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Chairman Responds to Tribal College Funding Reduction

The country is now heading into a recession at the same time we are seeing increased food, heating and fuel costs this year. In Indian Country we are not unaccustomed to hard times so we know how to stretch a dollar. The Leech Lake Band however has had to contend with a number of years of financial deficits. These economic factors along with additional needs and priorities have required the Band to institute a government-wide direct funding reduction. This is not unique to us. Governments and businesses across the entire country are experiencing budget cuts to contend with harsh economic realities.

For the Leech Lake Band this means that all RBC Division's were ordered to make at least a 10% across the board cut to their budgets. Some had to make cuts of \$900,000 or more. All were told to look at ways of reducing costs.

The Tribal College had its RBC direct funding of \$731,000, which was about 10% of their total revenue, cut by \$500,000 or by less than 10%. In addition to direct funding a large portion of our scholarship funds go to our Tribal College, approximately 60% of the 229 students this semester are Leech Lake Band members. The Leech Lake Tribal College in response to the cut in RBC direct funding from the Band engaged in use of scare tactics on the students and staff, including insinuating that the college might have to close. This is not the case.

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Day Labor Works

The Leech Lake Band's Temporary Employment Program (TEP) affectionately referred to as day labor is not only on track and employing dozens of Band members, but it is reaching out and developing new relationships with Leech Lake Heritage Sites, Otter Tail Power, Habitat for Humanity, and possibly some businesses in Bemidji. Recently an agreement between the USDA, Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest, and the Leech Lake Band's Temporary Employment Program, was signed that will solicit help from TEP for brushing out roadsides, excavation work, and planting trees to name a few. Tribal Liaison Neil Peterson from the Forest Service was at the agreement signing and mentioned that there are more projects for TEP to expand into. "Giving our Band members a hand-up not a hand-out is something we value," said Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo.

Franken Visit Speaks Volumes

By Chris Haugene

Rounding out his last couple of weeks on the campaign trail with numerous visits to White Earth, Red Lake, and Leech Lake, U.S. Senate hopeful Al Franken came to the Dikinaagan child care facility in Cass Lake to underline what he projects will be his priorities if elected.

"As Senator it will be my job to represent everyone in the state, of course, but especially those among my constituents who have suffered through the cultural trauma your people have endured." Mr. Franken went on to highlight his want to serve on the Indian Affairs Committee as the Late Mr. Paul Wellstone had, and that American Indian issues seem to come into and disappear from the public vantage with some regularity. "The results of this trauma that has been visited upon your culture are issues that, once they surface are either ignored or discontinued, but need to be addressed aggressively."

During a visit to the Red Lake Reservation he spoke with a young Veteran who was diagnosed with poor eye sight and had yet to receive medical care to fix the problem and was confounded to learn that the problem was discovered some time ago. He then mentioned that it might be a good idea to form a coalition of doctors from around the state who could travel to underserved communities and help out with common medical issues.

Mr. Franken touched on sovereignty, education, and healthcare hitting a number of soft-spot issues that linger in the air at events like these. He also mentioned a 'return on investment' that programs like early childhood education and after school activities have as well as opportunities like bio-mass research and development that could bring jobs and light industry to areas like Cass Lake.

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Important Announcement!

To All Leech Lake Band Members

In anticipation of the Leech Lake Reservation rebating the 2008-09 Hunting & Fishing Rights revenue to all Leech Lake Band Members age 18 & over, we are requesting that all band members update their correct mailing addresses.

This may be done by contacting the:

Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Enrollment Office
115 6th St NW Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
335-3601 or 335-3602

To help ensure accuracy and timeliness we request that Band Members take a few moments of your time to complete this process.

Thank You

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But the fact of the matter is this is a hard time for all of us. The budgeting decisions made were not made easily and every avenue of avoiding or minimizing cuts was looked at. But additional costs, needs and priorities made it necessary to move forward with the identified reductions.

Like the Band for the college this is a time of challenge but also a time of opportunity. Opportunity to look at how we are doing things and assess if how we operate is how we should be operating. We have offered over the years for the college to offset its RBC direct funding through providing the training needed by the government and gaming operations that is contracted out or outsourced.

The college budget is approximately \$1.6 million and in almost all the years of direct funding from the RBC this is one of the first times that the college has even responded to requests to share their budgets and financial information with us. As we looked at their operations we see it has about \$80,000 a year in bad debt and another \$30,000 per year lost to payback Pell Grants for students who drop out as soon as they get their grant money. How can they stop these losses? The college increased utility and operations costs due to the new building completed on 2/12/08 with construction plans for the \$3 million dollar Phase III expansion scheduled for January 09, although this is currently being revised because two of the construction grants were not funded. A majority of their funds are from grants and cannot be used for general operating. Which raised the question of why build before you have the funds to pay for construction and the revenue to later pay operating costs that will come with the new facilities?

One statement from the administration that might answer that is "Colleges, as a rule are capacity-building institutions, not revenue-generating institutions." Perhaps we need to think that capacity building means human capacity-building not faculties expansion. This seems to be part of the issue. The college administration and board have built and continue to expand without a sound financial plan or base in place. It is easy to dream and build if someone else has to pay the bills- but that is not reality.

The Leech Lake RBC and I personally place a high regard and priority on education. We will not jeopardize our students. Nor will we allow them to be used as pawns by adults for financial reasons. We all know education is the means to breaking the cycle of poverty so many of our people are trapped in. Education gives real hope for a better life. However the needs we have to address as a government are multiple and that is a reality also. Working together we can find a way through these hard times while making sure our students are taken care of.

Signed,

Notice

The Leech Lake Tribal Referral Office requires any request for medical appointments to be brought in 3-4 days in advance.

The request will be DENIED if not brought in within this time frame.

