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A worker installs the one of the top sections of the 500 foot radio tower. The tower was completed on February 16th, 2011

## RACINO No Big Jackpot for MN, MIGA says

Racinos at Canterbury Park and Running Aces Harness Track offer no jackpot for Minnesota, says MIGA Executive Director John McCarthy in an opinion commentary published in the Bemidji Pioneer.

McCarthy accused racino advocates of using "bogus arguments and inflated claims" to mislead Minnesotans about the supposed benefits of the racino proposals. He was responding to a previously published commentary by John Derus, a former elected official currently employed by the Running Aces Harness Track to promote its racino effort. Here's what McCarthy wrote:

"The February 11 column by John Derus, a paid advocate for the racino, presents bogus arguments and inflated claims about the benefits of racinos at the state's two racetracks. What Derus doesn't talk about in his column is the high cost of this proposal to Indian tribes, rural economies and ultimately, the state itself.

"Racino proponents claim that their proposal to add slots to racetracks will generate \$125 million a year for the state. What they don't tell Minnesotans is that this amount represents less than two-tenths of one percent of the state's \$6.2 billion deficit. That isn't even a drop in the bucket; it's a drop in the ocean.

## KOJB 90.1 FM is looking forward to going "on the air" this Spring

Cass Lake - KOJB FM 90.1 is coming soon. Work continues on the 500 ft tower in Bena which will send the radio signal to the entire Leech Lake Reservation. The Studio/Office building has arrived (located next to the Leech Lake Tribal College) and structural work is now completed with work continuing on the interior. Next, electronic equipment including audio control boards, transmitter and broadcast antenna will be installed over the next several months. The website KOJB.org should be up soon, but for now KOJB can be found on Facebook-search for KOJB radio.

The Bena communications tower is set to be finished by mid February followed by the conclusion of the transmitter building located next to the tower. The transmitter building weighs 22 tons, is made of solid concrete, and can with-

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## LLTC Student Named A NASA Ambassador

For the second consecutive year, a Leech Lake Tribal College student has been selected as a student ambassador for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Terra Greenleaf, a second-year student at LLTC majoring in Liberal Education with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) emphasis, was recognized as one of NASA's high-performing interns. She will have the opportunity to represent NASA at a variety of educational and outreach events to help inspire future students interested in STEM careers. Terra is the only student from a Minnesota college or university to receive this honor in 2011.

Terra's internship consisted of three weeks in Bismarck, ND, where she learned to use GIS mapping software and Landsat satellite technology, followed by seven weeks of work with the Leech Lake Heritage Sites program using the software to map and record burial sites to protect them from future development.

Terra credits LLTC's science faculty with instilling in her the self-confidence to take on a challenging internship away from home. The daughter of former LLTC president Dr. Leah Carpenter, Terra believes that her level of familiarity with the college was also a big help. "[LLTC] is almost like my second home," she says. "The college and I kind of grew up together."

After completing her degree at Leech Lake Tribal College, Terra plans to attend the University of Washington to pursue a double major in Environmental Science and Political Science, with a minor in American Indian Studies.



## Special Election results in removal of Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo

By Molly Miron, Bemidji Pioneer  
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In a vote of 971-384, members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe answered a resounding "yes" Tuesday to the ballot question, "Shall the secretary/treasurer be removed from office?"

Twelve of the 13 precincts voted to remove Secretary/Treasurer Michael Bongo. Only the Sugar Point precinct was against doing so, voting 24-15 to retain him.

"In some respects (the results) were somewhat disappointing," Bongo said in a telephone interview today. "But not unexpected."

Chairman Arthur "Archie" LaRose said Bongo has seven days to appeal the election results, which were certified Wednesday February 9th. If there is no appeal, or the appeal fails, LaRose said the Leech Lake Tribal Council would call a special election to fill the position until the term ends in 2014.

Meanwhile, he said, District I Representative Robbie Howe has agreed to fulfill the secretary/treasurer's duties. The Tribal Council will hold a special meeting at the end of the seven-day appeal process to discuss and vote on her appointment.

Bongo said today that he would not appeal the election results.

"I did my best, put my best foot forward and tried to do what I thought was the best for the band as a whole," he said.

The issue behind the removal/recall petition relates to Bongo's Sept. 14 approval, under his single signature, of a \$2.4 million loan to Bill and Kathy Bieloh and Moondance Jam, Inc. Tribal law requires financial transfers to have the approval of the Tribal Council and the signatures of both the secretary-treasurer and chairman.

According to an investigation by Minneapolis attorney David Lillehaug, Bongo signed the loan agreement for a term of seven years at a rate of 8 percent interest. The loan was to be paid off in annual installments of \$460,973.76 beginning Sept. 14, 2011. Bongo approved the loan on his signature alone without Tribal Council approval, and the bank transferred the funds to the Bielohs.

