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Wilson and LaRose Will Compete in Race For Secretary/Treasurer Seat on the Leech Lake Tribal Council.

By Patsy Gordon



Burton "Luke" Wilson



Arthur "Archie" LaRose

Burton "Luke" Wilson, the current District I Representative and incumbent Arthur "Archie" LaRose, will vie for the open Secretary Treasurer position on the Leech Lake Tribal Council. The Leech Lake Reservation Primary Election results show LaRose with a significant lead over Wilson. Wilson received 463 votes, while LaRose received 872 votes.

In the race for the District I Committeeman, Robbie M. Howe and James Howard will complete for the open District I seat. In the primary elections, Howe received 130 votes, while Howard received 99 votes.

District II Committeeman showed the current incumbent, Lyman Losh with a significant lead of 129 votes while contender, Debbie Tibbetts received 57 votes.

All competitors in each race will face off in a general election slated for June 13, 2006. Good luck, candidates! The winning candidates for each seat will sit for four (4) year terms.

Chippewa National Forest Campgrounds Opening Soon

The Chippewa National Forest will soon be opening all 21 developed campgrounds for the 2006 season. The campgrounds are located on 12 of the Forest's 1,300 lakes. Campgrounds are open as early as May 3rd and remain open until mid-September or later. Some of the campgrounds are open all year with no water or garbage pickup off-season.

Fees for the campgrounds range from \$14.00 - \$20.00 a night depending on the facilities available. Campground facilities vary from

flush toilets and showers to rustic campgrounds with vault toilets and hand pump water wells. Three of the campgrounds, Chippewa, On-Ne-Gum-E and Stony Point, have electric hook-ups. Each campsite has a picnic table, fireplace, tent pad and parking spot.

Each site allows for one contained sleeping unit (an RV, pick-up camper or trailer) plus one vehicle. In a paid double occupancy campsite, visitors may have two contained sleeping units and two vehicles. These vehicle limits will help decrease the impacts on vegetation.

Due to increased use levels and the impacts on the campground sites the Chippewa National Forest enforces the national policy of a 14

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Yvonne Wilson Among Top Ten Finalists for MN Teacher of the Year

The following article was taken from the Education Minnesota website.

Organizers of the 2006 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Program today announced the finalists in this year's program. A selection panel of 23 leaders in the areas of business, government and non-profits selected 10 finalists from a semifinalist group of 27. There were 119 Teacher of the Year candidates for this program year.

The selection panel meets again May 6th to conduct individual interviews with the 10 finalists and to cast votes for the 2006 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. The 2005 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Glen

Sorenson of Proctor, will announce this year's honoree at a banquet at the Northland Inn and Conference Center in Brooklyn Park, MN on Sunday, May 7. This year marks the program's 42nd anniversary.

This program is organized and underwritten by Education Minnesota. Supporters include Education Minnesota ESI, McDonald's Restaurants of Minnesota, The Northland Inn and Conference Center, Pearson Education, SMARTer Kids Foundation, Teacher Federal Credit Union and United Educators Credit Union.

A list of all ten finalists can be found by visiting www.educationminnesota.org.

Your Check is Waiting For You!

Good news is waiting for the people listed below. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's Accounting Division still has wild rice crop damage checks that have not been picked up by Band members who participated in the (crop failure) 2005 ricing season. When you go to pick up your check, be sure to bring your I.D. with you for verification.

Frank Bellanger, Thomas Bellanger, Carmen Butler, Roger Durant, Gordon Geving, Tyrell Rubin, James TeJohn, Sr., Marvin Watkins, Carol J. White, Gary Wickner, and Peggy Walker.

Please pick up your checks by May 10, 2006. Thank you.



Yvonne Wilson

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Obituaries

Byron James Northbird

"Gii-New"

"Miskwaa-Na-Way-Benaise"

Byron James Northbird, 6 months old, of Cass Lake, MN, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Fairview Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Traditional funeral services were held on March 27, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Leader Tom Stillday Sr. officiating. A wake began on March 25, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN, and continued until the time of the service. Interment is at the Buck Lake Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born on September 18, 2005 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Russell and Sharon (Littlewolf) Northbird. He lived in the care of his family and the staff of the Fairview Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

He is survived by his parents, Russell and Sharon Northbird of Cass Lake, MN; brothers, Ashton, Erik, and Russell Northbird, Jr., all of Cass Lake, MN; sisters, Kristie and Ashley Northbird, both of Cass Lake, MN; paternal grandparents, Gerald and Suzanne Northbird of Cass Lake, MN; Maternal Grandparents, Gilbert Starr and Marilyn Littlewolf of Cass Lake; Great-Grandfather, Tom Stillday Sr. of Ponemah, MN; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Active Casketbearers were

Marvin Littlewolf, Gilbert "Bert" Littlewolf Sr., Brandon "Joe" Raisch, Ashton Northbird, Gerald Northbird Jr., Jonas Russell-Darryl Northbird.

Honorary Casketbearers were Byron's brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Dorothy Dunn Jenkins

Dorothy Jenkins, 60, of Deer River, Minnesota died on April 12, 2006 in Ball Club, Minnesota.

Dorothy was born on September 8, 1945 in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

She was born and raised in Cass Lake in the Oak Point area. She loved beadwork and making quill boxes. She loved her family and her pet, Twitch, and her brother's dog, Bill.

She is survived by her son, Nathan; brothers, Louis, John and Wesley Dunn; special niece (Daughter) Barbara Haugen; special sons, Scott McDermond and Troy Bowstring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents, John Dunn and Alice Taylor.

A wake was held on April 14, 2006, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Minnesota. Funeral services were held on April 16, 2006, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Burial is at the Morgan Cemetery, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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



Thank You

There are not enough words to describe our deepest heart felt feelings and thanks for the overwhelming response to our family at the sudden loss of our daughter, mother and sister, Lisa-Singleton-Justus and to Cody, her son, who was injured. The love of all our family, our community family – friends, neighbors, to special family, Carole and Jake, we give our utmost respect, thanks and love, you were our "Rock of Gibraltar's", always there to take care of what needed to be done, to special friends, John & Louise Smith and Lisa Sanmartin. Everyone's prayers, support, concern and companionship truly has given us the strength to make it through the worst of these times and will help us to continue, so we may heal. Thank you to Cease Funeral Home and St. Charles Church for your support, assistance and beautiful service provided. This has meant so much to us. Our deepest gratitude to the Indian Health Service Hospital staff for your excellent care and quick response to Cody's injuries, to the EMT's and responders in assisting Lisa, to the Leech Lake Health Division, departments, co-workers/friends who have given so much support, the City of Cass Lake, Miracle Group, Cass Lake Middle School teachers & students, NW Technical College, staff, students, & former classmates/friends, Lutheran Social Services, staff and home families. We give special thank you to Trek North High School staff, students and friends for your assistance and support, both for our family and especially for Halee. The care and concern we received

from each individual who responded will never be forgotten. We truly feel so privileged to live in and be a part of such a wonderful family community. We truly feel so privileged to live in and be a part of such a wonderfully family community. We are truly blessed.

Mi-gwetch (thank you) so many times over!

Bog & Pat Singleton, Donald, Halee & Cody Justus, Jake, Melissa, Triston, Carmina, & Tulullah Chernugal and Michelle & Joshua Singleton

"Jennifer"

By Lucille Wakanabo

All my life I dreaded one thing, and that was to lose one of my children. I had 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl.

Time went on to the grown up years of my kids. They all became 50 plus years. I was thankful for that.

As my children aged, so did I. I didn't want to see one of my kids die before me. However, this happened. My daughter died at the age of 54 years old. (1-10-06)

There is such emptiness in our little circle of family. The boys don't laugh and kid around so much like they used to. I know that their feelings are different. I'm their mother. Their only sister is gone, but will not be forgotten.



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Leech Lake Reservation Election Results

Primary Election

April 4, 2006

SECRETARY/TREASURER

| CANDIDATE | WCT | WALDORF | CLARK | STUM | QUANTRILL | GRANDT | FRANKE | MOORE | ANDERSON | ROBERTS | OLSON | NEEDHAM | ANDERSON | COLE | % |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|-------|------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|-------|---------|----------|------|----------|
| BURTON "LARRY" WILSON | 15 | 71 | 7 | 25 | 17 | 5 | 114 | 24 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 117 | 458 | 24.4138% |
| WALTER "FRANK" REESE | 2 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 70 | 4.0049% |
| FRANKLIN C. DOWSTRING | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 60 | 3.0131% |
| ARTHUR "BOB" LARSEN | 20 | 102 | 24 | 57 | 22 | 20 | 212 | 61 | 46 | 12 | 15 | 67 | 179 | 679 | 35.9162% |
| RONALD H. ANDERSON | 10 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 22 | 27 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 70 | 3.9175% |
| DELORES FINEGAY | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 45 | 2.3748% |
| DEWAY MADHKE FAIRDANCE | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1.6132% |
| LEONARD N. "LENNY" FINEGAY | 2 | 20 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 30 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 70 | 3.9202% |

DISTRICT 1 COMMITTEEMAN

| CANDIDATE | WCT | WALDORF | CLARK | NEEDHAM | ANDERSON | COLE | % |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|-------|---------|----------|------|----------|
| JAMES HOWALD | 52 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 58 | 17.0000% |
| ROBBIE W. HOWE | 5 | 82 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 78 | 18.4242% |
| MILTON GOTCHIE | 3 | 47 | 12 | 4 | 72 | 72 | 18.9394% |
| SAMUEL JOHNSON, JR. | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 20 | 6.9175% |
| MIKE BLUWIK | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 3.1172% |
| LAWRENCE GOTCHIE, JR. | 4 | 44 | 3 | 13 | 15 | 78 | 19.8271% |
| SILVIA A. JACKSON | 10 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 6.4286% |
| SANDRA FAIRDANCE | 2 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 3.6173% |
| LEWIS BOWSTRING | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 4.2424% |
| GARY CHURWOOD | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 18 | 7.9273% |

DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEEMAN

| CANDIDATE | WCT | WALDORF | CLARK | NEEDHAM | ANDERSON | COLE | % |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|-------|---------|----------|------|----------|
| LYMAN LUSH | 51 | 22 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 28 | 40.5263% |
| MARLENE MITCHELL | 10 | 5 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 52 | 18.9371% |
| BONITA BLUWIK DESJANUS | 13 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 12.6173% |
| HARRY "JIM" GREENE | 2 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 11.7188% |
| DEBORAH "DEBBIE" TIBBETS | 12 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 4 | 37 | 18.0271% |

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Election Board, hereby certify the above to be a true abstract of the votes cast for the candidates shown herein at the Primary Election held April 4, 2006.