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Towards the end of the event he took a few minutes to answer some questions I had before leaving for the White Earth reservation. I mentioned to him that earlier in the evening he mentioned that American Indian issues, when brought to the public stage are often ignored or discontinued, and I asked him why he thought it was so easy to dismiss our issues. He mentioned that we have a unique dynamic when it comes to our problems citing that we are segregated through being so culturally connected to our land and reservations and that this makes it easier for us to be isolated and often times forgotten about. "Part of it is educating the rest of America about American Indian Issues." After mentioning education in his previous comment I asked what he could do, if elected, to increase our graduation rate around the reservation. He said that the number one determinate in whether a child graduates from high school is how well they identify with their school. "One of the best ways we can increase how kids identify with their schools is to fund and maintain after school activities like theater, music, and sports programs." He went on to highlight early childhood education as one of the ways to increase long term success regarding education. "These types of programs pay for themselves by the time the child hits kindergarten." He mentioned that spending money on kids early in life will prevent us from having to spend money on them later in life with things like prisons and rehabilitation facilities also stating that this legacy of neglect, cultural trauma, and being under funded just compounds these sorts of issues.

Mr. Franken brought warmth, knowledge, and humor to an event where devastating issues and concerns were talked about. He switched gears very well from talking to a Band member who is a single mom raising four kids and putting her self through college and her situations pitfalls, to making fun of himself for dancing like a white guy. Franken's mix of self deprecating comic enthusiasm and his political fervor go well together at events like these especially in front of American Indian

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Voting: What? When? Where?

Election Day is Tuesday November 4th. Before you can vote, you must register. In Minnesota, you may register before Election Day, or on Election Day at your polling place. Your registration remains current until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years.

Eligible to Vote?

You may register and vote in Minnesota on Election Day if you:

- Will be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- Are a citizen of the United States
- Will have resided in MN for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed
- Are not under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- Have not been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

Registering on Election Day

If you are not registered to vote, need to update your registration information or registered AFTER October 14th 2008, you must have **one** of the following with your current name and address to verify your residence:

- A valid MN drivers license, instruction permit, MN ID card, or receipt for any of these
- A valid Student ID w/ photo, if your college has provided a student housing list
- A Tribal ID w/ photo & signature (Newer IDs only, the old Yellow ones won't work)
- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by county Auditor
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address w/ signed oath
- An employee of the residential facility

where you live who can confirm your address w/ signed oath

Alternatively, you may provide
1) A Photo ID from the list below, and
2) a current bill with current name and address

Photo IDs (may be expired)

- MN Drivers license
- MN ID Card
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID Card
- Tribal ID Card
- MNSCU or Tech College ID Card

Bills (delivered electronically or by mail)

- Utility Bill due within 30 days of Election Day
 - Telephone
 - TV (cable, satellite)
 - Internet Services
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Solid Waste
 - Sewer Services
 - Water
- Rent Statement dated within 30 days of Election Day
- Current Student Fee Statement

Registering as an Ex-Felon

In Minnesota, you cannot vote while serving a sentence as a result of a felony conviction. However, once the full sentence is completed, including parole and probation, the right to vote is restored. Contact your parole officer if you are uncertain about your status. If your status as an eligible voter is challenged on Election Day, ask for the Head Election Judge, explain your situation, and ask to take an oath swearing your right to vote. Once you have done this you will be able to vote.

Where do I vote on Election Day?

Your polling place will be in your precinct. You can find out your precinct number and where to vote by contacting:

- Minnesota Secretary Of State:

www.sos.state.mn.us

- League of Women Voters:
www.lwv.org
- Call your County Auditor or City Clerk:
 - Beltrami: 333-8448
 - Cass: 547-7260
 - Hubbard: 732-3196
 - Itasca: 327-8259

Most polling places will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. A few township polling places will open at 10:00 am. Check with your town clerk for details.

Minnesota law allows you to take time off from work to vote during the morning of the Election. The idea is to encourage people to vote early in the day.

Election Day Drivers Contest

For Individuals or Employees who would like to transport voters to the polls.

1st Place- \$300

2nd Place- \$200

3rd Place- \$100

Required: Valid MN DL & Insurance.

Headquarters: Food Distribution.
Snacks and Refreshments served

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

More Info: Sharon Brown 335-8201

A&D OutPatient

Our Rule 25 Assessors
have moved to:

209 Central Ave.
(Across from the
Boys & Girls Club)

Adults:

Connie 335-8382

Adolescents:

Henrietta 335-8308

Hours: 8:00A - 4:30P

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Minnesota Organization of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MOFAS), I would like to thank Senator Mary Olson for her leadership in the Senate and for speaking on behalf of infants, children, and adults living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), a neurological and behavioral disorder caused when a woman drinks alcohol during pregnancy. Through her hard work, support and understanding about this often invisible disability, a proposed 30% cut in funding by the current administration was curtailed, and resulted in a reduction of only 1.8%.

With this funding, MOFAS was able to continue to provide necessary intervention and family support programs and extend our work providing accessible and consistent diagnostic services to more communities throughout Minnesota. 50,000 Minnesotans struggle with

permanent brain damage, learning disabilities, mental health disorders and organ damage because their mothers drank alcohol while they were pregnant. This disability costs Minnesota over \$107.4 million annually, yet it is 100% preventable. Nine months of alcohol free pregnancies save Minnesotans millions of dollars.

With the ongoing leadership of Senator Olson, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of families living with FASD.

Signed,
Susan S. Carlson
Former First Lady
Founder and President
Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Submit Your Letters To
The Editor, Stories or
Pictures To:
DeBahJiMon
115 6th St NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
or
debahjimon@llojibwe.com

Tract 33 Water Main Replacement

By John Fairbanks, Tribal Engineer

As everyone may know at this time, our water main contractor, Utility Systems of America, is having a difficult time digging in Tract 33. We apologize for the water main breaks and the inconvenience it has caused in the households of Tract 33 and 34. We expect to be completed with Phase I of the water main replacement in Tract 33 by November 21st. Please bear with us during this construction improvement project.

To update everyone concerning the scope of the overall water project, the remaining construction is as follows: Approximately 80% of the new water main has been installed to date. Construction will shut down during winter freeze-up. In the spring of 2009, the construction of a 250,000 gallon water tower will begin. The tower is expected to be completed by late fall. Phase I construction will be completed by the winter of 2009.