Security for the loan was real estate and a life insurance policy of \$1 million on Bill Bieloh. However, Bieloh only took out \$500,000 in life insurance at the time of the loan. Bill Bieloh died Sept. 24 of a massive heart attack.

Lillehaug's report was presented to the Leech Lake Band membership Nov. 22. The report concludes, "We are forced to conclude that Bongo knowingly – not just negligently – violated Band law and policies."

LaRose was philosophical about the situation. "Life goes forward," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "Moves on, and that's what we've got to do."

Special Election Information on Page 3. More information will be published in the upcoming issues of Debahjimon.

### IHS Cass Lake Dental New Hours

BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

#### IHS DENTAL HOURS:

**7:15 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. Monday thru Friday**

#### DENTAL EMERGENCIES

**7:15 A.M. Monday thru Friday**



If you need to make an appointment call on Tuesdays beginning at 12:45 pm

## Leech Lake Band Election Results

### Re-Call Election

February 8, 2011

SHALL THE SECRETARY/TREASURER BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE?		BALL CLUP	INLET	S. LAKE	BEA	SUGAR POINT	WEGO LAKE	CAS LAKE	MISSION	CASS RIVER	DUNCOMB	DAY POINT	SPRINGSPOLB	RESERVE	TOTAL	%
YES, HE SHOULD BE REMOVED	121	51	19	56	15	24	269	73	18	83	16	111	115	971	71.6605%	
NO, HE SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED	23	16	1	20	24	12	105	47	1	40	14	44	37	384	28.3395%	

## Special Election Calender for Secretary-Treasurer

(remainder of current term: 3 Years)

February 25:	Opening of period for filing for office.
March 7:	Close of filing period
March 21:	Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC
March 24:	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards
March 24:	Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge
March 25:	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election
March 25:	Notice of Primary
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
June 30:	General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results
July 1:	Deadline for Request for Recount
July 5: (5pm)	Deadline for Notice of Contest
July 15(or Ten Days from notice of contest, which ever is sooner)	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

## Tribes form Education Nation Consortium

*Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth sign agreement at Red Lake Education Summit in January.*



**Chariman LaRose of Leech Lake (Left) and Chairman Jourdain of Red Lake (Right) affix their signatures to the Education Agreement. Chairwoman Erma Vizenor of White Earth was unable to attend but pledged to sign the agreement at a later date.**

The culmination of the two-day Education Summit, held in Red Lake on January 19th & 20th, was a signing ceremony in which the three Tribal Chairs signed a special education agreement.

The signing ceremony began about noon and celebrated a new Educational Agreement between Red Lake, Leech Lake, and White Earth Tribes. The agreement is a compact, a pledge for the three nations to cooperate and work together on educational improvements in such crucial areas as Ojibwe language preservation, Indian education improvements, grant partnering and advocacy efforts. The three Tribal Chairs, Floyd Jourdain, Jr. of Red Lake, Arthur "Archie" LaRose of Leech Lake spoke and signed the compact. Erma Vizenor of White Earth was unable to attend and will sign the compact at a later time.

The signing ceremony included the signatures of the three tribal college

presidents (Dan King Red Lake Nation College, Ginny Carney Leech Lake Tribal College and Wannetta Bennet White Earth Tribal College) on the Educational Agreement, and the three Education Directors/Superintendents of schools. Only Red Lake's superintendent Gish was able to attend.

### **Summary of the Education Nation Consortium Resolution between Red Lake, Leech Lake & White Earth Tribal Nations**

Signed on Thursday, January 20, 2011

WHEREAS, the three Tribes of Red Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth have historically close ties; and since we are all members of the Great Ojibwe Nation; and all share the same Ojibwe language and culture; and have recently worked together on economic development and social issues; and have similar educational challenges; and each have Tribal Colleges to serve their respective Tribal Communities;

BE IT RESOLVED, during the educational summit, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and the White Earth Band of Ojibwe agree to cooperate, share ideas and work together on making educational improvements to the following major issues affecting Indian education:

The crucial and urgent issue of Ojibwe language preservation; and any and all issues affecting Indian education specific program improvements; and mutually agreed upon educational grant partnering and grant endorsements from this new three-Tribe educational consortium; and mutually beneficial advocacy efforts that will help the Tribes of this new consortium;

and since all of the Tribes of this new consortium also have tribal colleges to serve their respective tribal communities, the Tribal College Presidents will also work together on all of these areas that can be of mutual benefit to all members of this consortium, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the three Tribal leaders and the three Tribal College Presidents will all sign this historic Education Nation consortium agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the three Tribal Education Directors/Superintendents, if any, of the three respective K-12 Tribal school systems for Tribal Members, will also work together on all of these areas that can be of mutual benefit to all Members of this consortium, and also sign this historic Education Nation consortium agreement, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the three Tribes will together create a new charter of operations to establish a process for adding new members, voting, and also sign this new document.

