



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Chairman, George Goggleye, Jr. accepts "Spirit of the People" award awarded to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at the annual MAICC Awards Banquet on November 7, 2007.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Receives "Spirit of the People Award"

By Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman accepted the "Spirit of the People" statue that was awarded to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at the annual MAICC Awards Banquet that was held at Mystic Lake Casino on December 7, 2007.

The award was given to Leech Lake for focusing upon and improving the life and environment of our people and for promoting and utilizing the gifts of individuals and organizations to enhance, heal, and strengthen our Indian community.

Chairman George Goggleye

commented, "Leech Lake is continually striving to improve the lives of our people and give priority consideration to Indian owned businesses when construction opportunities within the organization arise." He graciously thanked the Chamber for awarding this award to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

The Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce exists to create an opportunity for American Indian entrepreneurs to gain economic parity, and to position community members and organizations as advocates for American Indian businesses.

Professional Elvis Impersonator Everett Atherton, who is a Fond du Lac Band Member, did a fantastic job providing the entertainment for the evening.

Domestic Violence Danger Signs & Awareness

By Patsy Gordon

The Leech Lake Tribal College hosted a Domestic Violence and Mental Health Awareness Workshop on November 16, 2007.

Although I was booked to cover two events that day, I believe I was lucky enough to have covered the most important part of the Domestic Violence workshop. Professor Janet Prater who teaches "Law Enforcement and Domestic Violence" at Bemidji State University spoke about the danger signs of domestic violence.

Although the majority of domestic violence cases do involve men battering their wives, girlfriends, and sometimes their children too, it is important to point out that there are women who batter their partners also. So for this article, I will most often refer to the male as the abuser.

You will often hear the question: why does a woman stay – for a variety of several different reasons. First, just let me admit, being a victim of domestic violence myself many years ago, I know first hand, that it is certainly not easy just to walk out of a violent relationship.

Healing in a violent relationship needs to have everyone in the relationship, i.e., husband, wife, kids, involved. An abuser tends to look at his partner and his kids like "pets that talk". He feels they are there for his bidding and to serve him. When an abuser tells his wife or partner, "I love you", what he's really saying is, "I want you to love me." A holistic

approach (involving the entire family) is the only way to solve domestic violence.

Many domestic violence situations get to the point where a killing is involved, be it the abuser killing the abused, or the abused killing the abuser. When a killing is going to occur can never be predicted, but when a woman leaves she does put herself at higher risk and greater danger for being killed by her abuser. Let's not forget though, that women who stay in a violent relationship have died at the hands of their abuser also. Abusers feel that they are superior to the ones that they are abusing.

Professor Prater told us of an extreme example of a domestic violence case where a family had sat down at the table together for dinner. The family dog, that the children loved very much, was also in the room with them. The father asked one of his kids to get something for him. Thinking that his child did not act fast enough for him, he threw the dog upon the table and gutted it right there for all of them to watch. Then he said, "Next time, when I ask you to do something, maybe you'll move a little faster!" It's hard to imagine that there are people out there that are that cruel, and worse!

Abusers tend to be charming, amazing, helpful, just really full of good attributes when you first meet one. And very often, it's after marriage when the abuse will start. Professor Prater said she has heard this described as "quick-sand". Escalation of violence is a tremendous danger sign for killing. Like I said before, it is never easy to just get out.

Statistics show that it is usually the seventh time when an abused partner walks out on the abuser, is the time when the abused walks away for the last time – this time, they stay away.

The subject of domestic abuse is not just a "touch-on" subject. So Professor Prater's presentation and this article have been highly condensed for the sake of

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Proud Grandparents

By Daniel LeClaire, Cass Lake Times

It's amazing sometimes what children can do.

That's what Marie Lovelace-Thunder and her husband Joe are finding out. Their granddaughter, Alita Todd, recently brought her bright, photogenic face to the front cover of the Target Corporation's employee magazine, Red.

"They heard about it on the East Coast," Joe said, amazed to hear from relatives who saw the magazine and the photo of their granddaughter and called to let them know.

Even at seven years old, though, Alita has been in front of the camera enough that making the cover of a nationally distributed magazine didn't take her grandparents completely by surprise. That's not to say that they don't cultivate a sense of delight at Alita's natural poise and grace.

"It seems amazing that she's doing stuff like this," Marie said holding the magazine at her kitchen table just west of Cass Lake. "I never gave it a second thought when she took her to her first (pageant)."

As a baby, Alita's mom, Anita Lovelace, entered Alita in a "most beautiful baby" contest—which she won. As she grew, Lovelace fash-

ioned beautiful traditional dance regalia for her daughter.

Alita came to love dancing in front of the crowds at powwows. Later, she entered low-key pageants held by New Star Discovery.