Phase II construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2009 and will construct a water treatment facility. This facility is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2010.

Phase III construction is the actual water service connections to the individual homes along the project route. This construction could begin as early as 2009, but it is not expected to be completed until late 2010 and possibly 2011.

Again, please bear with us during this construction period. Underground construction is the most difficult of all construction projects.

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crowds. During his visit he mentioned a story about when he visited a Red Lake pow wow and was asked to dance; having been advised against dancing at the event by Peggy Flannagen an Ojibwa member of his staff who heard about Governor Pawlenty's dancing-debacle and the taunting he still receives regarding the matter, Mr Franken was reticent. After being asked to dance he asked the crowd not to make fun of him for it after he left the pow wow. They agreed by round of applause. During his dance, which he began alone in front of the entire crowd, he was joined by a younger girl dancer until more and more people joined in. A few minutes later a lady danced up to him and told him that he danced like a white guy. Al laughed it off and told her they all agreed to not make fun of him for his dancing. She smiled, and informed him that they agreed to not make fun of him after he left the pow wow, but was still fair-game while he was still at the gathering.

A member of Franken's staff said the candidate will be campaigning right up until election day. They also mentioned their excitement with the statewide polling that has him pulling away from incumbent Norm Coleman. This race is indicative of what is happening around the country between Democrats and Republicans. With the events of the last month on the stock market and credit crisis numerous polls are showing the country is ready for a change. Local and national elections will be held on Super-Tuesday, November 4th 2008.

Public Notice

The Bena Local Indian Council

Regular Meeting has been

rescheduled for:

Monday, Nov 10th 6:00 P

due to Election Day

Just in time before the start of the shopping season!

Cash Before Christmas!

**Fridays & Saturdays
October 17th – November 22nd**

**\$150 hourly cash drawings
from 6pm-10pm
\$500 cash drawing: 10pm-11pm
If the winner is not present,
\$500 will be added to the
Grand Prize Jackpot
that starts at \$20,000!**

**Grand Prize Drawings
Two hourly cash drawings
from 6pm-10pm
A total of 8 drawings will be held,
each winner
will receive a minimum of
\$2,500!**

**Grand Prize Drawing
Sunday, November 23rd**

**Grand Prize Drawing
Monday, November 24th**

**Grand Prize Drawing
Tuesday, November 25th**



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877 LIGHTS 9 Walker, MN
www.northernlightscasino.com



WHITE OAK CASINO
800.653.2412 Deer River, MN
www.whiteoakcasino.com



Palace Casino & Hotel
877.972.5223 Cass Lake, MN
www.palacecasinohotel.com

Health Division News

By Jackie Wright

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Health Division is proud to announce that The United States Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Service - Office of Clinical and Preventive Services has awarded \$449,997.00 to the Health Division for the Anishinabeekwe Healing Circle Initiative. This three (3) year grant will enable us to implement trauma-informed Behavioral Health services within the 6 primary care clinic sites located throughout the reservation including Bemidji Clinic and the Indian Health Service in efforts to improve the accessibility of our native women and adolescent females to Identify, Assess, Treat and Follow-up supports regarding Chemical Dependency, Sexual Assault and Intimate Violence. For more information please feel free to contact Luann Koch at the Health Division at 218-335-4500 or email at lkoch@llojibwe.com

The Health Division also received a 2 year grant from The Department of Health and Human Services – Indian Health Service – Office of Clinical and Preventive Services Eldercare Initiative Long-Term Care Grant Program. The 1st year of this grant will be the assessment phase. We will be having individuals go out to all communities on our reservation and visiting one on one with at least 350 elders who are age 55 years and older. This assessment will determine what our elders needs are in finding out information on what would increase their quality of life. The 2nd year of the grant would be planning and implementing services based on the assessment. So please look forward to having someone come visit with you and your parents soon! For more information please feel free to contact Luann Koch at the Health Division at 218-335-4500 or email at lkoch@llojibwe.com.

The Leech Lake Health Division recently obtained contracts with the State of Minnesota. We will now be determining eligibility and administrating services for the Community Alternative Care (CAC), Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) waiver programs. This is going to allow Leech Lake Health to provide to tribal members and their non-native spouses or other household members living on the reservation services associated with CAC; CADI and TBI. Which includes linking elders eligible for Elderly Waiver (EW) or Alternative Care (AC) and CAC, CADI or TBI with home and community based services. We will also be supporting family and informal caregivers in their efforts to care for elders participating in these programs and provide access to personal care assistance services for elders and individuals with disabilities by providing assessment and making referrals to available PCA providers. This will directly tie in with the Elderly Care and Alternative Care Waiver Program already established. If you have any questions or want more information please contact Peg Blakely at (218) 335-4500.

The Leech Lake Health Division under the directive from the Tribal Council is in the process of designing an Elders/Disabilities Division whose primary purpose is to assess and design services to meet the needs of constituents who meet eligibility criteria. This program will be in place by January 2009. The Elders and Physically Handicap Services Department will promote elder and handicapped individuals social and economic self-sufficiency to foster maximum independence. It will provide clients with information and assistance in accessing services and assistance available from Tribal, federal, state, county and local agencies relevant to economic, social, medical and geographic factors related to quality of life maintenance. It will pursue development and funding of identified programs and services. It will through greater community intergenerational interaction strengthen cultural appreciation and respect for elders and individuals with disabilities. Our mission is to address the needs and concerns of our venerated Elders and handicapped members to enable them to maintain maximum independence and dignity within their own homes and communities as long as possible through development of a system of coordinated and comprehensive services to meet their needs. We look forward to providing this service and more information will be available in the coming months!

