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The Leech Lake Tribal Council in session at the January 13th, 2011 Quarterly Meeting.

## NOTICE

# Special Recall Election

**Polls Open:  
Feb 8th, 2011  
8:00 AM - 8:00PM**

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## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council sets date for Bongo Recall Election

By: Molly Miron, Bemidji Pioneer

Before a standing-room-only crowd at the Palace Casino Bingo Hall, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council voted 4-1 Wednesday morning to hold a recall election for Band members to decide whether Secretary-Treasurer Michael Bongo should be retained or removed from his position.

Following petitioners' reading of the charges against Bongo and Bongo's responses to the charges, the Tribal Council, also known as the Reservation Business Committee, met in a 10-minute closed session to choose the next step in the process. Chairman Arthur "Archie" LaRose said the options were removal, which would need four out of five council members voting yes; a recall election, which would require three out of five voting yes; or dismissal of the charges, which would also require three out of five yes votes.

LaRose, District I Representative Robbie Howe, District II Representative Steve White and District III Representative Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird voiced the roll call votes in favor of a recall election. Bongo voted against the measure.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution requires the recall vote to be taken within 30 days. Because elections are tradition-  
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ally held on Tuesdays, the Tribal Council set Feb. 8 as recall election day. Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in all Leech Lake Band voting precincts. The ballot language will be a yes or no vote to the question: Should Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. Bongo be removed?

### Charges

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 Moon-dance 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.

The petition charges Bongo with malfeasance in the handling of tribal affairs; dereliction or neglect of duty; refusal to comply with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution; and violations of the bylaws of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee. The preamble of the petition reads: "We, the petitioners, charge that Secretary-Treasurer Michael J. Bongo did in a conspiratorial, fraudulent and secretive manner unilaterally execute a \$2.4 million loan and cause misappropriation and disbursement of \$2.4 million dollars of Band funds."

Bruce Baird, Wally Storbakken and Douglas Roberts represented the petitioners. Baird made clear that the hearing was not a trial, but part of the process for the Tribal Council to decide whether to take further action.

"Did you act as charged?" Baird asked Bongo. "Did you perform the act of removing \$2.4 million ... from the reservation to a law firm in Bemidji to develop a loan for Mr. Bieloh?"

Bongo's attorney, Leif Rasmussen of the Twin Cities, told the petitioners that his client should have the opportunity to respond. However, Baird told Rasmussen that because he was not registered with the Leech Lake Tribal Court, the attorney had no right to speak on an internal tribal matter. LaRose asked Bongo to respond to the petitioners and call witnesses if he chose.

Bongo responded that he thought he was acting on a resolution from the Tribal Council meetings of Sept. 9 and Sept. 14 to invest the money. The funds, partial payment from Enbridge Energy for pipeline right-of-way on tribal land, was collecting less than 1 percent interest in the bank, and the agreement with the Bielohs would have returned 8 percent, he said.

"I was only doing what I thought was in the best interest of the Band," Bongo said. "I looked at it as a good investment. Were mistakes made? Sure there were in the way we went about it. It happens. What can I say? My heart was in the right place. I did not benefit one penny from this."

Besides being a good financial deal, Bongo said the loan generated goodwill in the community. Bongo said all the Tribal Council members and Leech Lake Band staff have violated policies and procedures, so the petition was an example of a double standard being used against him. However, LaRose told Bongo to stick to the subject of the hearing and answer the charges.

"Do you have any witnesses – I'll ask you one more time," LaRose said. But Bongo called no witnesses.

### Evidence

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." Members of the audience Wednesday expressed in angry outbursts that Bongo should be relieved of his duties or put on administrative leave. Storbakken said Band members "want to keep a checkbook away from that man for the next 30 days."

The business of arranging the recall election – hiring Automated Election Services and appointing an election board – were the final acts of the special Tribal Council meeting before adjournment and applause from the audience.

"It's up to the Band members to decide Mike's fate," LaRose said. "The outcome of the recall election will be final."

### **District I Local Indian Council Meetings**

**Ball Club** Local Indian Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Ball Club Soaring Eagle Community Center.

**Deer River** Local Indian Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, location TBA.

**Duluth** Local Indian Council meets on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm in the Grant Recreation Center.

**Inger** Local Indian Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Inger Community Center.

**S. Lake** Local Indian Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the S. Lake Community Center.

**Winnie Dam** Local Indian Council meets on the first Thursday at 7:00 pm in the George Johnson Memorial Building.

Local Indian Council meetings are open to the public community members are encouraged to attend.



## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Arthur "Archie" LaRose, Chairman  
Michael J. Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer

District I Representative  
Robbie M. Howe--Bebeau

District II Representative  
Steve White

District III Representative  
Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

A Recall Election for Michael J. Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer of the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council, will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. The election will determine if Michael J. Bongo should remain in office for the rest of his term or if he should be removed from office.

**ELECTION DATE:** February 8, 2011

**POLLING PLACES:**

**DISTRICT I:** Inger – Community Center  
Ball Club – Community Center  
S. Lake – Community Center

**DISTRICT II:** Bena – Community Center  
Sugar Point – Community Center  
Smokey Point/Kego Lake - Community Center

**DISTRICT III:** Cass Lake – Old Tribal Office  
Mission – Community Center  
Onigum – Community Center  
Cass River – Community Center  
Oak Point – Community Center

**\* GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD**

Che-We Complex  
115 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

**\*\*\*ABSENTEE VOTING\*\*\***

**LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES VOTING PRECINCT**

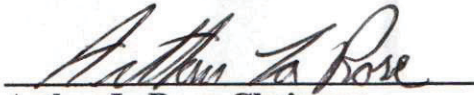
Minneapolis American Indian Center 1530 E. Franklin

**POLLS OPEN:** 8:00 a.m.

**POLLS CLOSE:** 8:00 p.m.

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance #10 revised 12/08/09, which states the voting requirements.

