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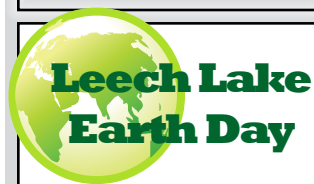
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**Weather tech grads pose for a photo after completing the Weatherization Training at the Prescott Community Center.**

## District II News

Leech Lake Tribal Development has been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that a ICDBG has been approved. The \$600,000.00 Indian Community Development Block Grant will be utilized with construction of a new community center at Sugar Point.

Tribal Development has worked with District Representative Steve White in obtaining this grant specifically for the Sugar Point community. This community is in a rural part of the Leech Lake Reservation, and the new community center will provide needed building capacity for future growth which will be accomplished by the new structure being built and by using the current community center at Sugar Point for other needs such as Elderly Nutrition Program, health clinic, training facility, etc.

## Weatherization Training Builds Partnerships, Creates Jobs

By Chris Haugene

**Cass Lake, MN-** In early March 2011, eighteen Band members navigated and completed specialized training that will open employment opportunities that haven't been available at Leech Lake for over half a decade. The RBC agreed it was time we had the weatherization program reactivated at Leech Lake since its departure in 2005. Leech Lake's energy assistance program, along with the key staff from the tribal development division and help from the Summit Academy OIC Inc. out of Minneapolis, trained band members in carpentry and weatherization technology. The training took place at the Prescott community center south of Cass Lake during the first half of March.

Not only was this an effort to internalize training as well as enhance a partnership with the Summit Academy OIC, but this effort will lead to more specialized training for auditor and coordinator positions - which are required for the weatherization process - as well as bring the Dunwoody Institute into the process as an

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## State Bill Could Increase Sulfate Levels, Decimate Wild Rice Crops

By Chris Haugene

When companies mine for taconite as well as nickel and copper one of the environmental repercussions is that sulfate is deposited in rivers and streams due to run-off and waste that is produced during the process. Bacteria then convert sulfate into hydrogen sulfide which results in damage to plants. As the sulfate migrates from mines into rivers and streams it diminishes wild rice beds.

A Bill introduced by Representative Tom Rukavina (DFL Pike Township) began the debate during the legislative session and amendments to the bill raise the amounts from the current level of 10mg per liter, to what Rep. Rukivina proposed which is 50mg per liter, to now 250mg per liter. The Bill remains in conference committee and the exact level(s) have not been determined.

There are studies being done by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on sulfate levels and effects, but the Bill could prohibit the MPCA from enforcing laws that would limit sulfate amounts in Minnesota lakes and rivers until the research is completed - which could take months if not years possibly giving mining concerns an opening to begin new operations.

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## “April is Child Abuse Prevention Month”

A Message from the Leech Lake Child Welfare Department

Across every culture, in every economic situation, and in every city, suburb and rural setting, a certain number of children are victims of a sad and unsettling phenomenon: Child Abuse.

The abuse may be physical, verbal or both and may be seen and heard by neighbors, family and friends. The abuse may leave visible evidence behind in the form of bruises, broken bones and scars. Other forms of abuse, such as sexual and emotional abuse, are more difficult to detect, but leave victims with damaging lifelong emotional scars that can permanently affect the victim's life. All forms of abuse often lead to far-reaching psychological disorders such as dysfunctional relationships, depression, anxiety and addiction. The end result may be suicide or homicide due to shame-filled loneliness, despair, hopelessness or rage.

Child abuse, in any form, weakens and fractures families, and broken families weaken communities. One thing is for certain: a child who grows up in an abusive home learns to abuse. Left untreated, child abuse will extend

to the next generation and beyond.

Prevention is the key to stopping the spread of child abuse. Communities need to demonstrate a zero-tolerance attitude toward abusers, but also need to plan for altering the conditions of abusive homes. Many parents sometimes lack the resources to keep up with the demands placed on them and may need help in making connections to those resources.

If we are to preserve this precious resource, our children must not continue to overlook the problem of child abuse. The Leech Lake Child Welfare Department continues to work toward the goal of building strong families, keeping families together and educating parents and communities in order to eliminate child abuse.

To find out more about what you can do to help prevent child abuse, please contact Bonnie Fairbanks-Stangel, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator at 218-335-3638

Tamie Finn, Director  
Leech Lake Child Welfare Department

## Health Care Reform Moves Indian Country Forward

National Indian Organizations Release First Year Review of Health Care Legislation

Washington, DC- Marking the one year anniversary of the enactment of health care reform, leading national American Indian and Alaska Native organizations released a report today, highlighting improved health coordination between tribes and federal partners.

The report, *Moving Indian Country Forward: Health Care Reform One Year Later*, highlights improved coordination of health care services such as cancer screenings and dialysis treatment, increased resources for tribal, urban, and Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities, authorized development of long term care programs, and expanded workforce initiatives in tribal communities.

“Healthy tribal communities are vital to healthy tribal economies, and health care reform advances our efforts in that area,” said Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

“The permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) in concert with the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) has been critical to the federal government upholding its trust responsibility to provide health care to the citizens of tribal nations.”

The report, co-authored by NCAI, the National Indian Health Board, and the National Council of Urban Indian Health, reviews implementation of both pieces of legislation, ongoing tribal consultation, outreach and education efforts, and FY 2012 budget requests related to health care.

“The journey to bring improved health care to tribal nations has only just begun, and now tribes are able to reach our people that need it most: young adults previously without health insurance, children with pre-existing conditions, and elders

seeking more efficient prescription solutions,” said Cathy Abramson, Chairwoman of the National Indian Health Board.

“Vital provisions in these bills reach tribal communities where it counts, no matter where tribal citizens live, whether in villages, tribal lands, or in off-reservation communities,” said Dr. Patrick Rock, President of the National Council of Urban Indian Health.

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## Healthcare takes a New Direction at Cass Lake IHS

By Norine Smith CEO Cass Lake IHS

Cass Lake Indian Health Services has been accepted to be part of the Improving Patient Care (IPC) Indian Health Service IPC 3 Collaborative. This acceptance was recently announced by the national Improving Patient Care Team. Participation in this unique opportunity will impact the patient's experience at Cass Lake IHS by improving the quality and access to care through the development of a medical home that patient's can call their own.

We are honored and privileged to work with the national team to organize and transform how health care services are delivered to our community. Participation in this important endeavor is significant to the Leech Lake tribe. Our ongoing partnership and work together with the national team will make the Indian health system the first choice for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

On December 2nd most of the employees at Cass Lake Indian Health Service attended a kickoff program for the Improving Patient Care Collaborative initiative at the Hampton Inn at Bemidji. Through the IPC Collaborative there will be three items of focus; patient satisfaction, employee satisfaction, and financial responsibility.