NOTICE: DEER DISEASE TESTING

The Leech Lake Reservation DRM in conjunction with USDA APHIS will test tribally harvested deer through December for Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

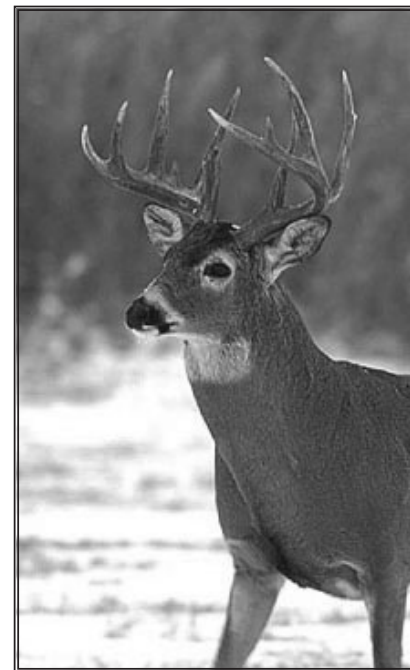
\$25 Che We Gas Voucher
will be provided for each Adult Deer.
Testing will be limited to 50 deer.

Bovine TB

TB has been found in deer just NW of the Red Lake Reservation.

It is believed to have been spread from infected domestic cattle herds.

This disease is caused by bacteria that CAN be spread to humans from direct contact with infected animals or by consuming undercooked meat.



CWD

CWD has been found in a few domesticated elk and deer from captive herds in Minnesota.

It has not been found in wild deer in MN.

To date there have been no known cases of spread to humans.

Testing will create baseline information on the reservations deer herd.

Both TB and CWD can be detrimental to deer populations, but have not yet been documented in reservation herds.

To receive a \$25 Che We Gas Voucher

- Bring your adult deer to the Leech Lake Division Of Resource Management Office in Cass Lake from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday- Friday
- We will not collect samples from fawns. (Fawns are too young to have contracted these diseases and exhibit symptoms). Six Lymph Nodes will be collected from the head of each animal. The chest cavity will also be examined for lesions. Sampling only takes a few minutes on unfrozen animals, so please do not allow the deer to freeze or sampling will be more difficult.
- Bring your hunting license and tag information. You may not bring in more deer than your legal harvest limit.
- Be able to locate your harvest location on a map that we provide.
- In the event an animal tests positive, the hunter will be notified of the results.

For additional information on this program, Bovine TB or CWD, call the DRM Office at 335-7423.

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 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:
 - 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: November 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Adams-Fairbanks, Tammy M.	TR-04-708	Fisher, Glen Bryan	CN-06-21
Brown, Tara Ann	TR-06-95	Johnson, Ernest	CN-06-29
Charwood, Donald Earl	TR-03-655	Jones, David Manuel	TR-05-22
Cloud, Randall Joseph	TR-04-723	Jones, Terrance Lee	TR-03-524
Davall, Anna Marie	TR-04-750	Keezer, Dora Jean	TR-08-05
Elkface, Chantelle Marie	TR-04-711	Rushman, Debra Lynn	TR-05-101
Gotchie, Nathan Ryan	TR-04-694	Smith, Dawn Alicia	TR-02-443
Gotchie, Nathan Ryan	TR-04-677	Wakanabo, Roger Joseph	TR-04-756

APPEARANCE DATE: November 25, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bowstring, Troy Thomas	TR-05-12	LeQuire, Barbara Jean	TR-04-680
Butcher, Nigel Andrew	TR-05-36	Morgan, Angela Colleen	TR-05-37
Carmona, Emerejirido Duane	TR-04-672	Morgan, Eric Steven	TR-05-55
Drouillard, Clarence	TR-05-42	Roberts, Karla Rose	TR-04-671
Headbird, Lorraine Jean	TR-05-34	TeJohn, James Lawrence	TR-04-686
Hunt, Crystal Joy	TR-04-691	White, Maxine	TR-05-68
Johnson, Chrissy Lynn	TR-05-24	Wilson, Kippy Gene	TR-05-38
Jones, Corey J. Walter	TR-04-688	Wilson, Lindsey Elaine	TR-05-17

APPEARANCE DATE: December 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bogda, Heidi Eileen	TR-07-39	Northbird, Rodney James	TR-07-184
Durheim, Lawrence Jos.	TR-07-135	Reyes, Clyde Lee	TR-07-191
Gotchie, William Joseph	TR-02-457	Watkins, Marvin Raymond	TR-03-535
Greenleaf, Jennifer Lee	TR-08-23	Weaver, Cindy Sareen	TR-03-527
Johnson, Thomas Jay	TR-02-449	White, Deanna Kay	TR-02-469
Judkins, Rusty James	TR-04-736	Wind, Marion Alice	TR-03-573

APPEARANCE DATE: December 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Deegan, Byron George	TR-06-87	Rogers, Gordon, Jr.	CN-04-149
Deegan, Byron George	TR-06-113	Roy, Matthew Aaron	TR-05-82
Fairbanks, Larry Wayne	TR-01-309	Washington, Derek Anthony	TR-08-26
Fisher, Glen Anthony	TR-05-127	White, Adrian Wm., Sr.	TR-00-131
Fisher, Lowell Reed	TR-03-613	Whitebird, John Leo	TR-01-267

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

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

Leech Lake Reservation
Housing Authority,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Beverly L. Guernsey,
Defendant

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-06-32

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 9, 2006, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the property located at 4939 Allens Bay Drive SE, Cass Lake, MN 56633. On October 11, 2006, November 6, 2006, November 20, 2006, March 6, 2007, August 7, 2007, December 5, 2007, and May 9, 2008, service of process of the Summons and Complaint and Notices of Hearing were attempted without success. A Default Hearing will commence on November 7, 2008, at 2:30 p.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 arrearages due and owing on the above-referenced vacated premises by defendant above named. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682.

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 of this matter. 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 default judgment for the amount of arrearages requested.