Chairperson: Barbara M. White Member: Debbie Maryson
 Member: Karen M. Eggen Member: James Baker
 Member: Dennis Baertlein Member: _____

Native American Veteran's Outreach

Department of Veterans Affairs Press Release

The Fargo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Dakota Regional Office, in conjunction with various service organizations, Indian Health Services, the White Earth Band of Chippewa, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, will be sponsoring a Compensation and Information Fair at the Leech Lake Ojibwe Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive, Cass Lake, Minnesota. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 through Thursday, May 18, 2006. All veterans are welcome to attend. Veterans service organization representatives will be available from the American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans

of Foreign Wars, (VFW), Minnesota American Legion, and Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, to assist all veterans, dependents and survivors, with their claims. This is an opportunity for the veteran community to apply for veterans benefits in one location without traveling to the Fargo Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center. We will have social workers from the Fargo VA Homeless Program available, representatives with information on the Native American Home Loan program and blood pressure screening.

A VA disability examiner will be available to provide compensation and pension examinations along with VA Rating Board specialists to adjudicate certain disability and pension claims. All veterans are encouraged to bring a copy of their DD214 (Discharge papers), service medical or personnel records, medical records, and any Department of Veterans Affairs paperwork they may have received at

an earlier date.

Questions can be referred to Peggy Wheelden, Public Affairs Officer at 701-239-3724.

Editor's Note: The Department of Veteran's Affairs came to the Facility Center in Cass Lake last year and held a very successful Compensation and Information Fair. I heard of several veterans receiving veterans benefits that they were not even aware they could get. Some were even able to collect retroactive compensation from years back. The Veteran's Affairs Organization offers many great services for Veteran's. Make sure you go out to the Fair and take advantage of what they have to offer.

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Pictured above is the late Albert Stately, the late Sam Raisch, and the late Emma Bongo-Raisch Stately. This picture was taken in either 1911 or 1912 and was submitted by Lucille Raisch. The boy in the middle is Lucille's father at a very young age. The following story is taken from the January 31, 1952 edition of the Cass Lake Times.

Tales of the Old Home Town!

The following story was published at the request of Leech Lake Band elder Lucille Wakanabo.

Back in the old saw mill days, there was an Indian named Stately who came to work for J. Neils. He was a handsome fellow, straight as an arrow, with copper colored skin without a blemish, and he could and would work. His wife was a lovely woman in every way; beautiful hair, black as a raven's wing, expressive eyes and a queenly dignity. They were the best looking couple in Cass Lake. This man Stately worked from the time the mill opened up in the spring. He never missed a day, nor was he ever late. He was an ideal employee and one of Neil's head men said, "They tell you that an Indian won't work in a factory,

Leech Lake Honor Guard Memorial Day Activities

Friday, May 26, 2006

- 8:53 a.m. Zion Cemetery
- 9:14 a.m. Boy Lake Cemetery
- 10:15 a.m. Bowstring Cemetery – Inger
- 10:25 a.m. Spike Cemetery – Inger
- 11:03 a.m. Round Lake Cemetery – S Lake
- 11:15 a.m. Boyd Cemetery – S Lake
- 11:29 a.m. S Lake Cemetery

Saturday, May 27, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Waboose Bay Cemetery
- 7:50 a.m. Ryans Village Cemetery
- 8:20 a.m. Rock Cemetery – Federal Dam
- 8:50 a.m. Battle Point Cemetery – Sugar Point
- 9:22 a.m. Boy River Cemetery
- 9:44 a.m. Federal Dam Cemetery
- 10:25 a.m. Windom Cemetery
- 10:44 a.m. Fineday Cemetery – Pennington
- 11:10 a.m. Boyd Cemetery – Paint Brush Drive & Chief Boyd Drive
- 11:24 a.m. Buck Lake Cemetery
- 11:44 a.m. Mission Traditional Cemetery
- 11:54 a.m. Wilson Cemetery – Mission
- 12:05 p.m. Mokahum Cemetery – Mission
- 12:20 p.m. Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Powwow grounds
- 12:50 p.m. Che-We – Gas up
- 1:00 p.m. Wayside Rest Area/Cass Lake – Lunch
- 1:40 p.m. Thompsonville Cemetery
- 1:59 p.m. Ellis Cemetery – Oak Point Road
- 2:15 p.m. Morgan Cemetery – Oak Point Road
- 2:31 p.m. Chippewa Bible Church Cemetery – Oak Point Road
- 2:51 p.m. Brown Eagle Cemetery – Oak Point Road
- 3:05 p.m. Goggleye Cemetery – Oak Point Road
- 3:20 p.m. Tanner Cemetery – Oak Point Road

Monday, 29, 2006 – Memorial Day

- 10:00 a.m. Onigum Traditional Cemetery I
- 10:17 a.m. Onigum Traditional Cemetery II
- 10:31 a.m. Old Agency Catholic Cemetery
- 10:47 a.m. Episcopal Cemetery - Onigum

that he does not like a whistle and you can't depend on him. Now there is Stately. He is more Indian than any Indian around here, and I haven't seen a white man more dependable."

Spring lengthened into summer and June into July. The woods were full of blueberries. One morning Stately did not show up for work. "He must be sick," thought the foreman. "Guess I'll go over and see how he is." When he got there, the Statelys were gone. They had left to Red Lake to pick blueberries. The foreman grinned; "I don't know as I blame him," he said, "Call it 'the call of the wild goose' or the blueberry patch of the Dakota harvest fields, when the time comes to go and you hear the call, red or white, you got to go."

Leech Lake Sees Growth, Interest and Results With the LaCrosse Project

On November 20, 1998, the Leech Lake Tribal Council hosted a one-day Youth Summit in response to a call for help from local youth. During the summit, youth broke out into eighteen groups consisting of 10-15 youth, led by an adult facilitator. From these small groups discussions emerged issues that currently affect the youth such as violence, alcohol, drugs, gangs, self-respect, family structure,

and peer pressure. Substance abuse, school dropout rates, criminal activity, and anti-social/destructive behavior among reservation youth have become critical issues requiring action within all tribal communities reservation wide. The need to develop strategies to combat these problems affecting the reservation's 2,254 youth, ages 5-18, has long been a priority of the Tribal Council. On February 18, 1999, the Leech Lake Tribal Council passed a resolution that created the Leech Lake Reservation Youth Division, and charged that division with responding to the needs of the youth as identified by the Youth Summit.

Now, within the Leech Lake Youth Division, a number of programs are offered through the Youth Activity Program including the Leech Lake Youth La Crosse Project, which promotes the physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual development of native youth. La Crosse teachings have been passed down through ceremony and birch bark scroll writings to the present generations. This information will be shared with youth in their native language at the beginning of the La Crosse Project and language tapes will be developed about the game so youth can practice at home and during road trips for competition.

This is important in terms for further development, because many of the youth who were part of the original La Crosse Project in 1988 are now in senior high school and moving on with their lives. The La Crosse Project has shown considerable results with the youth who because of the athletic and cultural training are healthy and more focused on what they want to do with their futures. The growth of the La Crosse Project is seen in an emergency among a new group of youth as well as interest from other tribal communities such as Mille Lacs and Red Lake.

"We are very excited to see the La Crosse Project continue to grow. It's been great to see that it has made a difference in so many lives of our youth, and will continue to do so," said longtime coach Jerry Morgan who has established partnerships with Leech Lake Reservation youth, others who have a continued interest in La Crosse, other reservations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Canada,

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LaCrosse Project

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as well as educational organizations including the University of Minnesota-Duluth and St. Cloud State.

Costs associated with the Leech Lake Youth La Crosse Project, including contracting an Ojibwe Language instructor, purchasing La Crosse equipment, travel expenses to competitions, and related program expenses were afforded through a \$20,000 grant from St. Paul-based Otto Bremer Foundation.

Indian Arts and Crafts Directory Online

Indian Arts and Crafts Board Press Release

The Indian Arts & Crafts Board (IACB), an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, announces the posting of its updated [Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Owned and Operated Arts and Crafts Businesses](http://www.iacb.doi.gov) now available at www.iacb.doi.gov.

Organized by state, the Source Directory includes federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native artists and crafts people, cooperatives, tribal arts and crafts enterprises, businesses privately-owned and operated by federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native artists, designers, and craftspeople, and businesses privately owned and operated by American Indian and Alaska Native merchants who retail and/or wholesale authentic Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts. The Source Directory is accessible to the public, serving as a direct link between the arts and crafts businesses and prospective customers.

The Source Directory will be updated monthly as new applications for business listings are received and approved. This service is available only to individuals who are enrolled members of federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native groups. In addition to a completed application, applicants will be required to provide a copy of tribal enrollment documentation from his or her respective federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native group. To be listed is free.

To receive an application to be listed in the Source Directory, contact the IACB using its toll free number, 888-278-3253, or write to Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U. S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW, MS 2058-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Specify if the application is for an individual or a group, such as a cooperative or tribal enterprise.

LEECH LAKE MEMORIAL DAY POW-WOW

Veteran's Memorial Grounds
Bingo Palace Drive
Cass Lake, MN

May 26, 27 & 28, 2006

Cass Lake Rest Area Building To Close on April 24TH

The Minnesota Department of Transportation closed its Cass Lake Rest Area building on April 24th.

The building is scheduled for demolition with construction of a new facility beginning May 1st. In a partnership agreement with the City of Cass Lake, Mn/DOT will lease space in the new building for the City of Cass Lake to operate a tourism and travel information center.

During the closure, demolition and new construction period, the public will still have access to the parking lot for the boat landing and truck parking lot, however, Mn/DOT will not have restroom facilities available.

The new facility is expected to be complete by December 31, 2006.

Chippewa National Forest Campgrounds Opening Soon

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day maximum length of stay limit at each campground. For a \$9.00 fee, reservations may be made in advance at some of the campgrounds through the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) by calling 1-877-444-6777. Reservations can also be made through the NRRS web site at www.ReserveUSA.com. Reservations can be made 240 days in advance, for dates after Memorial Day and before Labor Day.

For more information on campgrounds see the Chippewa National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa.