There are 5 steps to implementation of the IPC3 Collaborative. Step one is the organization of a "lead" team. The lead team was implemented in the summer of 2010 by Dr. Mary Salter. The second step includes assessment of purpose, patients, professionals, processes, patterns and metrics of measurement. This is currently taking place. Step 3 is making a diagnosis for improvement which will be made as the teams progress. Step 4 will include looking at improvement methods and tools and Step 5 will be continued monitoring of processes, outcomes, and results. It is anticipated that this process will be in place by Fall 2011.

Teams of providers and nurses will be formed to provide a medical home to all patients. Patients will be placed on a provider panel and that panel of patients will be cared for by the medical home team. The goals are to improve access to care, continuity of care, patient satisfaction, patient safety, patient comfort, respect for patient's values, information and education of patients, emotional comfort and involvement of family and friends in a patient's care.

Over the years we have heard from many in our community that this is what patient's are seeking. We hope to improve preventive care to patients as well to make this a healthier community. We will keep the Leech Lake community & staff informed as we move forward with this exciting opportunity to improve the care we deliver and to improve the health of our community.

There will be another all-staff training on May 6, 2011 on "Change", Tam Mahaffey will use the curriculum "Who Moved My Cheese". The training will be held at the Bemidji Hampton Inn, two sessions will be held, half the staff will attend the morning session, the other half will attend the afternoon session. Tribal Health employees are invited to this event.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE Summary of Job Openings

### Closing April 15th, 2010

#### *Dept of Public Works:*

Small Vehicle Mechanic • Job Code:11-062

#### *Leech Lake Twin Cities Office:*

2 FT Twin Cities Elders Service Advocates • Job Code: 11-061

#### *Education Division:*

Summer Youth Secretary • Job Code: 11-056

Summer Youth Coordinator • Job Code: 11-055

#### *Human Services:*

Youth Living Skills Advocate • Job Code: 11-054

#### *Health Division:*

Clinic Manager • Job Code: 11-057

#### *Tribal Court:*

Family Drug Court Advocate • Job Code: 11-060

Juvenile Re-Entry Service Coordinator • Job Code: 11-059

Juvenile Re-Entry Care Coordinator • Job Code: 11-058

### Closing April 22nd, 2010

#### *Dept Resource Management:*

Maintenance Technician • Job Code:11-063

### Open until filled

#### *Business Development:*

PT Cashiers • NLE & CheWe • \$8.25/hr • Job Code: 11-001

### *Full Job Descriptions available at <http://www.llojibwe.org>*

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You may 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). All positions DOQ unless otherwise noted.

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org). Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to:

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

You may also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to [LLhumanresources@LLOjibwe.com](mailto: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.

## Special Election Calendar for Secretary-Treasurer

April 26:	Primary Election
April 27:	General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results
April 28:	General Reservation Election Board published Primary Results
April 29:	Deadline for Request for Recount
May 3:	5:00pm – Deadline for Contest of Primary Election
May 4:(Results, If allowed or 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> if earlier requested)	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount
May 13:	Deadline of Decision on Contest
May 16:	Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals
May 19:	Record of Contest to Court of Election Appeals
May 23:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal
May 27:	Last Day for Decision on Appeal
May 27:	Notice of Regular Election, TEC provides ballots
June 28:	General Election
June 29:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of election
July 1:	Deadline for Request for Recount
July 5: (5pm)	Deadline for Notice of Contest
July 15:	Deadline for Decision on Contest
July 18:	Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals
July 21:	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals
July 25:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
August 1:	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or The Election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals
Ten days from Hearing on Appeal:	Deadline for Decision of the Court of Elections Appeal
Day following Decision Of Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office

### Absentee Ballot Request


Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_


**Mail to:**  
 LLBO Election Board  
 PO Box 1150  
 Cass Lake, MN 56633

Absentee voters need to send a written request for a absentee ballot to;  
 LLBO Election Board, PO Box 1150, Cass Lake, MN 56633

The written request needs to include Full Name (First, Middle, Last), Date of Birth, Mailing Address (not physical address unless it is your mailing address), and their Signature on the letter.

The Election Board will process same day received and mail out Absentee Ballot. **The Election Board will also be open on April 9th & April 23rd 9-3pm for absentee voting.**

Please contact the Election Board with any additional questions you may have, they can be reached at the following numbers; (218) 335-7220 or (877) 577-9745

# 2011 SPECIAL ELECTION

## APRIL 26TH

### SECRETARY-TREASURER

### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

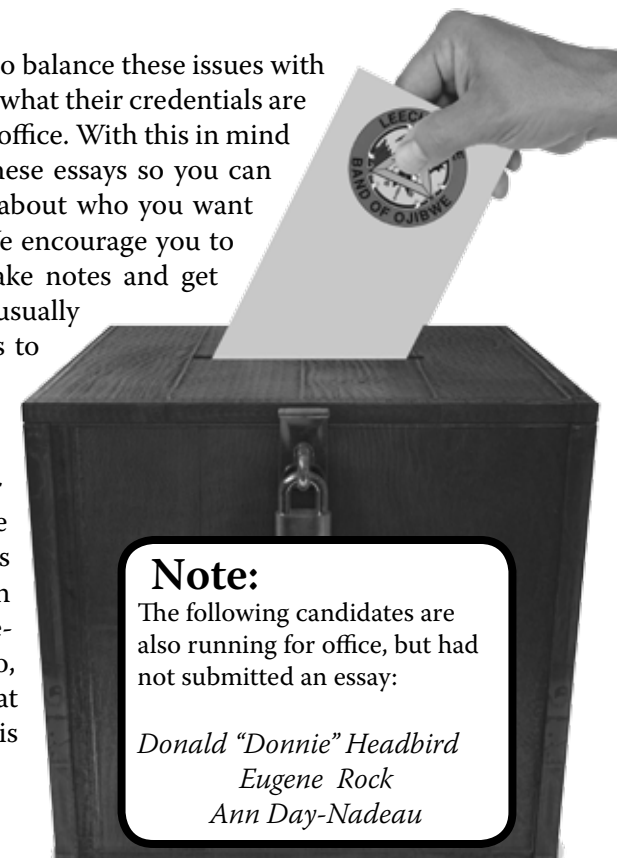
#### Editor's Note:

The following submissions for the vacant Secretary Treasurer seat were solicited so we could bring the voters some information from the candidates who aspire to fill the key position. No editing was done regarding punctuation, spelling, or grammar so the author's true intent would shine through the prose and not get in the way of diction or syntax. These essays provide the candidates an opportunity to publish an essay on why they seek elected office and what their vision for Leech Lake tells.