Date: 1/13/11

  
Arthur LaRose, Chairman

115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E \* Cass Lake MN 56633  
(218) 335-8200 \* Fax (218) 335-8309

The Following is an excerpt from Election Ordinance #10 revised 12/08/09, which states the voting requirements.

### Section 6. Voter Eligibility

#### Judging Qualifications

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by formal action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

#### Eligibility to Vote: Generally

Eligible Voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters will be entitled to vote by secret ballot on Election Day. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

#### Eligibility to Vote: Absentee

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Chapter II, Section 2.B of this Ordinance. To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for thirty (30) consecutive days.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR  
FOR RECALL OF SECRETARY/TREASURER  
FOR LEECH LAKE RESERVATION 2011

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| January 12:  | Recall approved by Leech Lake Tribal Council                             |
| January 13:  | Notice of Regular Election   |
| January 18:  | Provided Recall Election ballots   |
| February 8:  | Recall Election  |
| February 9:  | Recall Election Board certifies results of Election.                     |
| February 10:   | Recall Election Board publishes Election results.                        |
| February 11:   | 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for Request for Recount.                            |
| February 15:   | 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest.                              |
| February 16 (or 15, 14, If request for Recount is filed before deadline) | Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.      |
| February 25, (or ten days from Notice of Contest, whichever is sooner):  | Deadline Decision on Contest   |
| February 28:   | Deadline for appeal to Tribal Court of Election Appeals.                 |
| March 3:   | Record of contest forwarded to Tribal Court of Election Appeals.         |
| March 7:   | Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal). |
| Ten days from Hearing on Appeal:   | Deadline for decision of the Tribal Court of Elections Appeal.           |
| Day following Decision of Appeal:  | Recall Election Final  |

**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 Tuesday, January 18, 2011 for absentee voting.**

Please contact the Election Board with any addition question you may have, they maybe reached at the following numbers; (218) 335-7222, (218) 335-7221, (218) 335-7223.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE**  
**Summary of Job Openings**

**Closing January 21st, 2010**

*MIS:*  
Networking Engineer • Job Code: 11-010

*Education Division:*  
Maintenance/HVAC Technician • Ball Club • \$11.00/hr • Job Code: 11-009  
Preschool Teachers Assistant • 8.40/hr • Job Code: 11-008  
Floater/Infant Toddler (0-3) Teacher • Ball Club • Job Code: 11-007  
2FT Infant/Toddler (0-3) Teacher • Ball Club • Job Code: 11-006

**Closing January 28th, 2010**

*Human Services Division:*  
Case Manager, OTP • Job Code: 11-012  
Licensed Practical Nurse • Job Code: 11-011  
PT/On-Call Security Guard • 10.75/hr • Job Code: 10-150

*Administration Division:*  
3 FT Transit Vehicle Operators • Job Code: 11-016  
Transit Administrative Assistant • Job Code: 11-015

*Education Division:*  
SPF-SIG Program Manager • Job Code: 11-014  
2 FT PreSchool Teacher • 8.40/hr • Job Code: 11-013

**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.

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman's Second Quarter Report

*Quarterly Meeting January 13th, 2011*

*Leech Lake Reservation*

Boozhoo & Good Morning,

I, along with the rest of the council am very pleased to welcome you all here today. I want to thank everyone for being here, and especially the ones who have traveled here to be with us.

Yesterday we dealt with a hard issue regarding a recall and the council has put that matter into the hands of the Band members to decide by referendum vote. We all want Leech Lake to be a progressive tribal government. That requires open and honest government. In regard to this I need to report to the people when we have serious violations of policy or band law. This is also why we need to continue to do a Nation Building Strategy.



**Chairman LaRose**

We have the High Voltage Power line issue. This project is seeking a power line route across the reservation that follows the Enbridge pipeline along highway 2. The utility companies are trying to move forward but we have a number of issues that we need to resolve before we can decide to any agreement. There was a forced vote but most of the council did not feel we had all the information to make an informed decision. That agreement is being reviewed and I will keep the people informed on this issue as it moves forward.

We are continually building upon our working relationships with the Red Lake and White Earth Bands, and we are still part of the Northern MN Reservation Economic Development Commission. Additionally the three bands are collaborating to identify how we can effectively work on economic develop that will benefit all of us. We are currently working together to address the housing shortages on the three reservations.

As I mentioned in my last report, we made our Health Care Demonstration Project a priority for the staff of Leech Lake. This is to get a new Indian Hospital built. We are moving forward with the initial planning stages of this project, and we recently held our first informational meeting, and plan to hold future meetings in the three districts as well. I would like to note that Leech Lake is one of only five demonstration tribes in the nation listed in the 2009 Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization & Extension Act. This means we will have an opportunity to develop our health care services plan for our reservation and it may be used as a model for tribal health care centers nationwide.

The Tribal Council has placed a high priority on the development of the tribal workforce. We have instructed the Tribal Administration to begin developing a Education Workforce development plan. our HR department is currently compiling demographic information pertaining to our workforce. And we will be very aggressive in going after funding to improve and meet our education and training needs. We have to also prioritize our financial resources so that we can make sure education funding is available.

On January 19-20, 2011 we will be holding along with Red Lake and White Earth an Education Summit in Red Lake. A good education is critical for all our people and therefore we need good facilities and programs including at our tribal college. Therefore we will continue to lobby for funding for a new high school at the Bugonaygeshig school.