DATED: September 2, 2008.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala
Court Administrator



Leech Lake Legal Department (L to R)

Leroy Fairbanks, Court Advocate, Tonya Jackson, Office Assistant, Frank Bibeau, Legal Director, Eric Lochen, Staff Attorney, Dale Greene, Office Manager, Not Pictured Ann Day, Office Assistant

Civil Regulatory and State Civil Forfeitures of Seized Vehicles

By Frank Bibeau

Minnesota's traffic law gives law enforcement the right to seize and forfeit vehicles through a civil forfeiture legal process when the vehicle is involved in a crime like driving under the influence, fleeing, etc. However, because civil forfeiture is a civil, legal process, the State of Minnesota lacks the jurisdictional authority to apply its civil forfeiture laws to tribal members when the incident occurs on reservation.

In 1953, Congress passed what is commonly known as Public Law 280, which gave some states, including Minnesota, criminal jurisdiction and some limited civil jurisdiction over reservation Indians. Red Lake is an exception. In 1973, through a court decision called Bryan v Itasca, the state of Minnesota was told that it could not regulate Indians hunting and fishing within the Leech Lake reservation. Other federal court decisions began to make clear that states did not have the powers to control and regulate Indians' exercise of treaty rights and inherent tribal authority on reservations.

In 1987, California, another PL 280 state, tried to stop bingo from being played on the Cabazon reservation. The U.S. Supreme Court declared that California lacked the civil jurisdiction to control bingo on the Indian reservation. In 1988, the Minnesota Legislature authorized the Lottery, which simultaneously allowed Indian Casinos. It was not until 1997 that the Minnesota Supreme Court determined in the Stone decision that Minnesota lacked civil and regulatory authority (jurisdiction) over traffic matters (like speeding, no safety belt, no child restraint, etc.) on reservations from several traffic cases involving tribal members on the White Earth Reservation.

The Stone decision used the U.S. Supreme Court's Cabazon decision to develop a Minnesota test to determine whether a state law is civil-regulatory or criminal-prohibitory. A shorthand test using the example of failing to stop at a stop sign or red light is regulatory because it does not prohibit everyone under any circumstances. Ambulances, police and fire fighting vehicles do not stop when responding to some emergency calls. Conduct like murder, on the other hand, and driving under the influence are not allowed in any situation. That conduct is specifically prohibited and criminal.

Attorneys at Anishinabe Legal Services have been challenging seizures on Leech Lake and White Earth Reservations and have successfully returned vehicles to tribal members when the incident occurred within the boundaries of the reservations. Finally, on August 12, 2008, the Minnesota Court of Appeals issued a decision in Morgan v 2000 Volkswagon holding "that the State of Minnesota does not have jurisdiction to enforce its vehicle-forfeiture statute against the vehicle he

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Leech Lake Tribal Police Department



The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department has implemented several new initiatives to enhance Community Policing efforts within the Leech Lake Reservation. One of the new initiatives is a minimum of three personal contacts per week by each patrol officer in their community. This effort is designed for officers to get out and interact more with community members in a relaxed atmosphere instead of a response situation. It is all too easy and takes less effort for officers to typically respond with a 'fix it' attitude. This will help officers better understand the community they serve and become more aware of their concerns.

Another effort being put forth is the required attendance of all Local Indian Council meetings. This will aid the Police Officers in building a more positive relationship with the community's local elected leaders to hear their concerns and answer questions they may have.

To better utilize manpower in the department, officers have been assigned patrol districts. The patrol officers are responsible for police coverage in their assigned areas in an effort to reduce and enhance response time for service to our community members.

The Police Department recently participated in National Night Out, an event held in Walker MN. This event, a community cookout helps promote and foster a better relationship between law enforcement and community members. It is a goal of the Department of Public Safety for next year to implement and promote this national event in all three major communities.

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department was recently invited to participate in a basketball game in the local com-

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Obituaries

ANDRE BELLANGER

Andre Bellanger, 23 of Walker, MN died Sunday, October 5, 2008 at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo, ND. Funeral Services were held, Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. Interment was held at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.



He was born on February 14, 1985 in Bemidji, MN the son of Darlene Bellanger and Larry Benjamin. He is survived by: his mother, Darlene Bellanger of Walker, MN, Sister, Jessica Couch of Walker, MN Brother, Eric Little Crow of Walker, MN Aunts: Bev Starr, Shirley Styer, and Mary Jane Medrano, all of Cass Lake, MN Uncles: Donald and Kenny Bellanger, all of Cass Lake, MN Nieces: Rhiannon, Kirsten, and Kelsie, all of Walker, MN Nephews: Aaron, Cole, Wade, and Jay R., all of Walker, MN As well as numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his grandparents Edward and Irene Bellanger, brother Ronnie Harding Jr., and uncle Michael Bellanger Sr. Active Casketbearers will be: Clyde Reyes, Cole Hufstetler, Daryl McFarlane, Isaac Nabors, Beaze Wakefield, and Robert Butcher. Honorary Casketbearers will be: Kirsten Robinson, Aaron Hufstetler, Leon Nabors, Michael Bellanger, Eric Littlecrow, and Rhiannon Hufstetler.

ELAINE H. GREENLEAF

Elaine "Laney" Holly Greenleaf, 18, of Cass Lake, MN died Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, NM.



She was born Niizho Ode'wag (a twin, "two hearts") with her sister Simone Greenleaf in Minneapolis, MN the daughter of Elaine (Howard) Fleming and Peter Greenleaf. She was raised in Cass Lake, and attended the Cass Lake-Bena Elementary School until 4th grade. She attended the Schoolcraft Learning Community from 5th until 8th grade. She attended TrekNorth for high school and graduated in 2008. She was currently attending the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she was a member of the school's Pow-wow Club, Cultural Club, and worked at the school library. She was an award winning artist, working in the visual arts as a painter, and making drawings. She also enjoyed beading, cooking, designing clothes, and making films. She was a traditional and jingle dress dancer as well.

She is survived by: her mother, Elaine Fleming of Cass Lake, MN Brother, Shea Fleming of Cass Lake, MN Twin Sister, Simone Greenleaf of Hanover, New Hampshire, Grandmother, Dorothy Howard of Cass Lake, Sisters, Jenny Greenleaf of Fargo, ND Sara Greenleaf of Bemidji, Vonnie Greenleaf of Bemidji, Terra Greenleaf of Bemidji, Maggie Greenleaf of Bemidji, Her dog, Krunchy Black.