## Education Division Hosts 17th Annual Career Fair

By Chris Haugene

Everyone from the Department of Transportation to the Minnesota Broadcasters Association participated in a career fair earlier in the month that was aimed at high school students. Bus loads of kids were brought to the Northern Lights Casino, where the event was held, to provide the students some of the possibilities for education and employment that they will have after graduation. Participating organizations include: Army Corps, NDSU, Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center, Alexandria Technical and community college, Leech Lake Housing, First National Bank of Bemidji, and the Leech Lake Planning Department to name a few.

The event was well received as dozens of students signed up for door prizes and were served a light lunch for coming to the event and talking to the different organizations that participated.

We would like to thank the Leech Lake Band's Education Division for hosting the event and providing an opportunity for the local students to witness some of the doors that could be opened to them after graduating high school.

Chi Miigwech to the Leech Lake Career Fair Committee Members:  
Gloria Dudley, Leech Lake Education Director  
Hilda Beaulieu, Leech Lake NEW  
Dorothy Robinson, Leech Lake Post Secondary/JOM  
Arissa Clark, Leech Lake NEW  
Karyn Wind, Leech Lake NEW  
Aileen Allen, Leech Lake Post Secondary/JOM  
Helen Jackson, Leech Lake NEW  
Sarah Jackson, Leech Lake NEW  
Norma Jackson, Leech Lake WIA

## Madigan Enlists in U.S. Army



(L to R) Frank Bowstring Veterans Service Officer, Darold Madigan Sr, Darold Madigan Jr, Arthur "Archie" LaRose Chairman LLBO

Darold Madigan Jr. Shipped out January 31st, 2011 to Fort Knox Kentucky to begin his four year service as a Scout in the Army Corps Infantry. Darold was born on November 25th 1990, he graduated from Cass Lake Bena High School in 2009. Fort Knox is located thirty five miles from Louisville. Fort Knox encompasses 109,000 acres in three Kentucky counties, and has a population of over 40,000 Soldiers, family, and civilians.

## New VA Office Bridges Gap Between VA And Tribal Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) felt a new office was needed to bridge the gap between the VA and tribal veterans. The new Office of Tribal Government Relations will serve the approximately 200,000 veterans the VA considers tribal, including: Native Alaskans; Native Hawaiians; and American Indians.

Tribal veterans have a lengthy and notable history of service in this country's military. Their honorable service entitles them to the full spectrum of benefits available through the VA, and the VA's mission is to take care of this nation's soldiers, including even hard to reach veterans.

nizes 800 different tribal governments, which means 800 different agendas to accommodate. This is the mission of the Office of Tribal Government Relations. Tribal veterans have long since received VA benefits, but the VA hopes to not only strengthen existing relationships with tribal veterans, but develop and build new ones.

Many Native Alaskan veterans living in rural areas have real problems utilizing their earned benefits. Despite having earned them, accessing health care and other benefits can prove to be almost impossible for those veterans living a significant distance from major cities, especially in Alaska. The need for the Office of Tribal Govern-

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## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE Summary of Job Openings

### Closing February 18th, 2010

#### Education Division:

Temp Pre School Teacher Assistant • Bemidji • Job Code: 11-027  
Environmental Health Specialist • Job Code: 11-018  
Youth Build Coordinator • Job Code: 10-142

### Closing February 25th, 2010

#### Legal Department:

Child Support Case Manager • Job Code: 11-029

#### Health Division:

Office Manager • Job Code: 11-028

#### Education Division:

Maintenance/HVAC Technician • \$11/hr • Job Code: 11-009  
2FT Infant-Toddler Teacher • Ball Club • Job Code: 11-006

#### Business Development:

Cashiers • NLE & CheWe • \$8.40/hr • Job Code: 11-001

### Open until filled

#### Education Division:

Special Needs Teacher Assistant • Cass Lake • Job Code: 10-172

#### Health Division:

Behavioral Health Provider • Job Code: 10-075  
Behavioral Health Case Manager • Job Code: 10-039

*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.

# Obituaries

## JOSEPH J BEDEAU

Joseph J. Bedeau age 79, of Minneapolis. Former employee of Wunder-Klein-Donohue and member of Teamsters Local Union #120.



Survived by wife, Barbara; children: Natalie Bedeau and Rick Peterson; grandchildren, step-grandchildren; a brother, Jim Bedeau; other relatives and friends. Wake and Funeral service were held at Onigum Community Center, Leech Lake Reservation. Internment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Online condolences: [www.chilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chilsonfuneralhome.com)



## SIMONE L HANKS

Simone Lee Hanks, 43, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away at her home on Saturday, January 17, 2011. She was born on September 18, 1967 in St. Paul, MN to James Gale and Arlene (Monroe) Hanks.