"She became very comfortable in that environment, in front of a photographer," Joe said. He himself is a photographer with works on display in the Palace Casino. "(She's) not bashful at all to be in the public eye."

Now at seven years old, Alita is enrolled with two model and talent agencies and is building up her college fund."

"She makes more than us an hour combined," Joe quipped.

Being paid more than \$100 an hour for her most recent job, Alita, with the help of her dad, Al Todd, and mom are putting that with her pageant winnings and investing it all in savings bonds.

"(Alita's parents) plan to leave them there until she grows up," Joe said.

Lovelace, who, with her mother, is an enrolled Leech Lake Band member, works as a bus driver for the Minneapolis Public Schools having graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology after studying auto mechanics. Todd, a painter by trade, works construction in the Cities.

"She does kinda' looks like her mom," Marie said considering Alita's photo. "But she gets her curly hair

from her dad."

Alita has three sisters as well, Leah, Sarah and Barbie, so sibling rivalry could be an issue. But at 30, 27 and 25 respectively, Marie said the three are more like aunts to their sister. One thing they do have in common is a flare for academics.

"She does real well in school," Marie said about Alita, commenting that all of the girls "were very involved in school."

Some would say that contests and pageants of the sort New Star Discovery puts on are exploitative and do a disservice to a child. The Cedar Rapids Forum has maintained a thread on their message board for 10 months with comments about a locally held New Star discovery pageant.

Judging from those responses, the overwhelming majority, most with first-hand knowledge of the pageants, feel the low-pressure, no make-up, everybody-gets-a-prize approach maintained by New Star only serves to boost kids' self esteem and build their confidence.

"She's so down to earth," Joe said, doing the things that many second-graders love to do, like having sleep-overs with her friends. A persistent grounding in her culture has helped Alita win prizes at pageants and kept her involved as a traditional dancer on the powwow trail.

"She doesn't compete," Marie said, commenting that the summer months, prime for powwows, are when she and Joe get to spend a lot of time with Alita. "She just enjoys dancing."

Marie, too, has found herself getting involved again in powwows. She just recently started to dance for the first time since she was little. Both she and her husband are retired now, Joe from the Navy and his years spent as an ironworker and in construction, Marie from nearly 31 years as the telecommunications coordinator at Bemidji State University.

Both are thankful to area businesses, mentioning especially Teal's, the Big Tap and the Leech Lake Band, for sponsoring Alita during her years

in the pageants. Leroy and Betty Ellis of Leroy's Minnows fame also were always supportive of Alita.

"They always loved seeing her come in," Lovelace said about the Ellises and their business. "They always had balloons and candy for her."

These days Alita is the hostess at pageants for younger girls and auditions for advertising spots on billboards and television. She recently was called back as one of 10 finalists out of hundreds of entrants for a University of Minnesota T.V. commercial.

Wherever it might take her, though—and so far her modeling and her participation in pageants have taken her to neighboring states and as far way as Tennessee—Alita is destined to hold a special place in Marie and Joe's hearts.

"She's just grandma's and grandpa's little girl," Marie said. Joe shared one those delightful stories that grandparents hold dear to illustrate the beauty unfolding in their wake.

Some months ago, while Alita was sitting for a photo shoot, the photographer told her to "show some teeth," and her response was as natural as it was entertaining.

"I don't have any," she said. "They keep falling out and I don't know why."



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time, but the following are signs to look for in a battering personality, jealousy, controlling behavior, quick involvement, unrealistic expectations, isolating the abuse, blaming others for his problems and/or feelings, hypersensitivity, cruelty to animals or children, "playful" use of force in sex, verbal abuse, rigid sex roles, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde type personality, past battering, threats of violence, breaking or striking objects, and any force during an argument. The signs are not just limited to what was just mentioned. There are others too. Stalking is a tremendous danger signal.

It is important to recognize these signs and get the help that you need or to help a loved one that you feel or know is being battered.

Ban the Bug!

MDH News Release

Influenza season is just getting started in Minnesota, so it's not too late to get your flu vaccination. The Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Coalition for Adult Immunization are promoting **Ban the Bug Week**, and effort to allow Minnesotans who have not yet been vaccinated against influenza to get vaccinated. Ban the Bug Catch-up Clinics will be offered throughout the metro area and at various locations statewide through December 2, 2007. Cost of the vaccination will vary by location. In all cases, participants should bring their Medicare and insurance cards to determine if their vaccination is free. And please wear short sleeves! Anyone who wants to avoid the flu should get vaccinated every year. Those who especially need to get a flu shot include people over 50 years of age, people who have a chronic health condition, live with or care for someone who has a chronic disease, women who will be pregnant during flu season, and health care workers. Remember, it's not too late to ban the bug! For more information or to find a clinic near you, visit www.mdhflu.com

Letter from the Editor:

Now that the Thanksgiving holiday is over, we are now looking at Christmas, right around the corner. The Debahjimon wishes each and everyone of it's readers a very joyous and merry Christmas, and a very prosperous New Year in 2008. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas during our hustle and bustle of this holiday season.