On January 11, 2011 there was a meeting of tribal council and administrative personal with the pipe trades association representatives to explore vocational training opportunities for band membership and TEP's efforts are components of this strategy. of the pipe trades association. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss future training opportunities for our membership such as; welding, HVAC, plumbing, sprinkler fitting, etc.

The Leech Lake Temporary Employment Program (TEP) has been working closely with the administration to implement computer training programs in the outlying communities of the reservation. They have received funding to place a computer lab in each of our three districts. TEP will be working with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Opportunity to deliver customized computer trainings.

The administration has been working with the University of Minnesota's Extension Programs on an Economic Impact Analysis of our gaming operation's local spending. MN Extension will present the final report to the Tribal Council Tuesday January 25, 2011.

We continue to develop our Reservation Wide Emergency Response Plan. This involves Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA training and certification that makes us eligible for federal funding and puts our emergency response teams and law enforcement on equal footing with the state and counties regarding emergency response.

I hope most everyone was able to get their Tax Rebate check in a timely manner. With the size of our enrolled membership it is not always easy to reach everyone with the resources or services we provide, which is why we decided to provide the tax rebate to the membership. It is not a ton of money but during the holidays it helps.

On behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe we would like to say miigwech to all of the employees, we know how hard you work for the people of Leech Lake, and for that we are thankful. Also I say miigwech to our band membership for being patient and continuing to remain optimistic about the direction of leadership we are trying to provide for the band. Regardless of the issues that sidetrack us from positive change we will always do what is in the best interests of the band.

With that I would like to thank you for giving me this time and that my door is always open to the good people of Leech Lake.

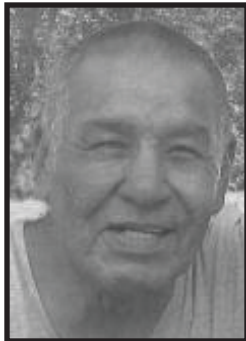
Miigwech

Arthur "Archie" LaRose

# Obituaries

## DARRELL DEAN CHARWOOD

Darrell Dean Charwood "Bay bomb aush" – (high soaring eagle), 67, of Walker Minnesota passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at St. Josephs Area Health Services in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Darrell was born in Squaw Lake, Minnesota to Robert and Louise (Bellenger) Charwood.



He grew up and attended school in Squaw Lake and Blackduck, and also attended a technical college in California. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent two years stationed in Anchorage, Alaska prior to a move back to Squaw Lake where he worked in the woods. Since Darrell's move to the Walker area in 1988 he has worked a variety of jobs, including working for the Leech Lake Housing Authority in Cass Lake, the Walker building Center, Northern Lights Casino, and Acorn Hill Resort. He was also a volunteer fireman for Squaw Lake and Walker Fire Departments, totaling 17 years of service.

Darrell enjoyed life and he enjoyed people. He was a hard worker, had a great sense of humor, and always made people laugh. When he wasn't working, Darrell

liked to spend time hunting, ice fishing, playing Keno at the Casino, and got special enjoyment out of being a prankster. Darrell will be remembered as a terrific Dad, and was affectionately called "Grandpa" by many. He lived life with a twinkle in his eye and will be sorely missed by his family and many friends. Darrell is survived by his wife Connie, children; Carolyn Gomez, Darrel (Jan) Charwood, Michael Charwood, step-children; Michael Imel, Matthew Imel, Michelle Offill, eight grandsons, three granddaughters, sisters; Arlene (Jake) Sweedman, Muriel (Carl) Crawford, Marilyn Royibal, brother, Robert Charwood, Darrell's "special family" – Mary LaDeaux, Tony LaDeaux, Antoinette Wright, Jeanette Ellis, Claudette LaDeaux and Jennifer Hager, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, children; Stephen Paul Charwood, Ramona Rae Charwood, and sister Adrienne Hanson.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 17, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the Onigum Community Center. The wake will begin Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. at the Onigum Community Center and run until time of service. Interment will be in Old Agency Catholic Cemetery, Old Agency. Military Honors will be provided by the Leech Lake Honor Guard.

Pallbearers are Bruce Miller, Bill Golmbeck, Mark Stock, Jason Henkle, Jim Michaud, Louie Ringdahl, Honorary Pallbearers are; Chad Kettlehut, Richard Breda, Douglas Fure, Paul Agulara, Alan Prescott, Adrian Brady.

## TRISTIAN JAMES AND CARTER DEAN FAIRBANKS

Tristian James and Carter Dear Fairbanks, conjoined twins of Geraldine Fairbanks of Cass Lake were born and died Friday, January 7, 2011 at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral Services will be 11 am Friday January 14, 2011 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake with Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake will begin at 3 pm Thursday and will continue until the time of service on Friday. Interment will be at the Calvary Cemetery in White Earth, MN in the spring under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

They are survived by their mother: Geraldine Fairbanks, Grandparents: James and Iris Fairbanks, Uncles: Jason Lyons and Julian Charnoski, Special uncle: Douglas Fox and John Birdsbill, Aunts: Irie Lyons, Nikole and Juanita (Julian) Fairbanks, Cousins: Caitlyn, Micheala, Kori, Lexi and Cassie Charnoski Lyons, Keith, Guy, Andrew, Luke and Bernadette Mountain Dillion Whitefeather, Anthony Antell, Sarah, Jayme, Teddy, Jason, Jaydon and Dominic Lyons and extended family and friends

Honorary Casketbearers will be the Juanita Yanez family, Carol Blue family, Bridgette & Sharon Lussier, Brittany Blackbear, Jona Feather, Dennis and Kevin Robertson. Active Casketbearers will be Anthony Antell, Neil LaDuke, Douglas Fox and Julian Charnoski.

