result from tobacco use."

Mandernach said there is no single cause for the dramatic drop in youth smoking. She emphasized that the drop is likely due to the cumulative effect of numerous tobacco cessation and prevention measures. "Tobacco prevention programs and messages in our communities and schools, combined with the changing public attitude toward tobacco use, are likely contributing to this drop," Mandernach said. "Our hope is that this trend continues going in the same direction."

The survey also found encouraging results relating to peer smoking influences. Smokers are likely to be surrounded by other people who smoke. The social environment of young people, both at home and among friends and peers, influences smoking behavior.

While there has been little change in the home environment, there has been substantial change in peer environments. With fewer young people taking up smoking, more and more students report that none of their closest friends now smoke. In 2000, 75.1 percent of middle school students said that none of their four closest friends smoked cigarettes. That percentage rose to 82.8 percent in 2005. In high school, 42.6 percent of students reported in 2000 that none of their closest friends smoked. In 2005, that percentage rose to 55.8 percent.

The Minnesota Youth Tobacco Survey was first conducted in 2000, when the Legislature set a goal of reducing all tobacco use (not just cigarettes) among youth by 30 percent by 2005. That goal was changed to 25 percent in 2003. The survey results indicate that the reductions in youth tobacco use over the past five years have substantially achieved the 25 percent reduction goal. The full Youth Tobacco Survey report can be found at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/tpc/TobaccoReports.html>.

MDH Joins National Effort to Alert Families to Dangers of Radon

Minnesota Department of Health - News Release

EPA recognizes Minnesota for radon awareness efforts. Residents urged to test homes for radon, second leading cause of lung cancer in U.S.

About 1 in 3 Minnesota homes have potentially harmful levels of radon gas. A top official with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will visit Minnesota Jan. 3 and 4 to recognize state health officials for their efforts to encourage Minnesotans to test their homes for radon, have elevated levels of radon reduced and have new homes built with radon-resistant features.

Elizabeth Cotsworth, director of the U.S. EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Environments, presented an award on January 4, 2006, to the Minnesota Department of Health for its radon awareness efforts. The award presentation is part of a series of kick-off events in Minnesota for National Radon Action Month in January.

Radon is an invisible, odorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It occurs naturally in the soils of Minnesota. Thousands of Minnesota homes have potentially harmful levels of radon gas.

"We're very excited to have Ms. Cotsworth coming to Minnesota," said Minnesota Health Commissioner Dianne Mandernach. "We know that the EPA considers radon exposure a serious public health concern and her visit to Minnesota signifies that we are on the right track in making our citizens aware of radon and getting them to take action to reduce their exposure. But there is still plenty of work to be done."

Last year, the department and its partners helped distribute more than 52,000 short-term test kits to Minnesota homes; at least 559 homes were mitigated for radon; and approximately 50 new homes were built with radon-reducing features.

Gov. Tim Pawlenty has proclaimed January as Radon Action Month in Minnesota. MDH and its partners are conducting radon awareness events and testing throughout the state. Radon is found at elevated levels in 1 in 15 homes across the U.S., but in Minnesota 1 in 3 homes have elevated radon levels. Major studies have indicated that exposure to elevated levels of radon causes lung cancer in humans. A National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report in February 1998 confirmed that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. A more recent EPA report released in June 2003 states that radon causes an estimated 20,000 lung cancer deaths each year.

"Despite these known risks," said Dale Dorschner, MDH indoor air unit supervisor, "people tend to minimize the health effects of radon and ignore the possibility that it might exist at elevated levels in their homes because they can't see it or smell it." MDH, EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend all homeowners test for radon. "Any home in Minnesota may have elevated levels of radon – even if other homes in the same neighborhood do not," said Joshua Kerber, MDH radon program coordinator. "The age or type of home does not matter – each home needs to be tested."