Many of you may notice that this issue of the Debahjimon is not its' usual 16 pages. Due to my computer crashing and being sent away to repair for a time during the month, it has become necessary to reduce the number of pages for this issue so I am able to get the newspaper out on time. This issue consists of 12 pages, 4 less than the normal publication. Next month's will resume again with the full 16 pages.

I would also like to encourage and remind those of you who are caring for our elderly and sick, to get them in for their flu shots and make sure you get yours yourself. It's still not to late.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

Patsy Gordon, Editor
Debahjimon

Leech Lake Honor Guard Annual Banquet

*December 9, 2007
1:00 p.m.*

*Northern Lights
Convention Center*

*All Leech Lake Post
and Auxiliary members
are invited.*



Students From Low-Income Families Can Go To Harvard University Free

Harvard University recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition.

In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, 'When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.'

If you know of a family earning less than \$40,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> <<http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/%20>>or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.



Leech Lake Veteran's Service Officer, Frank Bowstring displays Leech Lake Veterans blanket.

Minnesota Holding Safe & Sober Campaign in December

The State of Minnesota is sponsoring a Safe & Sober Campaign in December aimed at apprehending drunk drivers.

The MN Department of Public Safety's Safe & Sober campaign will include about 400 law enforcement agencies.

To date, Minnesota traffic deaths are ahead of last year's pace, according to a press release from MN DPS.

In 2006, the state had 166 alcohol-related traffic deaths, the lowest number ever, but also had 41,832 DWI arrests, the press release stated.

In the Thief River Falls district, which includes Beltrami County, there were 28 impaired driving deaths and 3,575 DWIs between 2004 and 2006, according to the press release. The local economic impact of alcohol-related fatalities was estimated at more than \$30.5 million.

In Minnesota, more than 500,395 motorists have a DWI record, the press release stated.

Safe & Sober is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Leech Lake Veterans Honored at Veteran's Powwow

All Leech Lake Veterans and family members of those who were not in attendance at the Powwow held on November 10, 2007 at the Boys & Girls Club gymnasium, were honored with a beautiful wool blankets. The blankets were purchased from Bemidji Woolen Mills and inscribed with the words 2007 Leech Lake Veterans Day Powwow. See Photo to the left.

Leech Lake Tribal College Alumni in the Spotlight



My name is Christine Fineday, I graduated from Leech Lake Tribal College in 1997 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business; I then transferred to Bemidji State University and in 2002 obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. My future plan is to pursue a Master's Degree.

My family includes my husband and two sons Glenn III (19) and Samuel Joseph (8). Even though I am not an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe I will always hold a special place in my heart for the Band; not only because my sons and immediate family are enrolled members, mostly because I am thankful for the opportunities of employment and education the Band has given me.

I currently work at Leech Lake Tribal College as the Registrar. I've been with the college for a total of seven years, starting out as Financial Aid Clerk back in 1996. The best part of my job is assisting the students, knowing that I was in their position at one time I attempt to fully explain what needs to be completed in order to succeed in college and reach their educational goals. As a graduate and employee, it's amazing to see the college grow into what it is today and I am thankful to all who have contributed to its success and, more importantly, its origin.

Before attending Leech Lake Tribal College I knew nothing of

Native history, language or traditions; they do not teach that in public or boarding school. At LLTC, I learned that all of our Native ancestors were very intelligent people. They survived off the land; knew how to make medicine from the plants, they ate healthy food/were free of diseases, each tribe had their own language, they were very spiritual people, teachers of values and traditions, the list goes on. I think about the history of all Native people and honestly believe our ancestors are applauding because we can now protect ourselves, future generations, lands, language, traditions, rights, etc. and with something as simple as education.

I also believe everyone needs someone to inspire them to further their education; mine came from my grandfather. After graduating from boarding school I had absolutely no plans to go to college. One day while I was driving my grandparents to town, my grandpa told me that "the white man was progressing in a lot of ways, that he seen a lot being accomplished since he was young." He said to me, "Christine if you ever go out and get an education, you bring it back to the reservation so we can learn the way of the white man." All my life, I remembered his words. I am a first generation university graduate in my family; I told my oldest son what my grandpa told me long ago and how important an education is to yourself, your family and that of your people. That we need lawyers to fight for our rights and our land, we need native teachers who will teach/love our own children, we need native owned businesses on our reservations, the list goes on. I also stressed to him that a college degree does not make you better than anyone else it just means you have more responsibilities to do the right thing in whatever job you're in; and asked that he stay humble, I believe the happiest people are the most humble.