Kelly Williams, Leech Lake Boys & Girls Club is Named "Youth of the Year"
Submitted Photo

Local Teen Named Boys & Girls Club Youth Of The Year

Kelly Williams is a true example of an extraordinary young person. At age 14, she has just been selected as the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area.

The Youth of the Year program, which is administered by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and has been nationally sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation since 1947, recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

"The Reader's Digest Foundation has been the proud sponsor of the Youth of the Year program for 59 years," said Susan Fraysse Russ, executive director, Reader's Digest Foundation. "We are thrilled that we can honor amazing teens, like Kelly Williams, for their dedication and hard work."

Kelly attends the Cass Lake-Bena Middle School, where she is an excellent student and plays on the basketball team. She has plans to attend the University of Minnesota as a professional photography student when she graduates. When not in school, Kelly spends her time helping and enjoying her family or at the Boys & Girls Club, where she is an officer in the Keystone Club and is well known for her leadership skills, kindness and

positive attitude.

"Kelly is an awesome young woman, and it will be an honor to watch and help her accomplish her dreams," said Tuleah Palmer, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area.

Williams will now go on to compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Youth of the Year title for the state of Minnesota and a \$1,000 scholarship. If Williams wins at the state level, then she will go on to compete for the title of Midwest Region Youth of the Year and a \$10,000 scholarship.

Five regional winners will then travel to Washington, D.C., to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and will be installed by President George W. Bush during a ceremony in the Oval Office.

As the founding sponsor of the Youth of the Year program, the Reader's Digest Foundation has given nearly \$8 million to BGCA and 58 teens have been selected as National Youth of the Year.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area is to inspire and empower all young people to realize their full potential as caring, productive and responsible citizens. The Cass Lake Unit, located at 208 Central Avenue, currently serves over 500 members, while the Walker unit serves 125. Our nationally recognized programs, in Health & Fitness, Arts & Cultural Enrichment, Service & Leadership, and Technology & Education are held in a Club facility. Through these programs, young people develop a sense of belonging, usefulness, input and competence. If you would like to help in this effort to serve our community's young people or for more information, please call the Cass Lake Unit at 218-335-8144 or the Walker Unit at 218-547-5337.

**NATIVE YOUTH
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Sister Study Needs American Indian and Alaska Native Women

The Sister Study Needs American Indian and Alaska Native Women to Help Find the Causes of Breast Cancer.

If you could help your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces possibly avoid developing breast cancer, would you? The Sister Study needs American Indian and Alaska Native women; ages 35 to 74-whose sisters had breast cancer-to help researchers learn how our environment and genes may affect the chances of getting the disease. Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health, the study is empowering women to leave an important legacy for future generations and make a lasting mark on breast cancer research.

Becky Dreadfulwater (Cherokee) enrolled in the Sister Study because her sister died from breast cancer. "The worst time in my life was sitting with my sister, Rosalee, who wasted away in body and mind every day," said the Oklahoma resident. "I felt so helpless because there was nothing I could do to cure her of this disease, but I think it's important to join the Sister Study and I look forward to being a useful part in this research."

"Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among American Indian and Alaska Native women, yet scientists have very little information on cancer histories in their families," said Dr. Dale Sandler, principal investigator of the Sister Study. "That's why enrolling in or supporting the Sister Study is so important." She added, "Joining is fairly simple and can be done from home, plus participants are not required to take any medicine, visit a medical center, or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life."

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**HUMAN RESOURCES
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

ACCOUNTING

Two Program Accountants

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Cashier (Palace & Hotel)
Cashier (Convenience Store) 05-08-06
Convenience Store Supervisor 05-08-06

DEVELOPMENT

Two (2) Grant Writers (Planning)

DIVISION of RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT

Seasonal Biological Technician 05-08-06
Wild Land Fire Fighter / Forestry Tech 04-24-06

EDUCATION

Maintenance Technician (ECD) 05-08-06
Early Childhood Director 05-02-06
Entry Level Child Care Asst, Day Care Teacher Assistant, Head Start

HEALTH DIVISION

Maternal Child Health RN 05-08-06
Elders Advocate 05-08-06
Elderly Nutrition Program Director 04-24-06
Community Health Representative (CHR) 04-24-06
Midlevel Provider (CVD Prog.) 04-24-06
Infant / Toddler C-PHN

HUMAN SERVICES

Case Manager (Opiate Prog) 05-08-06
Mental Health Therapist (LICSW)
Mental Health Therapist (Opiate Prog.)

Native American Preference applies.

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Fridays & Saturdays

RANDOM HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

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Win up to \$250

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Monday, May 29th HOURLY PRIZE DRAWINGS

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2pm - 3pm \$500

3pm - 4pm \$250

4pm - 5pm \$250

6pm - 7pm \$1,000

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May 5th
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May 6th
**Glenn Miller
Orchestra Dance**
One of the Greatest Bands of All Time

6:00pm to 10:00pm
\$15 - Advanced Tickets
\$20 - Day of Show



May 28th
Jessica Andrews
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8:00pm
\$10/\$15 - Advanced Tickets
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May 27th
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\$15/\$20 - Day of Show



May 28th
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2 for 1 Bingo

April 22nd, 28th & May 20th

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Legal Notices

Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. Shirley Hardy-Parent & Minor Child, Defendants, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Shirley Hardy & Minor Child are hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on June 19, 2006 at 9:00 A.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Juvenile Code:

1. Sec. 4-3 C, Alcohol and Drug Use.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on February 27, 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 of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Raymond Allen Geving, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Raymond Allen Geving is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.C, Driving after revocation;
2. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3 (A), Speeding form 1 to 10 mph over the limit.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on March 7, 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 of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Jennifer N. Goggeye, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Jennifer N. Goggeye is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's License;
2. Chapter 200, Sec.214.B, Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner permitting.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on March 7, 2006 pursuant to the

summons duly served upon you.
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs.

Leah Renee Jacobs, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Leah Renee Jacobs is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's License;
2. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3 (B), Speeding in excess of 10 mph over the limit.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on December 6, 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 of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs.

Angela Lynn Tejohn, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Angela Lynn Tejohn is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's License;
2. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to Use Seatbelts or child restraint Devices.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. Failure to appear in court on February 28, 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. **Miranda Dawn Butcher**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Miranda Dawn Butcher** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **May 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation

of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. **Chapter 200, Sec.215.C, Driving after revocation.**

2. Chapter 200, Sec.214.A, Motor vehicle insurance-Owner. YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

1. **Failure to appear in court on March 21, 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. **Douglas Todd Cloud (Minor) and Lorretta Cloud (parent)**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Douglas Todd Cloud (Minor) and Loretta Cloud (Parent)** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **May 16, 2006 at 2:00 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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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Ralph Wayne Schaaf**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Ralph Wayne Schaaf** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **May 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. **Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver's license.**

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Jolene Jennifer Smith**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Jolene Jennifer Smith** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **May 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M.**, and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of

the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. **Chapter 200, Sec.215.C.1, Driving after revocation.**
2. **Chapter 200, Sec.205, Open Bottle.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **Marilyn Rose Wakanabo**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **Marilyn Rose Wakanabo** is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on **May 16, 2006 at 2:00 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.**
2. **Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3, Speeding in excess of 10 mph over the limit.**

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Leech Lake Band, Plaintiff vs. **James Edward Wilson**, Defendant, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, **James Edward Wilson** is hereby and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

1. **Chapter 200, Sec.215.C, Driving after revocation.**
2. **Chapter 200, Sec.214.C, Failure to show proof of insurance.**

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Spring Reminders From a Northern Minnesota Wildland Fire Fighter

Minnesota DNR Press Release

Spring is just around the corner and for foresters and local fire fighters this means one thing: Fire Season.

Every year the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and local fire departments issue the standard warnings and regulations about wildland fire. Every spring we're called to hundreds of human-caused fires across northern Minnesota.

Rather than going into a lot of specifics on rules and regulations, I thought it might be helpful to just pass along a few simple pieces of

advice from a 15-year veteran Forestry technician and wildland firefighter from Roy Lake. Straight and to the point.

Burning Permits

Most people know that when the ground is not snow covered, burning permits are required. I'm not sure everyone understands why.

The first reason is so that we can limit most burning to the evening hours when burning conditions are less severe and the chances of an escaped fire are diminished. The evening hours are usually more humid and less windy.

The second, lesser-known reason for burning permits is that the DNR flies aerial fire detection during fire season whenever there is a threat of wildfire. On any given day there may be as few as one or as many as three aircraft flying within sight of your

county looking for smoke. The burning permit system helps limit the number of false alarms these pilots have to investigate.

I have spoken to many a homeowner who failed to see how their innocuous little leaf pile represented a great threat to life and property. Simply put: If the smoke from your fire pulls a detection aircraft off its route to conduct an inspection, we could be losing someone's home on the other end of the loop because a wildfire was not spotted in time.

Running Fires

Besides the usual brush piles and leaf burning, DNR commonly receives requests to write permits for running fire. This is known, in the fire business, as prescribed burning, or "Rx fire."

There are many uses for Rx fire, from rejuvenating native prairie

to removal of crop residue. While the DNR does write permits for prescribed burns, there are always a few that we have to refuse (and some escaped burns that we wish we had refused).

If an Rx fire is something you're considering, I remind you that a proper prescribed burn requires three things:

1) A plan.

An Rx fire plan details the reason the burn is necessary, plans for control, and a weather prescription that will produce the desired results without causing more fire than you can control. It is not adequate to say, "A fire can't get out of that area." You just can't have a safe Rx fire without a decent plan.

2) Adequate resources.

Adequate resources will allow you to safely execute a prescribed

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The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Implements its Interim Land Use Ordinance

On October 21, 2005 the Leech Lake Tribal Council passed a Resolution adopting a Land Use Ordinance (LUO) regulating land use within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation. This action is an effort to regulate the lands under the Bands jurisdiction in a manner that is in keeping with traditional notions of protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources. In adopting this ordinance the LLBO joins many other Tribes nationwide who have been regulating land use within their boundaries for many decades. The authority to regulate within "Indian Country" is an inherent right recognized by Congress and the Courts. This ordinance governs all property within the reservation that is owned by any member of any federally recognized Indian Tribe or Alaskan Native Village, property held in trust for the LL band wherever it is located, and other lands as permitted by law.