Please remember that these candidates represent more than just a campaign slogan. These candidates represent a direction that we as a Band will have to choose for our future and our children's future. With each election cycle these decisions on who can best represent Leech Lake are becoming more and more important. We need to be mindful of all of the things that are on our plate when it comes to voting as far as who can best represent Leech Lake on the political stage when it comes to lobbying; who will keep the best interests of our people in mind when dealing with issues like the Nelson Act settlement, the hospital and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school replacement funding, head start, education, superfund , state expansion of gaming, etc..

The list is huge and it's hard to balance these issues with who is running for office and what their credentials are that qualify them for elected office. With this in mind we encourage you to read these essays so you can make an informed decision about who you want to lead us into the future. We encourage you to talk about our issues and take notes and get those around you who don't usually participate in these elections to realize that ours is the most influential vote in the world. From national politics to state and local politics, our votes represent our collective voice concerning the issues that affect us all. And, often times these elections are decided by just a few votes. So, read on and remember that the direction of our future is in your hands.

Chris Haugene  
 Editor



#### Note:

The following candidates are also running for office, but had not submitted an essay:

*Donald "Donnie" Headbird  
 Eugene Rock  
 Ann Day-Nadeau*

## WAYNE CRONIN

Boozhoo,  
My name is Wayne Cronin and I'm currently running for the vacant Secretary Treasurer seat on the Reservation business committee.



Some of you may realize that I refer to the tribal council as the RBC. I do this because the MCT constitution states in article III, sec. 2 (Governing Body): Each of the six Reservations shall elect a reservation business committee...

This committee must realize its true place within the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. By providing the highest quality of life it can offer to our people and overseeing tribal business in a productive manner. To effectively provided for our people we need to have strong businesses to support us. Meaning we need to diversify the tribe's business portfolio by allowing ourselves to think big, think outside of the box, and think outside the rez.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a sovereign nation, a fact that we need to remember and embrace. If we accept this fact we can embrace the idea of trading with foreign countries on a nation to nation basis. Then we can seek foreign aid to provided proper health care, education, and energy assistance to every citizen of Leech Lake.

Its time that our leaders quit standing on the backs of our people and let our people stand on the backs of our leaders. This is why I don't want the people to stand behind me; I want to stand behind the will of our people. Because I was taught that in our way of life our leaders where the last among us, not the first. And in a time of crisis our leaders should

be the first to sacrifice their well being for the protection of our tribe.

Well, we currently find ourselves in a financial crisis. Not on the scale of the Wall Street collapse or the housing market crash, but equally important because this effects our tribal economy. Our tribe cannot continue to operate at a loss; we have too many debts to pay. One being the forty plus million we still owe Shakopee. This problem needs to be addressed before the bill collectors come and collect on the tribal debt. In order to do that we have to take a serious look at our tribal finances in order to come up with viable options to regulate our spending and cut costs. Our government needs oversight and it has to be provided by our people.

We also have to trim our budget and any cuts that are made have to start at the top. If you elect me Secretary Treasurer the cuts will start with me, I will only accept \$7.45/hr as the salary for my position. I plan on including a copy of my pay stubs and tribal credit card statements in the monthly Secretary Treasurer's report. The time has come for our people to see how their tribal dollars are being spent by the RBC. And that time will come if you elect me, Wayne Cronin.

## DONALD "MICK" FINN

Dear Fellow Leech Lake Band Members:

I am once again humbly coming before you to seek your support for a seat on the Leech Lake Tribal Council. I have reached the decision to run for Secretary/Treasurer only after getting encouragement from so many Band members and elders. For the last few months, my phone has been ringing constantly with friends, elders, and tribal members urging me to run for Secretary/Treasurer. Therefore, my decision to run is not based on me or any self-interest, but rather on what I can do to serve our reservation. I am

deeply humbled and moved by those that have asked me to run.

In the recall election, the Leech Lake people spoke loudly and clearly that change is needed. We need to create a transparent governing structure that allows for the input of the most people in our decision-making. This will not happen overnight, but I promise to work toward an open system that forces decisions to be made in open meetings and by having a truly open budgeting and financial reporting process. Closed-door Tribal Council meetings serve no purpose and it is time to institutionalize change by creating an open meeting ordinance and updating and revising our outdated budget ordinance.

My message and platform for this campaign is the same as it was last time. It is simple and consistent: we need to work together in order for our government to be effective and for our people to prosper. I have outlined three priorities and three goals that will assist the Band as we strive for a better government and better conditions for our people. I have reached this platform based on my previous experience on the Tribal Council and in owning and operating my own business for more than twenty years.

In closing, I want to say that the most dangerous thing that has happened on Leech Lake in the last several years has been the development of rigid political factions that serve no purpose other than to further divide our people. I've already heard a lot of talk about "pro-Archie" or "anti-Bongo" candidates. I am not running for or against any one person. Rather, I am the "pro-Leech Lake" candidate. The only way we will move our reservation out of dysfunction is to work together to solve the problems we face in an open system. This will be the framework and mindset from which I will approach the duties of Secretary/Treasurer. With this in mind, I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming election.

I will also make a campaign pledge not to participate in any employee firings due to my successful bid for Secretary Treasurer as this is contributing to a huge lack of morale and function with regard to the Leech Lake offices being productive.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (218) 556-1145 or (218) 335-2739 or at P.O. Box 511, Cass Lake, MN 56633. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Donald "Mick" Finn

## JANICE GALE

Boozhoo,

I have lived on/off the Leech Lake Reservation my whole life. I am the daughter of Ronald and Della Robinson Gale, (both deceased). I grew up with my grand mother Lillian Gale from Battle Point since I was 11 years old. I have 5 children and my significant other is Scott Dahmen, of 5 years, and we currently reside in the Federal Dam area. I am a community member of Sugar Point. My strengths are my knowledge of business, positive attitude, dependability, and also leadership skills.

I graduated in 1989, from Chief Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. I moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and attended American Indian OIC for a year. Then, off to Anchorage, Alaska and attended the Travel Academy to obtain a Travel Specialist certificate. Lastly, I attended Leech Lake Tribal College for Business Management and currently am the Director of the Leech Lake Temporary Employment Program since April 2009. I understand the struggles and accomplishments of being a single parent, and having an opportunity with different jobs in all industries ranging from working after school at MN. CEP program, house-

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## JANICE GALE

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keeper, blackjack dealer, laborer for Swiffer, daycare provider, Secretary, Sam's Club cashier, at Muscular Dystrophy Association, Alaska Native Indian Hospital for the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, telemarketing, waitress, Walker elementary school Ojibwe language aid and obtained certificates for flagger training, and firefighter training. All of these jobs helped me to gain experience, and developed the necessary skills and knowledge to have what it takes to survive by working hard and to raise my children; and be a strong, independent, honest, Native American woman. I am a past LIC Member, a current Chairperson for Bena Headstart and on the JOM Committee for Northland High School.