Family Fun Night

Wednesday, December 5, 2007
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Early Childhood Complex, Cass Lake

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME!

Come enjoy a night of fun activities and spend quality time with the children in your life.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Moon Walk
Sleigh Rides
Bean Bag Toss
Christmas Cards
Candy Cane Reindeer
Gingerbread Person Game
Christmas Stocking w/ Candy Cane

Fundraiser Xmas Pictures in the School-Age Room—see attached flyer

A light snack will be served.

Sponsored by: Leech Lake Early Childhood



Cass Lake Floral
Your Locally Owned Native Floral & Gift Center
220 2nd St NW, Cass Lake

Need a last minute gift for a co-worker, boss or a teacher?
Cass Lake Floral has something to meet every need and budget.
Gifts starting at \$5.99.

Kicking Bird Pottery from \$10.00
Buy a dozen roses or just one For that Special Someone in your Life!
Roses start at just \$11.99 a dozen!

Cass Lake Florals Open House December 7 From 10 to 6.
Sample gourmet coffee chocolates, And enter our drawing for A free Kicking Bird Eagle Statue.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Civil Division

In the Matter of the Guardianship of
the Children of:

Nicole Dunn and John Fairbanks,
Parents.

Christina Marie Morgan, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CP-06-47

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 18, 2006, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. On October 24, 2006, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving temporary guardianship to the petitioner, Christina Marie Morgan. A Final Hearing will commence on December 11, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of permanent guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

DATED: October 23, 2007.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Civil Division

In the Matter of the Guardianship of
the Child of:

Erica Rose Fairbanks and
Louis Carlson, Parents.

LeRoy Fairbanks, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CP-07-67

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on August 13, 2007, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. On October 22, 2007, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving notice of a continued Initial Hearing to commence on December 11, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of permanent guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

DATED: October 23, 2007.

s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Dana Marie Fineday, Parent
Court File No. CP-07-17

NOTICE

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

Dated: November 14, 2007

by Kim Mammedaty, Associate Tribal Attorney

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:
Jamie Toal and Norman Goggeye, Parents
Court File No. CP-07-32

NOTICE

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

Dated: November 14, 2007

by Kim Mammedaty, Associate Tribal Attorney

Letter to the Editor:

Boo-Zhoo Leech Lake Band
Members:

I, myself, am an enrolled
member of the Leech Lake Rez.
Wahhh!!

The reason I am writing at
this time is to inform you that I am

in great need of sage, cedar, sweet-
grass, and bitter-root. If there
is anyone willing to help with this
please send any of these items to:
Peter J. Thompson #11349-041 c/o
Daniel Odean, U.S.P. P.O. Box 33,
Terre Haute, Indiana 47808.

Please feel free to write me at
the address listed above.

Megwitch, Peter J. Thompson

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.

Dated this 19th day of November 2007.

APPEARANCE DATE: December 11, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

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

APPEARANCE DATE: January 15, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Kenneth J. Beaulieu Jr.	TR-07-201	Driving After Revocation Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Occurring on: 8/19/2007
Nicole M. Drift	TR-07-027	Driving After Suspension Occurring on: 1/1/2007
Charles A. Kingbird	TR-07-123	No Driver's License Occurring on: 11/25/2006

Della M. Kingbird	TR-00-151	Speeding 1-10 mph Over The Limit Occurring on: 6/10/2000
Joel T. Roy	TR-07-186	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 7/26/2007
Carol L. Staples	TR-07-188	Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Occurring on: 7/19/2007

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Chapter, Section 304:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty equal to the amount of the fine previously assessed by this Court.
2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:
 - a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
 - b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
 - c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
 - d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
 - e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
 - f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

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

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

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

Lovelace, Natalie Rose TR-02-473 White, Sandra Wadena
 TR-06-80
 Northbird, Patrick Dennis TR-99-19

Morrow, Sheena Marie TR-07-81
 TR-00-133 Villeneuve, Tracy Rae
 TR-00-113
 Murray, Brandon Lee TR-00-145 White, Heidi Leigh
 TR-07-113
 Roper, James Lee TR-99-90