Permits for members of a federally recognized tribe must be obtained for any project within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries involving property development, construction, remodeling, landscaping, home businesses, or any other use which would otherwise have previously required a permit from a state, county, city or other local unit of government. Permits may be obtained from the office of the Land Use Administrator,

which is located in the lower level of the Department of Resource Management building one-quarter mile South of the City of Cass Lake on State Hwy. 371.

The Resolution establishing the Interim Land Use Ordinance provides for a 7-month "review and revision" period in which the Band will be updating the provisions of the interim ordinance to reflect recent changes in the various county rules. LL Band staff will also consult and arrange meetings with Counties and other local government units in an effort to assure consistent regulation of those lands in which there is an overlapping area of interest. At the conclusion of the "review and revision" period there will be a series of public meetings to allow input from the general public, followed by adoption of a final version of the ordinance by the LL tribal Council.

For further information regarding obtaining permits please contact Pauline Johnston, Interim Land Use Administrator, at 335-7400. For press inquiries or more information regarding the review and adoption process contact Associate Tribal Attorney, Wayne Bohn, at 335-3673.

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Plantation
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Mission
Macaroni Flats
Thunder in the Sky
Tooterville
Strawberry Fields
Allen's Bay
Oak Point
Wilkinson

Tuesday

Tract 34/Wildwood
Tract 33/Mocc. Flats
H.A. Office/Shop
East Cass Lake
Grant Utley
4-Plex
Northwoods
Heritage Manor
20-Plex
Fox Creek

Wednesday

N.Lights/Breezy Pt.
Old Agency
Midway
Onigum
Smokey Point
Kego Lake
Boy Lake/Boy River
Battle Point
Sugar Point
Bena
Portage Lake
Pennington

Thursday

S. Lake
Inger
Fairbanks
Ball Club
Bowstring



Please bag your trash if and whenever possible. Must have trash at curbside or roadside. No grass and/or leaf chippings. No metal or parts. No household appliances. No household furniture. No grass and household trash mixed. Trash pick-ups will also be done on Holidays.

Leech Lake Tribal Court Announces Fine Collection Amnesty Program

Leech Lake Tribal Court Press Release

The Leech Lake Tribal Court has created an amnesty program for those owing overdue fines imposed in traffic and conservation cases. Under the amnesty program, those owing fines will have sixty (60) days to either pay the outstanding fine in full or make arrangements for payment. Community service options may be available to those who cannot afford to pay their fines. A list of those persons owing outstanding fines appears below. If you see your name, please come to the Tribal Court to take care of your overdue fines. Failure to pay or make arrangements before June 31, 2006, will result in additional collection action, including having to appear in Court to show cause why the fine has not been paid. Failure to make arrangements or pay could result in such consequences as having violations reported to the State of Minnesota for entry on your driving record, having the fine added to the amount you must pay to renew or obtain your Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates, or seizure of your Leech Lake vehicle registration plates. If you have questions about the amnesty program, please call the Tribal Court at (218) 335-3682 or 335-4418.

Adams, Deborah
Adams/Fairbanks, Tammy M.
Allen, Gary
Anoka, Brian Scott
Aubid, Juanita Jean
Banks, Donald
Beauieu, Jesse James
Bebeau, Duane
Bebeau, Tina Marie
Belgarde, Brian
Bellanger, Brenda Marie
Bellanger, Joseph H.
Bellanger, Mary
Bellanger-Whitewing, Nathan
Birt, Stephanie Ann
Bissonette, Tonia
Brobrowski, Jessica
Bowers, Dewayne
Bowstring, Kelly
Brown, Bonita Susan
Brown, Curtis
Brown, Dennis Keith
Brown, Joseph
Brown, Mariza
Brown, Monica Lynn
Brown, Tara
Bryan, Clinton E.
Bryan, Janel Lee
Bryan, Russell Jr.
Budreau, Robert
Busse, Dennis Lee
Butcher, Jacquelyn
Butcher, Miranda Dawn
Butcher, Rhonda Lee
Butcher, Shaun Leon
Butterfly, Phyllis Nancy
Carmona, Emerjirdo Duane
Charwood, Donald Earl
Cloud, Alice
Cloud, Crystal
Cloud, Loretta
Cloud, Myron
Cloud, Randall Joseph
Cronin, David Allan
Cronquist, Lawrence
Cutbank, Mary
Cutbank, Norman Wayne
Davall, Anna Marie
Day, Jessica Amber
Day, Stephanie Lynn
Deegan, Byron

Adams, Jean Marie
Aagard, Beau James
Anderson, Ronald
Armstrong, Yvonne
Aubid, Juanita Jean
Barney, Derrick Gordon
Beaulieu, Natalie
Bebeau, Shelly Renee
Bedeau, Joseph
Bellanger, Beverly
Bellanger, Clayton
Bellanger, Lana
Bellanger, Naomi
Benjamin, Anthony
Bissonette, Sophia
Bobolink, Jean Marie
Bogda, Tyler Christopher
Bowstring, Joseph
Bowstring, Troy
Brown, Brandon
Brown, Darrick Earl
Brown, Jeffrey
Brown, Ronald Eugene Jr.
Brown, Marla
Brown, Sheldon Thomas
Bruce, Bonita
Bryan, Russell James III
Bryan, Linda Marie
Budreau, Denna Marie
Burnette, Rhonda
Butcher, Corey
Butcher, Leon Aaron
Butcher, Nigel
Butcher, Richard Lawrence
Butcher, William J.
Carlson, Dana
Casey, Thomas
Chosa, Henry Fredrick
Cloud, Cierra
Cloud, Douglas Todd
Cloud, Marlana Jane
Cloud, Peter
Connor, Timothy
Cronin, Wayne
Cronquist, Lawrence
Cutbank, Neil
Dahl, Jodi Catherine
Day, Annette Marie
Day, Justin
Decker, Roberta
Deegan, Vaness Marie

Desjarlails, William Gerald
Drouillard, Clarence
Dunn, Adrian Richard
Elkface, Chantelle Marie
Ellis, Julie
Evans, Evelyn Elaine
Fairbanks, Amanda Leigh
Fairbanks, Benjamin
Fairbanks, Everett
Fairbanks, John Howard
Fineday, Glenn
Fineday, Robert
Finn, Patrick Eli
Fisher, Lowell Reed
Fleming, Shea
Gale, Janice
Gale, Renee
Garbow, Carol Ann
Garcino, Duane Robert
Geving, Raymond Allen
Goggleye, Sam Joseph
Goose, Anna Vanessa
Goose, Samuel Kevin
Gotchie, Candace Marie
Gotchie, Nathan Ryan
Grigsby, Eric
Hanson, Mark
Hanson, Robin
Hardy, Howard M. Sr.
Hare, Aaron Scott
Hare, Ronald
Harrison, Jimmie
Haugen, Shannon Eric
Headbird, Donald L.
Headbird, Lorraine Jean
Headbird, Rodney
Hill, Sheryl Ann
Howard, Douglas
Howard, Michael David
Howard, Stefanie
Howe, Robbie M.
Hunt, Crystal J.
Hunt, Roland
Hurd, Robert, Jr.
Isham, Angela Carol
Jackson, Candice Kae
Jackson, David Joseph
Jackson, Nathan
Jackson, Ramona
Jackson, Tracy A.
Jacobs, George

Drift, Deborah
Drouillard, Louella Mae
Dvorak, Melissa
Ellis, Jeanette Ray
Elmberg, James
Fahlstrom, Russell
Fairbanks, Amy Ann
Fairbanks, Carol
Fairbanks, Iris
Fairbanks, Larry Wayne
Fineday, Joseph
Finn, Christopher
Fisher, Glen Anthony
Fisherman, John Edward
French, George Jr.
Gale, Mathew Lee
Gale, Travis
Garbow, Larry
Geving, Gordon W.
Goggleye, Russell
Goodsky, Francis Joseph
Goose, Michael
Gotchie, Andrew
Gotchie, Ernest Anthony
Gotchie, William
Halvorson, Stacy Lynn
Hanson, Marvin Wayne
Hardy, Howard
Hardy, Jeffrey
Hare, Kymberly Marie
Harper, John
Hart, Kelly Wayne
Hazeldine, Becky
Headbird, Jesse
Headbird, Peter
Headbird, Tina Marie
Hough, Kenneth
Howard, Justin Rodney
Howard, Michael Joseph
Howard, William
Hunt, Brenda
Hunt, Lavendar Doris
Hurd, Rhonda Elaine
Ince, Samantha Jean
Isham, Curtis
Jackson, Daniel Matthew
Jackson, Fred Kenneth
Jackson, Patricia Ann
Jackson, Renae
Jacobs, Beverly J.
Jenkins, Anthony Jr.

Jenkins, Elizabeth
Johnson, Anita Louise
Johnson, Chrissy Lynn
Johnson, Harriet
Johnson, Lisa Michelle
Johnson, Nancy
Johnson, Samuel J.
Johnson-Palthen, Lorena
Jones, David J.
Jones, Jesse Lee
Jones, Terrance
Jones, William Lewis
Kamrowsky, Beverly Marie
Kier, Dawn
Kingbird, Daniel
Kingbird, Derek Daniel, Sr.
Kingbird, Kelly Rene
Kingbird, Shalah Leigh
Kingbird, Tracy
Kornezos, Deanne
Kornezos, Marty D.
Legarde, Marty D.
Lausche, Katrina
Leith, Christine
Lindgren, Nathan
Littlewolf, James
Littlewolf, Reba Rae
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Losh, Charles
Losh, Keevin
Losh, Tonya
Lovelace, Rosalie
Lyons, Kevin James Jr.
Lyons, Myron Samuel
Lyons, Sam
Maas, Patrick Craig
Martin, James Leroy
Mathews, Thomas Wayne
Maxwell, Robert
Meader, David
Michaud, Barry W.
Miller, Marilyn
Miller, Marlene Ann
Miettinen, Gary
Monroe, Carol
Moose, Jacklyn Kay
Moose, Maureen Rae
Morgan, Beau James
Morgan, Jamie Lynn
Morgan, Kristi Llynn
Morris, Davine
Morris, Serena Louise
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Murray, Brandon
Neadeau, Joseph
Northbird-Finn, Mikele
Northbird, Eugene
Northbird, Michael Wayne
Norton, Bryan Lee
Ogema, Herschel
Olson, Delores Hattie
Oothoudt, Francis
Otega, Davina
Oshea, James
Paquette, Jessica
Reese, Walter Samuel
Reich, Victoria
Reyes, Mario
Roberts, Douglas
Robinson, Michael Gary Jr.
Robinson, Jason
Robinson, Susan Marie