Day Labor - I was designated by the Leech Lake Tribal Council to take a program that was dysfunctional and turn it into a program that's functional. I made the necessary changes to better the program by developing work skills and training opportunities for our people. It takes time, nothing happens over night and you learn as you go. The program helps our elderly/disabled, makes our communities look nice and free of garbage, and creates employment opportunities for our band members within the reservation for jobs such as: clerical, security to casino events, contracts for DRM/Chippewa National Forest in Tree Planting/Brushing/ Illegal Dumpsite clean ups and lot clearing projects. Also snow removal, clearing of roofs, lawn mowing, and a wide variety of services for our people. A future goal, I have proposed to the Leech Lake Tribal Council and Economic Development is to obtain an 8 a and hub zone certification through the government to develop contracts at the 3 public parks around the reservation (Federal Dam, Winnie Dam, Norway Beach) to create jobs performing janitorial duties, lawn care, solid waste pick up, and firewood to create program fees back to the res-

ervation through day labor, that will eventually, help TEP be self-sufficient, that will create jobs in all 3 districts and develop a working relationship with the Chippewa National Forest. It takes time, but can be done! The wood vending business is for energy assistance clients, for public, elders, and band members who have hardship at times, ceremonial wood, and burial services. It is a program with a lot of potential and I have worked hard for its success. Thanks to a grant from the Blanden Foundation, we will have computer labs in 4 communities located at Bena, Cass Lake at TEP, Ball Club, and Onigum for our youth and adults to learn the computer basics. There is training opportunities of CPR from IHS, Bemidji American Indian OIC - obtain computer skills and GED Testing, Sawyer Training and safety. A program that has a opportunity for parents and individuals to reach self sufficiency and employment opportunities.

I support and believe that education is the key to success for our children's future. Each and every band member that pursue higher education should have a guaranteed scholarship from the Leech Lake Reservation. Education is the key for our Native people to become successful in our world today. In order for us to be a strong sovereign Tribe, we need to learn to work together, and stress education because it is our children's future for generations to come.

Shakopee loan- We must continue to develop financial opportunities to pay the loan off in a timely manner. In order for us to accomplish this, we must be accountable with our program spending. It is important to pay off the debts we owe to others, and create ways to generate revenue for the Leech Lake Reservation. Also, minimize unnecessary spending.

Tribal Programs - We need to make sure that all of the Programs inform the people of the services that are provided and eligibility requirements.

The definition of services need to be defined from all programs, to save monies, so that "repeated services" do not happen; to be cost effective, efficient, and for better productivity.

Housing - I would like to see more affordable houses available for our people, and to work close with the L.L Housing Board and other organizations to prevent homelessness to band members that live on and off the reservation. Before the eviction process is started, ..... "Prevention."

I also believe that we should come together as a whole and actually work together to resolve issues within our tribe that is greater than ourselves. We need to learn to work together rather than compete with each other for the benefit of our tribe. Arguing and fighting gets our tribe nowhere because it only holds us back and takes too much time and money. We need to stop worrying about all the little things and focus on the bigger picture. We need to focus on our language and culture revitalization and teach our children their own Ojibwe language because it is important for our Anishinabe culture to survive. We need to listen to our elders and their teachings because they know "Mino-bimaadiziwin" (the good path of life). I realize that there are many more issues that need to be addressed and I promise I will work hard and strive each day to do my best for all of our Ojibwe people. I am asking for your support in this upcoming election for Secretary/Treasurer on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Miigwech,  
Janice Gale

## JAMES HOWARD SR.

Ahneen, my name is James Howard Sr., candidate for Secretary/Treasurer. I reside on the Leech Lake Reservation near the community of Inger, MN. My family includes my wife Laura and 5

children, James Jr., Valerie, Chelsea, Rosella and Shawnte and granddaughter Cherish. I am currently employed by the Leech Lake Gaming Division as the manager of the Transportation Department.

First of all, I would like to thank all the people for the support of the candidate of their choice. It is important that we all support people that can and will present our views in tribal office. It is good to meet many of our people and listen to their concerns. I would like the opportunity to promote your concerns and represent you as the Secretary-Treasurer for Leech Lake. I have decided to run for this elected position because of my concerns for our future as a band and the future of our children. My experience as a program manager for the past 11 years, working with budgets and supervisory skills will enable me to do the job as secretary-treasurer.

### Issues and Concerns

Economic Development and Planning  
Leech Lake Reservation needs a proactive and viable program to address our needs. We need to take care of the business' we have and insure there is enough trained labor. We need to look at cottage industries and lure more businesses to our area. This cannot happen without full cooperation from the elected tribal council and the employees of the band. We need goals and objectives for our tribe, that are achievable and well thought out.

### Education

Band members trained and educated are important for the advancement of the Band. From Headstart to the Tribal College, all should have equal opportunities to get a good education. Additionally, with the rising cost of post secondary education, we need to allocate enough funding to our Tribal members so they may achieve their goals. We also need to insure our children are receiving a good education from the schools that are currently operating. Our children are continually



at the bottom of all achievement tests. We need to expect more from the people that are responsible for educating our children, as they are the future of our band.

#### Housing

We need to improve the homes we have and build new and affordable housing.

#### Enrollment

We need to work on changing the requirements for the blood quantum for enrollment in our tribe. The future of our Band depends on enrollment of our children. If we continue to disregard the other tribe's blood quantum, the future status of some families is questionable regarding rights to services guaranteed to tribes and the members.

#### Employment

Fair and equal treatment of our employees is needed. There should be no discrimination against Leech Lake members looking for employment within our government or gaming.

#### Natural Resources

We need to protect and enhance our natural resources.

#### Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs

We need to aggressively start educating our people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. It is a problem we all know about and need to address with adequate funding to the A & D programs.

## JOHN JOHNSON

Aaniin;

My name is John Johnson, I am a descendant of three great leaders and chiefs of the ojibwe people, chief wayne penais, chief Greenhill and Joseph {we miis} Johnson. My great grand mother is Margaret [maagence] Green hill and my grandmothers' name was Mary

Ann Johnson. I grew up in a tar paper shack that was located by the old church which is now known as the junction bar. I had to walk a mile for water we had only a kerosene lamp and wood stove and we used an outhouse for certain accommodations. I took care of my great uncle Albert (saaboy) Johnson while I was growing up there. In 1979 my family then moved to Minneapolis in which I lived with my mother Shirley (Sadie) Johnson and my father John [meat head] wiclmer. We then assisted in feeding our elders at the Indian center from there on out which was a family happening up til recent with my uncle Charles [suucadee] Johnson retired.

When I left the reservation in 1979 we had left a booming business town in which consisted of hotel, dime store, neises, numerous of saloons, and other businesses.

I came home in 1995 when I then started working in the casino before the hotel at the palace, I started where I was a dishwasher and worked my way up to shift supervisor in which I earned a certification from the international food safety council as restaurant manager.