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

Defendant Case No.	Case No.	Defendant
Brown, Alvin John	TR-07-88	Michaud-Jourdain, Tanya L.
Fisherman, John Edward	TR-07-43 TR-99-65 TR-99-62	Mitchell, Pamela Jean
Goodsky, Francis Joseph	TR-99-67 TR-99-73	Moose, Jacklyn Kay
Guinn, Francis Lee	TR-06-192 TR-99-86	Schulman, Tim George
Halvorson, Stacy Lynn	TR-00-95 TR-99-74	Wakonabo, Christopher L.
Jackson, Sondra	TR-07-74 TR-06-196	White, Brandon Wayne
Johnson, Carrie Lynn	TR-04-735 TR-06-02	White, Rhonda Clarice
Johnson, Harriet Marie	TR-00-104 TR-07-63	White, Rhonda Clarice
Kingbird, Carmen Rene	TR-00-101 TR-00-94	Wilson, Vanessa Shawiligh

APPEARANCE DATE: January 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant Case No.	Case No.	Defendant
Brown, Curtis	TR-00-149 TR-99-70	Hurd, Rhonda Elaine
Carlson, Dana	TR-99-83 TR-05-85	Hurd, Rhonda Elaine
Fairbanks, Amanda Leigh	TR-00-103 TR-00-140	Johnson, Samuel, Jr.
Fineday, Joseph Anthony	TR-00-147 TR-99-79	Lyons, Thomas G.
Finn, Patrick Eli	TR-99-45 TR-00-156	Manzi, Bonita Marie
Hanson, Marvin Wayne	TR-99-60 TR-00-100	Maxwell, Robert
Howard, Justin Rodney	TR-99-10 TR-00-102	Pindegayosh, James
Howard, Michael Joseph	TR-00-155 TR-00-105 TR-99-47	Smith, Jeremiah S. D. Wade, Patricia Lynn

APPEARANCE DATE: January 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant Case No.	Case No.	Defendant
Butcher, Corey Gene	TR-00-124 TR-06-152	Ross-Jones, Vanessa B.
Hare, Kymberly Marie	TR-07-118 TR-03-636	Solis, Teresa Lynn
Johnson Rosemary Dawn	TR-07-93 TR-00-135	Stangel, Ritchie Ronald
Kier, Dawn Lee	TR-00-130 TR-07-100	Staples, Ronald Joseph, Jr.
Lyons, Myron Samuel	TR-99-24	Thompson, Philip Jay

Leech Lake Reservation

Food Distribution

16051 65th Ave. NW Cass Lake MN 56633
 Hwy #2 – 1.5 miles west of Cass Lake

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE

All persons residing within the Leech Lake reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution Is an alternative to the food stamp program.

Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1st 2007

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$ 985
2	\$1,275
3	\$1,565
4	\$1,864
5	\$2,178
6	\$2,492
7	\$2,782
8	\$3,072

Each additional member add \$290

Household Resource limits: (i.e.- cash on hand, checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, saving certificates or other negotiable/accessible certificates.)

- \$3,000 for all households with two or more members IF one member is over 60 years of age or older.
- \$1,750 for all other households, including all one member households.

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- Address- must verify residency.
- Income- most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- Resources- bank savings, checking, CD's, bonds etc.
- Social Security Number(s)
- Tribal identification (if applicable)

Deductions:

20% deduction from household's gross earned income.
 Actual childcare expenses. Current maximum allowable dependant care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under 2 years and \$175 for all other dependents. Legally required child support payments to non-households members, documentation required.
 Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m – 4:30p.m.

Distribution hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m. –11:00a.m. & 12:30p.m. – 2:00p.m.

No distribution on Friday's & last 2 working days of the month (Inventory)
 Phone: (218)-335-2676 Toll Free 1-866-330-2576

All applications will be considered with out regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin or political belief.

Heating & Cold Weather Rule Summary

- Despite what many individuals believe, utilities **do have the right** to disconnect a customer's heat if they are behind on their bill during the cold weather months (October-April).
- Minnesota law gives all customers the right to make a payment agreement with their utility during the cold weather months in order to ensure that their main source of heat will not be disconnected.
- Any customer who is having trouble paying their bills should contact their utility immediately to set up a payment agreement.
- Low-income families (those whose income is less than 50% of the state's median income) can receive additional protections from Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule.
- The federal and state governments have set aside funds to help low-income families that are having problems paying their heating bills. These funds are awarded by local organizations, but families need to apply quickly because these funds quickly run out.
- All rate regulated utilities must provide written notice to a customer at least seven days before the customer's heat is disconnected. Municipal utilities and energy co-ops must provide a written notice at least 15 days prior.
- Disconnections cannot occur on Fridays, weekends, day before a holiday or when the utilities offices are closed unless the field representative can enter into a payment agreement with the customer.
- All customers have the right to appeal to the PUC if their utility is going to disconnect their heat or if the customer and utility are not able to reach a payment agreement.
- All appeals must be resolved within 20 days, and a utility must provide heat to the customer while this appeal occurs.