Jenkins, Emery James
Johnson, Carrie Lynn
Johnson, Ernest A.
Johnson, John
Johnson, Lyle
Johnson, Ronald James
Johnson, Thomas
Jones, Corey
Jones, David Manuel
Jones, Peter John
Jones, Tonya Jean
Judkins, Rusty James
Keezer, Danielle
Kingbird, Carmen R.
Kingbird, Della
Kingbird, Joshua James
Kingbird, Michael
Kingbird, Stacy Ann
Kornezos, Jason
Kornezos, Jennifer Leanne
Ladeaux, Robin Marie
Lagou, Tammi Jo
Lausche, Taleeya Candice
Lewis, Ryan
Littlewolf, Delphine
Littlewolf, Raylene
Littlewolf, Rueben
Locke, Kevin L.
Losh, Darrin
Losh, Stephanie
Lovelace, Natalie Rose
Lyons, Jesse
Lyons, Mark
Lyons, Raymond
Lyons, Thomas G.
Manzi, Bonita Marie
Mathews, Joy Marie
Mawell, Patricia
McClimek, Leslie
Meeshenow, Robert Scott
Miettinen, Jordan
Mitchell, Charlene Ann
Mitchell, Pamela Jean
Molash, Julian Francis
Monroe, Clyde Dennis
Moose, Luvette
Morgan, Angela
Morgan, Clyde
Morgan, Jerry Paul
Morris, Aaron Robert
Morris, Harry
Morrow, Ardith Pearl
Morrow, Sheena
Nason, Shawn
Nordmarken, Jay
Northbird, Brian
Northbird, Gerald Scott
Northbird, Patrick Dennis
Ogema, Georgianna
Ogema, Joseph
Olson, Clayton III
Oothoudt, Michelle Denise
Ortley, Teresa
Pacheco, Juanita Marie
Pindegayosh, James
Regguinti, Donna E.
Reyes, Daniel
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**A grant from the Enbridge Energy Company is available
to help Leech Lake Band Members enrolled
in the Wildland Firefighting Program.**

For more information, contact Ann Vidovic, Itasca Community
College Student Support Services, 218-327-4167 v/tty.

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| Roy, Todd | Roybal, R. E. Jr. |
| Ruby, Mindy | Rushman, Cody J. |
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| Rushman, Izetta | Rushman, Melvina |
| Ryan, Darrell | Sailor, Leta |
| Sayers, Adrian Gordon | Sayers, Susan K. |
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| Smith, Jolene J. | Smith, Oras |
| Smith, Peggy Lynn | Smith, Ruth Ann |
| Smith, Shirley Marie | Smith, Sonya |
| Smith, Stephanie Jo | Smith, Tasheena M |
| Smith, Todd James | Solis, Teresa Lynn |
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| Sundahl, Kelly | Taylor, Rikki Lee |
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| Tejohn, Heather Raye | Tejohn, James L. |
| Thibault, James Wilfred | Thomas, Connie |
| Thompson, Harvey Jones | Tibbetts, Sara Lu |
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| Wade, Lawrence | Wade, Patricia L. |
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| White, Peter Dale | White, Rebecca |
| White, Rudolph Benjamin | White, Sandra L. |
| White, Sandra Wadena | White, Shannon R. |
| White, Simon A. | White, Adrian W jr. |
| White, William Joseph | Whitebird, John |
| Whitebird, Kenneth W. | Whitebird, Leroy jr. |
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| Wilson, James Edward | Wilson, Kippy |
| Wilson, Lindsey Elaine | Wilson, Marie |
| Wilson, Vanessa S. | Wilson, William J. |
| Wind, Darlene | Wind, Dean |
| Wind, Deanna | Wind, Marion |
| Wind, Ruth Arlene | Wind, Tony |
| Wittner, Donohue | Woodward, Alvin E |
| Wright, Cassandra Jaye | Wuori, Corey |

The photographs below and to the right of the Art Expo Poster are pictures of some of the work displayed at the art show at BSU Indian Resource Center in Bemidji. Photos by Patsy Gordon



Pictured above is a wood drum that was sculpted by Artist Tim Stone.



A sculpted wooden table was made by Simon Zornes. Sitting on the table are moose antlers sculpted into eagles by Ernie Dunn. The title of the antler eagles is "Together Forever".



This beautiful ribbon shirt was made by Delina White.



Leech Lake Tribal College and Bemidji State University SPRING ART EXPO 2006

TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY ART CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Pottery - On-Archie and Wauvada
- Sculpture - Stone, Wood and Clay
- Drawing - Pencil - Color Pencil - Pen and Ink
- Quilt - Block Quilt - Whole - and Block Quilt
- Hand Work - Quilts and Memorabilia
- Quilt Work
- Fabric
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Jewelry

Competition for Native American Arts and Crafts and Art Prizes will be awarded to the best entry along with two prizes for BEST OF SHOW.

Opening and Reception: 3:00pm to 5:00pm April 24
Expo will be open April 24 to May 3, 2006
Awards Reception and Dinner: 7:00pm May 3, 2006
BSU Spring Celebration: Two Week April 29
One will be up at 1:00pm and 7:00pm at the John Olson Field House on the BSU Campus

For more information contact:
Dewey Goodwin at 218-335-4265
Rocky Mountain at 218-755-2032

Drop off locations:
Leech Lake Tribal College - Art Studio
BSU - Native American Resource Center

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

- All art of Native American descent or correctly styled to a Native American Style Program.
- Non-Native Sculptures will not fall under the competition guidelines and will be entered as Display Only.
- Products that are not correctly styled but are correctly styled to a Native American Style Program will also fall under the Display Only rules.
- **FINAL DEADLINE FOR ART ENTRIES: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2006**
- Limit of \$100 (5) entries per artist
- **ABSTRACTS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY ART FORM IN ALL MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED - ORIGINAL ONLY**
- No hand painted or hand decorated commercial art
- ALL PAINTINGS must be original and based to be displayed
- Art must have been created within the past two (2) years at the time of entry



Pictured above is a "Anishinabe Star" quilt made by Celia Littlecreek.



The blue bandolier above was made by Mel Losh, the red bandolier was made by Delina White and the braided rug was made by Josephine Dunn.



The beautiful acrylic paintings above were painted by Mike Lemon, who is a client of "Northern Native Art" a native owned and operated business who operates throughout the state of MN. The one on the left is titled, "The 49ers" and the one on the right is called "Spirit Dancers".

Spring Reminders

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burn, control it and control any to assume they will be available. If you plan the fire, make sure you've also got all of the resources you might need to contain it as well.

3) Appropriate weather conditions.

Weather that is within prescription at the time of the burn is crucial to a safe and effective Rx fire. Remember that for every 10 percent the humidity drops, you get a 10-fold increase in fire intensity. Wind has a similar effect and can blow spot fires beyond the reach of control forces.

One of the biggest mistakes we see, on poorly planned burns, is burning when it is too dry or windy, and then sending a downwind fire toward inadequate fire breaks. Prescribed fires should always begin by burning out the breaks, on the downwind side first, and then working into the wind. Never send a head fire at your firebreaks just to see if they will hold.

Finally, remember that the burning permit system is designed to aid fire fighting forces--keeping you, and us, safe.

In all of my years fighting fire in Mahnomon County, there have been two lightning-caused fires and two power-line fires.

All of the rest have been human caused.

As we enter into another fire season, I'm asking you to adhere to burning regulations and ask yourself two questions before you strike a match:

- 1) Is this really necessary?
- 2) Is this safe?

If every person can heed these few pieces of advice, we can reduce the number of wildfires dramatically.

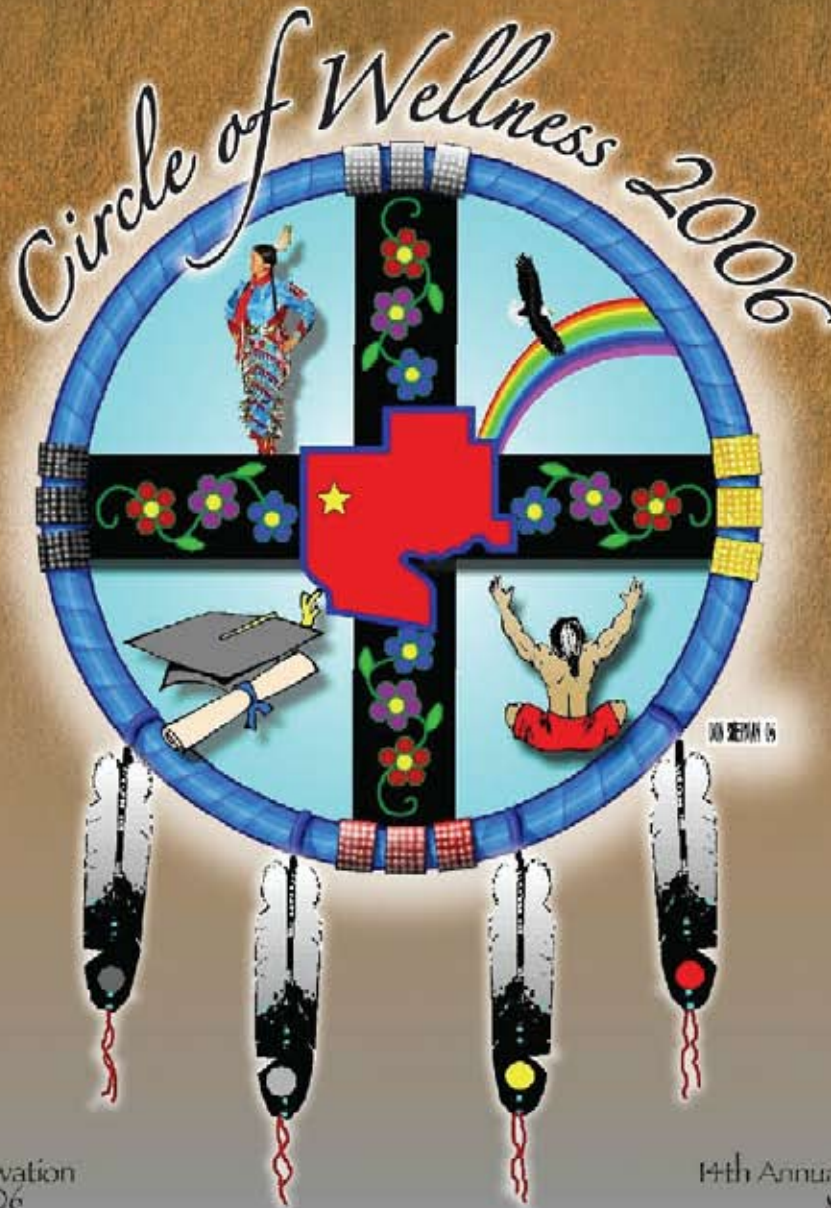
Happy Belated Birthday
Sandra Paul



Happy 10th Birthday, Raquel
From Sis and Mickiah
WE LOVE YOU!
Your Family...



