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A Letter From Al Franken

Dear Chairman LaRose,

Well, we did it! And when I say we, I mean WE. Thank you for your commitment to winning this election and protecting our victory against Norm Coleman's legal challenges.

It's taken a few more months and a lot more lawyers than we thought, but we won this election together. We would not have been so successful without your continuing support, which gave us the resources we needed to keep going. I am in Washington right now, working for the people of Minnesota. I am so honored. I have been appointed to the Judiciary Committee, the Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee, the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Special Committee on Aging.

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Anishinabeg Nation Building Conference: Building Stronger Governing Systems

By Chris Haugene

Last month the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe hosted an Anishinabeg Nation Building Conference at Northern Lights Casino in Walker MN. The article that led this series off dealt specifically with some of the challenges of developing local economies in Indian country. Although this month's continuation of this series will also revolve around economic issues, the focus herein will be the governing systems from which the economic models are created and sustained.

Dr. Miriam Jorgenson was the keynote speaker regarding this topic, and is the Research Director for the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona and its sister program, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. She specializes in governance and economic development in Indian country. She is co-author of *The State of Native Nations: Conditions under U.S. Policies of Self-Determination and Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development*.

She began her presentation by illustrating that although economic prosperity does matter, and individual business success is vital, it pales in comparison to having a stable, functional governing system in place that is open, honest and transparent for everyone to see. This transparency is crucial not only in the eyes of the Band

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Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Staff & Student receive national recognition at Nat'l Indian School Board Assn. Conference



(L to R) Jessica Smith, a 2009 graduate, was chosen as the NISBA "High School Student of the Year". Johnny Mitchell was selected as the "Elder of the Year". Ellen Adams, a Kindergarten teacher was selected as "Teacher of the Year".

Leech Lake Area Youth Strategy: A Presidential Legacy Sustained Through Providing Opportunities for Kids

In 2005 a group of community leaders, agencies, non-profits and concerned residents met to discuss the recent rise in juvenile crime, violence and lack of opportunities for youth and young adults in the region. This group expanded over time to include more than 20 representatives from across the area from a variety of organizations, and their focus became the revitalization of old Camp Rabideau.

As part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal the CCC was designed to aid relief of high unemployment from the Great Depression, while carrying out a broad natural resource conservation program on national, state, county and municipal lands. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a public program for unemployed men, focused on natural resource conservation. A typical enrollee was 18-25 years of age, served a six month period with the option to serve up to two years. He lived in a work camp, received \$30 a month (with a compulsory allotment \$22-25 sent to dependents) as well as food, clothing and medical care. Typical work projects included forestry and fire control, flood control, soil conservation, development of roads, trails and recreation areas. One of these camps is located north east

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Leech Lake Journeys with First Nations (JWFN) Website



When you were at the Cass Lake Rib Fest, and the Ball Club and Onigum Pow-Wows, did you see kids with balloons and Frisbees that said "Journeys with First Nations"? Did you plant one of the blue spruce trees given out? These were used by Tribal Development to introduce the community to the "Leech Lake Journeys with First Nations (JWFN)" tourism initiative. Its website is at <http://journeys.greenroutes.org/>.

When someone asks you about "Leech Lake Journeys with First Nations (JWFN)", tell them our website promotes green tourism on Leech Lake reservation. Let them know that the website promotes local businesses which support the reservation's economy.

Tribal Development developed and printed glove box maps which identify participating businesses, the reservation's boundaries, a calendar of local events, and points of interest. The map also indicates where works of local Leech Lake and other Native American Indian artists will be showcased and available for sale—at the Northern Lights Casino lobby and the Cass Lake Wayside Rest Area. The maps are available at local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and at the Cass Lake Wayside Rest Area.

Tribal Development will be promoting the website at the Eco Experience in the Progress Center at the Minnesota State Fair.

Tribal Development is helping the Leech Lake Meth Initiative and Tribal Police to sponsor the 5th Annual Community Picnic and Family Fun Night, backpack and school supply give away. on Wednesday, August 26th from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Vets Memorial Softball Fields.

For more information, call Tribal Development, (218) 335-8266.

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In my first week as a US Senator, I had the privilege of participating in the Supreme Court confirmation hearing for Judge Sonia Sotomayor. I have recently drafted my first bill which is a pilot program to provide service dogs for veterans. I've learned that a Senator has the incredible privilege of doing things that make a real difference to real people. That's a privilege I will continue to cherish. Thank you for helping me get here.

Franni and I are so proud of what has been accomplished and so grateful to everyone who has contributed to this campaign and given me the opportunity to work for the people of Minnesota. Sincerely,

Al Franken
U.S. Senator



Wisdom Steps 6th Annual Golf Tournament Hinckley

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Tammy Erickson, Elderly Programs Assistant
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe/MN Indian Area Agency on Aging
P.O. Box 217, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Phone: 218/ 335-8585 **Toll-Free:** 888/ 231-7886 **Fax:** 218/ 335-8080
E-mail: terickson@mncippewatribe.org

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members-who might want to invest in the band by working with or for the Band-but also in the eyes of possible investors such as banks and non-Native entrepreneurs. Dr. Jorgenson underlined her point by mentioning that the only way to get the aforementioned people interested in making this investment is by anchoring the system of government with rules they can trust and depend on.

If there is a lack of participation and investment with the Band things need to change. This is usually indicative of a weak governing structure where partisan politics takes center stage and decisions are made not in the Band member's best interests, but by the elected leadership trying to sustain their tenure by retaining block votes and their own seat of influence and power in the eyes of personal gain, having little if nothing to do with the Band's interests. If this is the case not only will you not see very much outside investment with the Band, but you will also see poor business execution by the businesses that the Band currently operates. Now, if this is the case, if your Band has a weak governing structure and a poor execution of business operations, things need to CHANGE.

First and foremost, when looking at changing or strengthening your governing structure a range of options should be explored and Dr. Jorgenson offered a list of great questions that seem to hit home for Leech Lake:

- Is the scope of governance appropriate?
- What should the relationship with off-rez citizens be?
- Is the basis of representation appropriate?
- Are there adequate separation of powers between the courts, government, and policy-makers?
- Are disputes dealt with fairly and effectively?
- Is there political interference (by elected officials) in program or enterprise management?
- Does the community trust the government to act fairly and responsibly?
- Can the Tribe form lasting intergovernmental relationships?