Traditional Funeral Services were held 10:00 am, Monday, October 27, 2008 at her mother Elaine Fleming's home in Cass Lake, MN. Interment was at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under

the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was preceded in death by her father, Grandfather Simon Howard, Uncles Kenneth Howard, Michael John Howard, Simon Howard, and auntie Simone Howard. Active Casketbearers: Joseph Beaulieu, Aaron Weitzel, Michael Howard, Shea Fleming, Calvin Howard, Chance Adams, and alternate: Mike Munson. Honorary Casketbearers: Gary Howard, Margaret Porter, Helen Condo, Christopher Ley, Anna Gibbs, Sianneh Mulbah, Audrey Thayer, and Michiko Arimo.

DAMIEN ADAMS-HARPER

Damien Jerrell Adams-Harper, infant of Cass Lake was born and died at 12:25 pm, Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Funeral Services were held Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. George Ross officiating. Interment was at the Fairbanks Mission Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He is survived by his parents Robyn Adams and Derrick Harper Jr. of Cass Lake. Great-Grandmother Catherine (Mish) Adams of Cass Lake. Grandmothers: Karen Adams of Cass Lake and Julie Fineday of Cass Lake. Grandfathers: Melvin Smith of Bemidji, Derrick Harper Sr. of Cass Lake and Numerous Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his great-grandfather Harold Eugene Adams, Aunt Madison Harper, Great-Uncle James Dean Adams, and cousin Jason Allen Cross.

Active Casketbearers will be: Darryl Adams Sr. and Travis Sayers. Honorary Casketbearers will be: Terri Jo Adams, Cody Schneider, Kailey Schneider, Darryl Adams Jr., Bryan Adams, Shawn Adams, Amoreena Jones, and Jesse Jones.

RONALD "ANDY" HUNT

Ronald "Andy" Dean Hunt, 48, of Walker died Sunday, October 12, 2008 at his rural residence.



Funeral services were held Friday, October 17, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Onigum with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock Officiating. Interment was at St. Johns Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker is handling funeral arrangements.

Ronald was born April 22, 1960 in Cass Lake, MN to James and Phyllis (Chief) Hunt, Sr. He grew up and attended school in Walker, and also attended the Leech Lake Vocational Program at Staples Vo-tech in their clerical program. He was employed by the LLBO, working as a receptionist for the RTC, and the Leech Lake Housing Authority. Andy enjoyed good times with his friends and family, especially family gatherings where good food was shared. He also liked to spend time playing the lottery, and slot machines at the casino.

He will be remembered as a generous, kind hearted man who put other people's feelings ahead of his own. He is survived by three sisters; Janice Hunt, Peggy Hunt, Judy Littlewolf, four brothers; Melvin Hunt, Ernest Hunt, Matthew Hunt, Eli Hunt, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; James Joseph, Jr., and Roland, two sisters; Donna and Brenda Hunt.

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RONALD J. NORTHBIRD

Ronald James Northbird, Sr., ("Bi-zaagajiwe" Coming Over the Horizon), 64 of Pennington, MN died Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Cass Lake Indian Hospital in Cass Lake after battling cancer for 5 years.



Traditional funeral services were held Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Spiritual Leader Steve Jackson. Interment was at the Ernest Northbird Family Cemetery in Pennington, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born October 17, 1943 the son of Ernest and Angeline (Bugg) Northbird. He graduated from Bemidji High School in 1962. He served in the US Army as a cook from May of 1965 to May of 1967 being honorably discharged at the rank of Spec4. In 1967 he met Judy Magney, they were married in 1968 in St. Paul, MN. He worked at construction and at the Ford Motor Plant in St. Paul. He also worked for IBM for 10 years transferring to the Bemidji area. He took an early retirement and bought Bemidji Office Products along with his wife. Upon selling he started a business called R.J. Business Machines servicing office machines and products in the area. In 1990 he built and operated, along with his wife and children, Midway Convenience Store on County Rd 8 for 13 years. He was a loving man with a good heart. He had many friends and lots of family. He loved snowmobiling and 4-wheeling with his grandchildren and children. He loved sports watching and participating in it. He formed a basketball team and played in lots of tournaments over the years as the "Minneapolis Charger" team. He loved hunting, fishing, golfing and taking nature rides with his family.

He is survived by wife Judy of Pennington, MN; sons Kevin (Lisa) CasaDeCalvo of Blaine, MN, Ronald James Northbird, Jr., of Cleveland, OH and Jason Northbird of Cass Lake; daughters Kimberly A. Needham of Cass Lake and Chrissa (Jared) McPherson of Dayton, OH; grandchildren Andre', Brenden, Tyler, Alexis, Corvette and Amnity; brothers Melvin Northbird and Vernon Northbird; sisters Marie Northbird, Barbara Paquin, Diana (David) Meyers, Darlene Cobenais and Janet Northbird and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by

parents Ernest and Angeline Northbird and brother Gary Northbird.

Active Casketbearers will be Brian Northbird, Dean Davis, David Paquin, Greg Paquin, Pat Northbird and Greg Wood. Honorary Casketbearers will be his sons, grandson, brothers and the "Old Minneapolis Charger Team"-Paul Day, Kirk Roberts, Vince Johnson, Bob Larson, Don Bellanger, Herschell Ogema, Clyde Monroe, Fred Jackson, Jim Allen, Marty Northbird, John Bedeau, Roger Monroe and Laverne Smith.

RONALD D. STAPLES

Ronald "Moose" Duane Staples, 45, of Walker died Monday, October 13, 2008 at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Interment will be in the Goodman Family Cemetery. Dennis Funeral Home of Walker handled the funeral arrangements.