Leech Lake Reservation



Leech Lake Reservation
Unity Run 2006
May 5-7th

WI-ZHAAWHTAAGGZIYAANG
WENJI-BIMHATCKYAANG
Run will begin in S-Lake at 6am and end at sundown
Contact Dawn Smith 335-4547 or Gary C. 760-7955

20th Annual Leech Lake Health Fair
May 9th

10am-3pm Palace Casino Bingo Hall
Exhibits, Door Prizes, Health Screenings,
Food and Fun
Contact Roxanne J 335-4505

Grocery Store Tours
May 11th

10-11am, 1-2pm, 5-6pm
For People Wishing to Learn Healthy Shopping Tips
Teal's Super Valu, Cass Lake
Contact Roxanne J 335-4505

10th Annual Mother's Day
Feast & Celebration
May 14th

11am-4pm
"Alcohol and Drug Free Event"
Veterans Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, Cass Lake
Door Prizes, Special Guests, Entertainment,
Open Mic & Music
Contact Ron H. at 335-8293 or Ken M. at 335-7693

Annual Elder's Feast & Giveaway
May 20th

11am-3:30pm
"Alcohol and Drug Free Event"
Veterans Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, Cass Lake
Door Prizes, Drawings, Special Guests,
Entertainment, T-shirts
Music by Local Singing Artists
Contact Ron H. 335-8293

14th Annual Memorial Walk/Run
May 25th

Free Registration 8:30-9:30am
Old Cass Lake High School Gym
"For Our People, We Walk/Run For Life"
Fun, Physical Activity, Door prizes,
Refreshments for the Whole Family
Memory Wall for photos of Family Members
Contact Lois Brown or Emily Aitken at 335-2081

5th Annual Youth Activity Day
June 3rd

7-11pm 13-18 years of age
DJ, Dance Contest and Door Prizes
Contact your Senior Coordinator
to get info on Activities
Contact Gary C. at 760-7955 or Bri 335-3689

*The CHR program will be providing transportation
for elders to the Health Fair.
Contact Melanie H. at (218) 335-4507

*For more information on events, please contact:
Roxanne Johnson, Nutrition Program Director
at (218) 335-4505.

So Long, Joe Cool!



Joe Aitken

Joe has accepted a position at Bemidji State University, as a Counselor at the American Indian Resource Center.

The following is Joe's direct comments from his letter of resignation to the School Board and school community.

"Sadly, I submitted my resignation today to Carol Anne, Superintendent of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. My three years here with the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig family has been one of the finest experiences of my life! Thank you for allowing me to share time and teachings with the students, staff and faculty at the School. I will always cherish my thoughts and relationships when reflecting on my employment with the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig community."

Joe looks forward to his new challenges at BSU working with American Indian students and staff. We will miss Joe!



The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School held their Spring Bookfair on March 13-17. It was a special book fair as it was the BUY ONE - GET ONE FREE fair.



Bug O Nay Ge Shig School
Johnson O'Malley
Local Indian Education Committee/Parent Advisory Committee
(L.I.E.C./P.A.C.)

has three (3) vacant seats for SY 2006-07

All three seats are for two (2) year terms.

Nominations are now being accepted

until 10:00 a.m. June 1, 2006.

Elections will be held at the School Picnic

Thursday, June 1, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Nominees must be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a Bug O Nay Ge Shig student and must be committed to attending monthly meetings, 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.

FREE CAR!



The Youth & Family Services at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School presented a donated 1989 Toyota to Nancy Kingbird Tibbetts (Delores Tibbetts) family. Presenting the car keys to Nancy Kingbird is Karen Holle, Children's Initiative and Brenda Jo Peterson, Youth & Family Service worker, who works with Delores at the School. Karen was instrumental in obtaining the donated vehicle and transferring the title.

Thanks to Karen Holle, the Tibbetts family is on the road again. Mii-gwech!



John Koch, 8th grade, finished the spelling bee held at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, February 22, 2006, as the Champion Speller. Jon traveled with his family to Brainerd on March 10, 2006 for the Lakes Bee sponsored by the Brainerd Daily Dispatch and the National Joint Powers Alliance. Jon continued to spell through the eighteenth round. He competed with students from the Northcentral part of Minnesota.

Elect Irene
FOLSTROM
for Senate

April 12th, 2006

Dear Friends,

It is with excitement for Mary, but with a heavy heart for my campaign that I write you all this thank you note. Thank you for your support last Saturday and thank you to Mary's supporters for being a strong base for her throughout this process. We made it through with grace and dignity, and most importantly, without us having to beat each other up too badly. Thank you for a great endorsing convention. Thank you to Martha, Don, and the rest of the convention planning team for putting on an incredibly organized and exciting convention. We left Walker last weekend a united party, with common goals, and a clear mission. We should be proud of ourselves because our campaigns had many opportunities to sling mud, but we did not. I am prouder than ever to be a DFLer from District 4.

I believe that results happen for a reason and our Creator has different plans for me for at least the next couple years. I have FULL confidence in Mary to run a great campaign and I plan to be a big part of that and will work very hard for her to beat Carrie Ruud this November. I will work very hard for all of our endorsed candidates. I will remain extremely involved in our party and look forward to another race sometime in my future. I have appreciated the grooming by many of you, my friends. I will use your advice and guidance in my career and perhaps in a future race. I have been touched by your generosity and devotion. These last five months have changed me and have changed my life forever. I am extremely grateful to all of you.

Mary will do a great job representing our party in this race. She has wonderful assets that will carry her to victory. I believe that her shoes are tied tight and she is ready to run fast and not settle for second place. She will bring the gold medal back to our party. I will be there to help her along the way. I can't wait to help her in the parades, fundraise for her, and introduce her to parts of my community that she is not familiar with yet.

Now I will take time to refocus on my career, make up for the lost time with my children, make lots of trips to Tucson to visit my husband, and maybe even have time to vacuum or feed my cat. The last five months have been wonderful. I am extremely happy for Mary and proud that we have someone like her to send Carrie Ruud back to her real estate business.

Take care and enjoy your summer. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you. Miigwetch, Thank you, and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Irene Folstrom

Mary Olson for Senate District 4 Supporter

Paid for by the Irene Folstrom for Senate Campaign Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friends & family are invited to celebrate

**Bill Norcross's
90th Birthday.**

May 20th 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Pot Luck/Drum Group
at 2 p.m.

8456 N. Grace Lake Rd SE
Bemidji MN

333-0908 for directions



Mr. Bill Norcross

Evaluation Team to Recommend Full Accreditation for Leech Lake Tribal College

An evaluation team for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools intends to recommend that Leech Lake Tribal College be fully accredited for a five-year period.

In a preliminary report, the four-member team's chair, Dr. Mary Vanis, Director of the Center for Workforce Development (Maricopa Community Colleges) in Tempe, Arizona, announced the good news to LLTC faculty, staff and students on April 26.

During the upcoming months, the team will prepare a comprehensive written report about the college for a Higher Learning Commission review committee, which in turn, will make recommendations to a 26-member Institutional Actions Council. The Council will assess the recommendations and act on accreditation. Then, the Council's decision will go before the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees for validation.

"This is wonderful news," said President Leah Carpenter after the team's announcement. "Of course, nothing is final until the Commission

acts on the final report, but the opinion of the visiting evaluation team is a critical part of the accreditation process."

The team spent three days at LLTC, meeting with students, instructors, administrators and staff from departments and offices across campus. Their visit followed more than two years of self-study by LLTC staff and faculty. The college's self-study effort was led by Vice President Ida Downwind and Associate VP of Academics Ginny Carney, and a 103-page Self-Study Report was sent to the evaluation team in March 2006 (this report is available at the college website: www.lltc.org).

In their interviews with faculty, staff and students, visiting evaluation team members focused on five core criteria:

- Mission and Purposes – the college fulfills its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students;
- Preparing for the Future – the college carefully allocates resources and implements plans to improve the quality of its education;
- Student Learning and Effective Teaching – the college demonstrates that it is fulfilling its educational mission and

that its resources support student learning and effective teaching;

- Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge – the college promotes life-long learning for students, faculty, administration and staff by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practice and social responsibility;
- Engagement and Service – the college identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways that both the college and its stakeholders value.

A complete report will be available to the public once it has been written and approved by the Higher Learning Commission.

"The evaluation team's positive report is a credit to our committed faculty, staff, and students," President Carpenter said, "and we are grateful to all those who have worked so hard to make Leech Lake Tribal College a fully accredited institution of higher learning."

**Vote in the
Leech Lake
General Election
on June 13, 2006
Questions? Call
1-866-211-2627**

Leech Lake Reservation

SPIRITUAL RUN 2006
Wii-Zhaawendaagoziyaang
Wenji-Bimibatooyaang

**"Asking for help
while we are running"**

Friday, May 5, 2006

**Begin at S Lake
Community Center at
6:00 a.m. to Ball Club
on Hwy. 46 and Hwy. 39,
Hwy 2 yo Hwy 8 in Bena
then to Hwy 200 to
Hwy 371 in Walker,
to the Veteran's Memorial
Building in Cass Lake.**

**DAWN TO DUSK EACH DAY
TILL COMPLETION
OF RUN**

**Everyone is invited to
participate.**

Call 335-8200 for Information



2006 Summer Session: May 31, 2006 to June 28, 2006

Leech Lake Tribal College Course Schedules:

For Admissions call (218)335-4222

For Financial Aid call (218)335-4228 or 4224

For Student Advising call (218)335-4218 or 4225

Day Classes

| Dept | Course ID | Sec | Course Name | Credits | Room ID | Day(s) | Begin | End | Instructor | Max |
|-------|-----------|-----|---------------------------|---------|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----|
| ENG | 101 | | English Composition I | 3.00 | 111-Mikinaak | MTWR | 9:00 A.M. | 11:50 A.M. | R. Blackburn | |
| HIS | 101 | | U.S. History | 3.00 | 107-Ginew | MTWR | 9:00 A.M. | 11:50 A.M. | E. Fleming | |
| ITECH | 100 | | Introduction to Computers | 3.00 | 109-Ogaa | MTWR | 9:00 A.M. | 11:50 A.M. | M. Arima | |
| PSY | 101 | | General Psychology | 3.00 | 107-Ginew | MTWR | 1:00 P.M. | 3:50 P.M. | L. Tucci | |

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Candidate Platforms

Editor's Note: The opinions expressed in the following Leech Lake candidate platforms are not necessarily those of the Editor.