Simone grew up in Minneapolis and lived there most of her life. She moved to Cass Lake in 2009. Her lifetime occupation was Caregiver to all concerned. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and especially enjoyed children. She also enjoyed going to pow-wows, watching movies, playing chess, traveling, working puzzles and playing at the casino.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one special daughter Jessica, brothers; Duane Hanks, Darold Hanks, and Patrick Hanks.

Simone is survived by her nephews Darold, Robert, Ryan, Reggie and Ricky Barrett all of Red Lake and Reginald Garbow of Onamia, uncles; William Butcher, Jr. and Eli Hunt of Old Agency, Leon Butcher of Smokey Point, aunts; Linda Butcher of Old Agency, Lorraine Butcher of Smokey Point and numerous cousins.

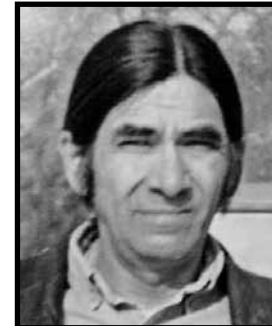
Pallbearers for Simone were Jeremy Butcher, Anthony Butcher, Shaun Butcher, Luiz De La Rosa, Robert Barrett, Darryl Barrett and Kyle Butcher. Honorary Pallbearers are Christina Sayers, Miranda Butcher, BeeJay Smith, Taleeya Lausche,

David Mitchell, Maxine Manypenny, Nigel Butcher, Ryan Barrett, Reggie Barrett, Rickey Barrett, Reginald Garbow, Sarah Whitebird, Corey Butcher and Roger Butcher. Interment will at St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency immediately following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## GORDON "GABBY" HEADBIRD

Gordon "Gabby" Kirt Headbird "Mizihkii-bines" which means Head Thunderbird, 63, of Cass Lake, passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at the Cass Lake Hospital surrounded by his family following a short battle with cancer. He was born on August 20, 1947 in Cass Lake to Leonard Headbird, Sr. and Katherine Bellcourt. Gabby was preceded in death by his parents, wife Kathy, brother Charles Headbird and one grandchild.



He is survived by his sons & daughter; Gordon (Tuleah) Fineday of Cass Lake, Robert Fineday of Cass Lake, Gloria (Terrence) Headbird of Bena. Adopted son Ken Thompson of Ft. Totten, ND, Donavin Fineday of Cass Lake, daughters; Delina (Gerald) White of Inger, Sheryl (Gary) Keezer of Cass Lake, Marilyn (Victor) Wind of Cass Lake, Diane Fineday of

Cass Lake, Dawn Fineday of Cass Lake, Diane Koutsky of Wilkenson and brothers; Leonard (Andrea) Headbird of Cass Lake, Donald (Nikki) Headbird of Cass Lake, Melvin (Shelly) Goodman of Pennington and Randy Finn of Cass Lake, sister; Gloria (Dean) Wind of Cass Lake, 26 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews; Barb Fineday and many close friends. Loved by all. Will be missed by many.

Gabby will be remembered as a kind, generous and thoughtful person who was always humble and active. He loved his job and the people he worked with at the Leech Lake Housing Authority. He built a log home with his wife on the land he was raised on and lived there all his life. In his free time he enjoyed attending stock car races, Cass Lake-Bena High School Basketball Games, pow wows, camping, hunting and traditional gatherings. Mostly, Gabby loved to spend time with his family and friends. His house was always full of company, laughter and food. His life inspired many, many people to live in a good way and he will be deeply missed.

Pallbearers: Leonard Headbird, Donnie Headbird, Melvin Goodman, Randy Finn, Tom Dudley and Richard "Ole" Brown. Honorary Pallbearers: will be all his friends and family from the Leech Lake Housing Authority.

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## DARRELL GORDON RYAN

Darrell Gordon Ryan, 56, of Cass Lake, MN passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. He was born on May 18, 1954 in Cass Lake to Robert Hurd and Blanche



Ryan. He attended Remer Northland High School and graduated in 1972. Darrell went to school for auto mechanics and heavy equipment at the Tribal College in Cass Lake following graduation.

Darrell enjoyed repairing cars and doing body work. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, ricing, playing cards and cribbage. He was a true outdoorsman. Darrell liked playing at the casino and going to family gatherings. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was able to make anyone laugh.

He was preceded in death by his father, sisters; Patricia Morgan and Kathleen Hurd, brothers; Jake Hurd, Sr. and Lowel Fisher. One foster brother Curtis Cross.