Using simple and inexpensive kits, homeowners can test for the presence of radon in their homes and, if it is present, take steps to fix the problem. Radon test kits are available at city and county health departments, American Lung Association of Minnesota (<http://www.alamn.org>), or directly from a laboratory (<http://mn.radon.com>). Most are priced under \$20. Additional information on how to purchase a radon detector is available from MDH and the radon Web site. (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html>)

Radon problems can be easily fixed by qualified contractors. A list of qualified contractors can be obtained by contacting the MDH indoor air unit or visiting the MDH radon Web site (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/mitigation.html>).

Potential radon problems can be built out of homes by taking a few inexpensive steps during

the construction process. At an estimated cost of \$500, MDH has seen homebuilders significantly reduce radon levels while saving their new homeowners hundreds of dollars and lowering their risk to lung cancer, the deadliest of all cancers.

"Radon is a serious public health hazard," Dorschner said, "but it has a straightforward solution: Test your home, and if necessary, take action to keep radon out. If you are building a new home, require that your builder use radon resistant techniques to help protect the long-term health and safety of your family."

For more information on radon, radon testing, radon mitigation and building new homes radon resistant, call MDH at 651-201-4601 or 800-798-9050 or visit the MDH radon Web site. (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html>)

FREE RADON KITS AVAILABLE

Get your free radon test kit from the DRM Environmental Department between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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January is National Radon Action Month

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers. Radon is a decay product of uranium and occurs naturally in soil and rock. You can't see or smell radon because it is a colorless, odorless gas. Radon can be a problem in all types of homes including old homes, new homes, drafty homes, insulated homes, homes with basements and homes without basements. On average 1 in 15 homes have high radon levels. Testing your home is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high.

EPA's most recent health risk assessment estimates that about 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year are due to radon. Testing for and measurement of this dangerous gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive and effective. If elevated radon levels are detected in the home there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce the concentrations to acceptable levels. Protect your family. Test your home. If you haven't tested your home, do it now during National Radon Action Month. If you have further questions about Radon, please call Brandy Toft, Air Quality Specialist at the DRM at 218-335-7429 or call the National Radon Information Line at: 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236). The Leech Lake Air Program has radon kits available for testing free of charge.

BUY LEECH LAKE PRODUCTS

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

The Leech Lake businesses include:

Che-We Mini-Mart (218-335-8827) in Cass Lake offers: gas, convenience store, bait, and gift shop

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Region 2 Arts Council Grant Application Deadline

for Individual Artist Grants

Applications are now available for the R2AC Individual Artists grant. **Please note that this grant opportunity has a deadline of February 8, 2006.**

R2AC Individual Artist Grants may be requested to help individual artists in our five-county area (Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen). An artist may request a grant of up to \$1,000 for expenses associated with a specific project or opportunity that contributes significantly to the artist's creative growth or career advancement.

Please note that the term "arts" refers to music, creative writing, dance, visual arts, theater and other forms of creative expression.

To request an application form, write or call Terri Widman at the Region 2 Arts Council, 426 Bemidji Avenue, Bemidji, MN 56601, 751-5447 or toll free at 1-800-275-5447 or download the guidelines and application form from our website: www.r2arts.org. Staff assistance is available to all applicants to discuss ideas, select artists, or to assist in completing the application form.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE STATE OF THE BAND ADDRESS

**Friday,
February 3, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

**Palace Casino
Cass Lake, MN**

**Band Members are
Encouraged to Attend.
Lunch provided.**

Indian Health Service Press Release

IHS-22-2005
December 22, 2005
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Contact: (301) 443-3593, FAX (301) 443-0507

Indian Health Service and Veterans Health Administration Launch Webpage for Indian Veterans

The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Veterans Health Administration, an agency of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), are launching a webpage on the IHS website with links to the VA regarding health resources available to American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. The page is located at <http://www.vha.ihs.gov>.

The HHS and the VA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on February 25, 2003, to encourage cooperation and resource sharing between the IHS and the VA. The goal of the MOU is to use the strengths and expertise of both organizations to deliver quality health care services and enhance the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. The purpose of this website is to share information about the agreement and the collaborative initiatives developed under this joint effort. Like other American veterans, Native veterans are entitled to services at 157 VA medical centers and other VA facilities throughout the nation.