Burton "Luke" Wilson

"It is time for the Band to have TRUE leadership in the Secretary/Treasurer position."

I would like to thank each and every one of you for endorsing me to move on to the General Election on June 13, 2006. However, I need your continued support and votes for the General Election in order to keep our Band moving in a positive direction. The position of Secretary/Treasurer serves a vital function on the Tribal Council and pursuant to Ordinance #1 (the Band's Ordinance which states the job duties of all the Tribal Council members) the Secretary/Treasurer is to "Accept, receipt for and safeguard all funds and property of the Band and shall keep complete and accurate records of accountability in strict accordance with accounting procedures or administrative plan set up by the Reservation Business Committee."

It is simple truth that in order for the Band to properly utilize its vast resources the position of Secretary/Treasurer needs to be filled by someone who is responsible and who has vision to seek economic opportunities. The Secretary/Treasurer also requires that

the individual who fills the position has the ability to work with the Chairman and the District Representatives so that proper choices can be made to enable the Band to provide adequate resources and financial support to promote programs that will benefit our people and provide for economic opportunity.

With that said, I have been on the Leech Lake Tribal Council as a District I Representative since 2001, and I have seen first hand what devastating financial consequences the Band suffers when there is ineffective and improper leadership in the Secretary/Treasurer position. My opponent Arthur LaRose has been the Band's Secretary/Treasurer for most of the last (4) years. During his time as Secretary/Treasurer LaRose has done nothing to develop our Band's economic opportunities nor has he done anything to deal with the many social ills that currently trouble our communities.

LAROSE'S TIME AS THE BAND'S SECRETARY/TREASURER HAS BEEN FILLED WITH EMPTY PROMISES AND FAILED INITIATIVES.

During LaRose's tenure as Secretary/Treasurer, LaRose was directly responsible for:

- Overspending the Band's resources by \$6 million and causing the Band to fall out of compliance with Bank covenants, which placed our Gaming revenue in jeopardy.
- Directly violated the Band's budget ordinance by allowing \$5.6 million to be spent on unbudgeted projects (including \$2.6 million on projects that only netted the Band (4) finished homes and the demolition of (1) building.

"It is time for the Band to have TRUE leadership in the Secretary/Treasurer position."

- Illegally transferring \$1.5 million out of the EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST ACCOUNT and placing those funds in the Band's General Fund.

(Gaming was forced to pay medical claims out of its cash flow which placed the Band's financial assets in jeopardy and left our families vulnerable in the event they suffered a catastrophic illness because the medical funds were so depleted).

- \$1.1 million was transferred from the WORK COMP TRUST FUND and used to secure a \$1 million loan that was immediately spent by the Band's General Fund.
- Illegally borrowed \$800,000.00 from the Band's HIP FUNDS thereby placing in jeopardy the Band's ability to obtain HIP funds in the future.

I SUPPORT HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE THROUGH EDUCATION, WELLNESS AND RECOVERY.

I have been alcohol free for over twenty-five years and I attend AA meetings on a weekly basis. I have also been happily married to my wife Linda (Gotchie) Wilson for thirty-nine years and together we have raised nine beautiful children. I personally know the benefits of a sober and healthy lifestyle, one that is filled with friends and family therefore as Secretary/Treasurer it will be my top priority to utilize the Band's resources in order to battle against the social ills that are currently plaguing our people such as illegal drug use and distribution, gang activity, domestic violence (including elder abuse) and chronic alcohol

abuse.

It is vital for the survival of our people that we come together to take a stand against what is happening in our communities. We need to stand against the drugs and violence that has invaded our lives, and rid our communities of this oppression. The counties are not going to do it for us nor are the federal government. Instead, it is up to us, as it should be, to take a stand. THEREFORE AS SECRETARY/TREASURER I SHALL WORK TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THAT:

- the Leech Lake Opiate Program will be able to expand their scope of services to include a four bed outpatient medically supervised withdrawal / detox program (including alcohol, tranquilizers, narcotics) and the provision of medical lab services and pharmacy services (the expansion of these vital services will generate considerable amounts of revenue which will allow the Opiate Program to enhance their ability to deliver their live saving drug treatment and rehabilitation services to the community); and
- funds and resources are available so that our Band can provide a culturally appropriate and family sensitive drug and alcohol treatment center to our people; and
- adequate resources and funds are available for our youth services programs in order to give our children healthy, fun and productive alternative choices to gangs, drugs and violence; and
- adequate resources and funds are available to enhance our Band members' opportunities for

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Candidate Platforms

Burton "Luke" Wilson

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education and job training; and

- adequate resources and funds are available to support, promote and develop our economic diversity in order to provide jobs and security for our tribal members.

We are currently facing some of the hardest times our people have ever endured and now more than ever we need a Secretary/Treasurer who is willing to work for meaningful change---real change. It is my vow to you that I am the type of leader that will battle for our Band's present and future generations and diligently seek to provide opportunities for our people through education and training. Thank you in advance for your support!

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Burton "Luke" Wilson

Secretary/Treasurer Candidate



ARTHUR LAROSE

I would like to personally thank the Leech Lake People that supported me in the Primary Election. I will be humbly requesting your continued support for the

upcoming General Election on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. I will have the honor to visit most of you at home, in which, we can discuss some of the issues that must be addressed in the near future.

The Leech Lake People issued a strong statement in the past Primary Election by casting 45.99% for the incumbent Secretary/Treasurer. We had won every precinct but the absentee vote, which, we lost by 4 votes. A number of the candidates as well as other community members have strongly pledged their support for "REAL CHANGE" on the Leech Lake Reservation. I have campaigned on the following issues:

1. I will do everything in my authority to abolish the credit card requirement for hotel purchases and provide special Tribal rates for Leech Lake Band Members—we own these casinos and hotels so we should also be able to set the policies and rates that benefit all Leech Lake People. The Leech Lake Gaming Quarterly Reports clearly show the sharp decrease in hotel revenue since the credit card requirement.
2. I will always support every Band member equally in all job opportunities—that means every Leech Lake Person will be first in employment and respected when they request services from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
3. I will fully support with your approval the Local Indian Council's having specific governing duties that must be mandated by the People of Leech Lake.
4. We will develop a General Assembly that includes the Elder's, Youth & People with development of Band legislation. That means the Leech Lake People will be included in RBC decisions that relate to the development of expenditures, budgeting, resolutions, ordinances, memorandums of understanding, contracts(s), request for proposals, and planning for the future of Leech Lake.
5. We will continue the forensic audit

so there is no more misspending on our reservation. The forensic audit will be conducted in a partisan fashion that includes 1996 to present. The recent

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forensic audit conducted by the current RBC was so skewed and biased that it painted a picture of untrue statements but did not show the RBC approved those actions.

6. I will request a referendum vote on how the Leech Lake People want the money from the 1972 hunting and fishing rights agreement and the 1978 tax agreement used. This is the sovereign dollar that can be spent as the people see fit. The 1972 agreement with the State of Minnesota is the regulation of your Treaty right to hunt, fish, and gather. The second agreement in 1978 is the tax you pay on gas, cigarettes, and alcohol. The estimated value of these two agreements is about 6 to 7 million per year.
 7. I am totally opposed to giving any casino revenue to the State of Minnesota. This should be left up to the Leech Lake People to decide. The present RBC members passed a resolution in 2004 supporting a bill in the Minnesota Legislature. The bill was for a Tribal/State Casino. The State would collect 1/3 and the 3 Northern Tribes would collect 2/3 of the revenue. The Tribes would lease the machines from the State of Minnesota. The Tribes would pay a \$200 million license fee to operate the casino, the three poor Northern Tribes would pay about \$500 million to build this casino and the State would pay nothing, and Leech Lake would waive our sovereign immunity.
- Since, I was re-elected in 2004, the present RBC members have found a way to exclude me from their secret meetings, gaming commission meetings, and my name on the RBC checks. I had submitted letters and memorandums to the Secretary

of the Interior and the Banks that we do business with; and that these acts by the present RBC are unconstitutional. The present RBC members have circumvented the MCT Constitution and Ordinance No. 1 duties of the incumbent Secretary/Treasurer. The actions of the present RBC members have been supported or rubber-stamped by the majority of the MCT, TEC members.

Currently, the RBC members had a meeting to discuss a few ways to save money. The first idea was lowering all Leech Lake employees' salaries or wages by 20%. I was absolutely disgusted with that idea. I had thought there was better solutions in saving money that could include freezing out-state travel and addressing those employees making over \$50,000 per year. The reason why the present RBC members wanted to save money is because the Band was in "Debt" and operating in a "Deficit" that began in 2001.

The Budget Team Memorandum dated 2/28/06 shows that the Band has a 5.6 million deficit. This deficit appears to be based upon two quarters of operation because the final quarter ends on June 30, 2006. The Budget Team states, "In order for the General Fund to operate in a deficit, or to spend more than it has in revenues, it must borrow from a bank or from some other outside entity. In our case, we have borrowed from our grants and contracts, which is the Federal Government." Furthermore, the Budget Team states, "This letter makes it clear that the Federal Funding agencies are acutely aware that their funds are being used for other than intended purposes. Please do not take this situation for granted. The Band is in a serious financial predicament that must be addressed."

The letter being referenced by the Budget Team is a letter from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General, Chris Stubbs, who is the National Single Audit Coordinator. The letter was dated January 23, 2006 and also required a response to their office within 30 days. The letter states, "As such, the cash balance should be equal to or greater than deferred revenue, since it appears that the Government has already received \$4,724,825 in grant funds, and grant funds advanced or drawn down are only to be expended for the federal programs covered by the grant or contract's funding agreement. Please provide an explanation for this variance."