LL Admin and Executive Staff Discuss Nation Building in a break-out session.

or are we treating them as abstractions for programs and services to deal with? We need to see how we are operating our Tribal government. The quality of the questions you ask will have a direct impact on your life and those that surround you.

Solution to these problems, specifically challenges in governance may be found

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These are all very important questions that need to be asked. We need to try and step outside our own situation here at Leech Lake and really take a hard look at ourselves in many respects. We need to see how we are operating personally-do we treat each other with love and compassion in the home and publicly? We need to see how our elders are being treated-are we taking the lessons that they've learned and using these stories to our benefit in today's society,

SMSC Announces Dedication of Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza

U of M's TCF Football Stadium to Host Special Event August 17th

Prior Lake, MN – The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the University of Minnesota invite all Minnesota Tribes and their members as well as the general public to a dedication ceremony for the Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will feature American Indian elements such as a Dakota prayer, a traditional blessing of the sky markers, and songs by a traditional drum group.

The SMSC made a charitable donation of \$10 million for construction of the plaza and \$2.5 million for a matching endowment fund, creating an endowment to provide scholarships for American Indian and other students. The plaza exhibits and celebrates the rich history, presence, and cultural contributions of all of the eleven Indian tribes in Minnesota.

SMSC Chairman Stanley R. Crooks will speak, as will Chair of the University's Board of Regents Clyde Allen and President Robert Bruininks. Fellow Business Council members SMSC Vice-Chairman Glynn A. Crooks and SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Keith B. Anderson will also attend.

The Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza is located at the entrance on the west side of TCF Bank Stadium. The architecturally innovative design includes eleven, 18-foot tall sky markers, each of which incorporates information about one of Minnesota's 11 Tribal Nations. Tribal flags, images, and important facts are incorporated on the soaring glass sky markers.

"We feel it is very important to tell the story of American Indians in Minnesota through this plaza. We all know that the history books haven't always told our true story so we commend the University for their efforts to include us. We hope that

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Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo and District I Representative Robbie Howe-Bibeau present Vice Chairman Glynn Crooks with a one million dollar check to be paid on the principal loan agreement between the Leech Lake Band and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

Summary of Job Openings

Closes: August 21, 2009

CD ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-085

ECD BASELINE COORDINATOR ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-093

ECD NUTRITION MANAGER ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-092

ECFE COORDINATOR ECD ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-091

ECD FAMILY SERVICE ADVOCATE ~ EDUCATION ~ \$8.40/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-089

ECD TEAM LEADER/CASS LAKE ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-079

2 FT URBAN AREA CASE MANAGERS ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-072

DRIVER/OPERATOR ~ DPW ~ \$12.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-099

PT SHIP HEALTH EDUCATOR ~ HEALTH ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-098

PT/ON CALL SECURITY GUARD OTP ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ \$10.75/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-097

LICENSING/SUPPORT COORDINATOR ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-096

Closes: August 28, 2009

6 FT ECD FAMILY SERVICE ADVOCATES ~ EDUCATION ~ \$8.40/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-102

2 FT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERKS ~ FINANCE ~ \$11.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-101

INTERNAL AUDITOR ~ ADMINISTRATION ~ \$22.50/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-100

Open Continuous

CASE MANAGER ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-044

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT/ALL SITES ~ EDUCATION ~ \$8.40/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-086

Full Job Descriptions available at

<http://www.llojibwe.org>

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You June request a complete job description for any position listed. All positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated).

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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe HR
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

You June also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com. LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

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of Cass Lake just off of the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway.

Camp Rabideau is located on a 112 acre tract of land that was acquired during the Great Depression. It's six miles south of Blackduck on County Road 39. There were 2,650 Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the U.S. Camp Rabideau was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in June of 1976 and is one of three camps being preserved. In February of 2006 the camp was designated as a National Historic Landmark and is recognized as an exceptional place that sheds light on our history. Benjamin and Carl's lakes surround the camp which also has a mile long trail running directly through the property.

Recently, a grant was submitted under the umbrella of the Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Inc. and funded by the Blandin Foundation to retain a project consultant: to create a non-profit entity to manage and develop Rabideau CALC, develop and test pilot programs for youth and young adults, identify and secure partners and funding to operate programs and develop a 5-year strategic plan to serve as a development guide.

The development of this project is comprised of area partners including the US Forrest Service, Cass Lake Partnership, Minnesota Conservation Corps, AmeriCorp, Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Boys and Girls Clubs of Leech Lake, Bemidji, White Earth, and Red Lake as well as the Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake Indian Reservations, also with the Leech Lake and Red Lake Tribal Colleges, area Vo-Techs, school districts and other non-for profit organizations.

Combining the resources of area agencies, non-profits and local government to create a regional youth service network will reduce duplication of services, increase awareness of issues important to youth and the organizations that serve them, and create a new tool in the effort to reduce youth crime and violence. This will have a positive impact on local communities and families of area youth and young adults. The revitalization of Camp Rabideau is just one aspect of the Leech Lake Area Youth Strategy.

In conjunction with a number of other youth service providers there will be an area summit regarding the distribution of youth services at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker MN, on October 14th.

Contact information as follows:

Northern Minnesota Youth Service Providers
Network and Summit
c/o Youth Division
115 6th ST NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
Phone: 218-335-3667
Fax: 218-335-8330

E-mail: info@nmyouth.com

Contact: Tara Brown or Rosalie White for questions

CENSUS 2010 JOB TESTING

MORE INFO IS AVAILABLE AT EACH TEST SITE

Cass Lake Municipal Center Friday August 28th 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Ball Club Community Center Thursday August 27th 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Onigum Community Center Friday August 21st 2:30 – 4:30 PM
Kego Lake Community Center Monday August 24th 4:30 – 6:30 PM
S. Lake Community Center Wednesday August 19th 12:30 – 2:30 PM
Bena Community Center Wednesday August 26th 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Sugar Point Community Center Thursday August 20th 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Please show up promptly at the start time of each session
 To Review a Practice Test contact: Evelyn Howard 335-8281
 For further information call 1-866-861-2010

Notice From The Leech Lake Temporary Employment Program

Staff from the T.E.P office will be on site @ a community center near you!