"American Indians and Alaska Natives have served this country with distinction in every war it has ever fought, and have proven their dedication to the strength and survival of our nation," stated Dr. Charles W. Grim, IHS Director. "We anticipate that this webpage will be one of the most important ways of communicating with Indian veterans and providing information about their health care services."

"The VA is proud to serve American Indian and Alaska Native veterans. This new webpage will improve our ability to serve these heroes, and will strengthen our partnership with the Tribes and the Indian Health Service," said Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration.

Indian veterans have a distinguished history of exemplary military service to the United States. A strong tradition of duty and service exists within many Tribes and Indian families. Indian veterans frequently cite these traditions as a motivating factor in their decision to join the military. Owing to this and other factors, a higher percentage of Indian people serve in the armed forces compared to the general U.S. population (24 percent compared to 19 percent). Surveys conducted on Vietnam era veterans indicate that Indian people frequently served in forward combat areas, and 42 percent were exposed to heavy combat. As a result, these veterans have a high level of service-related health care needs, including the highest rate of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among all ethnic groups surveyed by the VA. Despite the potential to receive care from either IHS or VHA, Native veterans are four times more likely than other veterans to have unmet health care needs.

To begin to address these needs and diminish disparities in the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans, five mutual goals were set forth in the MOU: improve beneficiaries' access to quality healthcare and services; improve communication between the Indian veterans and Tribal governments with assistance from the IHS; encourage partnerships and sharing agreements among IHS Headquarters and facilities, VHA Headquarters and facilities, and Tribal governments in support of Native veterans; ensure the appropriate resources are available to support programs for American Indian and Alaska Native veterans; and improve health promotion and disease prevention services to American Indians and Alaska Natives.



NOTICE TO EDITORS: For additional information on this subject, contact the IHS Public Affairs Office at 301-443-3593. Additional information about the IHS is available on the IHS website at <http://www.ihs.gov> and <http://info.ihs.gov>

NDN HUMOR

A salesman is driving toward home in Northern Arizona when he sees a Navajo man hitchhiking. Because the trip had been long and quiet, he stops the car and the Navajo man climbs in.

During their small talk, the Navajo man glances surreptitiously at a brown bag on the front seat between them. "If you're wondering what's in the bag," offers the salesman, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my wife." The Navajo man is silent for awhile, nods several times and says, "Good Trade."

The Leech Lake Tribal Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2006 in Observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

6TH Annual Freedom Walk to be held in Bemidji on Monday, January 16, 2006

Walk commemorates the legacy of Rev./Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bemidji, MN. --- The 6th Annual "FREEDOM WALK", commemorating the civil rights legacy of the Rev./Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on Monday, January 16, 2006 in Bemidji. The Bemidji Area Race Relations Council and Bemidji State University are inviting and encouraging the general public to participate in the celebration of Dr. King's life.

Those planning to participate in the walk are asked to assemble in the parking lot of the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce/Travel Information Center between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. The walk will start at 5:30 p.m., crossing Paul Bunyan Drive on 3rd Street to Beltrami Avenue, then north to 15th Street, and east to the BSU campus. Walkers are advised to dress warm and carry flashlights. Posters and banners are encouraged. Those who are not able to join the walk can attend the program at the Beaux Arts Ballroom (BSU) scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Joann Fredrickson, BSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs along with Mr. Joe Johnson of the Bemidji Area Race Relations Council will serve as co-hosts. The program will be opened with a welcome from the Honorable Mayor Richard Lehmann, a Native American drum song and blessing, the singing of the African American Anthem by Dr. Annie Henry – accompanied by Carol L. Johnson, and a tuba solo of the US Anthem by Dr. Joel Pugh.