Ron was born July 12, 1963 in Cass Lake, MN, the son of Charles Staples, Jr. and Evelyn (Clark) Thompson. He grew up and attended school in Cass Lake, Bemidji, and Minneapolis. Following his schooling he worked in the construction business in Minneapolis before moving back to Walker. He also worked for Leech Lake Housing. Ron will be affectionately remembered by his family and friends as "Moose". He was a fun person who loved spending time with his grandsons, and extended family. He always looked forward to barbeques and sharing of good food with his family and his friends. Ron was faithful in going to the fitness center, biking, playing basketball, and other sports. Not only did he play sports, but he also liked watching sports with his friends and family. He also played the role of "Mr. Fix-it", doing repair work and odd jobs for others. His easy going nature, and ability to be a peacemaker will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Thompson, two daughters; Celina Connors, Danielle Drift, special son; Tonio Weaver, three grandsons; De'Shawn Taylor, Emmanuel Taylor, Anthony Drift, seven brothers; Duane Clark, Paul Lindom, David Staples, Michael Staples, Richard Staples, Scott Staples, Charles Staples III, three sisters; Bonnie Beaulieu, Debbie Kingbird, Cheryl Staples, special nieces; Cheyllynn Rodriguez, Cherilyn Carlson,



special nephew, Shawn Goodman, and numerous nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; Charles and Margaret Staples, Sr., maternal grandparents; Clarence and Louise Clark, father; Charles Staples, Jr., and several nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

MARGARET A. WILSON

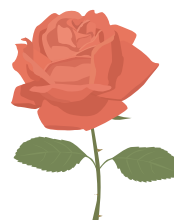
Margaret Ann Wilson, age 71, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 26, 2008.

She was born Margaret Robinson in 1937 in Inger, Minnesota. She held various jobs throughout her life, but the one she loved most of all was being homemaker, mother and grandmother. She loved being surrounded by grandchildren, and she played a large role in helping to raise them.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Wilson, her father Ralph Robinson, mother Bernice Garbow, and sisters Eileen Schaaf, Laura Jean Peterson, and Caroline Lone.

Margaret is survived by sons Jeffrey (Peggy) Wilson of Deer River, Barney (Stacy) Robinson of Cass Lake; daughters Pam (John) Thompson, Edith Wilson, and Debbie Robinson all of Deer River; adopted children Chris (Sharon) Rice of Deer River, Tammy (Steve) Cash of Remer, and Jen of Grand Rapids; brothers Duane (Trudy) Robinson of Duluth, Simon (Janice) Garbow of Deer River; sisters Barb Nason of Ball Club, Betty Motter of Deer River, Pat (Bart) Long of Duluth, and Sandy Charwood of S. Lake; and 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place on Monday evening with services Tuesday by Carroll Funeral Home and she was laid to rest alongside George at the Olivet Cemetery.



In Memory:
Ruby Jean Losh-Ware
February 17, 1942 ~
September 9, 2008

The passing of our mother, grandmother, wife and great grandmother was devastating and a very emotional time for our family. Our hearts are sadly broken now, but we know that the day will come when we will be together again. Until then our loving memories of her will sustain us and she will forever be in our hearts.

We would like to convey our sincere appreciation for all those who sent flowers, cards, donations of food and monetary donations to our family. A special thank you to Arlene Staples for Singing Amazing Grace, Kelly Isham for all your help, Richard Schulman singing some tunes for our mother, Wayne Smith for the casket and to the Jenkins Brothers for providing the devotion ceremony and our Aunt Rose-Marie for guiding us. Miigwitch

-Tonya Losh & Family, Donnie Harrison & Family, Jimmie Harrison & Family, Dawn Wind & family and Mike Ware

"Thank You So Much"

George Wilson, Jr.

April 9, 1922-July 7, 2008

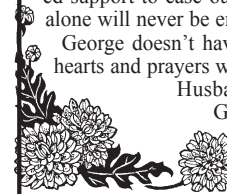
The family of George would like to thank the following - Hospice, Gil Applebee, Deer River Honor Guard, Carroll Funeral Home, Pastor Dan Christ for the beautiful service, those who came to visit throughout his illness, those who brought food, the pallbearers and to those who sent cards and flowers.

We really appreciated each one who involved themselves to give from their hearts the much needed support to ease our pain of such a loss - words alone will never be enough.

George doesn't have to suffer anymore, but our hearts and prayers will always be with him.

Husband, Dad, "Pa", Great-Grandpa . . . we miss and love you very much!

The George Wilson family



"Thank You So Much"

Margaret A. Wilson "Ma"

September 3, 1937 - September 26, 2008

The family of Margaret would like to thank Darrin Shevich from the Itasca County Sheriff's Dept., Deer River Ambulance Crew, Dr. Howard and the ER staff, Dr. Hoffman for taking such good care of Mom, Rev. Lee Pederson for the beautiful service, Gil Applebee for the music, those who brought food, sent cards & flowers and for all the hugs when there weren't words to say. We really appreciated each one who involved themselves to give from their hearts the much needed support to ease our pain of such a sudden loss - words alone will never be enough.

"Marge wasn't Marge without George" -

but our hearts and prayers will always be with them.

Mom, Gram & Great-Grandma - we miss and love you very much!

The Margaret Wilson Family



Listening Session at Cass Lake ENP

Elders Listening Session Held

By Mike Chosa

The Nokamagiis Program hosted an “Elders Listening Session” October 10th at the Cass Lake ENP site. The Nokamagiis Program is a new program that provides services to elders and children who are victims of abuse, who have witnessed violence and/or who have family members who are victims of violence. The purpose of these Listening Sessions is to get input from the community on their thoughts about violence and abuse and to determine what the Nokamagiis Program can do to help elders and children.

Previous sessions were held in Bemidji and Cass Lake, they covered elder abuse and violence. This session focused on child abuse. As a group, questions such as “What is Child Abuse?” and “What should grown-ups do if a kid tells them they are being abused?” were discussed and answered. Lunch was provided for attendees.

The next session is scheduled to be held in one of the outlying communities and will be held in December. Call The Nokamagiis Program at (218) 444-0735 for more information.