Current Temporary Employment Program eligibility guidelines apply. Please bring TWO valid forms of identification to complete the application process.

- Valid MN Drivers Licenses
- Valid Leech Lake Tribal I.D
- Valid Picture I.D
- Social Security Card

Dist. I

Inger-	Wednesday	8/26/2009
Ball Club-	Wednesday	8/26/2009

Dist. II

Bena-	Wednesday	8/26/2009
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TEP SUMMER 2009 PROJECTS

Projects:

Garden Bed Making; Eric Grigsby, Roy Lovelace, Shane Roy, Pete Jones-Constructed 40 garden beds for Elders in the communities to plant flowers.



Tree Planting- The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Forestry department Keith Karnes, requested TEP Program plant trees. Tom Jones (Cass Lake) supervised a crew of 13 day labor workers to plant a total of 40,000 seedlings of jack pine and red pine in the area of Oak Point Road. Project had taken a total of 10 days.

Painting- The Chippewa National Forest building in Cass Lake; TEP painted 2 main buildings including an addition. Amelia Frazer, Sue Headbird, Ray Jenkins, Melissa Padilla, Joe Brown.

Greenhouse- The Leech Lake Tribal College requested TEP to help build.

Trail Clearing- Sugar Point, Boy Lake & Kego Lake TEP crews brushed 6 miles of terrain (hiking and cross country) at the Shingobee trail in Walker. Also, the Woodtick Trail at Goose Lake, a total of 12 miles brushed and cleared. Thanks to all the crews and supervisors; Roger Hare, Roger "Beaker" Buderau, & Ron Johnson. Mitch Factor from the Chippewa National Forest quoted, "Excellent job!" From this we will have future projects for TEP.

Surveying- TEP helped finish surveys in the outer communities door to door needed for the Economic Stimulus monies.

Pow-Wow Committee- Cutting wood for the Leech Lake Memorial Day Pow-wow, garbage clean up at the LLBO 4th of July Pow-wow. TEP is also assisting other community Pow-wows with cutting wood, and preparing the grounds for upcoming events.

Gardens- The Sugar Point crew built a fence for the community garden that the youth planted. Demo projects and helping elderly in the communities with any requests.

LLBO Picnic- Setup & Clean up.

Lawn Mowing- TEP mows the lawn for elders/disabled Leech Lake residents.

Fire Wood- TEP is now a licensed fire wood vendor. \$5.00/bundle \$60.00/load.

Upcoming Projects:

TEP will be painting the Chippewa National forest building in Deer River, MN.



Obituaries

LAWRENCE ADAMS

Lawrence "Larry" Adams, 81, of Cass Lake, MN, died Sunday, July 12, 2009 at the Cass Lake PHS Indian Hospital in Cass Lake, MN. Lawrence's passing was with ease, due to the love and care of his daughter MaryAnn, and Nurses Becky Hazeldine RN, and Chrissy Johnson CNA.



Funeral Services were held Friday, July 17, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. Interment was at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born on June 6, 1928, in Pine Point, MN the son of Charles and Mary (Coleman) Adams. He attended school at Pine Point, in Ponsford, MN. He was drafted into the US Army in 1951, and served in the Korean War, he was honorably discharged in 1953. He married Georgianna Chesley and together they had two daughters. He played the accordion in a band with his parents and brothers. He enjoyed attending pow-wows, where he was a dancer, and made his own regalia. He liked going to the Palace in Cass Lake. He loved making quilts, doing bead work, and going wild ricing. He lived with

his special friend Rose Bunker for many years, and helped raise her children, and grandchildren as his own.

He is survived by: Daughters; MaryAnn Columbus of Detroit Lakes, MN, Laura Wind of St. Paul, MN. Step-Children; Marvin (Donna) Bunker of Cass Lake, MN, Marlys Bunker of White Earth, MN, Russell (Georgina) Bunker of Bemidji, Virginia Bunker of Cass Lake, MN. Nieces; Betty (Jim) Armstrong of Cass Lake, Patricia Masten of Cass Lake, MN, Sharon James of Isle, MN, Irene Sherman of Bemidji, MN, Nephew, Donald (Jill) Masten, Grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, special friend Rose, brothers Joseph, George, John, sister Frances Masten, nephews Harold "Snow" Adams, Michael Masten, Gerald Masten, and brother-in-law William "Bud" James,

Active Casketbearers will be: Robert Adams, Wesley White, George Bunker, Terry Johnson, Keith Armstrong, Gordon Jackson, with Alternates: Joe Fairbanks, and Steve Ducheneaux II. Out of Town relatives attending the service will be his daughters MaryAnn Columbus of Detroit Lakes, MN, Laura Wind of St. Paul, MN, great nephew Terry (Sharon) Johnson of Kirtland, NM, and niece Jenny Yerbich of Fargo,.

SANDRA BEAULIEU

Sandra A. Beaulieu, 41, of Walker, MN passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2009 in Minneapolis. She was born February 20, 1968 to David and Beverly (Beaulieu) White in Minneapolis, MN. She was adopted by Ronald and Dorothy Beaulieu.

She is survived by her son; Joshua Beaulieu of Cass Lake, daughters; Alyssa Beaulieu of Walker, Kayla (Chris Demo) Beaulieu of

Walker, Leighann Beaulieu of Minneapolis, brothers; David White, Jr. of Minneapolis, Terrance White of Minneapolis, Daryll Shabayash of Cloquet, Kevin (Linda) Beaulieu of Ball Club, Myron Thorne of Bena, sisters; Karen Rock, Ronda (James Wilson) Beaulieu of Cass Lake, Kimberly (Keith) Beaulieu of Cass Lake, grandchildren; Julia Tucker and Jayonna Demo of Walker and



Devry Smith of Cass Lake, father; David White, Sr. of Cloquet.