The program will also feature a segment called "In Pursuit of Freedom – Generations of Immigrants, Generations of Hope". Speakers will be Dr. Brian Donovan on "From the Great Hunger: Irish immigrants of the 1840s"; Mr. Robert Treuer on "Everyone's Fight for Freedom"; Mr. Samuel Rick on "My Pursuit of Freedom" and Lea Bodenheimer who will perform a flute solo titled the "Freedom and Peace Prelude".

Another segment of the program called "African Americans Pursuit of Freedom and Equality" will feature Dr. Joel Pugh on a "Tuba Interlude" and a video documentary titled "Mighty Times" – a Rosa Parks legacy.

Following the program, attendees will be invited to reflect and dialogue on the civil rights movement.

The 2006 Freedom Walk Committee consists of Dr. Dada M. Maglajlic, Jody Beaulieu, Adam Hughes, Joe Johnson, Luanne Koch, John R. Kovach, Father Bill Mehrkens, Marilyn Nelson and Kat Stielin.



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What are Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs)?

By Gina M. Papasodora, THPO

Tribal Historic Preservation Office - A Program within the Division of Resources Management

Tribal Historic Preservation Officers are officially designated by a federally recognized Indian Tribe to direct a program approved by the National Park Service and the THPO must have assumed some or all of the functions of State Historic Preservation Officers on Tribal lands. This program was made possible by the provisions of Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Before a Tribe may assume the functions of a State Historic Preservation Officer, the National Historic Preservation Act requires Tribes to submit a formal plan to the National Park Service describing how the proposed Tribal Historic Preservation Officer functions will be carried out. Leech Lake was approved to hold office in June 1996 and has continued for 9 years.

Our program is supported by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) which was created by the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act and is supported by annual revenues from Outer Continental Shelf oil leases and assists states, local governments, Indian tribes and Historically Black Colleges and Universities with their historic preservation activities nationwide.

There is an emphasis to the importance of protecting "traditional cultural properties," places that are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places because of their association with cultural practices and beliefs that are: (1) rooted in the history of the community; and (2) are important to maintaining the continuity of that community's traditional beliefs and practices.

Incorporating Tribal cultural values into the historic preservation program has been consistently cited as a priority. Finally, the need for assuming the responsibility for reviewing Federal undertakings that may affect historical properties and the importance of archaeological survey

work was consistently mentioned as essential. Tribal Historic Preservation Officers advise Federal agencies on the management of Tribal/State historic properties and strive to preserve their Tribes' cultural heritage and preservation programs.

Pow Wows in Heaven

Two ninety-year old Seminole men, Joe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. It seems that Sam is dying, so Joe comes to visit him.

"Sam," says Joe, "You know how we have both loved to sing and dance all our lives. Sam, you have to do me one favor. When you go, somehow you've got to tell me if there are powwows in heaven."

Sam looks up at Joe from his deathbed and says, "Joe, you've been my friend many years. This favor I'll do for you." And with that, Sam passes on.

It is midnight a couple nights later. Joe is sound asleep when a distant voice calls out to him, "Hey Joe.... Joe...."

"Who is it?" says Joe sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Joe, it's me Sam."

"Come on. You're not Sam. Sam died."

"I'm telling you," insists the voice. "It's me, Sam!"

"Sam? Is that you? Where are you?"

"I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I've got some good news and some bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Joe.

"The good news," says Sam "is that there are powwows in heaven. You should see the grand entries. They are really keen!"

"Really?" says Joe, "That's wonderful! What's the bad news?"

"They got you down as Head Singer on Saturday!"

What is the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO)?

Gina M. Papasodora, THPO

Tribal Historic Preservation Office - Division of Resources Management

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been an associate member for 9 years

Founded in 1998, the Association is a national non-profit membership organization of Tribal government officials who implement federal and tribal preservation laws. NATHPO's overarching purpose is to support the preservation, maintenance and revitalization of the culture and traditions of Native peoples of the United States. This is accomplished most importantly through the support of Tribal Historic Preservation Programs as acknowledged by the National Park Service.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) have the responsibilities of State Historic Preservation Officers on tribal lands and advise and work with federal agencies on the management of tribal/state historic properties. THPOs also preserve and rejuvenate the unique cultural traditions and practices of their tribal communities.

