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MAY IS AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH

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New Minnesota Welcome Center is now Open!



The new Minnesota Welcome Center located on Highway 2 east of Cass Lake is now open.
Photo by Patsy Gordon

Thanks to the MIRACLE GROUP of Cass lake, MN who started the dream of having a new Minnesota Welcome Center. The old building was torn down about a year and a half ago and now a new facility has been constructed and is now officially open. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on Friday, April 13, 2007.

The new facility is the result of a collaborative effort between the MIRACLE GROUP, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the City of Cass Lake, the Chamber of Commerce, Pike Bay Township, the U.S. Forest Service and MN Dot. The building houses a Tourism office that will assist travelers with information about the area and other pertinent information they may be seeking. Stop by and take a look.



Smokey the Bear and the Bald Eagle join Congressman Jim Oberstar at the Grand Opening of the Welcome Center.
Photo by Cindy Walhof, ACS

Leech Lake Police Officers Commended

On April 6, 2007, several of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe police officers aided in the search of a gunman who had shot a man by the name of William Desjarlait, out on the Old Mission Road near Cass Lake, Mn. They were assisted by the Beltrami County Sheriff's office in the apprehension. Leech Lake police officers quickly developed information leading to the name of the suspect, William Morris.

Later that day, the LLPD officers learned that Morris was in still in the area where the shooting took place, and was possibly in the woods nearby. LLPD Officers Dave Gordon and Sgt. Ken Washington immediately tracked the suspect through the snow and called for back up. Together, the LLPD and the Beltrami County Sheriff's office created a perimeter and K-9 handlers were brought in to aid in the search. After searching through the afternoon, the suspect was apprehended. Also, the pistol that was mostly likely used in the attack was also recovered that afternoon.

Beltrami County Sheriff, Phil Hodapp, said, "In this type of cooperation and team work all of the agencies involved and their officers is such a great example of how law enforcement in this day and age should be conducted. The successful resolution of this case would not have been possible without the hard work of so many

of the Leech Lake officers."

The following list of Leech Lake police officers were commended for their work in this case: Officers Gregory Kuhn, Travis Hemp, Jed Ninfeldt, Officer Benjamin Madsen, Robert Foley, Ryan Fisher, Rick Wuori, Sgt. Michael Robinson, Sgt. Heath Smith, Investigators, St. Ken Washington, Dave Gordon and Mark Rogers. Dispatchers with the Leech Lake Police Department were also commended for assisting with the apprehension of the suspect. They are Terra Needham, Michael Reyes, Sarah Anderson, and Amanda Charnowski.

Shingobee Restaurant Marina and Dance Club Progresses

Submitted Article

WHAT'S UP? What it going to be? Will it work out? Who's in charge? Who will it benefit? Why is it causing a stir?

Congratulations Band members! You have some wise and understanding leaders working for you!!! What an exciting event you have coming up in the Shingobee Development Project. This is a big step in business adventures for LLBO.

What's up? Who's in charge?

Some time ago a new branch in LLBO was established called the Business Division. John Herrera heads up this new department.

John graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he received his Bachelor's Degree. He is a graduate of the U of M where he received his MBA Degree in Business Management. He modestly declines to discuss that he is

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What is the Leech Lake Healthy Heart Project ?

Did you know that the number one killer of American Indian people is cardiovascular disease? The Leech Lake Healthy Heart Project is a program that helps American Indian people with Type II Diabetes learn how to reduce their risk factors for cardiovascular disease (heart attack and stroke). Lowering blood pressure to less than 130/80, exercising regularly, and eating less saturated fat (animal fat) are methods that reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease. More methods to prevent cardiovascular disease are lowering blood cholesterols and smoking cessation.

People who are enrolled in the program are getting healthier. They attend the "Honoring the Gift of Heart Health" classes and learn how to prepare and cook foods that are nutritious. They learn how to read food labels. Participants are exercising at the Diabetes Fitness Center and in their homes. They talk to a case manager, and the program pharmacist. Participants learn about their diabetes and understand why they take medication and what it does for their body. Participants attend educational luncheons and learn healthier ways to live with diabetes.