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

## MERANDA LYNN FINEDAY

Meranda "Mandy" Lynn Fineday, 28, of Pennington (Cass River), MN passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2010 in Boy Lake, MN. She was born on April 9, 1982 in Cass Lake to Myron Lee Fineday and Priscilla (Desjarlais) IronHawk.



Meranda enjoyed spending time with her family, her children and her many friends. She loved scrap booking and learning how to do birch bark work which she was very creative at. She would spend much of her time singing to her kids. She will be sadly missed by so many.

She was preceded in death by an infant baby Halee, grandpa James Fineday, grandma Shirley Greene and grandpa Peltier, and great grand parents Agnes and Warren Greene.

Meranda is survived by her husband; Eric Grigsby, children; Brooklyn, Jaylen, Elwood, Lucas and Desiree, parents; Myron of Pennington and Priscilla of Bemidji, brother; Brandin and sisters Ashley and Candice Sampson, special sister; Darlene, adopted mother; Karyn, grandparents; Delores Fineday of Pennington, Violet Fournier of Ft. Totten, ND, Orrin and Jan Greene of Oberon, ND, special sisters Darlene Wind and Samantha Talioferro, Jess Grey, Sarah Jaspers, Sharon White,

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Jess Jenkins and Rose Rognstad, aunts, uncles, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Brandin and David James Fineday, Lowell and Bobby Fisher, Herschel Ogema, Jr. and Matt Bryan. Alternates will be Frank and Ron Sam, and Tony Kinchen. Interment will be held at the Fineday Cemetery in Cass River, MN.

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

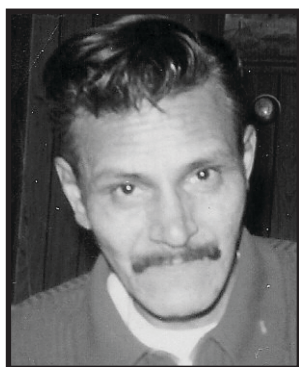
## MELVIN "MEL" GOGGLEYE

Melvin "Mel" Goggleye, 61, of Gulfport, Mississippi passed away Sunday, January 2nd, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and foster mother. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Kathy Goggleye; children, Tim Goggleye, Todd Goggleye (Megan), Tamara Goggleye, Amber Hernandez (Antonio), and Jonathan Goggleye (Amber Staten); grandchildren, Antonio, Aden, Sadie, and Rayna; plus many brothers and sisters.

Mel retired from Amtrak after 25 years of service in Minneapolis/St. Paul area. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and son. He spent his time with his grandchildren and volunteering at the church.

## WILBUR "BILL" OAKLAND

Wilbur "Bill" Oakland, 78, of Bemidji died Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji.



Interment will be at the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born Lloyd Applebee, on February 25, 1932, in Onigum, MN, the son of Fred and Pauline (Bonga) Applebee. Around the age of 1 his mother passed away, his father already had six children

to care for, and the baby was adopted and renamed by Jesse and Hilda Oakland of Bemidji. He was raised and educated in Bemidji. He attended two years, and graduated from the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, SD. He entered the US Navy in 1951, and served on the USS Tarawa during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1955. He worked for the US Government in the Bureau of Indian Affairs for some time. He moved to Washington, where he worked for Boeing Aircraft. He was married, and had a daughter. He met Ramona Thayer and later married her in Sisseton, South Dakota on May 5, 1975. They lived in Cloquet, Minneapolis, and eventually moved to Bemidji in 1978. He worked as a personal care attendant for his wife until she passed away on January 18, 1996. He enjoyed playing bingo, watching scary movies, collecting matchbox cars, and playing the harmonica.

He is survived by: Daughter, Shana Wagner of Washington, Sister, Bertha Applebee Lightfoot of Belen, NM, Step-Children, Cindy Thayer of Bemidji, Sandra Gale of Bemidji, Wendy Broker of Bemidji, Richard (Peggy) Thayer of Bemidji, Lonnie (Bernie) Schlangen of St. Cloud, Terry Lynn Tetzloff of Minneapolis, MN, 15 Grandchildren, and 26 Great-Grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, adoptive parents, wife, brothers Ernest Applebee, Elmer Applebee, sisters, Elizabeth Yockum, and June Smith.

Active Casketbearers will be Daniel Thayer, Evan Broker Thayer, Steven Lusso, Randal Smith, Jordan Thayer, and Timothy Budreau.

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

## WILLIAM "BILL" JOHN WILKE THOMPSON

William "Bill" John Wilke Thompson, 28, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 as a result of a car accident. He was born on January 30, 1982 to John Wilke



and Marilyn Thompson in Minneapolis, MN.

Bill enjoyed torturing his nieces and nephews, gambling at the casinos, staying up late watching movies with his mother, he enjoyed hunting with his dad. He also enjoyed singing "Bad to the bone" to his Godfather for a dollar.

He is survived by his loving parents Marilyn Thompson and John H. Wilke, companion; Ida Beaulieu, sisters; Georgie, Susan, Rhonda, Elizabeth, Jackie, Karla and Shelly, two stepsisters; Wynona Day and Lorraine Hulett. One brother Jason Wilke, four children; William Thompson, Jr. Deja Herrera-Rincon, Dametrius Beaulieu and Kellyian Matthews, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his aunts Eliza, and Cheryl, grandmother Sylvia Thompson Leith, grandfather Jack Wilke, brother-in-law Bernard Sanders, Sr., great uncle Truman "Gus" Paquette, father-in-law Kenneth Beaulieu, Sr.