Cold Weather Protection

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule protects low-income individuals from having their main heating source disconnected during the cold weather months (October 15th-April 15th) if they make regular payments. This applies to all rate regulated utilities (Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy, Minnesota Power, Otter Tail Power and others), municipal utilities and cooperative electric associations. In order to receive this protection, customers must contact their utility company, establish a payment plan and make regular payments. Households who have an income that equals less than 50% of the median income (shown on page 9) can receive protection from Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule. Households that qualify for Cold Weather Rule can apply for an "Inability to Pay" status (available to customers whose bills were fully paid or reasonably on time as of October 15th and are willing to make a payment plan) or a "10% Plan" (available to customers whose bills were not fully paid or reasonably paid on time as of October 15th but agree to pay either 10% of their monthly household income or the full amount of their current bill, whichever is less). Additionally, if a qualifying household's heat was shut off prior to October 15th, the Cold Weather Rule ensures that their heat will be turned back on if they agree to pay the total amount they owe, plus their current energy bill, in monthly installments. These installments will not be more than 10% of their monthly income.

Heating Assistance

The federal and state governments have set funds aside for individuals who are having problems paying their heating bills. **It is important that qualifying individuals apply for these grants as soon as possible, because these**

funds quickly run out.

The income qualifications to receive Energy Assistance Program funds are the same as for the Cold Weather Rule. Households with the lowest income and highest fuel costs receive the highest grants, and the size of a grant that a household receives is based on the household size, income, fuel type and energy usage. These funds can be used for:

- A Direct payment to an energy supplier;
- Consumer education regarding heating energy efficiently and safely;
- Help with energy suppliers and human service providers on behalf of consumers;
- Crisis help for utility disconnections or necessary fuel deliveries; and/or
- Emergency heating system repair or replacement.

The Minnesota Legislature also set up the Emergency Energy Assistance Fuel Fund which is available to households that equals up to 60% of the states median income. These funds are used to assist households who are ineligible for Energy Assistance or to provide additional help when Energy Assistance Funds are not enough to meet household's needs.

Both these programs are administered by local agencies. Customers can find the one for their area by calling 1-800-657-3710 or by going to <http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?programid=536884454&id=-536881374&agency=Commerce>.

Disconnection & Appeals Process

Before a utility company may turn off a customer's service during the winter months, it must send the following:

- A disconnection notice which states the date on or after which discontinuation will occur;
- A statement of customer's rights and responsibilities, including a list of the names and phone numbers of local energy, weatherization and conservation assistance providers;
- An explanation of no-cost or low-cost methods of conserving energy;
- A written explanation of how utility payments will be divided under the Ten Percent Plan if a customer has two or more utilities; and
- A Cold Weather Rule application.

All rate regulated utilities must wait ten days after the utility mails the notification or seven days after the utility personally serves the customer before disconnecting a customer's heat. Municipal utilities or cooperative energy associations must wait for 20 days after a notice is mailed or 15 days after a notice is personally delivered.

Additionally, utilities cannot disconnect customers on a Friday, weekend, or day before a holiday or when the utility's offices are close unless the field representative is authorized to accept a payment or make a payment agreement with the customer. If the customer does not respond to the notice, all utilities must attempt to determine if the residence is occupied by visiting the home.

All customers have the right to appeal to the Public Utilities Commission if their utility notifies them that it is going to disconnect their heat or if the customer and utility cannot reach a payment plan agreement. The utility is required to provide an appeals form to the customer when they notify them of the utilities decision, and the customer must submit the form to the PUC within ten days of receiving the notice in the mail or seven days of being personally served the notice. Their utility cannot disconnect their heat until the appeals process is completed. The PUC must examine all appeals in an informal manner within 20 days of receiving the appeals form. A customer's energy must remain connected while this appeals process occurs and the customer must be reconnected if they had previously been disconnected.

Household Maximum Income

Maximum Income		
Household Size	Annual	3-month
1	\$20,122	\$5,030
2	\$26,313	\$6,578
3	\$32,505	\$8,126
4	\$38,697	\$9,674
5	\$44,888	\$11,222
6	\$51,080	\$12,770
7	\$52,240	\$13,060
8	\$53,401	\$13,350
9	\$54,562	\$13,650
10	\$55,723	\$13,930
11	\$56,884	\$14,221
12	\$58,045	\$14,551
13	\$59,206	\$14,801
14	\$60,995	\$15,248
15	\$64,823	\$16,205
16	\$68,651	\$17,162
17	\$72,479	\$18,119
18	\$76,307	\$19,076
19	\$80,135	\$20,033
20	\$83,963	\$20,990

*Based on 50% of State Median Income or 110% of Poverty, whichever is greater.