If you have Type II diabetes, live near Leech Lake Reservation, and are eligible for the IHS public health service, you are eligible to participate in the Leech Lake Healthy Heart project. Come join us. You will also earn incentives as you progress in the program. Please telephone 218-335-4500 and ask for the Healthy Heart Program. You must be 18 years or older to participate.

**NATIVE
YOUTH
CRISIS HOTLINE**

1-877-209-1266

T.E.R.O. Tribal Employment Rights Office

Construction season is upon us! TERO applicants if you haven't done so lately, now is the time for you to get your applications updated to include current phone numbers. There are quite a few phone numbers that we have called that are no longer in service.

All certified flaggers: there will also be roadwork coming up so make sure your records are up to date so that the TERO Office is able to get a hold of you as needed for road projects.

The next **Iron Workers Training** is 6/4/07 to find out more information come and see us or give us a call at 335-8374. Also, if you complete this training you will receive JOB PLACEMENT, earning as much as \$16.00 per hour with benefits and in four years, more than \$25.00 with Benefits....

Keep in mind that TERO is a referral source for possible employment.

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literally the first Native American to graduate with an MBA in Business Management from the U of M; however, this reporter thinks it cannot be left unsaid.

While working full-time and supporting his family, he attended William Mitchell Night Law School Program in St. Paul where he graduated receiving his Juris Doctorate. You go John!!! Congratulations!!!

I quizzed John as to what he has done for the Native Community. He refused to talk much about himself, but after my getting pushy with him, he briefly described that he helped develop the first stage of Mystic Lake Casino. He has been a Conservation Court Judge for Leech Lake for three terms and was a task force member for the development of the Northern Lights Casino.

WOW!!! LLBO---how lucky you are!!! Band Members hats off to John!!! What an example!!! I'll get in

trouble with him for saying that, but tough bounce John. You deserve the recognition!

Then there is Buck Erickson!! What a character!! They call him Uncle Buck. Yes...that fits. Uncle Buck has been assigned to the project working directly with John in the development stages of the Shingobee Project. Once the project is fully developed, Buck will then go on to be the General Manager of the Restaurant, Marina and Dance Club.

My first thought was so what! That location has never really amounted to much! It has sat there for a long time with nothing happening. Why should that location work now?

After sitting with John & Buck for a while, I slowly began to see the light.

Buck was born and raised in the Park Rapids area. He graduated from Nevis High School and then went on to Concordia College in Moorhead where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. After serving a term in the Air Force and stationed in Las Vegas, he remained in Las Vegas for a decade or so working for the Desert Inn, Tropicana and Caesar's Palace Hotels and Casinos. He worked in these hotels as a blackjack dealer, bus boy, waiter, then gourmet waiter, wine steward, then chef, then food and beverage supervisor and yes even an entertainer. What!!! He was even a back up singer for some of the major stars in Las Vegas. Unbelievable!! He then went on to get his Degree in Business-Hotel & Restaurant Management from Michigan State University.

That's who's in charge!

The qualifications seem to be there to make it a success. In future articles, (next print), John and Buck have agreed to present the entire business plan.

Many have had helpful inputs into this project. John & Buck welcome your helpful thoughts and opinions. Give them a call to talk about it. 218 252 8000

What's the plan Stan? See you next print.



Anishinabeg Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol Receives Award

The Leech Lake ACADA team received an award and a star fish from the Minnesota ICE and Initiative Foundation organizations on May 24, 2007. The Coalition was recognized for the work they have done to date in their efforts to eliminate drugs and alcohol from the Leech Lake Reservation.

The ACADA works in collaboration with local counties such as Morrison, Crow Wing, Benton/Stearns, Todd, Cass, Wadena and Mille Lacs Counties. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe is also involved in this endeavor.

The plaque reads: "In Recognition, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Anishinabe Coalition Against Drugs & Alcohol Methamphetamine Prevention Coalition."

The star fish resembles making a difference. The text of the award reads: "An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" The old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference." The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he said.

"You Make a difference every day in the lives of your citizens."

Leech Lake Reservation Spiritual Run 2007

Wii-Zhaawendaagoziyaang Wenji-Bimibatooyaang

"asking for help while we are running"

May 4 & 5, 2007

Begin at S. Lake at 6:00 a.m., May 4th and end at Kego lake
6:00 a.m. on May 5, 2007.