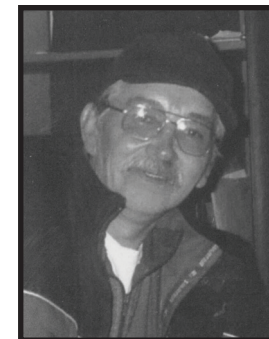
A wake service will begin at 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 27, 2010 at the Facility Center in Cass Lake, and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Wednesday, December 29, also at the Facility Center in Cass Lake. Services by minister David "Bubba" Yates, pallbearers for Bill will be David Graves, Paul Phonseya, Kenneth Beaulieu, Jr., Ronald Hulett, Sr., Beto Luna, Duan Carmona, Donald Armstrong, Jr. and Keith Carmona. Honorary pallbearers will be his Godfather Noel Thompson, Sr., Travis Raisch, Talon Bedeau, Cheves Wind, Raymond Poole, Jason Dunn, Samuel Staples III, Isaac P. Raisch, Sr. and Richard Larson. Interment will be held at the Thompsonville Cemetery in Cass Lake 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)

## 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 Lowell 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.

A wake service for Darrell will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Monday, January 17, also held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Officiating will be Rev. John S. Rock. 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)

## Supplemental Report from David Lillehaug

December 9, 2010

VIA EMAIL

Chairman Arthur "Archie" LaRose  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6th Street, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 55663

Secretary/Treasurer Michael Bongo  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6th Street, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 55663

District I Representative Robbie Howe  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6th Street, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 55663

District II Representative Steve White  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6th Street, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 55663

District III Representative Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
115 6th Street, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 55663

Dear Members of the Tribal Council:

We have reviewed the Open Letter to Leech Lake Band Members by Secretary-Treasurer Michael Bongo regarding our Report dated November 2, 2010. We write because the Open Letter contains numerous false statements. Please consider this letter a supplement to the Report.

Statement: Had the Moondance Jam loan not been made, the Band would have received "approximately \$19,000 in interest that it would have earned sitting in the Cass Lake Bank."

Facts: As discussed in the Report, the record is clear that the Tribal Council did not intend to have the money from Enbridge "sitting in a Cass Lake Bank." To achieve a higher rate of return, the Tribal Council passed a resolution to invest the money through a professional firm. The Moondance Jam loan reduced by \$2.4 million the amount available for such investment. Further, Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's circumvention of the Band's representative governance process has delayed the professional investment process that the Tribal Council contemplated.

Statement: "Additionally this investment [the Moondance Jam loan] is well collateralized [sic] and secured by over 200 acres of choice real-estate was [sic] and further secured with a 1 million dollar keyman life insurance policy."

Facts: As noted in the Report, it is unclear whether the \$2.4 million Moondance Jam loan is adequately collateralized. The total assessed value of the real

property is \$1,736,300. Further, as discussed in the Report, the key man life insurance policy in place is for \$500,000, not \$1 million as claimed by Secretary-Treasurer Bongo.

Statement: "David Lillyhaug [sic] clearly states on the cover page of the report that this is just his opinion."

Facts: The report states no such thing. All conclusions and recommendations in the report are based on substantial factual investigation; they are not "just opinion." Evidently Secretary-Treasurer Bongo does not understand the meaning of the statement on the first page of the report: "Because it [the Report] discusses potential litigation, it also constitutes opinion work product." "Opinion work product" is a legal term of art meaning a document prepared by attorneys that is not discoverable in litigation.

Statement: "David Lillyhaug [sic] arrived at the conclusions that he was paid to arrive at and he was paid very handsomely to the tune of approximately \$775 per hour."

Facts: Before agreeing to represent the Band, we obtained from the Tribal Council an agreement that our investigation would be independent and that the conclusions in our Report would be based on thorough and diligent factual investigation. We made clear that we would not participate in any process in which anyone expected pre-determined conclusions. In each of our two interviews, we advised Secretary-Treasurer Bongo of this understanding, and he said he understood.

Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's assertion that my firm is paid approximately \$775 per hour for my time is false. As is typical, our legal work was done on an hourly basis. We gave the Band a 10% discount from our regular hourly rates. My regular hourly rate is \$475 per hour, not \$775. Had we not undertaken the investigation for the Band at the discounted rate, our time would have been spent performing legal work for others at our full hourly rates. Our work is complete and has been invoiced. The total is approximately \$72,000. We understand that Secretary-Treasurer Bongo has claimed elsewhere that we will bill the Band approximately \$200,000. Any such statement is false.

Statement: "I have requested a copy of David Lillyhaug's [sic] bill which he has refused to provide me or any other Council member to my knowledge, yet he has no problem providing his bill to Archie LaRose."

Facts: When we were retained, the Tribal Council directed us to send our invoices to Chairman LaRose and Controller Jones. There was no direction to provide copies to Secretary-Treasurer Bongo, whose actions were one of the subjects of the investigation.

Secretary-Treasurer Bongo did not request copies until after the Report was issued. In response, we advised that we would furnish him and any other Tribal Council member with copies upon direction from the Tribal Council. His assistant replied that Bongo would obtain such direction. Yet we have received no such direction. The email exchanges on this subject between our firm and Secretary-Treasurer Bongo were copied to the entire Tribal Council.

Statement: "David Lillyhaug [sic] and Archie LaRose have a long standing relationship going back several years through Bill Lawrence and the Native Press."

**Supplemental Report Cont. Page 15**



## Letter from the Secretary Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Leech Lake Band Members:

I would like to start by thanking all of our Leech Lake Band members who have offered me words of encouragement and support and told me to



**Sec/Treas. Bongo**

keep fighting the good fight, especially the many, many elders. Your words of encouragement and support are sincerely appreciated and it helps remind me why I got involved in this world we know as tribal politics.