Sandra was preceded in death by her adopted parents, and biological mother, two

brothers Marshall and Gordon and one sister Linda White.

Burial was held in the Waboose Bay Cemetery rural Cass Lake. The service was led by spiritual leader Steve Jackson and pallbearers will include James Wilson, Keith Beaulieu, Juel Fairbanks, Jr. Rock, Francis Rock and Fred Littlewolf. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

MARIE DAVIS "GAH-GE-GAY-JE-WON-OKE"

Marie M. Davis, 90, of Cass Lake died Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



Funeral Services

were held Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Bena Community Center in Bena, MN, with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. Interment following cremation will be at the Lakeview Cemetery in Bena, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born on February 1, 1919 in Sugar Point, MN the daughter of John and Josephine (Rogers) Whitecloud. She was raised in Sugar Point. She attended school in Wahpeton, ND. She was married to Mike Smith until he passed away. She married Robert L. Davis in Minneapolis, he passed away on February 8, 1985. She enjoyed going to pow-wows, taking care of her home, visiting with and cooking for friends and family.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, sisters Anna Whitecloud, Tillie Chase, brothers Fred Whitecloud, Harry Whitecloud, William Whitecloud, and Alfred Whitecloud.

Active Casketbearers will be Dustin Chase, Richard O'Brien, Thomas Chase, Gerald Northbird, Harry Chase Jr., Jeromy O'Brien, and Arthur Chase Jr. Honorary Casketbearers will be her friends at the 4 Seasons Apartments in Cass Lake.

GERALD "JAKE" HURD

Gerald "Jake" Robert Hurd, Sr., 44, of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away on July 20, 2009 at Fargo MeritCare, in Fargo, North Dakota, surrounded by his family.

Jake was born August 5, 1964 in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Bernice Hurd (Morris) and Robert Hurd, Sr. He grew up in Cass Lake, and attended the Bug School where

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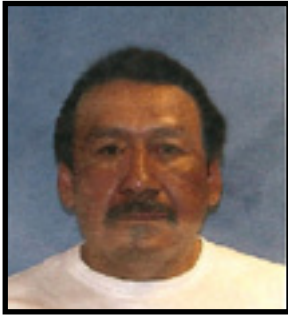
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he earned his diploma in 1980. Following graduation he attended the Vo-Tech in Bemidji. Jake also worked for several years as a Black Jack Dealer at the Palace and Northern Lights Casino's. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, netting, and ricing with his parents. He also liked attending pow-wow's and spending time at the Casinos.

Jake was a stock car racer and put his mechanical abilities to good use keeping his cars running. He especially loved spending time with his loveable son Gerald Robert Hurd, Jr., and his nieces and nephews.



Jake is survived by his mother, Bernice Hurd, brothers; Darryl Ryan, Robert Beaudreau, Louise Fisher, Sam Morris, Terry (Julie) Morris, and Robert Hurd, Jr., sisters; Cindy Hurd, Debbie Jones, Kathy Hurd (Shannon White), and Rhonda Hurd (Timothy Goose), and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Hurd, Sr., both sets of grandparents, sister, Patricia Morgan, and brother, Lowell Fisher.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Veterans Memorial Building with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. Interment was at the Prince of Peace Cemetery. The Dennis Funeral Home of Cass Lake handled funeral arrangements.

ROY LOVELACE, JR.



Roy Richard Lovelace, Jr., 49, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away, Tuesday, July 7, 2009 near Walker as a result of an auto accident.

He was born June 13, 1960 in Chicago, IL to Roy "Snooks" Lovelace and Marie (Lovelace) Thunder.

He enjoyed being in the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Roy also loved boxing. He

held several state and national titles from 1976 – 1979 which include 1976 MN Novice Championship, 1977 Region IV Golden Glove Championship, and Open Championship, 1979 Region IV Golden Glove Championship, and State and National Indian Championship. Roy maintained carpentry and electrical training degrees and did part time work for the Leech Lake Reservation and independently. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially his children. Roy was a wonderful father, uncle, brother, son and friend to many.

Roy is survived by his sons; Roy and Kyle Lovelace of Cass Lake, daughter; Eva Lovelace of Cass Lake, brother; Richard "Rick" Day (Joan Knoblauch) of St. Paul, sisters; Elaine Sullivan of Minneapolis, Anita (Al Todd) Lovelace of Minneapolis, Frances (Rickey) Butler of Brooklyn Park, Sheryl (Rob) Charwood of Cass Lake and Rosalie Lovelace of Cass Lake, mother Marie Thunder and step father Joe Thunder of Cass Lake.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother Michael Edward Jones.

Funeral Services for Roy were held Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Pastor John Rock, Harold EagleBull and Ben Morris will officiate the service. Pallbearers for Roy were Rick Day, Rickey Butler, Loren Howard, Sr., Allen Todd, Rob Charwood and Moddy Rodriguez.

Burial was held in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN following the service.

ISABELLE MARY MONROE

Isabelle Mary Monroe, 91, of Onigum, Minnesota died Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Isabelle was born November 25, 1917 in Onigum to William and Julie (Butcher) Aitken. She grew up and attended school in Onigum, and remained a life-long



resident of the Community. Isabelle devoted her life to raising her children and being an example to them in word and action. She was a loving, caring, and unselfish woman who never complained, even in the hard times, and instilled the value of loving one another, and turning the other cheek. Two motto's she lived by and repeated throughout her life were "Be not discouraged, He will provide", and "Mah nuu" which means "let it be" in Ojibwe. Her sense of humor and ability to laugh was always an encouragement to her family. She loved to spend time at the casino and was known as the "Bingo Queen". She was a survivor, a good friend, and left a legacy that will not be forgotten by her family and community.

Isabelle is survived by her children; Bernice New, Evelyn Monroe, Clyde Monroe, Roger Monroe, Darlene Monroe, Ed Monroe, Elaine Monroe, 32 grandchildren, 73 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren, one niece, Shirley White, one nephew, George Thompson, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband John, three daughters; Adeline Monroe, Norma Monroe, and Tonya Monroe, two sons; Harold Monroe and Calvin Monroe, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, two brothers, and three sisters.