I then transferred to security where I earned certificates for black jack dealing, cpr, first responder and work on getting educated as a emergency medical technician.

I then had a son in 1999 and I took custody of him and was a single parent when I started college for a business manager degree I then had brought him to class and meetings as I was a success in being the student senate president at the tribal college. I also did an internship as a business development specialist assistant with the Minnesota Chippewa tribe with Steve turner.

When I finished schooling I then would travel a few times before my son would have to start school to California and the western hemisphere of

united states.

Once my son started going to school we got back to being involved in pow wows and we would hitch hike around the reservation with our supplies and just a daily activity. We met a lot of great people and we thank them all for the rides and great meeting them all they are all wonderful for not just driving by as we always hitchhiked.

My son is a champion dancer and singer and we sing together on [whispers of the woods] drum, the old Cass lake school drum and we thank bill staples for passing it on to us it is a great honor of having him as a good friend as he is thanks bill.

I am now settled down and now driving to pow wows with my son and my fiance Marlene [molly] gross where we have a wonderful and progressive life together. We take care of each other and we own our house in Cass lake Minnesota. We also get frequent visits from my baby son which is a great visit from him. We are not the greatest singers however we are two strong and expanding on with chipping away to make wonderfulness on our drum.

Love you all my great relations of the reservations of Minnesota and all native people of our great reservations.

John Johnson  
Chase Johnson  
Marlene Gross

## CARRI JONES

Boozhoo, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me in my decision to seek the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The last month or so



has been truly an amazing experience.

The Leech Lake Indian Reservation is a community dedicated to the institution of family. Nothing is more important to our people than the relationships we have with our friends and relatives, "our families". Throughout my campaign I have witnessed the strength cultivated by the love we have for one another.

From past to present the solidarity of our people has allowed us to celebrate life and endure its many hardships. We are told of our ancestors struggles and wonder how they ever found the strength to carry on. The time I have spent in the households of our people has made it clear to me that this strength comes from those around us.

I could not imagine taking this journey without the strength of my friends, relatives, and everyone I have met along the way. During my campaign I have been able to listen to your concerns, share ideas for solutions, and learn from your experiences. The people of Leech Lake have made my campaign pleasurable and enlightening and for that I would like to thank you all.

We are at a cross roads in our history and we have been here for quite some time. The world around us is continuously changing and as a people we need to adapt to these changes to assure the health and welfare of future generations. With your support I believe we can adapt and flourish during these changing times. That is why with great humility I am asking for your vote in the upcoming primary election.

I have dedicated my entire to career towards the advancement of Tribal self-determination. As an accountant in Indian country it always has, and always will be my responsibility to properly manage the finances of any business, government, or organization

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## CARRI JONES

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I work for.

The Secretary/ Treasurer's office is charged with the fiscal responsibility of the Band. A task I have prepared myself for through education and work experience. I hold Bachelor's degrees in accounting and business administration, and a minor in fraud examination from the Bemidji State University. I am also certified in tribal financial management from the Arizona State University. My education and experience will assist me in making decisions regarding the expenditure of bands finances.

The Secretary/ Treasurer are more than just a fiscal agent. She/he is also a member of the Council and responsible for progressive leadership. With the support of the Leech Lake people I believe we can adapt to the world around us, create new opportunities for our children, and preserve our cultural identity. Deciding how we go about achieving this rests with the people and always has. Mi-Gwich!!

If you would like to contact me to discuss specific issues, share a concern, or visit please call me at (218) 335 – 6462(home) or (218) 407 – 4298 (cell) or email me at carri.jones11@gmail.com.

## ERIC REED

I have lived in the Cass Lake area for the majority of my life. Together with my wife, Bobbie, we are raising 3 sons, Adam, Chavez and Harley. I have been working for Leech Lake Gaming for about 9 years, and am currently in the Training Department as a Training Specialist



dealing with Banking and Compliance issues. I am also serving my community on the Cass Lake Volunteer Fire Department, additionally serving as Treasurer for 5 years. I have attended classes at Moorhead State University, Bemidji State University, Leech Lake Tribal College, as well as Participated in the Native Americans into Medicine Program. I am also an avid outdoorsman, as well as a musician.

My reason for running for Secretary-Treasurer is to initiate a positive change the way we operate on this reservation. Help for our people, does not come from behind a closed tribal council member's door. It comes from the combined effort of all the Tribal Council.

I believe hard work, honesty and fairness will bring our government back to where it should be. We must return back to our core values of equality among ALL band members. NO ONE should fear for their job because they disagree. We desperately need to confront the growing problems of chemical dependency among all of our communities. We need to enforce our policies to keep our workers, as well as our people healthy in mind, as well as body and spirit.

I will make every decision with our future generations in mind. With the council of our treasured Elders, we as Ojibwe must meet the challenges of today's world, while maintaining our culture, and preserving our traditional ways. We need not be left behind, but regain our status among our indigenous people as a successful and vibrant Tribe.

## WALTER

## “FRANK” REESE

I have been advocating for change in the lifeway of all tribal members for over two decades. This advocacy has taken me too many reservations and off reservation communities. The is-

sues we have here at Leech Lake are common to all reservations that have Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) governance. The complete financial reporting to Leech Lake members is an area that is not being done as mandated in Leech Lake Ordinance No. 1. The duties of the office of the Secretary/Treasurer must be held accountable to the tribal members at all times. The Secretary/Treasurer is the most important position on the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) as the position also has a vote on the Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT).

I have been employed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) since March of 1999. I was hired as a Telecommunications Technician in the Management of Information Systems (MIS) division and with promotions have worked my way up to the Director of MIS.

I am married and Linda is a Leech Lake enrollee, we are parents, grandparents, foster parent to many children, and soon to be adoptive parents. As your Secretary/Treasurer I will work hard to accomplish what needs to be done to move LLBO forward in a positive manner. With my education and experience in technology, I will propose to use technology as the vehicle to enhance our economic development, health care, education, environment, welfare, law, and all matters that affect our lifeway.

Every vote is important! Vote in the primary election and cast your vote for Walter “Frank” Reese, and as your Secretary/Treasurer I will work hard for you!



## DOUGLAS A. ROBERTS, JR.

I was born in Minneapolis, MN, moved back to the reservation in 1976 and have lived here ever since. My parents are Henrietta Sherer-Nason, Henry Sherer-Nason, and Douglas A. Roberts, SR.. I have a A.A. in Liberal Arts from Haskell Indian Nations University and a Bachelor of Science from Bemidji State University in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Management. I have worked in LL Gaming for 8 years, owned two businesses, and have over two (2) years experience in Internal Auditing.