Sadly I wish I had better news to report to you with respect to the current state of our Band, but unfortunately I do not. Since September of this past fall the Leech Lake Reservation has been stagnant and even more sadly we seem to have even gone backwards. The primary reason for our lack of progress is of course the politicizing of the Moondance Jam investment based upon the opinion of David Lillyhaug.

I am putting my case before you the good people of Leech Lake.

For this, I must apologize to all of our Band members however sometimes trying to do the right thing for the reservation is hard. I continue to maintain that the Moondance Jam Investment was, is and will prove to be a very, very good investment for the Band and as Secretary Treasurer I was only doing my job by ensuring that the Band received maximum return on our assets. In signing the wire transfer and investment agreement.

You have heard me suggest over the past 2-1/2 years that Leech Lake reservation is a sleeping economic giant

in our region. Seldom in the recent past have we (LLBO) ever been in a financial situation where we have the resources and ability to LEND money for profit, rather than always being the borrower and debtor. Because of several recent financial developments, (Enbridge, etc.) the Band has received millions of dollars in one time revenue. It is the government's duty and responsibility and primarily me as the Secretary/Treasurer to protect, advance, and strengthen those resources whenever possible. We have received an estimated \$8M of the Enbridge funds, that was transferred to our Western Bank accounts in Cass Lake, unfortunately these funds are receiving less than 1 percent interest. Again I must say to anyone who has ever invested funds, this is crazy.

In addition we are now not even listening to the experts we are paying to advise us I point toward the Zenas Baer recommendations of December 15, 2010: "My recommendation would be that the Band complete the necessary forms to obtain payoff of the \$500,000 life insurance policy on William Bieloh's life. This would reduce your outstanding indebtedness by \$445,000, \$55,759.00 in interest to the Band thru December 31, 2010. The amount of the outstanding indebtedness secured by the real property then would be just slightly of 1.9 Million. Cass County estimates market values for the properties under mortgage at 2.745 Million."

So this investment has already netted the Band a profit of \$55,759.00 in just three months. This is more than the Band would have earned by just leaving the money in the Western Bank of Cass Lake for the entire seven year period of the investment agreement.

All of that said and done the question that you the good people of Leech Lake must answer at the end of the day

is, who do you believe is best qualified to lead the Leech Lake Reservation forward?

As your Secretary Treasurer I have been open and honest and have provided our Band members with more information about the Band and our finances than any other Secretary Treasurer in modern history.

While I have been cast as the villain in this ongoing saga, let me explain the double standard that is taking place. My mistake, if I have made one, is believing that we could be progressive and move forward and do what was in the best financial interest of the Leech Lake Reservation. I would remind you that Leech Lake has a one time opportunity to develop a reserve fund that is critical to the Band's future health and well being.

This would be a step towards progress, while still retaining our initial investment capitol in reserve and earning/working for us constantly.

After the recent election six months ago my focus was and continues to be the lobbying of congress for a new Bug-O-Nay-Gee-Shig High School, funding for a new hospital, a new elderly assisted living facility and a new government center.

The Leech Lake Reservation has now reached a cross-road in our history. As a people we must now make a decision that will have a long lasting impact on our reservation for the future.

Thank you.  
Sincerely

Michael J. Bongo  
Secretary Treasurer

## January is National Radon Action Month

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers.



Radon is a decay product of uranium and occurs naturally in soil and rock. You can't see or smell radon because it is a colorless, odorless gas. Radon can be a problem in all types of homes including old homes, new homes, drafty homes, insulated homes, homes with basements and homes without basements.

On average 1 in 3 homes in Minnesota have high radon levels. Levels tested on Leech Lake have ranged from 1 to 44 pCi/L, the action level is currently 4. Testing your home is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high. EPA's most recent health risk assessment estimates that about 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year are due to radon. Testing for and measurement of this dangerous gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive and effective. If elevated radon levels are detected in the home there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce the concentrations to acceptable levels. Protect your family. Test your home. If you haven't tested your home, do it now during National Radon Action Month.

Tests are simple to use and free of charge for analysis and shipping. If you have further questions about Radon, please call Brandy Toft or Sydney Harper at the DRM 218-335-7429/ 218-335-7441 or call the National Radon Information Line at: 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236). The Leech Lake Air Program has radon kits available for testing free of charge.

**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 January 2010.

| <u>APPEARANCE DATE:</u> | <u>February 01, 2011, at 2:00 PM</u> |   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Defendant               | Case No.                             | Charge and Date   |
| Rhonda F. Bunker        | TR-10-090                            | Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner<br>Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner<br>No Driver's License<br>Occurring On: 06/09/2010          |
| Lowell R. Fisher        | TR-10-069                            | Driving After Revocation<br>Failure to Show Proof of Insurance<br>Occurring On: 05/29/2010                                    |
| Dana M. Jackson         | TR-10-159                            | Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device<br>Occurring On: 10/13/2010   |
| Nena L. Lovelace        | TR-10-145                            | Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Control Light<br>Failure to Show Proof of Insurance<br>Occurring On: 09/09/2010     |
| Richard R. Norton       | TR-10-038                            | Speeding in Excess of 10 MPH Over the Limit<br>Driving Contrary to Restrictions/License or Permit<br>Occurring On: 02/28/2010 |
| Ronald J. Staples       | TR-10-137                            | Depositing Non-Hazardous Material on Roadway<br>Occurring On: 08/24/2010  |
| Cheryl A. Whitebird     | TR-10-144                            | Failure to Use a Seat Belt/Child Restraint Device<br>Occurring On: 09/16/2010   |

| <u>APPEARANCE DATE:</u> | <u>March 08, 2011, at 2:00 PM</u> |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Defendant               | Case No.                          | Charge and Date  |
| Destinee L. Beaudreau   | TR-10-150                         | Failure to Use a Seatbelt<br>Occurring On: 10/28/2010                                      |
| Ruth A. Bellanger       | TR-10-156                         | Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device<br>Occurring On: 10/14/2010                        |
| William G. Desjarlais   | TR-10-138                         | Depositing Non-Hazardous Material on Roadway<br>Occurring On: 09/14/2010                   |
| Jayne R. Finn           | TR-10-151                         | No Driver's License<br>Occurring On: 10/28/2010  |
| Barbara J. Haugen       | TR-10-155                         | Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device<br>No Driver's License<br>Occurring On: 10/12/2010 |
| Charles J. Headbird     | TR-10-135                         | Driving After Suspension<br>Occurring On: 08/30/2010                                       |
| Susan A. Headbird       | TR-10-162                         | Driving After Revocation<br>Occurring On: 10/22/2010                                       |