NATHPO activities include monitoring the U.S. Congress, Administration, and state activities on issues that affect all Tribes and monitoring the effectiveness of federally mandated compliance reviews and identification, evaluation, and management of tribal historic properties. Examples of completed and ongoing projects: "Tribal Tourism Toolkit for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and Other Tribal Opportunities (2002)," and

"Many Nations Media Project - News from the Lewis & Clark Trail (2002-5)," and "Treaty Research Project for Continental U.S. (2001)." NATHPO also offers training and technical assistance on federal historic preservation laws.

Principles and Purposes of NATHPO (NATHPO is guided by three main principles)

- ♦ Tribal Sovereignty – the inherent right of Indian Nations to self-government
- ♦ Confidentiality – recognition of the need to respect the confidentiality of information regarding Native cultural and ceremonial practices and places of religious or cultural significance.
- ♦ No boundaries – NATHPO recognizes that the cultural and heritage preservation interests of Indian Nations and their peoples often extend far beyond the boundaries of present-day reservations -- often crossing state and national boundaries -- and stands ready to assist in activities relating to transboundary cultural and environmental issues.

As the Leech Lake THPO and an active member of the NATHPO, I will continue to fight for the tribes inherent rights and to enforce our jurisdiction on tribal lands to the fullest extent as provided with our responsibilities specified by the Secretary of the Interior.

Jay Johnson's Class Has Been Busy Racing

Jay Johnson's Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig's 6th grade class were given rough dimensions for their drafting project, and then told to design a car. They then built a ramp for the cars to race down. The three gentlemen pictured to the right are racing to the finish line.



(L to R) Henry Greyhawk, Cameron Seelye and Zach White

Submitted Photo

Legal Notices**Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Jerome William Lee Anderson, Defendant,**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Jerome William Lee Anderson** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use Seat belts or child restraint devices
2. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No driver's licenses

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on Tuesday, December 6, 2006 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.

Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. John Howard Fairbanks, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that, **John Howard Fairbanks** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 94.01, Cutting down balsam trees within boundaries of the reservation.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 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. Raymond Geving, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Raymond Geving** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 32.02.3.C, Migratory bird act violation, use of lead shot.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Kenneth Wayne Hough, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Kenneth Wayne Hough** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 13.01.7.A, Carrying a loaded firearm in a moving vehicle, daytime.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Robin Marie Ladeaux, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Robin Marie Ladeaux** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she

committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.

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1. Failure to appear in court on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Tashina Marie Mountain, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Tashina Marie Mountain** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Gordon Rogers, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that, **Gordon Rogers** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Conservation Code:

1. Section 32.06, Shooting at big game, down or across public roads.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on Tuesday, March 1, 2006 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. Adam Scott Stangland, Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Adam Scott Stangland** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to use seat belts or child restraint devices.

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Peter Dale White, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that, **Peter Dale White** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **February 7, 2006 at 3:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.

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Northern Lights Casino & Hotel – Walker, Minnesota
Sponsored by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

In cooperation with the Native American Business Enterprise Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, UIDA Business Services, and the U.S. Small Business Administration

Date: March 9, 2006

Schedule

Location: Northern Lights

Casino Event Center

6800 Y Frontage Road NW

– Walker, MN

Cost: FREE to public

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Trade

Fair/Workshops

Who Should Attend:

Companies interested in doing business with government agencies and prime contractors can meet with representatives from the respective organizations. In addition, attendees can participate in workshops on topics ranging from becoming HUBZone certified to how to sell to the government. Small businesses owned by ethnic minorities, veterans, and women can learn about special programs designed to provide better access to the government marketplace.