I have seen the many injustices that go on daily here on our wonderful reservation. There is much too much nepotism, favoritism, disrespect towards our members by employees of programs, and would try to solve some of the most critical tasks first; jobs for LLer's, adhering to our budgets, and all the travel/training our reservation employees receive off the reservation. There should be more webinar's and in-house training, this is a million dollar issue. Following is some of the things on the reservation I would address if elected.

### Tribal Referral

We need to change this program back to its original intentions, which was to provide assistance in extraordinary circumstances and not everyday circumstances. We have members who feel this is an entitlement program. It is not! Just because members are enrolled in Leech Lake does not entitle them to automatic services from tribal referral. For too long members have been exploiting this program, alone with members of the RBC! Did you know it is against tribal ordinance for ANY member of the RBC to allocate funds from Tribal Referral? This means that no single member of RBC can call TR Director and say it is OK for this member or that member to say, receive help with obtaining car re-



pair bill or any other type of assistance.

**L.L. Reservation Government Structure**  
This is by far one of the most important issues facing our reservation today! I feel we as a reservation need to immediately change our bylaws to actually give our District Representatives' job responsibilities! At their wages, don't you believe that should at the very least have job descriptions? I do! We, also need to somehow succeed from getting out of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and become our own Reservation! Then and only then will we be able to write and in act a new constitution! Also, I believe that if you are a person sitting/running for a seat on the Reservation Business Committee, you should at the very least have four year business degree.

#### Preferential Treatment

I would just like to say, there are many topics to discuss and yes, things aren't running as thing should on our reservation. I would like to address all issues, as long as they make our reservation run as it should, and not favor certain members and then mistreat other members, we all know this is wrong! I would let our government follow policies & procedures that are in place, to a tee, which means, EVERYONE IS TREATED THE SAME!!!! And if there are instances of policy not doing the job, we as a RBC can adopt and make that policy right. We have great policies & procedures in place, let's start applying them correctly. No one will be able to call a RBC member and get preferential treatment and get their job back or be able to not punch-in or punch-out for instance.

#### Jobs/Job Growth

My number one priority is to get Leech Laker enrollees jobs! I along with the RBC would direct Human Resources of gaming and government to initiate a hire Leech Lake enrollees first. I would like to see Leech Lake enrollee employment levels at 80%. We as a reservation have over 2,200 jobs and Leech Lakers should be in a majority of them, after all, gaming was provided

for Leech Lakers!

Also, we need to start hiring qualified persons to fill our positions that require degrees/certifications! I also would like to attract business to the reservation through our planning division, as well as, tax breaks, workforce numbers and building an incubator center to help new businesses. We as a government have to focus on job growth!

I want to put more zhoonia (money) into every Leech Lakers pocket! We can do this with increased employment and job growth.

I personally would like to thank each and everyone working in gaming! You all have done a great job! And keep up the good work. As an employee of gaming for over 8 years, I know how hard it is in gaming, I speak from experience. If elected my #1 priority would be wage increases and that all MICS are followed and everyone is treated the same.

#### Accounts Receivable

I would like to see our AR accounts brought up-to-date. The balances of AR on the government side is well over \$2,300,000. Housing's AR is well over \$1,000,000. We need to start collecting monies owed to us by members/employees/vendors! We could use this money to pay down our loan with the Medawakaton. Also, when the reservation disburses money, they should check all AR accounts, Gaming, Housing, & Government, and if people owe money to the reservation, we should take that money and pay off that amount and not give it to members that owe money!!!

## VICTORIA (VICKI) F. WHITE

Hello, my name is Vicki White and I'm from Onigum. I have one son named Brad, and two daughters, Carolyn and Janelle. I graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, and re-

ceived my college degree in business administration from St. Catherine University.

I am a Guardian Ad Litem for the Leech Lake Tribal Court, and working in this capacity allowed me to experience the responsibility to advocate for the best interest of Leech Lake children. I am also a foster parent and have been for the last 10 years.

My public service duties include: elected school board member for the Walker Hackensack Akeley school; Vice-Chair and member of the Board of Trustees Minnesota Women's Foundation; Member of the Early Childhood Mental Health Infrastructure Development Committee of Cass County, DHHS; founder of the Maama wiginii baawiimin, "Standing Together" a women's coalition that promotes leadership; St. John's Episcopal Church Bishop Committee member; and past Commission Member for the Judicial Commission for the State of Minnesota.

My education and work experience in public service and volunteerism have prepared me to be a strong leader who possesses the ethical qualities and practices in promoting good, sound management expertise. I believe these skills will give to the people a sound economic and financial tribal government that you deserve.

As I traveled across the reservation during my campaign and in previous years as LLBO Economic Development Director, I recognized that we have plenty of assets that are available to increase economic development in our communities. Some of those assets include Leech Lake members, our natural resources, land base, drug and alcohol free housing communities, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School, community health clinics, IHS hospital, Alcohol/Drug programs, community centers, cultural/traditional events, tribal police, tribal Court, three gaming operations and tribal businesses. We can expand on those resources and more.

Economic development does not just mean more jobs and businesses; it means a better quality of life.

I also recognize there is still more work to do to give our people a quality of life now and generations to come. I have seen many people that still live in poverty, deficient living conditions, no job opportunities, increasing incarceration rates among our Native people, low graduation rates, high suicide rates among our young people, epidemic of abuse of prescription drugs, oppression against our women, youth, and elders, and an increase of out-of-home placement of our Leech Lake children. Our Local Indian Councils and urban communities have not been listened to, micromanagement by our tribal council, and not being provided factual information about what is happening on Leech Lake.

Most people that I have talked to (including men) have said, "We need an educated and experienced woman in office!" This person will provide change and a transformation in leadership of our tribal government. I can be that transformation. I am experienced and I am honest. Please join me and elect me to lead the way for an honest, educated, and strong tribal government. Vote Victoria (Vicki) White. Thank you.

## BURTON

## "LUKE" WILSON

Dear Friends and relatives,

My reason for running for the Secretary Treasurer position is because of the lack of leadership, experience, responsibility, integrity and honesty. There has been so much turmoil going on lately that the Tribal Council is forgetting the Leech Lake hiring policy and hiring friends, relatives or whomever. There is no justice for the band members who are also qualified. There must be policies enacted to give all

# Obituaries

## CAROL GOOSE

Carol Anna Goose, 45, of Battle Point died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at her home.



Carol was born March 17, 1966 in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Samuel and Caroline (Papa) Goose, Jr. She grew up in the Battle Point area, attending Longville Elementary and Remer High School. Following her schooling she worked as a Black Jack Dealer at Northern Lights Casino for 13 years. For the last few years she worked as a cook for the Elderly Nutrition Program. Carol was also active in her community, serving on the Battle Point Pow Wow committee, and the Sugar Point Local Council. She loved to cook, and will be remembered for her legendary fry bread. She was an avid softball player, a Minnesota Twins and Vikings fan, and always had time to shoot a game of pool. Carol loved to dance and sing, attend pow wow's, and maintain her marathon Yahtzee game with her sister, Eva. She always took time to read and spend time with her family. Carol always had a smile, was persistent and quick to speak her mind, and will be missed by all in her circle of family and friends.