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|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| Devin M. May             | TR-10-153 | Failure to Use a Seatbelt<br>Occurring On: 10/28/2010   |
| Michael G. Robinson, Jr. | TR-10-157 | Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner<br>Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner<br>Occurring On: 10/07/2010 |
| Brandon L. White         | TR-10-152 | Failure to Use a Seatbelt<br>Occurring On: 10/28/2010   |
| Edith B. Wilson          | TR-10-106 | Driving After Suspension<br>Occurring On: 07/12/2010  |

**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 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: 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 Child of:  
Allison Rogers and any man who may claim parental rights to the child,  
M. R. J., DOB: 8/17/2009.  
Court File No. CP-09-97

**NOTICE**

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 9-16-2010, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on February 7, 2011, at 11:30 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  
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: February 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

| <u>Defendant</u>          | <u>Case No.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Donovan, Rowa John        | TR-10-02        |
| Fairbanks, Benjamin Geo.  | TR-10-30        |
| Jackson, David Joseph     | TR-10-25        |
| H.C.P. (Minor Child)      | TR-10-12        |
| Pauline Johnston (parent) |                 |
| Swan, Cynthia Cleo        | TR-08-104       |

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        |

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT  
6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
Family Division

In Re the Marriage of:  
Janice Martin Salazar,  
Petitioner,  
and  
Marco Antonio Leyba Salazar,  
Respondent.

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. FA-10-47

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the petitioner above named has filed a legal action against you, Marco Antonio Leyba Salazar, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, upper level, on or before February 25, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., a default judgment for dissolution of marriage and 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 because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: November 3, 2010.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT  
6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
Civil Division

Leech Lake Reservation Housing Authority,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Fred Boswell,  
Defendant.

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-07-04

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 5, 2007, a Summons and Complaint in Unlawful Detainer was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the property located at Leech Lake Housing Authority Unit #0096, Federal Dam, Minnesota. A Review Hearing will commence on Friday, February 25, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of eviction from the above-referenced premises.

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 resolution of this matter. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Eviction, a stay on the Writ of Restitution, and return of possession of the property to the Leech Lake Housing Authority.

DATED: December 12, 2010.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

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## Eating For A Healthy Pregnancy

By Rita Schuldt  
Dietitian, Health Division

When pregnant your baby is counting on you to eat the foods he/she needs to grow healthy and strong. You do not have to give up all your junk foods you just need to eat smart and make sure that most food choices are healthy ones.

Vitamin and minerals help give your body nutrients it needs to stay healthy and repair any damages. You can get most vitamins by eating a healthy diet that includes:

- At least 3 servings of low-fat or fat free dairy food per day.
- At least 2 – 3 servings of vegetables – including at least 1 serving of dark green or orange vegetables per day.
- At least 2 servings of fruit a day. Limit juice to 100 % fruit juice and only 1 cup per day.
- At least 3 servings of whole grain bread, cereal, or pasta.
- Choose products that are fortified with iron and folic acid
- At least 2 – 3 servings of lean meat, poultry or fish- low in mercury.
- If you do not eat meat, try similar amounts of other foods with protein, like cooked dried beans, tofu or soy, egg, nuts and cheese.

Folic Acid is needed to help prevent some birth defects of the brain and spine. Anyone who could get pregnant needs to take a multivitamin that contains 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day. During pregnancy, you need at least 600 mcg of folic acid every day. Your prenatal vitamin should have this amount. If pregnant and not on a prenatal vitamin talk to your provider about it. It is hard to get enough folic acid each day just from food so it is best to take a vitamin supplement. Foods that contain folate (the natural form of folic acid) are:

- Orange juice
- Fortified cereals, breads, pasta
- Melon
- Broccoli
- Spinach
- Asparagus
- Lentils
- Peas
- Liver
- Papaya
- Beets
- Legumes- dried beans, peas
- Turnips greens

Foods to avoid when pregnant are:

- Unpasteurized milk or juice
- Soft cheeses like feta and Brie
- Unheated deli meats and hot dogs
- Refrigerated, smoked seafood
- Undercooked poultry, meat or seafood

### ORANGE JULIUS

6 oz. frozen orange juice  
concentrate  
1 cup milk  
1 cup water  
1 tsp vanilla  
8 – 9 ice cubes

Combine all ingredients in  
blender except ice. Blend 1 – 2  
minutes, add ice cubes 1 at a  
time.

Makes 4 servings

Chyrle LaDuke - NEA  
Supplemental Nutrition  
Assistance Program



## FREE Money!

*How FAIM & an IDA Can Help You*

By: Theresa Flocken, Tribal Development

Got your Attention? The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) is a partner with the Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) program. In July 2011, FAIM anticipates that 15 slots will be open to LLBO for qualified applicants. Start planning to attend classes. Watch the LLBO website and Debahjimon for training dates.