WINTER HOURS

Note: The main transfer station near Cass Lake will no longer be open on Sunday. Effective Nov 9th, 2008

Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cass Lake	8am-5:30pm	8am-5:30pm	8am-5:30pm	8am-5:30pm	8am-5:30pm	8am-5:30pm
Ball Club	CLOSED	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm
Bena	CLOSED	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm
Inger	CLOSED	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm
Onigum	CLOSED	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-5:30pm

ROUTE SCHEDULE

Holidays or other events that occur on Mondays will cause Day 1 to be Tuesday

Day 1	
Time	Location
9:00 AM	Beaulieu Ville
9:15 AM	Sugar Bush
9:20 AM	Buck Lake
9:25 AM	Littlers Rd
9:30 AM	Plantation
9:40 AM	Quill
9:45 AM	Porcupine
9:50 AM	Mission
10:00 AM	Palace Dr
10:15 AM	Mac Flats
10:20 AM	Thunder In Sky
10:25 AM	Tooterville
10:30 AM	Strawberry Field
10:45 AM	Allen's Bay
12:00 PM	Wilkinson
12:30 PM	Oak Point

Day 2	
Time	Location
9:00 AM	Wildwood (T34)
9:30 AM	Moccasin Flats (T33)
	Elder's Place
	Heritage Manor
	Northwood Apts
11:00 AM	Fox Creek
11:30 AM	Prescott

Day 3	
Time	Location
9:00 AM	Breezy Pt
9:30 AM	Old Agency
9:35 AM	Midway
9:45 AM	Onigum
10:10 AM	Smokey Pt
10:20 AM	Whipolt
10:40 AM	Kego Lake
11:00 AM	Boy Lake
11:30 AM	Sugar Point
12:00 PM	Bena South
12:10 PM	Bena
12:20 PM	Old Housing
12:40 PM	Portage Lake

Day 4	
Time	Location
9:00 AM	Pennington
9:30 AM	Deer River
9:45 AM	Ball Club
10:45 AM	Jackson Village
11:00 AM	S Lake
11:20 AM	Sugar Bush
11:45 AM	Inger

DUMPSTER SCHEDULE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1st/3rd Week	Vets Building & Grounds	Public Works	Onigum Center Onigum Head Start	Inger Comm Center
2nd/4th Week	Oak Point Comm Center	Gaming Training Building	Bena Comm Center	Gaming Office
Every Week	Tribal College Dik In Aa Gin	Housing Office Heritage Manor Elder's Ten-Plex Northwood Apts	NL Express	

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used in committing a designated offense on his tribe's reservation.

However, law enforcement, including tribal police, will continue to seize vehicles from tribal members when their criminal conduct occurs on reservation. The seizure forms direct driver/owners to challenge the seizure in the county district court. The process begins with a charge. The driver and/or owner (including lien holders) are given a Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit. If the conduct is DUI there is a 30 day time limit to file in small claims (conciliation) court in the county. If the conduct at issue is considered a crime like fleeing then there is a 60 day time limit to file.

Unfortunately, for tribal members, the loss of a vehicle often results in the loss of employment and housing. ALS recognizes that transportation is essential for the people they serve on the reservations. Tribal members who are served a "Notice of Intent to Seize and Forfeit" (as long as they are the actual owner) may apply for legal assistance with Anishinabe Legal Services by calling 1-800-422-1335 or 218-335-2223. This call needs to be done as soon as the driver/owner receives notice, otherwise it may be too late for ALS to assist.



Top (L to R)
Emily Franklin, Manager of Environmental Projects at The Minnesota Environmental Initiative, Chairman Archie LaRose, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Dist III Rep., Brandy Toft, Air Quality Specialist LLBO

Right
Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe leaders together with Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Students



Community Effort Results in Cleaner Air and Healthier Kids

By Mike Chosa

A voluntary collaboration of businesses, government agencies and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe called Project Green Fleet was recognized at a celebration held at Bug School on October 23rd. Project Green Fleet received the EPA's Clean Air Excellence Award in the category Community Action for 2008.

Project Green Fleet is an effort to protect children's health and reduce pollution by providing retrofits to Minnesota's school buses and other diesel vehicles. Vehicles with diesel engines represent only 10% of the traffic on Minnesota roads, but contribute more than 50% of the air pollution. Concentrations of diesel exhaust can be much higher inside school buses and in areas where buses idle than in outdoor air generally. Retrofit technologies and idling reduction efforts reduce exposure to diesel exhaust in a cost-effective manner.

By the end of 2008, a total of 63 buses will have received retrofits in the region, including schools in Bemidji, Walker Hackensack Akeley, Deer River and Cass Lake Bena. Participation is entirely voluntary. Air quality in Minnesota currently meets or exceeds guidelines set forth by the federal Clean Air Act. As a result, there is no regulatory mandate to retrofit diesel engines. Thanks to Project Green Fleet's sponsors, the retrofits are completely free to participating school districts and bus fleets. Brandy Toft of the Leech Lake Air Program states "Diesel emissions affect not only the children who ride on the buses but the environment they pass through. Our efforts here have helped by reducing that exposure and creating less impact on their health and the environment."

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Air Program provided important leadership by organizing workshops on reducing diesel emissions in Cass Lake in 2006 and 2007. Partnerships formed at these workshops created connections that paved the way for Project Green Fleet to retrofit school buses in rural northern Minnesota.

By the end of 2008, more than 1100 buses will have been retrofitted throughout Minnesota. Project Green Fleet plans to retrofit all eligible school buses in the state within the next several years—a total of about 4000 buses. For more information about Project Green Fleet, visit www.projectgreenfleet.org or contact Bill Droessler at 612-334-3388 x103 or bdroessler@mn-ei.org.



John
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munity of Ball Club last August. This event was designed for local law enforcement officials to play hoops with several of the communities' youth. The department had several officers as well as dispatchers participate in the event.

The DPS is also excited to announce our success in our bid to place two school resource officers in the Cass Lake Bena High School. This is a great opportunity to build and foster positive relationships with our young people.



Attention Leech Lake Band Members

The LLBO TERO Office is establishing a 5-Member TERO Commission, with 1 Commissioner from each District (I, II, III).

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Drop it off at our new location in the
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