Carol is survived by her sisters; Eva (Steve) Mangum, Loretta Monroe, Iolanthe (Jer-

ry) Wilson, Mary Lou Reich, brothers; Rick Goose, Terrance (Eva) White, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and great grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings; Samuel K. Goose III, Patty Monroe, Norma Monroe, cousins, Jereme Kraskey and Tanya Monroe, and great great nephew, Thunder.

Traditional services were held Friday, March 25, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the Sugar Point Community Center with Allen Hardy as the Spiritual Leader. Interment will be in Battle Point Cemetery. The Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family in making service arrangements. Share on-line condolences at [www.dennisfuneralhome.com](http://www.dennisfuneralhome.com)

## LOUISE EVELYN (PORTER) SHELLEY

Louise Evelyn (Porter) Shelley, 67, of Rock Hills, SC, formerly of Cass Lake, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina.



A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

She was born on April 18, 1943, the daughter of Florence Porter and Frank Lambert. She was adopted by Arther and Alta Porter, and raised in Grand Marais, MN. She graduated from High School in Minneapolis, MN. She worked as a

computer programmer, and also at the Boys and Girls Club in Cass Lake. She was always on the go. She loved pow-wows, sewing, games, loved to laugh, and joke around. She had a very caring heart, and was a foster parent to many children.

She is survived by: Son, Michael (Saratha) Shelley of South Carolina, Daughters, Naomi, Ashley, Dana, Cordelia, Kelly, and Mary. Brothers, George (Lois) Lambert, Larry Porter. Adopted Brother, Jack Porter, Sisters, Nancy Troy, Genevieve "Joyce Critt" Poblano, And Kristina Triveno Spiritual Sisters, Andi Headbird and Tuleah Palmer. 5 Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many foster children.

She was preceded in death by her natural parents, and her adopted parents.

Messages of condolence may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com).

April 27th, 1940  
Happy BDay Dad

*we thought of you with love today  
but that is nothing new.*

*we thought about you yesterday  
and days before that too.*

*we think of you in silence we often  
speak your name*

*All we have are memories and  
your picture in a frame*

*Your memories are keepsake  
with which we'll never part*

*God has you in His keeping we  
have you in our hearts.*

*Sadly Missing You,*

*Love your daughter*

*Barbara Jo Bearheart*

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## LUKE WILSON

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band members a fair chance at these high paying jobs, The Tribal Council is not elected to be dictators.

I will not allow any wasteful spending if I am elected or allow any illegal transactions to happen and keep a watchful eye on internal controls. Absolutely nothing should pass through the accounting department without being flagged if it is not in the budget. The budget ordinance will be followed throughout the fiscal year. We cannot spend what we don't have. I believe we are in financial trouble now.

We have too many unmet needs at this time and priorities must come first. The first priority is to find out the true financial state of the band. The second priority is finding out how the money is allocated and form a finance council of members from each district.

I have an education in accounting and business administration and have utilized my experience throughout my career being in management positions for thirty five plus years. I served as District 1 Representative for six years and know the duties of the Secretary Treasurer besides the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Constitution. I have knowledge of the Leech Lake Tribal Government ordinances, organizational structure, personnel policy, budget ordinance and sovereignty.

My wife Linda "Gotchie" Wilson have been married for 44 years, have 5 children and 13 beautiful grandchildren. We also have been long term foster parents for 21 years. We have been homeowners for 38 years. I am currently employed as a Program Manager at the Ahnji Be Mah Diz Halfway House. I have been sober for 30 years and enjoy working with chemically dependent people.

While serving as District 1 Representative I helped organize the Weed

and Seed program in 2003 and served as a board member until it expired in 2007. I served as the Tribal Representative for the Bemidji Area Office for the Direct Service tribes including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois working with other area offices lobbying for more dollars and services for the Bemidji Area Office from the Federal Government. I have also served as a board member to the Boys and Girls Club from 2002 – 2008. I am also a current member of the Blandin Leadership Committee which allowed me to apply for grants for family sober Pre-New Years events beginning in 2002 for the Ball Club community besides several other events.

I am asking for your support from our young people through elders to preserve your future. Your vote will not be forgotten. Please feel free to contact me at any time on my cell phone (218) 360-1557 or toll free (800) 326-0553. Miiwitch,

Luke Wilson

## Weatherization Training

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additional partner.

In April, eight to twelve Band members will begin taking a bridging course (a prerequisite course) that will open the door for them to begin weatherization

auditor training. Additional help was offered from Leech Lake's Temporary Employment Program (TEP), Youth Build, Education department, and Leech Lake's Tribal Employment Rights Organization (TERO) for trainees in the form of scholarships to help pay for the training.

These efforts will not only bring our ability to weatherize our own houses back to Leech Lake, they will result in employing dozens of Leech Lake Band members that are currently unemployed. The X factor in this equation is that these partnerships and this training could lead Leech Lake towards new and never imagined aspects of technology training, employment, and helping our Band members that are looking for ways to better themselves and their community.





# Easter Brunch

**Sunday, April 24th**  
**Red Cedar Grill - Palace Casino**  
**10 am to 4 pm • \$12.95 + Tax**

Carved Honey Glazed Ham  
 Roast Beef

Whipped Sweet Potato Casserole  
 Green Bean Almondine • Scalloped Potatoes  
 Bread Pudding • Denver Scramble  
 Scrambled Eggs • Bacon Wrapped Sausage  
 Biscuits and Gravy • Potato Bake  
 Dinner Rolls • Salad Bar

Carrot Cake & Assorted  
 New York Style Cheese Cakes



Northern Lights Casino & Hotel Ballroom

# Easter Buffet

Sunday, April 24th • 10:30 am - 7 pm • \$16<sup>95</sup> + Tax

## Menu

Carved Maple Glazed Pit Ham  
 Lemon Herb Chicken  
 Roast Beef Au Jus  
 Cod Anglaise  
 Pork Loin

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
 Fresh Seasonal Fruits and Berries  
 Ambrosia Salad  
 Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
 Wild Rice  
 Ginger Glazed Baby Carrots  
 Yams  
 Stuffing  
 Au Gratin Potatoes

A Fabulous Display of  
 Homemade Desserts

Reservations recommended:  
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IN TRIBAL COURT**

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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 Judicial Code, Part VI, Sections 3 & 4, and Leech Lake Conservation Code, Chapter V, Section 51.03(2):