Darrell is survived by his wife Maxine Howard of Cass Lake, mother Bernice Hurd of Cass Lake, brothers; Robert Budreau, Terrence (Julie) Morris, Louis Fisher, Robert Hurd, Jr. all of Cass Lake, and brother Samuel Morris of Minneapolis, sisters; Cindy (Vern) Hurd, Debbie Jones and Rhonda and Shannon White all of Cass Lake, foster sisters Bonita Cross of Grand Rapids, MN and Carol Kloehn of Laporte, MN, aunt Maryann Cross of Minneapolis, special niece Angela Morgan of Cass Lake, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers for Darrell will be James Morgan, Derek Howard, Doug Howard, Brian Northbird, Thomas Huesers, Lawrence Krumrey, Christopher Cross, Jim "Chops" Ryan and Robert Budreau. Interment will be held at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Mission following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Governor Dayton meets with Tribal Leaders

A Tribal Leader and Governor Summit was held Feb. 9 at the Minnesota State Capitol. Gov. Mark Dayton hosted the meeting attended by members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, including Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Chairman Stanley R. Crooks.

Pursuant to Minnesota State Law (3.922) a Tribal Leader and Governor Summit was held February 9, 2011, at the Minnesota State Capitol. Governor Mark Dayton hosted the meeting attended by members of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, including Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Chairman Stanley R. Crooks.

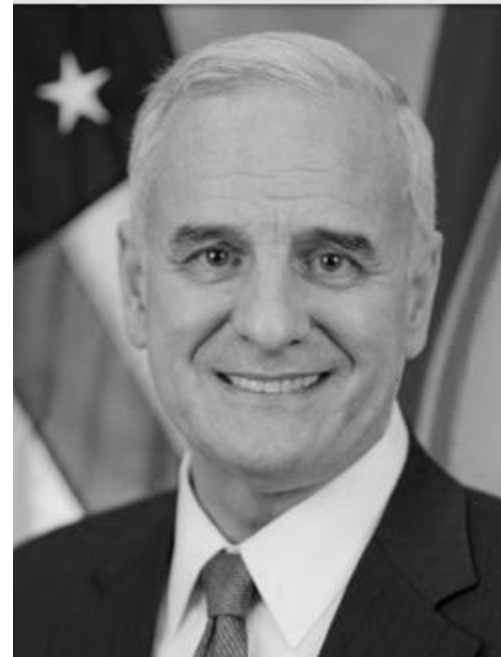
"The Tribal Leader and Governor Summit is important to establish a government to government relationship with the tribes as sovereign nations. We're pleased the Governor met with us as is established in state law. It was good to hear him say he won't include money from gambling expansion in his budget and that he will try to minimize the impact of cuts to necessary services, things like police and fire services," said Chairman Crooks. "We thought it was a good meeting."

Each tribal leader had an opportunity to raise an issue of importance to their tribe at the meeting which lasted more than one hour following the State of the State address. Some of the issues discussed were the Indian Child Welfare Act, education, public safety and corrections, gaming, economic development, language revitalization and Legacy Funding, and nuclear waste storage. Chairman Kevin Leecy (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa) facilitated the meeting as the Chairman of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.

Future meetings were discussed and invitations graciously offered by both the tribes and the Governor.

Minnesota State Law (3.922), which describes the Indian Affairs Council duties and responsibilities, one of which is the "annual summit of elected tribal leaders, legislative leaders, and the governor," was enacted in 1963.

Also in attendance were Chairwoman Karen Diver (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), Chairwoman Erma Vizenor (White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians), President Victoria Winfrey (Prairie Island Indian Community), Chief Executive Marge Anderson (Mille



Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Chairman Kevin Leecy (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa), Chairman Norman Deschampe (Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians), Chairman Archie LaRose (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe), Chairman Gabe Prescott (Lower Sioux Indian Community), and Chairman Kevin Jensvold (Upper Sioux Community). Chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain (Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians) was unable to attend.

Established in 1963, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is the oldest council in the nation and serves as a liaison between the Indian tribes and the state of Minnesota. The MIAC offices, located in St. Paul

and Bemidji, Minnesota, carry out the mission of the Indian Affairs Council, which is "to protect the sovereignty of the eleven Minnesota tribes and ensure the well being of all American Indian citizens throughout the state of Minnesota." The Council provides a forum for and advises state government on issues of concern to urban Indian communities. The Council administers three programs designed to enhance economic opportunities and protect cultural resources for the state's American Indian constituencies.

The MIAC plays a central role in the development of state legislation. They monitor programs that affect the state's American Indian population and tribal governments. Minnesota was the first state in the nation to establish an Indian Affairs agency and provided a model for other states to follow. The Indian Affairs Board is made up of the 11 Tribal Chairs or their designees, a member of the Governor's official staff, the Commissioner of Education, Human Services, Natural Resources, Human Rights, Employment and Economic Development, Corrections, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Iron Range resource and rehabilitations, Health, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, and Administration, or their designees.