We are running to continue Spiritual healing among the Anishinaabeg, to unite our people, to become allies to each other, to ask the Creator in humility to be among us while we walk the road of grief and loss. We are running to raise awareness of all the goodness that prevails among the Anishinaabeg, for our physical health, and to remember those that have gone on to the spirit world, and for our own personal reasons. This is a unity and spiritual run for all people. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact Gary Charwood for information at 335-3728

Leech Lake Reservation Events

Leech Lake Reservation Spiritual Run 2007

May 4th-5th

May 4th - S. Lake Community Center at 6am till dusk
May 5th - Kego Lake at 6am until completion at Vet's Memorial
WII-ZHAAWENDAAGOZIYAANG
WENJI-BIMIBATOOPYAANG
"Asking for help while we are running"
Contact Gary C. 760-7955

Women Celebrating Their Health:

A Breast Cancer Screening Awareness Event

May 4th

10:30 am-3pm at Leech Lake Tribal College
Door Prizes + Free Lunch
Contact Lisa A. 335-4254

21st Annual Leech Lake Health Fair

May 8th

10am-3pm Palace Casino Bingo Hall
Exhibits, Health Screenings, Food and Fun
Contact Rosanne J. 335-4805

* The CHR Program will be providing transportation for elders
to the Health Fair. Contact Melanie H. 335-4267

* For more info on events, Contact Rosanne J. 335-4303

11th Annual Mother's Day Feast & Celebration

May 13th

11am-5pm
Veterans Memorial Row-Wow Grounds, Cass Lake
All encouraged to attend!
Door Prizes, Open Mic, Entertainment, Special Guests, and Music
Contact Ron H. at 335-8293 or Jan M. at 335-7682

14th Annual Elder's Feast & Giveaway

May 19th

11am-3pm Veterans Memorial
Row-Wow Grounds, Cass Lake
Feast, Music, and Door Prizes
Contact Ron H. 335-8280 or Darrin C. 335-8280

15th Annual Memorial Walk/Run

May 24th

8:30-9:30am Free Registration for all ages
Old Cass Lake High School Gym
"For Our People, We Walk/Run For Life"
Fun, Physical Activity, Door Prizes, Refreshments,
and Silent Auction for Bench Press
Memory Wall for photos of Family Members
Contact LL Fitness at 335-2081



American Indian Month Kickoff

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Community Walk & Feast

**Community Walk
9:00 – 10:00**

- Gather at Lake/Bloomington at 9:00. Walk down to Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC).
- Eagle Staffs, tribal flags, and organizational banners welcome.
- Parking available at walk site or MAIC. Transportation will be provided from MAIC to the walk site.

**Program & Feast
10:30 – 1:00**

Minneapolis American Indian Center, outdoor amphitheater. Gym if rain.

Everyone Welcome!

The American Indian Community welcomes everyone to walk and kickoff American Indian Month, a celebration of indigenous people and cultures.



For more information call Bill at 612-673-3028

11th Annual Mother's Day Celebration and Picnic

Sunday, May 13, 2007 1:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Veteran's Memorial Grounds - Cass Lake, MN

Picnic Style Lunch (cooked & served by the men)

Gift: 1st 200 women receive a Carnation

*Games *Entertainment *Open Microphone

*50/50 Drawing * Door Prizes

Need not be a mother or parent to attend. All individuals are welcome to come and take part in our celebration while we honor all mother's past, present, and future.
Open to Everyone.

For further information contact:

Ron Hare at 218-760-8977 or Kenn Mitchell at 218-760-1620

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT

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 on **Tuesday, May 15, 2007**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.**, in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code and the Leech Lake Dog Ordinance, 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 26th day of March 2007.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Shannon Marie Fairbanks	TR-06-158	No Driver's License Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 10/19/2006
Natasha Mary Fox	TR-07-017	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Occurring On: 12/25/2006
Justin Rodney Howard	TR-99-010	No Valid Driver's License Occurring On: 5/29/1999
Rodney Jerome Johnson	TR-07-024	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph over the limit Occurring On: 12/24/2006
David Emmanuel Jones	TR-07-011	Driving After Suspension/ Revocation Occurring On: 9/12/2006
Debra Lynn Jones	TR-06-191	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Driving Contrary to Restrictions on DL/Permit Equipment Vioaltion Occurring On: 11/12/2006
Vanessa Bernice Jones	TR-06-152	Driving After Suspension/ Revocation Occurring On: 8/28/2006
Earth Marie Matthews	TR-99-044	Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Driving with out a Valid Driver's License Occurring On: 10/30/1999
Maureen Rae Moose	TR-07-010	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner No Driver's License Open Bottle Occurring On: 10/28/2006
David Allen Morgan	TR-07-033	Driving After Revocation/ Suspension Careless Driving Occurring On: 11/12/2006
Isaac Paul Raisch	TR-07-028	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 1/4/2006
Justin Michael Seelye	TR-02-463	Failure to show Proof of Insurance

Brandon Wayne White

TR-06-196

No Valid Driver's License
Occurring On: 4/20/2003
Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner
Driving

Judith Ann White

TR-01-320

Occurring On: 11/30/2006
Driving After Revocation/
Suspension

Ronald Joseph Staples

TR-99-32(A)

Occurring On: 6/12/2001
Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over
the Limit
Occurring On: 12/6/1999

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court on **Tuesday, May 29, 2007**, at **2:00 p.m.**, and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

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

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.

2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:

- Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
- Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
- Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
- Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- 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.

DATED this 19th day of April, 2007. Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Rikki Sue Blue	TR-06-148	Failure to pay balance of reinstated fine ordered on January 2, 2007
Dewayne Eugene Bowers	TR-05-60	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 22, 2005
Dennis Keith Brown	TR-00-197	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on January 17, 2001
Dennis Keith Brown	TR-99--27	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on April 21, 2000
Marla Jean Brown	TR-02-382	Failure to pay balance of fine ordered

Deena Marie Budreau	TR-99-29	on November 9, 2003 Failure to pay balance of fine ordered on February 4, 2000
Leon Aaron Butcher	CN-06-04	Failure to pay balance of reinstated fine ordered on April 11, 2007
Rhonda Lee Butcher	TR-05-04	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 29, 2005
Rhonda Lee Butcher	TR-99-33	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on April 21, 2000
Daniel Benjamin Fineday	TR-07-19	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on April 16, 2007
Kimberly Marie Hare	TR-04-765	Failure to pay fine ordered on January 3, 2005
Kimberly Marie Hare	TR-05-40	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on August 22, 2005
Kimberly Marie Hare	TR-99-25	Failure to pay fine ordered on December 3, 1999; Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 1, 2001
William Joseph Headbird	CN-06-23	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on March 8, 2007
William Joseph Headbird	TR-06-149	Failure to pay reinstated fine ordered on February 15, 2007
Robert Lowell Hurd, Jr.	TR-01-266	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on July 3, 2001; Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on December 10, 2001
Robert Lowell Hurd, Jr.	TR-00-231	Failure to pay fine ordered on January 4, 2001; Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on March 24, 2003
George Jacobs, Jr.	TR-05-50	Failure to pay fine ordered on May 12, 2005
Shalah Leigh Kingbird	TR-99-15	Failure to pay balance of fine per agreement of August 19, 1999
Natalie Rose Lovelace	TR-02-473	Failure to pay balance of default judgment fine ordered on March 24, 2003
Patrick Dennis Northbird	TR-99-19	Failure to pay fine per agreement of September 13, 1999
Tasheena Marie Smith	TR-06-124	Failure to pay default judgment fine ordered on December 27, 2006
Teresa Lynn Solis	TR-03-636	Failure to pay fine ordered on December 4, 2003
Zachery Michael Staples	TR-99-17	Failure to pay fine ordered on July 23, 1999

Proposal for Chippewa National Forest Facilities Management/ New Office Complex

The Walker Ranger District is seeking comments and input on the proposed Walker Ranger District Administrative Site Project. The project is on and adjacent to existing Walker Ranger District administrative offices, off Hwy 371 on the eastside

of Walker, Minnesota. The new administrative complex includes the former Department of Defense Armory site.

The purpose of this project is to construct a new Walker Ranger District administrative complex on and adjacent to the existing administrative site. Use records show that the Walker Ranger District has the highest visitor use of any Forest Service office on the Chippewa National Forest. Centrally located district facilities would improve program efficiencies; new structures would help the District meet current building codes and

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Civil Division

In the Matter of the welfare of the
Child(ren) of:

Anndrea Goggeley and
Gary Keezer, Parents.