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. 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.
- b. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/S/ Joseph Plumer, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: May 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Baird, Melissa Marie	TR-08-66	Howard, Justin Rodney	TR-10-131
Bebeau, Tina Marie	TR-10-45	Howard, Justin Rodney	TR-10-96
Brown, Ashley Marie	TR-10-56	Isham, Joseph Edward	TR-10-133
Brown, Tara Ann	TR-10-39	Isham, Joseph Edward	TR-10-41
Brown, Tara Ann	TR-10-15	Jones, Terrence Lee Jr.	TR-10-78
Cambron, Autumn Rae	TR-10-83	Kingbird, Delma Leean	TR-10-122
Carmona, Emerejirdo Duane	TR-10-120	Northbird, Jolene	TR-10-93
Chase, Mikele Lucille Northbird	TR-07-36	Sherer-Nason, Shaw Lee	TR-10-101

APPEARANCE DATE: May 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Cloud, Crystal Leah	TR-10-119	Tanner, Autumn Lain Harper	TR-10-53
Cooper, Shauna Michelle	TR-10-111	Whitebird, Beverly Ann	TR-09-96
Croaker, Clifford Lawrence	TR-10-71		
Devault, David Lee Jr.	TR-10-43		
Dunn, Anita Rose	TR-10-107		
Headbird, Jacob Lawrence	TR-10-55		
Howard, Jason Dale	TR-10-50		

APPEARANCE DATE: June 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

Defendant	Case No.	Defendant	Case No.
Brown, Marcella Kaye	TR-10-94	Larsen, Rikki Leslie	TR-10-12
Brown, Sue Ann	TR-10-75	Lovelace, Nena Larae	TR-10-145
Fisher, Kayla Rose	TR-10-126	Norton, Richard Roy Sr.	TR-10-38
Fisher, Kayla Rose	TR-10-97	Robinson, Ida Lynette	TR-10-109
Fisher, Lowell Reed	TR-10-69	White, Jonathan Cody	TR-10-88
Hislaw, Bobbie Jo	TR-10-100	Whitebird, Cheryl Ann	TR-10-144
Jackson, Dana Marie	TR-10-159		

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court  
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:  
Candice Rae Jackson, Parent.  
Court File No. CP-10-05

**NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 4-06-2011, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. A hearing will commence on May 18, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of:  
A.A.W., DOB: 04/12/2003.  
Fawn Bellanger-Guinn and  
Eric D. White, Parents.

CASE NO. CV-10-43

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 28, 2010, a Petition for Application for Name Change was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. An Initial Hearing will commence on Friday, May 6, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of the name change of A.A.W., minor child.

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

DATED: February 28, 2011. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

In the Matter of the Guardianship of:  
S.P.A., DOB: 05/25/2008.  
Stephanie Rae Kelley and  
Jerome William Anderson, Parents.  
Tammy Rogers, Petitioner.

CASE NO. CP-11-06

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 10, 2011, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed by petitioner with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. An Initial Hearing will commence on Friday, May 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of guardianship of the person and property of the above-referenced minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

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

DATED: March 8, 2011. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

In Re the Custody of:  
K.B.L, DOB: 03/06/2007;  
N.R.L., DOB: 07/25/2008.

Jesse Grant Lyons, Petitioner,  
and  
Keila Lynn White, Respondent.

CASE NO. FA-10-57

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on December 17, 2010, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. Unless you, the respondent herein, file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before the date of the last publication of this notice in the May issue of the DeBahJiMon, this matter shall be set for a hearing and default judgment may be taken against you at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues (Leech Lake Judicial Code, Title 2, Part II, Rule 5, Section C(5)) because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child.

DATED: April 4, 2011. /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

In the Matter of the Guardianship of:  
ROSE MARY CLOUD,  
DOB: 02/28/1932.  
Birdena Lyons, Petitioner.

CASE NO. CV-11-03

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 14, 2011, a Petition for Appointment of a Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the above-named adult. An Initial Hearing will commence on May 6, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of the guardianship of the person and property of the above-named adult. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-4418.

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

DATED: February 9, 2011 /s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

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## Mining Bill *Continued from Page 1*

Paula Maccabee, attorney for the Water Legacy environmental group, told the Duluth News Tribune, the law change would allow industry to do away with an environmental regulation because it would be expensive to meet. A sulfate standard of 250 mg/liter "would decimate wild rice and result in degradation of the use of Minnesota waters in violation of the Clean Water Act," Maccabee said, adding that lawmakers have no business dictating environmental standards.

"There are decades of field research in Minnesota lakes and streams demonstrating that the current water quality rule limiting sulfate pollution to 10 milligrams per liter is necessary to protect natural stands of wild rice. Any citizen who cares about hunting, fishing, harvesting wild rice or natural resources should oppose legislative attacks on the sulfate standard."

As the debate continues in St. Paul many are wondering how this could affect the wild rice harvest this fall in the areas specific to mining and if the sulfate levels could increase and migrate to rice beds not in the immediate mining area(s).

## District 1 Community Meeting

**Date: April 13, 2011**

**Time: 3:00pm -- 6:00 pm**

**Location: Soaring Eagle Community Center  
Ball Club, Minnesota**

District I is hosting this community meeting to discuss services, plans and goals for our communities. Many LLBO Departments, including Department of Natural Resources, and Indian Child Welfare Act will give presentations on program services and goals. Attendees will have the opportunity to share feedback on how the programs can better serve the needs of the community.

We will be talking about the District I plans for the future, as well as:

- » Update on current issues
- » Community Concerns
- » Questions and Answer Session

### District I Communities

- Ball Club
- Deer River
- Inger
- S.Lake
- Winnie Dam

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### Notice from Temporary Employment Program

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*We will be on-site at the following locations at the specified times:*

<b>Wed Apr 13th</b> <i>District I</i>	<b>Wed Apr 20th</b> <i>District II</i>	<b>Mon - Fri</b> <i>District III</i>
Ball Club Community Center 3-6PM	Bena Community Center 3-6PM	Cass Lake TEP Office 8-4:30PM

**Questions? Call the TEP office @ 218.335.3555**

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## District II Community Meeting

**Wed April 20th, 2011**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Sugar Pt Community Center**

District II, along with the Health Division and Tribal Development, are hosting a community meeting to discuss services available, future plans, and goals or visions of the communities of the District II area. Community participants will have the opportunity to share ideas on improving programs and services to better serve our unique communities. The programs will be providing breakfast and beverages to all attendees.

**For More Info: 218.335.8202**

## Twin Cities Candidate Forum for Leech Lake Sec/Treas Election

**MN Indian Womens  
Resource Center  
2300 15th Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN**

**April 19th, 2011  
6:00-9:00 PM**

**All Candidates, Please  
Preregister**

### For More Information Contact:

**Faron Jackson, Sr (H) 521-1639, (C) 390-2865**  
**Richard White (C) 232-5808**  
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 Tickets: \$44/\$49



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**Tuff Guy Competition**  
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