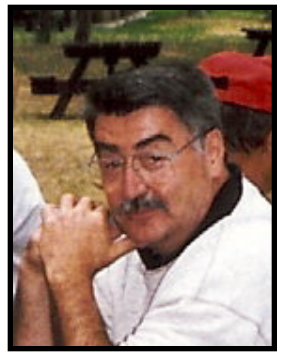
Funeral services were held Saturday, July 25, 2009 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Onigum with Rev. Harold Eaglebull, Rev. John Rock, and Ben Morris officiating. Interment was at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery. The Dennis Funeral Home of Walker handled funeral arrangements.

EARL SEELYE JR

Earl Charles Seelye Jr., age 65, of Deer River, died on August 13, while swimming at Lake Winnibigoshish north of Bena.

He was born on February 3, 1944, in Deer River, MN, the son of Earl and Clarice Seelye. Earl, also known as "Bro" to family & friends, spent his early years in Bena, MN, Yampa, Colorado, and Cass Lake, MN, where he graduated from high school in 1962. Following high school, he attended Minneapolis School of Business and graduated with an associate degree in Business Administration. He later attended Bemidji State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Earl served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1969, achieving the rank of sergeant. He served in Viet Nam during the Tet Offensive – receiving several medals including the Viet Nam Service Medal.



While he was stationed at Maine, he met & married Pamela Charmane Lambing in Portland, ME, on June 30, 1967. They later had a son, Craig Walter Seelye.

Following his military service, Earl worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. and for the BIA's Minnesota Agency in Cass Lake as a Contracting Officer. He also served as Deputy Director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Earl's entrepreneurial spirit of independence, individuality and risk taker led him into business adventures of starting up and operating his own businesses. He settled in Deer River and was a successful owner and operator of the S&S Bottle Shop, apartment buildings and planning for the next business opportunity.

Earl will be best remembered as one who loved a spirited political or social conversation, who loved to tease, was a great practical joker and enjoyed much laughter.

Earl enjoyed hunting and sports. He also enjoyed gourmet cooking with friends at his home. He was a member of Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001. He dearly loved his son and grandchildren.

He is survived by his son Craig (Cathy) and grandchildren Kayla, Charmane & Ty, of Deer River. He is also survived by his mother Clarice and his brother Lenny of Deer River; sister, Sandra Sleigh of Texas; niece and nephews; special friend & partner Deb Murphy; and his "boys", Bailey & Sparky. He was preceded in death by his father, brother Terry Seelye and grandparents. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Burial will be at the Lakeview Cemetery, Bena. Full military honors will be provided by the Leech Lake Reservation Honor Guard.

NOTICE:**IF YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT BECAUSE YOU RECEIVED A LEECH LAKE TRAFFIC CITATION AND FAILED TO APPEAR FOR COURT AND/OR FAILED TO PAY FINES...**

Under the Leech Lake Traffic Code, Section 303, any person who fails to appear in court after being issued a citation or summons, or any person who is found guilty and ordered to pay a fine and fails to pay the fine, is subject to an additional civil contempt penalty not to exceed \$500.00. Under the Leech Lake Judicial Code, there is no statute of limitations on collection of debts owed to the Band. If found in Contempt, the Leech Lake Tribal Court may:

1. Order seizure and impoundment of license plates;
2. Order the conviction to be reported to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety;
3. Order the seizure and impoundment of the vehicle driven in the commission of the offense charged;
4. Garnish wages or take other action to enforce the judgment;
5. Notify the Leech Lake Registrar of Motor Vehicles that the amount due is to be added to the fee charged for registration of vehicle(s).

TO CLEAR YOUR CONTEMPT OF COURT, you may appear in person in Leech Lake Tribal Court on any Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss your case with the Leech Lake Tribal Prosecutor. If you cannot afford to pay the fine, you may be allowed to do community service work instead. If you were found guilty by default and wish to contest the finding of guilt, you may be given the opportunity to do so after speaking with the Tribal Prosecuting Attorney. Once acceptable payment or community service arrangements are made, or if another plea agreement is reached with the Band, the contempt fine will be waived. This special opportunity is being offered as part of the Court's Fine Amnesty Program to help defendants take care of outstanding traffic fines. You must appear before October 31, 2009, to take advantage of this opportunity to work with the Tribal Prosecutor to finalize your case.

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR TO CLEAR YOUR CONTEMPT OF COURT BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2009, the final contempt order will be forwarded to the Leech Lake Registrar of Vehicles and your wages may be garnished to collect the full amount due (original fine plus civil contempt penalty). In addition, your conviction may be reported to the State of Minnesota and your plates may be confiscated.

The full Leech Lake Traffic Code is available on the Court's webpage, which can be accessed on the official Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe website under the "Legal" link. If you have questions, please call Court Administrator Patricia L. Pizzala at 335-4418. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

6530 US Hwy 2 West
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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

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

Dated this 5th day of August 2009.

APPEARANCE DATE: August 11, 2009, at 2:00 PM		
Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Samantha J. Bowstring	TR-09-53	Driving After Suspension Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 03/29/2009
Gordon L. Dunn	TR-09-29	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 02/05/2009
Benjamin G. Fairbanks	TR-09-59	No Driver's License Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 03/31/2009
Joseph E. Isham	TR-09-57	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 03/19/2009
Candace L. Reyes	TR-09-36	Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 01/31/2009
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-09-47	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 12/19/2008
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-94	Failure to Report Accident Involving Substantial Property Damage or Human Injury Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-93	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Allan W. Smith	TR-09-49	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/10/2008

APPEARANCE DATE: September 15, 2009, at 2:00 PM		
Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Jacob M. Budreau, Sr.	TR-09-081	No Insurance Occurring On: 05/07/2009
Shauna M. Cooper	TR-09-069	No Driver's License Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 04/01/2009
Alisha M. Hart	TR-09-087	No Driver's License Occurring On: 05/14/2009
Cassandra M. Jackson	TR-09-064	Driving After Suspension No Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Occurring On: 02/16/2009
Nathan J. Lindgren	TR-09-076	Driving After Cancellation Occurring On: 12/27/2008
Curtis A. Ortley	TR-09-071	Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint

Travis L. Raisch	TR-09-070	Device Occurring On: 04/01/2009 Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 04/04/2009
Walter S. Reese	TR-09-061	Open Bottle Occurring On: 01/16/2009
Glenn A. Smith	TR-09-073	Driving After Revocation Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 02/08/2003
Ronald J. Staples, Jr.	TR-09-067	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/07/2009
Ronald J. Thunder	TR-09-085	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 05/01/2009

- b. driving record;
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.

Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: September 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

APPEARANCE DATE:	September 29, 2009, at 2:00 PM	
Defendant	Case No.	Charge and Date
Autumn R. Cambron	TR-09-022	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/30/2008
Laurie J. Headbird	TR-09-033	No Driver's License Occurring On: 02/14/2009
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-017	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 01/18/2009
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-018	Failure to Stop for stop sign/traffic control light Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/18/2009
Roberta M. Jackson	TR-08-113	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 10/16/2008
Leah R. Jacobs	TR-09-048	No Motor Vehicle Insurance No Driver's License Occurring On: 12/24/2008
Walter S. Reese	TR-09-031	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 01/16/2009
Michael A. Reyes	TR-08-119	Reckless Driving To violate any provisions of MN Statute (§169.475, subd. 2, Unlawful use of a wireless communications Device) Occurring On: 08/03/2008
Sara J. Dunn	TR-09-026	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/07/2009
Rozanna M. Roy	TR-09-024	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/30/2009

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Anderson, Kelly Lynne	TR-08-101	Losh, Stephanie Dawn	TR-02-453
Benaise, Cecelia Marie	TR-08-98	Northbird, Eugene Louis	TR-02-452
Donnell, Alissa Jo	TR-08-90	Roy, Rozanna Marie	TR-08-89
Ellis, Myron John	TR-09-11	White Fredrick	TR-08-124
Goodman, Thomas Lee	TR-09-21	White, Sondra Wadena	TR-09-05
Isham, Debra Ann	TR-07-02		

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Civil Division

Leech Lake Reservation Housing
Authority,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Calvin Jackson,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-08-48

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 Highway 2 NW
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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on Friday, September 25, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., a Review Hearing will be held in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Facility Center, upper level, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Korey Wahwassuck. You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing. If you fail to appear, judgment by default may be entered against you.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: July 8, 2009.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

Hosting on the Chippewa National Forest

by: Jean Ramstad, Deer River Ranger District

Since the mid-1980s, the recreation staff of the Chippewa National Forest has been using the Campground Host program to offer visitors to our campgrounds an increased level of security and service. Campground Hosts are signed up as volunteers in the beginning of the camping season and allowed to stay at a designated campsite for the entire season. In exchange for a seasonal campsite and a small stipend, the hosts help campers settle into their sites and answer questions about the Forest or campground. For visitors, they serve as problem solvers, tour guides and a source of comfort on a rainy day.

For Forest Service staff, they are our support team, offering on-the-ground input about campground operations. Because they are on-site almost every day they are able to report to us if there is a problem at a campground, like a hazard tree or a washed out road. They can also inform us if a customer is having a problem, so Forest staff can respond in a timely manner. They are also good sources of information about visitor satisfaction or trends in campground use.

A number of people who volunteer as camp hosts are “full-time RVer’s”, spending the summer on the Chippewa and the winters in a warmer climate. This year’s hosts... Blackduck Area: Hosts Bob and Monica Bouvett, Carol DeFrang, Dick and Carol Grandbois and Alice Milmoie all at the Norway Beach Recreation Area. Arnie Peterson, Noma Lake, Ron and Kathleen Joy, Knutson Dam and Ray and Bonnie Johnson at Winnie. Barb and Ken Ess were at Rabideau CCC. Deer River Area: Bob Seibel and Bonnie Pederson at Clubhouse, Ritchi and Cindy Jarvi, Cut Foot Sioux Horse Camp, John and Joanne Koecheler at North Deer, Sheldon, Karen Oleson at South Deer, Al and Gail Johnson, East Seelye, Leroy and Gloria Iverson at Mosomo Point, Brock Thomsen at North Star, Buzz and Ann Hackman at Onegume, and Rich Weideman at Williams Narrows. Walker Area: Jan and Daryl Osowski, Stony Point, Jeff Geer at South Pike Bay and Sue and Mike Schwebke at Mabel Lake. Every one of these folks has something special to offer our guests.

Gloria and Leroy Iverson, have been hosts at Mosomo Campground for 14 summers. Their commitment to public service is evident in the fact that many campers return to Mosomo year after year. Maybe it’s their annual wild game feed, or their famous dutch oven peach cobbler, or their knowledge of the area, but these two have quite a following.

Gloria and Leroy are also serious about their commitment to a Green Lifestyle. They have been living “Off the Grid” since 1994. With solar panels on the roof of their camper, a small portable wind turbine, and a conservation ethic, they are entirely self sufficient in their energy use. What a great example for our visitors to see! As with the other hosts, Gloria and Leroy will leave us in the fall and head for their winter home. This year’s journey will bring them to the “Valley of Fire” campground in New Mexico. In the spring we will welcome them back, along with the other hosts, for another season at our Chippewa National Forest Campgrounds.

A typical job description for a campground host includes answering questions, posting reservations, recording occupied sites, cleaning outhouses and fire grates, and mowing around the sites. However, we feel they offer much more than that. The hosts are our ambassadors - bringing friendship, security and a smiling face to our visitors, and leaving them with a good impression of our forest and what it has to offer.

Chippewa National Forest plans more prescribed burns

The Chippewa National Forest has scheduled three prescribed burns that they plan to implement during the months of August and September. The prescribed burns are located in 3 different locations. One of the burns is located approximately 5 miles north of the town of Ball Club, another site is 4 miles south of the town of Squaw Lake, and a third site is located east of Pennington about 2 miles.

The Chippewa National Forest prescribed fire personnel have taken advantage of the optimum weather windows during the past two months and have completed several hundred acres of prescribed burning in six different upland pine sites.

While fire crews are on location, columns of smoke may be visible from a long distance.