**ORDER FOR LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CP-06-25

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 29, 2007, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal Custody and Physical Custody of K.K., DOB: 06/16/2004, and K.K., DOB: 06/01/2005, was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. On March 7, 2007, the Leech Lake Tribal Police attempted personal service of the above-referenced document on Gary Keezer, and on March 12, 2007, an Affidavit of Not Found Un-Served Process was filed with the Court. A **Default Hearing** has been scheduled for **Monday, May 14, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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 children. 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 against you.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of April, 2007.

Anita Fineday, Judge of Tribal Court

comply with accessibility guidelines. The proposed office complex would include: a tree cooler, fuels storage building, seasonal crew bunkhouse, centralized warehouse buildings, and an office building with visitor center.

A scoping package containing more detailed information may be obtained by contacting the Walker Ranger District at the address and phone number below. Your comments would be most useful if postmarked or received by May 21, 2007. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be available for public inspection.

Please include the following information with your comments:

- 1.) Name, address, telephone number, organization represented and title (if applicable).
- 2.) Title of the document on which the comment is being submitted.

Mail your comments to: USFS, Walker Office, 201 Minnesota Ave. E., Walker, MN 56484, Attn: Thomas Somrak, District Ranger, or telephone (218) 547-1044.

Happy
5th Birthday
Mitena Jackson

CHEERS!

Love,
Naykota, Ashkii,
Yahto, & Mom!

**CASS LAKE
CLEAN-UP DAY**
Sunday,
May 20, 2007

*A joint effort by
the City of Cass Lake,
Leech Lake Tribal Council
and Leech Lake Housing.
For more information
Call 335-2238*

Bill Allowing Reunification of Adopted Siblings Gains Preliminary Senate Approval

The Minnesota Senate gave preliminary approval today of legislation allowing siblings separated by adoption or foster care to seek reunification. The Senate's final vote on the bill, Senate File 358, could occur as soon as tomorrow. "Current law allows for the reunification of children with their biological parents following adoptive or foster care, but does not grant the same rights to biological siblings," said Sen. Mary Olson, DFL - Bemidji, chief author of the bill. "My bill corrects this legal oversight."

The legislation allows a person placed in adoptive or foster care to request information from the Department of Human Services or an adoption agency regarding any genetic siblings that also were placed by the system. The bill requires the Department, county agencies, and other placement services to share information that could help determine the location of a separated sibling. The Department would give identifying and contact information to the siblings only if both parties consented.

"This legislation could be life changing for many Minnesotans who may not know whether they have a biological brother or sister," said Sen. Olson. "Adopted citizens sometimes need to find biological relatives for medical or legal reasons. Other times the need to locate a genetic sibling is much more personal. There is no good reason the state should prevent this reunification from occurring." Sen. Olson emphasized that this bill does not apply in situations where one sibling remained with a biological parent. "Nothing in this bill will allow a parent who has given up a child to be located against their wishes," said Sen. Olson.

Letter To the Editor:

Recently, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard legislation that would legalize the use of marijuana for medical purposes. I believe that some news reports have inadequately discussed this issue, and I would appreciate the opportunity to explain why I voted against the bill.

First, I would like to say that if this bill were crafted narrowly enough so I could be comfortable we were making marijuana available only to those with terminal or severe medical conditions who could not be helped with another drug, I would feel differently about my vote. I am very sympathetic to anyone in this situation and to families watching a loved one suffer.

In my opinion, however, the only evidence presented that marijuana has medicinal benefits that can't be replicated by another drug was entirely anecdotal. No mainstream medical organization, such as the American Medical Association, has taken this position. Worse in my mind, the manner in which we will allow this drug to be "dispensed" is almost without control. Anyone who pays \$1,000.00 and registers as a nonprofit (even if that person is a family member of the person using the drug) can grow marijuana plants in their home (or almost anywhere else). Under the proposed bill, there are no regulations regarding the strength of the marijuana grown; if we are going to treat marijuana as a pain medication, I think we must at least regulate it in the same way.