WELLNESS COURT COORDINATOR Cass Lake/Walker

Part-time (20 hours per week)

Working for the Minnesota Judicial Branch-Ninth Judicial District, the Wellness Court Coordinator is responsible for coordinating and supervising the activities of the Cass County/Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Wellness Court (DWI Court) operating in Cass Lake and Walker, Minnesota. This is an exempt position. Work involves the performance of extensive planning, organizing, coordinating and monitoring of the activities of the Wellness Court. This position works with the Wellness Court Judges on a wide range of duties such as operational efficiency, internal and external quality assurance, monitors and coordinates the case management services. Qualifications include a minimum of an Associate's Degree (A. A.) from an accredited college or university with major course work preferably in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work or a related field. Experience in court system, criminal justice and/or chemical dependency assessment and treatment is desired. The successful candidate will be required to pass a criminal background check prior to appointment. \$19.34 per hour (base) with optional State of MN benefits package. Application deadline is Friday, December 7, 2007. To apply submit a completed application form, cover letter, and resume to: Jill Hendrickson, HR Coordinator-9th Judicial District, 616 America Ave. NW, #250, Bemidji, MN 56601. EOE. To request an employment application form, please call 218-759-4361 or download from www.mncourts.gov

Happy Birthday



Happy 14th
Golden Birthday
Marcus Joseph Roy
December 14, 2007



Love, Grandma Suzie &
Grandpa Tom Roy

to
Virgil Richardson
turns 40 this month!



Mariah Richardson
turns 13 years old this month!



Happy Birthday to both
of you from your Family

Happy Belated Birthday
Sam Wilson who turned
15 years old on
November 11, 2007.

AND
Happy Birthday to Tori
who will turn 5 years old
on December 15th, 2007.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tori and JJ

Happy Birthday
on December 11, 2008
Randy White, Sr.
Love, Your Niece
Barbara Jo



Merry Christmas to you all!

May your Christmas be joyous and bright!
May you have a holiday season surrounded by
loved ones and good tidings!

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council

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Charles Taylor

Charles "Chuck" Gary Taylor, 54 of Cass Lake, MN died on November 3, 2007 at his home with his wife Connie by his side.

Funeral Services were held on November 7, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Al Fairbanks, Jr. officiating. A wake began on November 6, 2007 and continued until the time of service. Rev.'s Harold Eaglebull and John Rock officiated at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Interment followed at the Old Agency Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born March 13, 1953 in Cass Lake, MN the son of Daniel Taylor and Eleanor Granle. He was the family's anchor that kept his family together. He liked watching football, training his dogs and watching his game shows. He served his active duty in England; he was assigned security of guarding missiles.

He is survived by his wife Connie of 27 years who he dearly loved; his children Danny, Jason, Jacobi, Kayla, Bobby and Michelle Taylor and Travis Bunker; 2 granddaughters (which includes special granddaughter, Siveana), 3 grandsons; sisters Helen Condo and Kathy Taylor; brothers James and Greg from Hinckley.

He was preceded in death by parents Eleanor Granle and Daniel G. Taylor; sisters Cynthia, Elaine and Eunice and brother Robert Taylor.

Honorary Casket bearers were Dan Taylor, Roger Gotchie, Robert

Taylor, Robert Gotchie, Clinton Taylor, Dale YoungRunningCrane, Clayton Taylor, Jake Bowstring, William Desjarlais, John Charnoski and Jamie Mitchell.

Active Casket bearers were James Beaulieu, Archie LaRose, Ben Taylor, John Taylor, River Shady and Ralph Wakanabo.

Frank V. "Snuffy" Smith

Frank V. "Snuffy" Smith, 72, of Cass Lake, MN died suddenly on Friday, November 9, 2007 in Cass Lake.

Snuffy was born on February 17, 1935 to Joseph and Mary (Gould) Smith in Cass Lake, MN. He grew up and attended school in Park Rapids, MN. On March 21, 1980, he married Edith "Babe" Armstrong. Snuffy was a logger who enjoyed hunting, fishing and simply spending time in the woods. He liked working on his vehicles; going to pow-wows; and visiting with friends. He was a well-loved and respected man who particularly loved speaking the Ojibwe language with his buddies and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Edith "Babe" Smith; mother, Mary Smith; daughter, Deanne Stately (Josh); sons, Ronald Cournoyer (Patti), and



Richard Smith (Mary Lou); step-daughter, Barbara Bond (James); step-sons, Joel Lindgren (Jennifer), Timothy Lindgren (Sandra), and Daniel Lindgren (Vickie); brothers, Donald Smith, Walter Smith (Linda), Harold Smith (Diane); sisters, Joanne Nelson (Phil), and Dorothy Walswick (Gaylor); numerous nieces, nephews, one aunt, Jesse King and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father, Joseph Smith; son, Daniel Smith; sisters, Mary Jo Smith, Shirley Smith; sisters-in-law, Rose Smith and Mary Lou Smith; and great-grandson, Avery Stately.