Exhibiting Organizations

Government Agencies

Grand Forks Air Force Base
General Services Administration
State of MN – Department Administration
U.S. Army Corps Engineers – St. Paul District
U.S. Forest Service: Superior and Chippewa
U.S. Small Business Administration
USDA Rural Development
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Government Printing Office
VA Medical Center - Fargo
MN Department of Transportation
University of Minnesota
MN National Guard

Prime Contractors

Fastenal/Wells Technology

Nonprofit Organizations

Procurement Technical Assistance Center
Metropolitan Economic Development Association
Native American Business Development Center
Northwest Minnesota Foundation
UIDA Business Services
Cass County Economic Development Corp.
Small Business Development Center – Bemidji and Brainerd

LLTC Law Enforcement Program Helps Meet a Need

Leech Lake Tribal College, which now provides its students access to state-of-the-art technology, is venturing into new and relatively uncharted waters with its Law Enforcement Program. Since hiring a new Program Coordinator last fall, the College has begun taking steps to prepare for application to the Minnesota Peace Officer Standard and Training Board for official recognition as a Professional Police Officer Educational (PPOE) program.

Once LLTC is designated a MN POST Board program, it will be held to State of Minnesota standards and will be better equipped to compete with other regional institutions in attracting students to its Law Enforcement Program.

The Tribal College, which is also interested in providing advanced officer training for those already serving the area (specifically, the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department), has already arranged for federally-funded training to be held at the main campus in the near future. Additionally, state agencies are scheduled to hold training sessions at the College, on topics such as “interview techniques” and “arson investigations,” that can benefit local law enforcement departments.

At present, American Indians are significantly under-represented in local and federal law enforcement agencies. According to the most recent Final Report to the Attorney General and Secretary of the Interior for Indian Country Law Enforcement Improvements, “While there are 2.9 officers per 1000 citizens in non-Indian communities under 10,000, the equivalent ratio in Indian Country is only 1.3 officers per 1000 citizens—or less than half the per capita coverage in small communities outside Indian Country.” The report calls for more than **4000** sworn officers in Indian Country to provide a minimum level of coverage that would compare to that in rural America.

Following are some examples of Native hiring practices among tribal law enforcement agencies in Minnesota:

- Fond du Lac—11 officers, all of whom are Native American.
- Leech Lake DNR—4 officers, all of whom are Native.
- Lower Sioux—5 officers, of whom 4 are Native.
- Mille Lacs DNR—4 officers; one is Native.
- Upper Sioux—1 officer; he is

non-Native.

- White Earth—15 officers, of whom 4 are Native.

As these statistics suggest, more indigenous men and women are needed in Minnesota law enforcement agencies, and Leech Lake Tribal College stands ready to play a vital role in training these officers. Currently, 12 students are enrolled in the Law Enforcement Program at LLTC; included in this number are both male and female students, ranging in age from 19-60, and representing both Native and non-Native populations. Shannon Northbird, one of the Program’s 2005 graduates, who recently received his POST certification, is already serving as an officer with the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department.

Minnesota has some of the most rigorous training standards in the United States, and LLTC is committed to adhering to those same high standards. Anyone interested in pursuing a career as a police officer, probation or parole officer, corrections officer, loss prevention manager, security officer, or in any other related field should contact Officer Matthew Stiehm, Law Enforcement Program Coordinator at Leech Lake Tribal College, (218) 335-4245, mstiehm@lltc.org.

Harvard’s Tuition Announcement

Harvard’s tuition announcement highlights failure of prestigious Universities to enroll low-income students. Harvard University recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard’s president Lawrence H. Summers said, “When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.” If you know of a family earning less than \$40,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families could go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard’s financial aid website at <http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm> or call the school’s financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

From the Desk of District 4 B Rep. Frank Moe

Dear Senate District 4 Democrats,

Sitting in my office looking out onto the new falling snow I'm taking a little time to reflect on our accomplishments over the last couple of years and the challenges/opportunities that we are facing in 2006.

