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Groundbreaking at New Recycling Center



The Leech Lake Solid Waste department first would like to thank the Department of Energy for awarding funding for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to make this endeavor possible. In addition, we would like to thank the Tribal Council for their support on improving the solid waste department, also thanks to the planning division, DRM Environmental program for their assistance, and of course the whole solid waste team.

Solid Waste's new management has worked diligently to get the program operating back under budget for the first time in over seven years, so we are proud of this accomplishment. That being said management is working tirelessly to continue to improve the program and the grant from the DOE is an excellent opportunity to accomplish many of the program goals.

Through this grant Solid Waste will have a commercial recycling building which will service Leech Lake Band Members along with non Band Members. This new building will create the capacity for a commercial business component which will generate revenues, have a sorting area for recycling which will decrease the program tipping fee costs, and protect our mother earth by sending less waste to the landfills and incinerators. Overall, this will help save energy, recover resources, preserve resources, help reduce the illegal dump sites on or around the reservation, provide educational outreach, and service our community. So we are excited and encourage everyone to join in with the Solid Waste department in protecting our mother earth and environment by doing the famous three "R's" REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE.

Chairman's Report

Quarterly Meeting April 8, 2011
Ball Club Community Center

It has been a long and cold winter and with the U.S. economy in crisis we have seen increases in gas prices, heating fuel costs and even food prices.



Chairman LaRose

Everywhere you look there is high unemployment and fear. These are tough times but for us they are not new. Like many other reservations we have and continue to experience historically high unemployment and poverty rates that exceed anything experienced in mainstream society. We are survivors and we have weathered many tough times without losing hope. We have not allowed that and social problems to destroy us, for we are and remain a strong people. Sad to say our greatest enemy has at times been ourselves because politics and greed often divide us. But these times also remind me that I have said many times that I want Leech Lake to again become an example of progressive, stable, open and honest tribal government. We have lost a lot of resources and time to bad decisions and corrupt behaviors that in many ways stalls our development as a reservation and as a people. But we will move forward and make Leech Lake a better place for all of us.

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MIGA: Hate Speech has no place in Racino Debate

MIGA's response to a recent column by Gary Larson, a "columnist" who is well known to Native Americans for his frequent racist rants and hate speech. Here's the full text of the response by John McCarthy, MIGA executive director.

It is sad to see that at least some of the support for gambling expansion comes from "old Indian fighters" whose trademark is hate speech against Native Americans.

The April 29 commentary by Gary Larson ("Indian gaming lobby and the DFL it props up prefer status quo") is a perfect example. The column is
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District III Rep. Whitebird testifies before House Subcommittee on FY12 Federal Budget

Construction of New Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School Top Priority



Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird (Left) and other Tribal Leaders from across the U.S. testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee (Right). Committee Members include: Betty McCollum-MN (Front), Tom Cole-OK (Middle), and Chairman Mike Simpson-ID (Back)

Washington D.C.- In the continued effort to secure funding for a new Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, District III Representative Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies.

The focus of the testimony was a call to increase the budget for Bureau Of Indian Education school construction and specifically to replace the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School.

“We don’t understand why the U.S. can spend billions of dollars on wars and foreign aid to Pakistan and Iraq, but can’t pay for a school for Indian kids,” -Whitebird was quoted saying in the May 4th 2011 Congressional Quarterly Budget Tracker, a publication that is read widely by Members of Congress and their staff.

President Obama submitted his fiscal year 2012 (FY’12) budget request to Congress on February 1, 2011. Using the President’s budget as a guideline, Congress is developing a spending plan for FY’12 and is moving it through the legislative process, which includes the Budget and Appropriations Commit-

tees in the House and the Senate.

The bills of greatest importance to most tribal governments are the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill (which funds tribal programs at the BIA and IHS among many other programs); the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education (Labor-HHS-Ed) bill (which funds tribal TANE, SAMHSA, and other health and education related programs); and the Commerce, Justice, and Science bill (which funds tribal programs administered by the Department of Justice).

Generally speaking, under the congressional legislative process, the House and Senate Budget Committees meet first to determine the funding allocations for each of the 12 appropriations bills that fund the federal agencies and programs. Once the funding allocations are determined, the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees conduct hearings from February through May on the programs within their jurisdiction. During these hearings, it is important for Congress to hear the priorities and needs from Indian country to guide the process.

Statement of Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird, District III Representative, Tribal Council, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Leech Lake Reservation, Minnesota

**Public Witness Hearing on Native American Issues
House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee**

May 3, 2011

My name is Ribs Whitebird, and I am a Member of the Tribal Council of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe located on the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota. Thank you, Chairman Simpson, Ranking Member Moran, and other Members of the Committee for holding this important hearing and for providing me the opportunity to testify today. The Band deeply appreciates this Subcommittee’s efforts to protect funding for critical Indian programs in furtherance of the United States’ treaty and trust responsibilities to Indian tribes and Indian people. We extend our heart-felt gratitude to you for your commitment

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE DECLARES PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Cass Lake, MN- The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Council unanimously passed a Resolution on Monday April 18, declaring a Public Health Emergency with respect to prescription medication and illegal drug abuse.