After careful review of my campaign declarations as well as the financial shortfalls of the Band will

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require a TEAM effort. We will need to develop a comprehensive financial plan to address the debt and deficit of the Band's resources. We will need the wisdom of the elder's; and the knowledge of the Leech Lake People; and the strength of the youth for "REAL CHANGE" on the Leech Lake Reservation. Your vote does matter so please vote on June 13, 2006 for a candidate that understands your concerns and the heart to visit you before and after the election.



Robbie Howe

Hello again. My name is Robbie Howe. First, I would like to thank everyone for their support in the primary elections held on April 4, 2006, for voting me in as your top candidate for the District I open seat. Having won in the primaries and advanced on to the General Election that will be held on June 13, 2006, I would like to take this opportunity to offer to you a number of reasons why I will be your best candidate for the District I race.

OUR CHILDREN

We have so many wonderful and talented children in our Leech Lake Communities. We need to start listening to our children and hear what they are saying, even if it's not in words. We need to focus on the issues at hand and target their individual needs, for not one child is alike. We need to help them achieve their goals, whatever those goals might be. We have to stand up for their rights, because they sometimes won't. I listen to children of all ages and it is tough out there for them. They need our support. It only takes

a little bit of time to talk with a child, and to them it makes a world of difference. My dream is to have safe houses in every community; somewhere to house children in need, instead of the off-reservation sites like IJC and NMJC. Keep them home where they belong. We need more day-care facilities in our communities. We have many parents trying to make a living to support their families without adequate day-care.

OUR ELDERS

The voices of our elders are so important. We must take care of them and cherish their words and wisdom. I believe that every Leech Lake Council, Board and Committee should have an elder seat. It is imperative that we assess the needs of ALL Leech Lake Elders and provide them with the assistance for services that are available.

OUR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

"Please vote for me and help in the fight for a brighter future for Our Children, Our People, Our Nation!"

We need to continue to move forward at all times. I will stress that all Tribal Council members are meeting frequently to be sure that we are all aware of the current issues and business. We must be on the same page to be able to move forward to the next.

I promise to be accountable and abide by all policies and procedures that are in place.

I am very knowledgeable of the Divisions and programs that we have and will try and strengthen them to the best of my ability.

I would like to see the Local Indian Councils more involved with the reservation business discussions and decisions, so that they are aware of all issues at hand and are able to answer questions of the community people when needed. We need to strengthen our communities by coming together.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

There are many issues that I would like to work on in this area. I will see that everyone is treated fair and equal. I will listen to both sides before a decision is made. I will try and help anyone that is willing to work find placement. I would also like to see a day labor workforce here on our reservation. This program would help us tremendously.

HEALTH CARE

We need to strengthen our current health care services. We need to assess our people's needs, especially the needs of our elders. We need to look into the health service of our people at IHS. We have received numerous complaints that are not being properly looked into and investigated.

HOUSING

There is always a need for more housing. I worked very closely with the Leech Lake Housing Authority, as a Housing Board member, for the last two years and will continue to work with them. I would like to see a home-ownership program established for our Leech Lake Band members. I would also like to see every district have an elderly complex/ apartments like the ones in Cass Lake.

DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

We are in definite need for our own treatment facility. We need to search for grants and monies for this purpose. We need to focus on keeping our people close to home.

James Howard

Mi-Gwitch from James Howard. I would like to thank all of the people of District One for their support in the Primary Election. I would like your continued support in the upcoming General Election on June 13, 2006.

I look forward to meeting with more people in District One and I plan to make more visits with everyone and will be setting up community meetings in your community.

At this time I would like to wish good luck to all the candidates running for office in the upcoming General Election.

Please call me at 218-832-3914 if you have any questions or concerns that you may wish to address.

**GET OUT
AND VOTE
ON JUNE 13,
2006!**



Lyman Losh

I am thankful for all the support from my friends and neighbors in the Primary Election and I am requesting your support in the General Election Tuesday, June 13th, 2006 to continue as your Representative to the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council from District II.

I was born in Cass Lake and have lived and worked in the Bena area all of my life except for two years with the United States Army (Distinguished Service Vietnam). My Parents Charles and Irene Losh raised me, with my seven brothers and sisters. My parents instilled me in a strong work ethic- if you wanted something done you had to work for it and I am still working for the people of District II.

I started working in the woods when I was 16 years old. I then worked for the US Steel Company in Calumet for one year. From February of 1971 to 1978 I was Deputy Sheriff for Cass County's Sheriffs Department. Deputy pay wasn't good then, and with family to support I went to work as a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. In 1981 the Sheriffs Department asked me to return, and I did for the next seven years. I mostly worked the night shift during that time, and I can tell you that night duty is hard work. I needed a break, so I drove bus for the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. In 1989 the school transferred me to the Transportation Department and I was promoted to Operations and Maintenance Director in June of 1993.

I have been an active member of the Johnson O'Malley Committee, Parent Advisory Committee while at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, Chairman of the

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Lyman Losh

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Sugar Point Indian Local Indian Council, Leech Lake Housing Authority Board, Leech Lake Honor Guard, newly established Post 2001, and I have had the privilege of serving as your District II Representative on the Leech Lake Tribal Council for the past 8 years.

Accomplishments that have happened within the last couple years:

- Funding being received for the New Bena Community Center set to begin summer of 2006
- Shingobee Project, close to completion
- Well drilling equipment for Well and Septic Department
- Heavy Equipment Department providing snow removal and yard maintenance for elderly and disabled
- Carefully balancing our financial resources and still address concerns and retaining the ability to meet our needs.
- Plans underway for Wellness Center which will include: New Health Division, Mental Health Division, Health and Human Services Division, Opiate Treatment Division - Implementation of program to meet the needs of our communities, CD Treatment Program, and a Medicine Project located at the Leech Lake Twin Cities Office.

Today my wife and I have made our home in Sugar Point for the past twelve years. We enjoy our time together with our 6 children and eight grandchildren.

Today we are confronted with a multitude of issues. Such as chemical dependency, welfare education, housing, youth and elder concerns. I could go on and on with these issues that our people are confronted by on a day-to-day basis as there are a lot to address. However if you have any questions your voice will be listened to with consideration and respect.

I humbly and respectfully reequest your support for District II Representative in the General Election June 13, 2006. " I have always ran a clean and honest campaign without negative or derogatory remarks concerning other candidates and will continue to do so".



Deborah Tibbetts

I would like to cordially thank the District II voters for their support in the Primary Election. We have a long road in front of us but the overwhelming new support has renewed our fight to win the General Election on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. I will be calling and visiting a great number of the District II voters in the coming days. It has been a great privilege by the District II People to be on the General Election ballot.

I have been a long life resident of the District II Community as well as a mother and grandmother. We have all shared the joys and the heartbreak of life on the Leech Lake Reservation. The District II Communities have witnessed absolutely no Leech Lake businesses or new jobs in our communities in the past 8 years. In the past 6 years, the Leech Lake Band operated in a huge deficit and +\$40 million debt. What does that mean for the District II People—less jobs, lower paying jobs, bare bone services for the youth, and skeleton programs and services for the elderly.

What's wrong with this picture? The Leech Lake Band collected over \$80 million in Gaming revenue. Yet the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is broke and in hawk for millions. Secondly, the Band collects another \$6 to \$7 million from the State of Minnesota for "OUR" Hunting Rights and the taxes collected from gas, alcohol, and cigarettes. Furthermore, the Band

collects approximately \$10 million in grants and contracts from the United States and the State of Minnesota. The Leech Lake Band collects about \$100 million per year for various reasons.

Where is all this money going? If I am elected as your District II Representative, we will have the ability to answer some of these questions. Most importantly, the Leech Lake financial books must be opened up for community inspection. The District II People must have the right to know and be a part of the planning of our resources. I will be campaigning on the following issues:

1. I will not tolerate the unfairness when a Leech Lake Band member applies for a job at one of our many businesses. I will support the Leech Lake District II Community members that have lost their jobs for political reasons or unfair reasons. I will introduce a resolution that all Gaming Departments as well as the Government side abide by the Leech Lake Hiring Preference for all employment opportunities.

2. I will support a Leech Lake policy that requires the Indian Hospital to provide better medical attention for our People; and the Hospital must develop an emergency plan to speed up the process for prescription medication within a reasonable time period.

3. I will strongly support the mini worker program for our children. This program will provide a job and money for the youth in our communities.

4. I will fight for lowering the rent payments for the elderly living in our communities. We are all aware of the limited income that most of our Elderly receive each month. The Elderly rent payments must be based on their income and not a set amount.

5. I would propose that each Elder in our community be allowed at least \$1,500 per year for snow plowing, shoveling, lawn care, tires, household appliances, etc.

6. I am strongly against the Leech Lake Reservation building two gas stations. The money is coming from the Mdewakanton Sioux

Community for business development. The business market is saturated with gas stations. I am proposing that we build a LP gas plant. Most of the Leech Lake community members use propane gas. We could sell the propane gas at a much lower cost and provide needed jobs in our community.

7. I am strongly supporting the elimination of the credit card requirement at all Leech Lake Hotels. I would further support a set Tribal Rate for Band members. The current Tribal Rate is \$39.99 at most Tribal Casinos. These Hotels are owned and operated by us.

8. I am totally opposed to the Tribal/State Casino that would benefit the State of Minnesota. The current District I Representative voted to support this legislation. The State of Minnesota would have received millions but the Leech Lake Reservation would have received the crumbs. The State of Minnesota under this bill required us, the Leech Lake Reservation to pay a \$200 million license fee, \$500 million to build this metro casino and the state would pay zero, and we would lease the machines from the State of Minnesota. The bill can be found on the Minnesota Legislative Website.

9. I am proposing that we develop a day labor program for the District II Community members. This program could be easily instituted in our Casinos, Government businesses, and other programs. We can create 2 or 3 slots in each of our businesses for the sole purpose of a day labor program.

I have outlined a number of ideas that could be implemented in a short period of time; however, we need your input and support for these proposals. I will have the honor to visit you and call some of the District II Community members in the future. A friendly reminder, I need your support in the upcoming General Election. We can all make a difference by voting, and voting for a candidate that will listen to your ideas and concerns. We can only have a positive change if we vote and we vote for a candidate that will fight for the District II Community People.