The Indian Affairs Council's vision is to strive for the social, economic and political justice for all American Indian people living in the State of Minnesota, while embracing traditional cultural and spiritual values.

For more information about the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, go to <http://www.indianaffairs.state.mn.us/index.html>

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 and Dog Ordinance, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

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

Dated this 10th day of February 2011.

APPEARANCE DATE: March 08, 2011, at 2:00 PM

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Destinee L. Beaudreau	TR-10-150	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 10/28/2010
Ruth A. Bellanger	TR-10-156	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 10/14/2010
Rhonda F. Bunker	TR-10-090	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner No Driver's License Occurring On: 06/09/2010
William G. Desjarlais	TR-10-138	Depositing Non-Hazardous Material on Roadway Occurring On: 09/14/2010
Jayne R. Finn	TR-10-151	No Driver's License Occurring On: 10/28/2010
Barbara J. Haugen	TR-10-155	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device No Driver's License Occurring On: 10/12/2010
Charles J. Headbird	TR-10-135	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 08/30/2010
Susan A. Headbird	TR-10-162	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 10/22/2010
Devin M. May	TR-10-153	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 10/28/2010
Michael G. Robinson, Jr.	TR-10-157	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Occurring On: 10/07/2010
Brandon L. White	TR-10-152	Failure to Use a Seatbelt Occurring On: 10/28/2010
Edith B. Wilson	TR-10-106	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 07/12/2010

APPEARANCE DATE: April 05, 2011, at 2:00 PM

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Andrea D. Birt	TR-10-172	Driving After Revocation Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 12/01/2010
Alicia M. Day	TR-09-050	No Driver's License Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 12/24/2008
Joseph E. Isham	TR-10-181	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 11/12/2010
Nicoa M. Wind	TR-10-165	Failure to Stop for a School Bus Occurring On: 09/15/2010

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 U. S. 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 driving record;
- b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
- c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
- d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
- f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/S/ Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: March 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Day, Jessica Amber	TR-09-176
Liberty, Michael Sean	TR-09-181
Preston, Shirley Ann Lowry	TR-09-178
Wilson, Burnham John	TR-09-90

APPEARANCE DATE: April 19, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bellanger, Samuel James	TR-09-238	Ellis, Myron John	TR-09-240
Bowstring, Samantha Joe	TR-09-53	Munnell, Kari Ann	TR-10-110
Brown, Kellen Scott	TR-10-46	Ogema, Cecelia Marie	TR-09-214
Butcher, Anthony Michael	TR-09-84	Rice, Michael Warren	TR-09-123
Ellis, Jeannette Rae	TR-09-241	Roy, Todd Raymond, Sr.	TR-09-173
Ellis, Myron John	TR-09-222	Smith, Gregory John	TR-10-40



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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: March 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Laroque, Richard W.	CN-10-01

**-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court  
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:  
Isabell Barrett and Douglas Clark, Jr., Parents.  
Court File No. CP-09-49

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 02-14-2011, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on April 29, 2011, at 9:00 a.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.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT

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

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

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION

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

Patricia L. Pizzala  
Court Administrator

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

A public information meeting will be held concerning the reconstruction and alignment of County Highway 33 (Mission Road). The proposed road construction of the Mission Road encompasses approximately 200 feet on either side of the existing road for about 5.9 miles (the CR33 Zone). This is about 285 acres of land (78 acres of National Forest System land (NFS), 13 acres of Beltrami County land, 5 acres of State land, 55 acres of Leech Lake Reservation (LLR) lands, 113 acres of private land, and 2 acres of water).

This work is in the vicinity of the Mission Tribal Community; 4 to 8 miles northwest of town of Cass Lake. The road extends from Highway 8 near the Palace Casino to Highway 12 near Big Lake. Most of the road is on the Blackduck Ranger District. It is entirely inside the Leech Lake Reservation boundary. The legal description is Township 146 North, Range 31 West, Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 29, and 30.

**The information meeting will be held as follows:**

**Location: Veteran's Building**  
**Address: 16599 69th Street NW**  
**Cass Lake, MN 56633**  
**Date: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011**  
**Time: 6 p.m.**  
**Speaker: Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird**  
**District III Representative**  
**(218) 335-8222**

**Purpose of Information Meeting:**

Discuss public concerns of route, provide description of potential effects of the project design on adjacent property, and address concerns of the area residents impacted by the project.