The upcoming prescribed burns are located in upland pine sites. The prescribed burns will reduce hazardous fuels, restore ecosystems, and help prepare planting sites for the 2010 season. A map is available showing the prescribed burn areas. For more information, contact the Walker Ranger Station at 218-547-1044.

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OPEN LETTER TO LEECH LAKE BAND MEMBERS

By Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird

After being in office for just over a year I thought it would be good to update tribal members about the progress we’ve made in fulfilling one of our major campaign pledges. We committed to learning about Nation Building and to working toward change so as not to do “business as usual” as we make decisions as elected government officials. As part of that progress I attended a Nation Building seminar, along with the Chairman and several upper administrative staff, in Tucson Arizona last November.

Since then there has been a number of things we have accomplished in order to improve our people’s lives on the reservation. We started having open forums at our regular quarterly meetings “before” we convened to do business, rather than “after.” In this way we are able to add issues to the business agenda that the Band membership feels is important.

We also had the first ever meeting of all government side employees to explain to them our concerns as a government and to emphasize the need for better communication and a dedicated work ethic. Many employees let us know that they really enjoyed the meeting and that it made them feel that they had important jobs, no matter what position, because they were working for their own people, friends, and relatives. There was a real good spirit about that whole meeting and we intend to do it again.

This past July we hosted a Nation Building Conference at the Northern Lights Casino and brought in many of

the presenters we had heard in Tucson last November. There was good participation from Red Lake, White Earth, and other reservations in the Territory. The idea that we need to stop using the “standard approach” to governing was generally understood and accepted. There is a strong commitment to adopting the “nation building approach” and start acting like the sovereign Nations we are and to exercise our self-determination, rather than be dictated to by others.

One very important development, as a sovereign government, has been the creation of a Tax Commission as part of the governing structure of the Leech Lake Reservation. This came about through an opportunity that was presented to us in early June.

Representatives from the Ho Chunk Incorporated, from Nebraska, and from the Lower Sioux Community, invited us to join in confronting the State’s bad-faith implementation of the tobacco portion of our tax agreements. So we decided to join White Earth and Lower Sioux in a strong act of sovereignty, by creating our own tobacco tax and applying it to Native manufactured and distributed tobacco products.

We didn’t do this out of spite, but in spite of the fact that the state has not been dealing in good faith with us concerning tobacco taxes. We have kept our end of the bargain and continue to allow state taxes on other brands (such as Marlboro, GPC, Newport, etc.) and we expect to continue “sharing” that revenue with the state as negotiated in the agreements. However, we had not taken a look at the fact that when Minnesota received the multi-billion dollar tobacco settlement, in the late 90’s, they did not share one red cent with

any of the reservations. On top of that the state has imposed a \$7.50 per carton “health” fee of which none of the reservations has again seen one red cent. This “fee” was not called a “tax” and therefore was not included in the formula for “sharing” taxes as spelled out in the agreements. Finally, the state has imposed another \$3.50 per carton “fee” on cigarettes manufactured by non-settling companies. Again, no share for Indians. So we decided to take care of ourselves by creating the tax commission and charging a Leech Lake Tobacco Tax on the Native manufactured cigarettes. We do not allow the state to tax these products and the result has been that we can retail cigarettes at about half the price and yet generate taxes and great profit margin for our retailers. We do this in good faith because these products are not available to non-Indian retailers. A portion of these taxes is dedicated to smoking cessation and other health programs on the reservation. This helps make up for the State’s disregard for our members “health fee” needs.

I have been appointed to represent the Reservation Business Council on the five-member Leech Lake Tax Commission. The Tax Commission itself has honored me by electing me Chair of the Commission. At this point we plan to impose only one more tax and that is on lodging at our casinos. We will tax no further unless the state forces us to.

With that I will close this letter by reiterating that we are no longer doing business as usual, but are acting like a sovereign nation because steps like imposing taxes are only done by Nations.

Respectfully,
Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird
Dist. III Representative

Healthy Eating: An Important Back-to-School Lesson



Another school year is coming up soon, so it’s not too early to shop for your kids’ new lunchboxes and discover fun new ways to fill them up with tasty, healthy foods.

According to the American Cancer Society, maintaining a healthy weight by eating right and getting regular exercise is one of the best ways we can reduce our risk for cancer and stay well. One third of all cancer deaths are related to obesity or being overweight, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition – and thus could also be prevented. Every day, you can make smart choices for yourself and your family by focusing on eating right.

“There is no question that if you do not smoke, the most important lifestyle goal to work toward to reduce your cancer risk is to maintain a healthy weight,” says Colleen Doyle, MS, RD, director of nutrition and physical activity for the American Cancer Society.

With kids getting ready to start a new school year, now is the perfect time to give them a healthy start. If you start developing healthy eating habits for your children now, it will help increase the likelihood that they’ll maintain this lifestyle as adults. So, when you pack your children’s lunchboxes for school or plan afternoon snacks, consider these healthy treats*:

* For a mid-morning snack, try unsalted

nuts. Many nuts are filling and full of much-needed protein and fiber – just the energy boost children need to get them through to the lunch break.

- Substitute vegetables and low-fat veggie dip or dressing for potato chips. The raw vegetables give a satisfying crunch, and this is a great way to sneak in a serving of vegetables.

- Make this the year of whole-grain bread. If your children balk at the idea, try cutting the new bread with cookie cutters to make shapes and animals (they just might not notice the new bread!).

- Pick portable drinks that pack a healthful punch – and watch out for

drinks loaded with sugar and no natural juices. The supermarket shelves these days are full of healthy and delicious selections made just the right size for lunch boxes.

- Teaching healthy eating habits to your children just might be one of the most important lessons they learn all year.

You can help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. For more healthy eating tips and other ways to reduce your risk of cancer, visit cancer.org/GreatAmericans or call 1-800-227-2345. Please be sure to check your school’s lunch and snack guidelines before shopping.

Nation Building

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in a number of different places. Dr. Jorgenson offered up the possibility that trying to structure your system of governing around the nation's own history and traditions-in the eyes of contemporary society-might be a viable consideration. She said to look to other nations as possible models of function, and also to consider options from non-Native governing entities.