Visitation began on November 13, 2007, at 4:00 P.M. at the Onigum Community Center and continued until the time of services. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker with Fr. Mark Cohn officiating. Interment followed at the Old Agency Catholic Cemetery in Old Agency. Arrangements were handled by the Thomas Dennis Funeral Home of Walker.

Sharon V. Goose

Sharon V. Goose, 63, of Minneapolis, passed to the spirit world on September 20, 2007 at her home.



Graveside services were held on September 25, 2007 at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Northeast

Minneapolis under the Direction of C.W. at Oyate Tawicohan Funeral Services – "The Way of the People".

She is survived by 4 children, Biran of Fort Dodge, IA, Dawn of Mpls., Anna of Federal Damn, MN, and Michael of Mpls., and many loving grand children and great grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Sharon, as many of our elders, had some medical problems but never let any of them stop her from doing anything. "Mother Goose was ALWAYS out and about."

Many of her belongings were donated to an elders program at the American Indian Center and to the Ginew Golden Eagles Program both in Mpls., where Sharon made her home.

Marcella Rose Howard

"Min-Dii-Mooyee" which means "Old Lady"

Marcella Rose Howard, 63, of Bemidji, MN died on November 25, 2007 at the Merit Care Hospital in Fargo, ND.



Traditional Funeral Services were held on November 29, 2007 at the Ponemah Community Center, in Ponemah, MN, with Spiritual Leader Tommy Stillday Sr. officiating. A wake began on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the community

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center and continued until the time of the service. Interment followed at her Family Burial Ground in Ponemah, MN. Arrangements were handled by Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born on April 29, 1944, in Ponemah, MN, the daughter of Peter Greenleaf and Emma Gibbs. She was raised in Ponemah. She moved to Pennsylvania for a time to live with her sister, before moving to Grand Forks, ND. It was there that she met Joseph Howard. They were married in 1979 in Ponemah, MN. They moved to the Twin Cities where they raised their children, and many foster children. She moved to Bemidji in 2001. She enjoyed attending pow-wows, playing bingo, spending time with and singing songs in Ojibwe to her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Dakota Bluebird of Minneapolis, Herb Sam Jr. of Minneapolis; daughters, Joelyn Greenleaf of Bemidji, Elizabeth Howard of Bemidji, Michelle Picotte of Nebraska, Maria Cloud of Bemidji; special niece, Vikki Howard of Bemidji; sister, Lavonne Whitefeather of Ponemah, Avelle Shoelkoph of Red Lake, MN; brothers, Allen Greenleaf of Duluth, Ervin Greenleaf of Bemidji; numerous Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brothers, and sisters.

Honorary Casket bearers were Rose Rosebear, Ona Kingbird, Sarah Greenleaf, Rose Tainter, Beatrice Fairbanks, Audrey Rosebear, Anna Gibbs, Annie Fineday, and Alberta Spike.

Active Casket bearers were Arthur Tainter, Leslie Gibbs, Kevin Gibbs, Travis Cloud, Ken Cloud Sr., Monte King, Aaron Weitzel, and Lee Whitefeather.



The Sherman and Johnson Families are deeply appreciative of the support, time, and donations given to our memorial and honoring of the Johnson Brothers Veterans Ceremony held on November 10, 2007 at Winnie Dam Community Center. A warm thanks to the Leech Lake Honor Guard for their support as "guests of honor" and to the Leech Lake Veteran's Program for their generous donation of the Armed Forces pictures to the George Johnson Memorial Cemetery and Community Center. Thanks to Leech Lake Gaming for their \$250 donation for food. Thanks to George Goggeye, Sr. and Archie LaRose for their wild rice donation.

Special thanks to Leech Lake Honor Guard, Commander Frank Bowstring, Spencer Whitefeather, and Ken Perrault for their speaking at our Veteran's honoring. Many thanks to George Goggeye, Sr. for his prayer invocation. Thanks to the Leech Lake Tribal Council for their support in honoring our family warrior veterans and all veterans. Special thanks to George Goggeye, Jr., Archie LaRose and Robbie Howe, for speaking in remembrance, reverence, and honoring our Uncle veterans, family veterans, and all veterans. And thanks to family and friends who came to support this veteran's ceremony and honoring.

It was a day filled with love, tears, and healing. Our message we want to leave you with is this. "Remember: United We Stand, Divided We Fall and Freedom Isn't Free!

Chi-Migwetch! The Sherman and Johnson Families

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Quarterly Meeting

Leech Lake Band
of Ojibwe

Friday
January 4, 2007
10:00 a.m.
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Center

Band members
welcome!

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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Monday, December 3, 2007
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