A person who wants to use marijuana under this bill simply has to find a doctor who will authorize its use (including any out-of-state doctors, and we heard testimony that in Oregon two doctors had issued thousands of prescriptions just for "pain"). Unlike the examples listed in the paper, this bill does not just authorize marijuana use for conditions like cancer and epilepsy. Any person who says he/she has suffered from "intractable pain" and has been taking another medication for at least six months (it could be aspirin) qualifies for a card

allowing that person to use marijuana, provided a doctor will prescribe it. Once again, we heard that in Oregon where a similar law exists, over 90 percent of the prescriptions written were simply for "pain" rather than for the severe medical conditions used to justify passage of the law.

None of us can say for sure that this law will be abused, but common sense indicates to me that the potential certainly is there. We heard from numerous law enforcement officers who were adamantly opposed to passage of the bill. We heard that by passing this law, we will significantly undermine law enforcement's ability to enforce existing drug laws and will make their job much harder.

In the last year, I've heard from far too many of our youth (and adults) about the devastation drugs caused in their lives - a destructive path that nearly always began with marijuana use. Considering the dangerous side effects of this drug, its high potential for misuse, and the extremely loose controls in the proposed legislation, I felt compelled to argue strongly against this bill. While it did pass the committee on a close vote, it has not yet come to the floor for a vote by the full Senate. Before it does, I'd be very interested to hear from my constituents who have opinions about his bill, whether pro or con. I've heard the bill may be included in a larger omnibus bill, which will make it harder to vote against because no doubt the bill will contain other legislation important to my voters.

As always, but especially when I am considering a vote on a difficult issue with legitimate arguments that can be made on both sides, I'm very interested to hear what my constituents think. With issues like this, it is not possible to please everyone, but I try to weigh very carefully what I hear from home.

Best regards,



Senator Mary Olson
District 4

Letter to the Editor:

Watching the Boys Basketball Class A Championship Game (Cass Lake-Bena High School vs. Ellsworth High School) last Saturday was one of the best state high school basketball games ever! The television announcer agreed. He made an even similar statement.

We're not sure if we have ever viewed more 3-point baskets made in a high school game. What fine skills! It was obvious both teams played their hearts out. It is unfortunate there has to be a winner and a loser in a game played at the caliber it was. We will long remember this game. In our eyes, both teams are winners.

To the Cass Lake-Bena Boys Basketball 2nd Place State Champions: You have made us proud here in Bemidji as well! Your 2006-07 season was awesome. We look forward to next year! Brady, we will be watching you at BSU.

Rob and Lisa Beyer
Bemidji

PUBLIC HEARING **LEECH LAKE EARLY CHILDHOOD** **DEVELOPMENT** **CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Palace Casino & Hotel,
Cass Lake, MN

The Leech Lake Reservation community is invited to attend a Public Hearing to provide feedback to the Leech Lake Early Childhood Development program for activities provided through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

Some of the activities include:
*Dik-in-aa-gan Child Care Center
*Onigum Early Childhood Center *Bena Early Childhood Center
*Child Care Subsidy Program
*Child Care Provider Support Programs

Please contact Becky Littlewolf
at 1-800-551-0969 or
(218) 335-8257 for further
information.

Robert Hurd, Sr.

Robert Hurd, Sr., 72, of Cass Lake, MN died at his home on April 16, 2007.

Robert was born on July 24, 1934 in Onigum, MN to Herbert and Maggie (Critt) Hurd. He grew up in the mission area and in Cass Lake and attended school at the old country school at the Mission. On April 14, 1962, he married Bernice Morris at the Episcopal Church in Cass Lake. They moved to Chicago for three years and to Grand Portage for a year, before returning to Cass Lake in 1968. Cass Lake remained Robert's home until the time of his death. He worked as a logger and laborer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, netting, ricing, going to pow-wows and playing Bingo. He also liked working outside, fixing and building cars and racecars with his son, Bobby; and he especially loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice; sons, Darryl Ryan, Robert Beaudreau, Louie Fisher, Sam Morris, Terry Morris (Julie Jones), Gerald Hurd, and Robert Hurd, Jr.; daughters, Cindy Hurd, Debbie Jones, Kathy Hurd (Shannon White), Rhonda Hurd (Timothy Goose), April Hurd, Maggie Hurd (Alex Whitefeather); special children, Taydria Hurd, whom he raised from birth; Keisha and Patti Hurd, who put a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face; 38 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brothers, Marvin (Loretta) Hurd and Joe Hurd.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Joseph Smith; and one daughter, Patricia Morgan.