### What are FAIM and IDAs?

The Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) Program targets the working poor and provides subsidies through matches using Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). FAIM funding is appropriated through state and federal legislation, and by contribution from both public and private funds. FAIM is part of a national initiative to promote IDAs.

An IDA is a matched savings project which helps Minnesota low-wage earners build assets, such as pursuing a higher education, purchasing of a home, or launching a small business.

FAIM helps people change spending and savings behavior. Participants are required to complete 12 hours of financial literacy classes and 10 hours of asset-specific classes, such as first time homebuyer, business development, or career development. Participants must be at

least 18 years of age, have earned income to deposit in savings, be a resident of Minnesota at time of participation in FAIM, have assets of \$10,000 or less, and the household income must be at or below 200% of poverty.

FAIM participants place up to \$40 monthly savings from their earned income into Family Asset Accounts (savings accounts), which will be matched 3-1 upon completion of asset contracts.

|                            | Monthly | First Year Total | Second Year Total |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>FAIM Accountholder</b>  | \$40    | \$480            | \$960             |
| <b>FAIM's Contribution</b> | \$120   | \$1,440          | \$2,280           |
| <b>Total Savings</b>       | \$160   | \$1,920          | \$3,840           |

Partners in offering training for this program include the Leech Lake Housing Authority, which will offer 10 hours of training for first time homebuyer classes; Tribal Development, which will offer 10 hours of business development training and 12 hours of financial literacy training, and the Leech Lake Tribal College, which will offer 10 hours of career development. Contact Pauline Johnson, (218) 335-3715, Leech Lake Housing Authority for further details.

## Sixth Annual Leech Lake Veterans Awards Banquet



Walker MN – Northern Lights Casino served as the venue for the sixth annual awards banquet for Leech Lake Veterans on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>. There were six honorees this year during the banquet that was spirited through the evening by MC Lee Turney as well as special guest speaker Joe Day.

The Honorees included:

- Alexander Howard, Blackduck High School Blackduck, MN
- Trent Buckanaga, Bemidji High School Bemidji, MN
- Nathan Anderson, Lac qui Parie Valley, Appleton, MN
- Brock Howard, Blackduck High School Blackduck, MN
- Christopher Howard, Blackduck High School Blackduck, MN
- David Tyndall, Cass Lake-Bena High School, Cass Lake, MN

American Indians have fought with distinction in the United States military for more than two hundred years. It is well recognized that Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita compared to all other ethnic groups in the United States. Our courage, determination and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

During World War II, more than 44 thousand American Indians, out of a total Native American population of 350,000, served with honor and distinction between 1941 and 1945 in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. Additionally, more than 40 thousand Indian people left their reservations to work in military ordinance depots, factories, and the war industry.

By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century there were nearly 190 thousand American Indian Veterans. Native Americans, like many US volunteers for military service, possess distinctive cultural values that drive them to serve their home-land in their proud warrior tradition.

To date, 24 American Indians are recipients of the Medal of Honor.

The Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001 Executive Committee extends a warm appreciation to all honored guests, families, and friends who attended this event.

## If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

### Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

### What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys’ fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

### What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

**Track A** – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

**Track B** – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

**USDA Loan Forgiveness** – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

### How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

### What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys’ fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

**For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**

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Facts: This statement is false. Prior to being retained by the Band, I had absolutely no relationship with Archie LaRose, much less a long-standing one. To my knowledge, the first time I met him was on September 27, 2010, when we were retained. While I was U.S. Attorney, I got to know many journalists, including Bill Lawrence. My contacts with him after 1998 were infrequent and, to my recollection, Lawrence never mentioned LaRose. Lawrence died months before we were retained by the Band. Again, Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's assertions have no factual foundation.

Statement: "David Lillyhaug [sic], [who] claims to work for the full council and the people of Leech Lake . . . has yet to ever meet with anyone outside of Archie LaRose's camp."

Facts: As the Report states, in the course of our investigation, we met with, and interviewed numerous witnesses, including each Tribal Council member, regardless of political affiliation. We met with, and interviewed, Secretary-Treasurer Bongo on two occasions. We also met with one of the Band's lobbyists who was supportive of Secretary-Treasurer Bongo.

The Report relies very little on statements from Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's political opponents. The most telling evidence consists of documents and Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's own admissions.

Statement: "For your information, David L. Lillehaug [sic], was the former Minnesota US Prosecuting Attorney that made his name fighting Indians in MN and putting some of our local former tribal officials behind bars in the

1990's."

Facts: During my time as U.S. Attorney from 1994 to 1998, the government charged and convicted leaders who had victimized the Leech Lake Band. These convictions, which were upheld on appeal, were a small percentage of the U.S. Attorney's Office's work. We respectfully disagree with Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's opinion that obtaining convictions for corruption is "fighting Indians." As the Report states, we respect the Band's status as a sovereign nation and its governance processes.

In conclusion, there is nothing in the Open Letter that refutes the facts we found or the conclusions we reached in our independent investigation. Secretary-Treasurer Bongo and the Band's Executive Director negotiated and funded a \$2.4 million loan without bringing the matter to the Tribal Council for approval. Secretary-Treasurer Bongo knowingly and intentionally concealed the loan from the Tribal Council. His actions violated Ordinance No. 1, the Band's procurement policies, and Band Resolution No. 2011-32.

Unfortunately, it is quite telling that Secretary-Treasurer Bongo's Open Letter does not deal with Ordinance No. 1, the procurement policies, and the Band resolution. Instead, he defends his actions through multiple false statements. Regrettably, the fact that Secretary-Treasurer Bongo must resort to false statements further fortifies the conclusions in the Report.

Sincerely,



David L. Lillehaug



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Closing date for accepting RFQ's has been set as January 28, 2011.

Thank you for your interest.

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