**Project Description:**

This project was proposed by the County and LLR Public Works Department because currently it is one of the most dangerous roads in the county. The project consists of straightening corners, widening driving lanes and shoulders, repaving the road, and associated treatments. Maps and preliminary plans will be available for review at the information meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Norma Ducheneaux at the Land Department at (218) 335-7416.



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## KOJB

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stand 150 mph winds. It will house KOJB electrical equipment, MIS hardware, and two-way radio infrastructure.

Upon completion of the tower, the 75 foot FM antenna which takes ninety days to be manufactured, will be installed on the top of the tower and tested for a period of two weeks after which the station will be ready for a soft opening in the spring with a grand opening to be scheduled for this summer.

Programming will include: a reservation morning show, a mix of national and local Native American public affairs programming and a variety Native and other music.

The educational mission of KOJB FM will be to enhance the history, language, and life way of the Anishinabe people as well as airing of other national native media and noncommercial programming. KOJB FM will provide media access for adult education, K-12 and higher education by working closely with students and faculty of the Leech Lake Tribal College. A goal of KOJB FM is to help establish communication courses at the Leech Lake Tribal College using KOJB FM as the teaching tool.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has pledged to operate KOJB FM to provide a non-profit and non-commercial broadcast service in accordance with Section 73.503 of the FCC rules.

Programming for KOJB FM will include Leech Lake current events, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe current events, voices from the Tribal Elders, youth radio locally produced programs, locally produced programs from the tribally run Bug-o-nay-gee-shig (K-12) school, music from Native Artists, and sporting events and powwows from on or near the Leech Lake Reservation.



**LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE**  
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**Position Title: Application Support Specialist**

**Primary Function:** This position provides management and operation of all campus IT applications including maintenance and training. **Requirements:** AA degree in related field with 3-5 years of technology experience preferred. Equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

**Position Title: Recruiter**

**Primary Function:** Recruit prospective students to programs within the College, develop and coordinate recruitment and outreach plans and materials for prospective students and the community, initiate, coordinate and implement presentations to various groups. **Requirements:** AA degree in related field and experience working with Native youth preferred. Equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

Visit our website at [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu) for more information. Send LLTC application and résumé to: Human Resources Director, Leech Lake Tribal College, PO Box 180 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Phone 218-335-4289

## MIGA Continued From Page 1

"They also fail to mention that slot machine revenues have fallen far short of projections in most states, including Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, and Montana. Those states are now scrambling to plug the budget holes left by these shortfalls. Gambling is an unreliable source of budgeted revenue.

"Predictably, Derus hauled out the old "level playing field" chestnut. Whenever tribes have had something of value, the dominant society has destroyed or seized it in the name of "leveling the playing field." Here we go again. Tribes have barely had an opportunity to get in the game, and others are looking to change the rules of the playing field and undo their progress.

"Derus claims that the state would get "100 percent of the new gaming tax." That's very deceptive. In fact, the racino is likely to be taxed at a rate of 30 to 50 percent, depending on the proposal. The remaining 50 to 70 percent of revenue will go to the wealthy investors that own the two tracks. In the case of Running Aces, those shareholders don't even live in Minnesota.

"In contrast, tribal casinos are taxed at a rate of 100 percent, meaning that all casino revenues go to tribal governments to pay for housing, human services, health care, education, water and sanitation, law enforcement, courts, tribal administration and infrastructure. Those investments in community benefit all of Minnesota, and not just a group of out-of-state investors.

"As far as regulation, tribal casinos are infinitely more regulated than Minnesota's racetrack industry or the state lottery. Congress made tribes the primary regulators of their own gaming operations, but they are also regulated by Congress, the Department of the Interior, the National Indian Gaming Commission and the State of Minnesota under the compacts.

"The claim that slots at the track will create "thousands of new jobs" across the state is patently false. In fact, the opposite is true. Slots at Running Aces or Canterbury will merely shift jobs from rural Minnesota to the metro area.

"A racino at Running Aces Harness track, for example, could cut revenues at Mille Lacs Band facilities up to 40 percent, potentially leading to the loss of as many as 1200 jobs in rural Minnesota. A track at Canterbury Park would force Mystic Lake to lay off at least 30 percent of its workforce, possibly more. Even if every laid off employee were hired by the track, we're still looking at no net job gain for Minnesota.

"In addition to cutting jobs, tribal casinos affected by racino competition also would be forced to reduce their spending on goods and services, costing Minnesota tribal vendors as much as \$200 million a year.

"It's unfortunate that racino proponents are not giving Minnesotans the full story. Racinos will not solve our budget problems, create new jobs or generate new economic activity. They'll only shift jobs and divert income from rural Minnesota to the metro area. That's not a jackpot. It's a hijacking."

## New VA Office Continued From Page 5

ment Relations became apparent once multiple VA officials spent a week in Alaska last summer as part of a planned trip.