The options and possibilities are numerous, and the direction of change might be very difficult to envision, but one thing is certain: doing nothing will be much more detrimental to our future than rolling up our sleeves and making the difficult decisions that we face in the eyes of changing the system that is functioning at an unacceptable level. Stay tuned for next month's article on Nation Building when we take a look at why reform is such a difficult process.

Tribal Nations Plaza

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the Minnesota Tribal Nations Plaza will help others better appreciate the unique historic and ongoing contributions made to the state of Minnesota by the sovereign Tribal Nations who call Minnesota home," said SMSC Chairman Stanley R. Crooks.

TCF Bank Stadium, which will open in the fall of 2009, is being funded in part by \$86 million in private gifts and sponsorships.

The eleven tribal nations in Minnesota are the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, the White Earth Band of Chippewa, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, the Lower Sioux Indian Community, the Prairie Island Dakota Community, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and the Upper Sioux Community.

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

3 v3 Tourney
Softball, Kids vs Cops
Kids Jumper
Kids Games

Door Prizes
Music
Free Food
Magic

Wednesday, August 26th
Vets Memorial Softball Fields
5:30 to 8:30 PM



Leech Lake Meth Initiative, Tribal Police and businesses from around the area will be giving away backpacks and school supplies.

One backpack per student that is present!
Limited Supply, First come, First served!



The BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL in Bena, MN, is looking to fill the following positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

OJIBWE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR
DANCE INSTRUCTOR
DRUM INSTRUCTOR
BUS MECHANIC
BUS DRIVER
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

All certified positions require current MN licensure in their respective areas. In accordance with PL 101-630 all positions require a favorable suitability determination via a Background Investigation. State and Federal Background checks will also be conducted. Applications may be obtained by calling Human Resources at 1-800-265-5576 or online at <http://www.bugschool.bia.edu>

Postings are OPEN UNTIL FILLED.
Detailed job descriptions available upon request.

Boy River Tenants hold Block Party

Julitta (Julie) GrayHawk, mother of new tenants of the Boy River housing complex, wanted to help them get to know their neighbors. So she helped them organize a block party. As a counselor at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, she understands the value of getting the community involved and how it impacts the families and their children.

Julie's daughters and daughter-in-law went door to door to meet with each resident and explain what they were proposing to do. The focus of this event was to show the adults and children that they could have sober, inexpensive fun. The neighbors were interested and anticipated having fun at this event. Community members were asked to bring food to share, to recycle their old toys, and to contribute new toys for prizes for the games. Julie and her family painted posters with a carnival theme for the block party. All the neighbors helped set it up. It was not the warmest day but everybody turned out.

They had many games for the children to play to win prizes—shooting darts to pop balloons, flipping stuffed animals off the board with a ball, ring toss, knocking off a ping pong ball off a pop-bottle with a water gun, and gunny sack races (Julie and family made the sacks out of recycled burlap materials).

The point of this event was to demonstrate that families can do things together, even with only a little money. No children were allowed without a parent. Families participated in the games. Children had lots of fun with a little bit of money, without electronic devices. The kids loved showing their parents that they'd won something.

The community is looking forward to the next one. They will make sure to offer activities to include their older neighbors. Julie's family believes that everyone present felt like they belonged to one community.



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Entry Fee: \$400 per team
Format: 4 Person Texas-Style Best-Ball
(use the best shot between your team,
including putting)

Entry Fee Includes: 18 holes of golf,
golf cart, closest to pin on every hole for
men & women, longest drive for men &
women, prizes to winning teams, Lunch at
Clubhouse

September 4th, 2009

Castle Highlands Golf Course Turtle River, MN

(10 Miles N of Bemidji on Hwy 71)

Pre-Registration is required!
Pre-Registration Deadline: Sept 4th 2009

Make Checks/Money Orders payable to:
Bemidji State University

Mail To:
Don Day
Amer. Indian Resource center
1500 Birchmont Dr NE #21
Bemidji, MN 56601

For More Information Contact: Don Day, BSU AIRC (218) 755-2032 or Castle Highlands Golf Course (218) 586-2681

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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CASS LAKE, MINNESOTA

September 4th 5th & 6th 2009

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in PRIZE MONEY

Singing Contest

Northbird Family
One-Man Hand Drum Contest

Schedule:
Friday:
Flag Raising 12:00 Noon
Grand Entry 1:00 PM
Saturday:
Flag Raising 12:00 PM
Grand Entry 1:00 PM
Dinner Break 1:00 PM
Grand Entry 1:00 PM
Sunday:
Flag Raising 12:00 PM
Grand Entry 1:00 PM

Specials:
Men's Fancy (combined northern/southern)
Men's Chicken Dance 18+
Men's Old Style Grass 18+
Women's Old Style Jingle 18+

Contact Info:
Jerry Morgan 218-335-7373
Lance Kingbird 218-335-3784

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VENUE:
Leech Lake Elders Free
Leech Lake Food \$100.00
Leech Lake Craft \$100.00
Food \$400.00
Craft \$300.00

NEW POW WOW COMMITTEE:
Jerry Aikie Lance Kingbird
Joe Jones Billy Staples
Tara Jackson Mike Smith
Mike Guitche Leah Gale
Pete Smith

SOFTBALL & PORCECHOC
TOURNAMENT:
Native Girl's Softball Tournament
Saturday: Women's Horseshoe Tournament
Sponsored by Robinson Family
Sunday: Men's Horseshoe Tournament
Contact: Henry Meyer 218-335-2032

LEECH LAKE GAMING DIVISION
LEACH TRIBAL COUNCIL

THE VETERANS MEMORIAL GROUND ARE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE
SPONSORED BY LEECH LAKE GAMING & THE POWWOW COMMITTEE
In Memory of Donald Staples

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HONORING ELDERS PICNIC

AUGUST 26, 2009

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School GYM

Recognition Awards
Live Music
Lunch
Door Prizes
Blood Sugar Screenings
(Available 9:30 - 12:00)



TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Co-Sponsored By:

Leech Lake Health Division
Cass Lake Family Center
Nokomagiosis Program

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