A traditional wake began on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until the time of service. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 19, 2007, also at the Veterans Building. Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiated and interment followed in Prince of Peace Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Dennis Funeral Home.

**Alan "Bos" Boswell**

Alan "Bos" Douglas Boswell, 63, of Cass Lake, MN died on April 21, 2007 at his home.

F u n e r a l Services were held on April 25, 2007 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Anselm Thevarkunnel officiating. A wake began on April 24, 2007 at 4:00 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake with a memorial service at 7:00 pm with Rev. George Ross officiating. The Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake assisted the family with arrangements.

Alan "Bos" Douglas Boswell was born August 3, 1943 in White Earth, MN the son of John and Cecilia (Blair) Boswell. He worked as a Career Development Specialist at the Cass Lake-Bena High School for 18 years, retiring in December 2001 because of illness. Prior to this he worked for the Youth Division and Housing with Leech Lake as well as with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as a career counselor. As a young man he worked with the U.S. Forestry Service. He was a foster parent for many years. He served as a councilman for the City of Cass Lake. He was awarded "Outstanding Counselor of the Year" from the Minnesota Indian Education Association in 1991 and "Outstanding American Indian Elder of the Year" from MIEA in 2004. After he retired he served on the Cass Lake-Bena Local Indian Ed Committee from 2001-present, wanting to stay involved with education and kids. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, watching sports, coaching, traveling, playing softball with the Old Timers, coaching Little League and Girls Softball. He loved his Cass Lake-Bena Panthers. He was known for his sense of humor, love of kids and his teasing.

He is survived by children: Alan D. (Tara) Boswell of Cass Lake, Jared Boswell of Cass Lake, Alane (Russ "Cheech") Roy of Cass Lake, siblings: Leo Blair of Cass Lake and Sharon Villier of Morris, MN; 3 grandchildren:



Tanaya, Kellen and Tateyn, and many foster children he helped raised.

He was preceded in death by mother Cecilia, daughter Carla and brother John.

Honorary Casket bearers were the Cass Lake-Bena Indian Education Staff (past and present), Cass Lake-Bena LIEC, Tom Fairbanks, Sr., Mike Schmid, Willard "Booger" Lausche, Pat O'Neil, Frank Bowstring, Jim Chase, Alfred "KoKo" Folstrom, John Budreau, Mike Roy, Todd Roy, Alvin Roy, Chuck Oakgrove and all his foster children, nieces, nephews and Cass Lake-Bena students.

Active Casket bearers were Tommy Stangel, Kyle Fairbanks, Russell "Cheech" Goggleye, Mike Reyes, Chris Muller, Ed Fisher, David Villier, Jr. and Mike White.

Environmental Assessment for Off-Highway Vehicle Road Travel Open for Comment

The Chippewa National Forest has completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Off-Highway Vehicle Road (OHV) Travel Access Project. The EA is now available for public review and comment. The project area includes all roads within the Chippewa National Forest boundary on federal lands.

Chippewa National Forest proposes to designate those roads on National Forest lands that are to remain open to OHV use. The Environmental Assessment presents a public-involvement-based OHV travel management proposal only for the National Forest. Minnesota DNR proposals and County proposals are addressed by those agencies. The roads were discussed with other land management agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Beltrami, Cass and Itasca counties, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management and area townships with roads crossing the Forest. In 2006, public meetings held in local communities to discuss

Off-Highway Vehicle Road Travel alternatives were also very well attended.

The Forest Service issued the Travel Management Rule in 2005, requiring each national forest and grassland to identify and designate those roads, trails and areas that are open to motor vehicle use. The Chippewa National Forest Plan addresses OHV management consistent with the Travel Management rule.

Comments for the Environmental Assessment must be received no later than May 18, 2007. An electronic version of the Environmental Assessment is available for viewing and downloading on the Chippewa National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects/>. To request a CD or written copy of the EA, call the Chippewa National Forest at 218-335-8600.

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