The trip was designed to demonstrate to the officials the hardships faced by many of these tribal veterans. The trip proved to be an eye opener, the needs evident, and the new office will strive to meet these needs.

If you are a disabled veteran who has been denied disability compensation or have not yet applied for benefits from the VA, contact LaVan & Neidenberg. You may be entitled to certain programs and benefits so contact our veterans disability rights firm today.

### Attention Residents

The Leech Lake Health Division Office of Emergency Preparedness is respectfully requesting residents clear the snow from your blue numbers posted in front of your residence so that Ambulance, Police and Fire can locate your residence in case of an emergency. Please be sure the blue numbers are visible from the roadway, in an emergency seconds count.

Thank You  
Tonya Losh  
Emergency Preparedness  
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New Housing Unit near Ball Club, MN

## Housing News

With fifteen new houses and a new community center under construction in District I Leech Lake's Housing division's work seems to be ceaseless. There are seven units going up by East Ball Club Lake, three units in the Otenegean area, three units in Inger, and two units in the 'S' Lake community.

Additionally, there is a 56' X 70' complex going up in Inger that will serve as the new community center (picture below). Programs like the Elderly Nutrition Program will be able to operate out of the new facility as well as a host of other programs/services as the new building's infrastructure opens the doors to expand decentralization of services and is accomplishing bringing programs and services to the rural communities.



## Thank You

I would like to Thank all the District II residents who visited the Bena Community Center on December 17th and 18th. I enjoyed visiting with the residents and their families. You shared many interesting ideas, questions and stories with me. Visiting with the people and their families made the holidays even more enjoyable. I appreciate everyone who stopped in to share a meal, visit and sign up for our drawing. I hope everyone's holidays were Merry and wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year!!

Nikki Boswell, Sugar Point

Drawing winner 32" Flat Screen TV

A big thank you to Henrietta Finn and all the Bena area Elders for assisting with the drawing.

## Oberstar Tribute Dinner



Chairman LaRose (Left) with Former U.S. Congressman Jim Oberstar (Right), the longest serving member of Congress. Oberstar was presented with a plaque (below) and a drum ceremony provided by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe members.



*In appreciation of  
Congressman Jim Oberstar  
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### Looking for photos and stories....

The LL Child Welfare Department is developing a booklet that will be used as a resource to parents on raising healthy Anishinaabe children through the Seven Traditional Teachings.

We are in search of photos that display life on the reservation through pictures of:

- children with elders or parents
- children and families engaged in traditional activities & teachings
- other positive tribal ways of living

We are also in search of stories that demonstrate how families use the Seven Traditional Teachings and have a survey available to help us collect that information.


*A \$10.00 gift card will be given, as well as full acknowledgement, of all photos and stories that are selected for use in this booklet.*

If you would like to complete our survey, or have photos you'd like to share, please contact Tana at 335-4435 by February 25, 2011.

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## Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

### For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

#### Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

#### *Historical Accounting Class Members*

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

#### *Trust Administration Class Members*

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

#### What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

#### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

#### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

**For more Information:**

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# green TEAM GROWS

By Chris Haugene

After several months of meetings and briefings, all of which are focused toward maximizing the infrastructure and resources of the Leech Lake Band, the Leech Lake Green Team has made several strides with educating and enacting a more environmentally conscious work environment here at Leech Lake. A resolution crafted by the Green Team was passed by the RBC to ban styrofoam, the Team has received rebate monies for changing the lighting at the facility center, and have also received a grant to initiate composting efforts.

Recently, before a meeting at the Che We shopping complex, a walk through the building with Air Quality Specialist Brandy Toft and Ken Johnson, Energy Management Representative, from Otter Tail Power exposed several ways in which components of the structure could be changed to enhance energy efficiency.

This was the fifth meeting in two weeks regarding the Che We shopping complex where the Green Team and the Planning Department met with organizations and entities that could aid in the effort to maximize resources and curb costs around Leech Lake and specifically at Che We. Everything from the HVAC, lighting, more efficient doors, product coolers, insulation, and light sensors were pointed to as just the "beginning" of what could be done to the building to make it not only more environmentally friendly, but could help save the Band thousands of dollars in heating and electricity costs now and into the future.

Two grants to initiate composting efforts and education are in the process stages of being awarded to the Green Team. Participating entities within LLBO are the Tribal College, The Palace Casino, Division of Resource Management, Solid Waste and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school. Composting efforts will culminate in tens of thousands of dollars saved in tipping fees (fees that the Solid Waste department or the department where garbage is generated pays to dispose garbage) and will also result in saving approximately 62 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.



Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
**NUTRITION EXPO**

March 23, 2011  
11:00AM to 2:00PM

Leech Lake Tribal College  
Benny Tonce Room 204

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