Accomplishments:

- Over the last couple of years Democrats in have arguably had great success in changing the debate in North Central Minnesota from tax cuts, gay marriage and abortion to the importance of education, healthcare, good jobs, a clean environment and controlling property taxes. We've done this by being active in many ways including: letters to the editor, showing up at public meetings and caucuses, voting in record numbers and just plain speaking up.
- The 2004 election was highlighted by increasing by almost 10 times the people who showed up to caucuses and both the county and endorsing conventions. Those turnouts and the excitement and hard work afterwards allowed us to win the House 4A seat back by a large 1400 vote margin and come close in the 4B race.
- We have fielded 3 very strong candidates seeking the DFL endorsement to challenge Carrie Ruud for the Senate 4 seat, have a great candidate running for the 4B House seat and have an incumbent running in 4A.

Challenges/Opportunities:

- It will be all too easy to get overconfident especially in light of what appears to be the anti-Republican tide in the State and Country. Some of you have heard me say this already. We have the wind at our backs; we're paddling downstream but never put it past us to wrap our canoe around a rock at any time. We will win in 2006 because we are right on the issues and work much harder than our opponents.
- It will be all too easy for us to just pile on additional complaints about the performance of our District's and State's Republicans. Right now the media is doing that for us. Yes, we need to point out our differences from our opponents but we won last year and will win again next year by running positive issue oriented campaigns.
- The 4th Senate District DFL endorsement can and should provide a strong foundation from which we build the campaign to win the General Election. We all have the opportunity to listen to and learn about the 3 candidates who are currently working for the endorsement. I encourage you all to get to know each of them by reading their literature, talking to them on the phone and by attending the candidate forums early next year. You all will decide who our endorsed candidate will be. Frankly I've yet to decide whom I think the best candidate is, but will completely support the DFL endorsed candidate. That candidate will be the one who has worked the hardest to get to know us all. The endorsed candidate will also have convinced us that they will have the best chance to beat Carrie Ruud in the General Election and be a great Senator for District 4. I look forward to a spirited yet positive endorsement battle that will, in the end, make our district's DFL even stronger.

Now I'm going to get up and go run my dog team in this fresh snow. And while I'll be grateful for our beautiful North Woods home I hope I never forget how much work has gone into keeping it so. My dogs will be out there running tirelessly and as a team just as District 4 Democrats did in 2004. If that's what we do in 2006, we can have even greater success by winning all three district races and really protecting our Northern Minnesota way of life.

Happy New Year

Frank Moe

ELECTION CALENDAR 2006

January 4:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office.
January 19:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.
January 23:	Election Announcement
January 24:	Opening of period for filing for office
February 3:	Close of filing period
February 24:	Notice of Certifications to TEC
March 1:	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards and Judges.
March 3:	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election/ Notice of Primary
April 4:	Primary
April 5:	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results
April 6:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results
April 7:	Deadline for Request for Recount
April 11:	5:00 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary election
April 12: (Results, if Allowed or 10 th or 11 th If earlier request):	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount
April 21:	Decision on Contest
April 24:	Deadline for Appeal to Tribal Court of Election Appeals
April 27:	Record of Contest to Tribal Court of Election Appeals
May 1:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal
May 10:	Last Day for Decision on Appeal
May 12:	Notice of Regular Election
	TEC provides ballots
June 13:	General Election
June 14:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election
June 15:	General Reservation Election Board publishes election results
June 16:	Deadline for Request for Recount
June 20 (5 P.M.):	Deadline for Notice of Contest
June 21 (or 20, 19, if Request for Recount if allowed is filed before deadline)	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount,
June 30, (or ten days from Notice of Contest, whichever is sooner):	Decision on Contest
July 3:	Deadline for appeal to Tribal Court of Election Appeals.
July 6:	Record of contest forwarded to Tribal Court of Election Appeals
July 10:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
July 18:	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Tribal Court of Election Appeals
Ten days from Hearing on Appeal:	Deadline for decision of the Tribal Court of Elections Appeal.
Day following Decision of Appeal	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office

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