“Prescription medication is a highly addictive substance that affects all generations,” said Chairman Arthur “Archie” LaRose. “This problem needs to be addressed because addiction rates are increasing.”

A highlight of the Proclamation states: The Leech Lake Tribal Council hereby declares a Public Health Emergency on the Leech Lake Reservation as a direct result of the abuse by tribal members of prescription medication and illegal drugs and the impact these drugs have had on our reservation and on our families.

According to Leech Lake A&D Program approximately 80% of the substance abuse problems on Leech Lake are due to opiate addiction. The A&D program also reports that heroin is making a comeback on the reservation.

To counteract the devastation caused by prescription drug abuse, the Council directed all Tribal agencies, departments, and entities to make the public health emergency their top priority by collaboratively using their resources in developing solutions to the massive and complex problems caused by prescription drug abuse and the abuse of other illegal drugs.

District II News, LIC Meetings

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass County will both contribute monies to replace the Boy River Bridge and install an access point for people to fish from as this is a dangerous option with no buffer between traffic and fisherman. The new Sugar Point community center is slated to begin construction soon just down from where the current community center is located.

Bena LIC, March 8, 2011

Youth Division proposed an expansion of services to provide an educational component as well as requested space in the Bena community center. Head Start Director has agreed to proposal of the Youth Division sharing space. "Home-work night" was a proposal for the kids and TEP Director mentioned a possible collaboration as they have computers for the Bena community center for purposes such as these.

Sugar Point 3-14-11

Bad water was a concern brought up during the LIC's meeting and a request to find out how to request a water filtration system.

Smokey Point/Kego Lake March 2, 2011

Discussion focused on TEP services to elders and that the list of elders needs to be amended. LIC requests TEP director attend next LIC to help with this task.

Duluth March 17, 2011

Discussion focused on the Women's Coalition and a possible candidates forum in Duluth. Also, lack of communication between Duluth LIC and LLBO was mentioned. Obtaining a budget and budget training was discussed as well as elder services through Fon Du Lac and a LLBO reimbursement option.

District I Community Gathering in Ball Club

On April 13, 2011 District I Rep. Robbie Howe-Bebeau hosted a community gathering at the Lone Eagle Community Center in Ball Club. Participating divisions and programs include: Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, Tribal Planning, Department of Public Safety, KOJB 90.1 FM Radio, Housing, Elder's Services, Solid Waste, Human Resources, Youth Division to name a few.

These events are scheduled about two to three times a year to help bring the services and programs to the people who have trouble making it to Cass Lake where most of the services are provided. Decentralization of services has been a goal of the RBC for years and it is through events such as these where communication is available to all Band members and not just those who live close to the Band's headquarters in Cass Lake.

Attention Leech Lake Enrollees:

The Leech Lake Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO) has two (2) Commissioner terms that will be filled in September 2011. The TERO Commission will make recommendations to the Reservation Tribal Council for appointment of two Commissioners. If you are an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and have knowledge of the construction industry, submit a resume along with a cover letter explaining your interest and how your experience would be valuable to the Commission.

You may drop it off or mail it to:

LLBO TERO Office
115 Sixth St. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Deadline for submission:
July 29, 2011

Leech Lake Twin Cities Office Update

Attention Urban Leech Lake Band Members!!

May 19 is 2011 Minneapolis Lock Up - The TCO staff is asking you to "TAKE 5" for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease) a form of Muscular Dystrophy. May is ALS Awareness Month, "Take 5" minutes to raise awareness, and research money by assisting and bailing out our TCO staff through your generous donations - we are hoping to raise at least \$500 or more to go to this worthy cause. You can make your pledges through the TCO office at 612-729-0554. Let's make a difference.

May 20, 2011 - Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for our Elder's to attend Wisdom Steps Conference in June.

Eat, Enjoy and Help our Elders all at once.

Location: All Nations Church

Time: 8a-11a

Cost: \$5 per order

May 26, 2011- OPEN HOUSE for the Twin Cities Office located at 1113 East Franklin Ave., Suite # 210 from 1pm-4pm. Stop in, tour the office and meet the staff.

"Annual Leech Lake Band Member Picnic"

Date: August 26, 2011

Time: 4p - 7pm

Location: North Mississippi Regional Park (same location it was last year)

The Leech Lake Twin Cities Office would like to invite you to our annual band member picnic. Food, Fun and Entertainment will be provided. Join us and enjoy an afternoon of sun, fun and great food.... Please note this event will be annually held the last Friday of August every year, do mark your calendar now :)

"7th Generation National Mentoring Program"

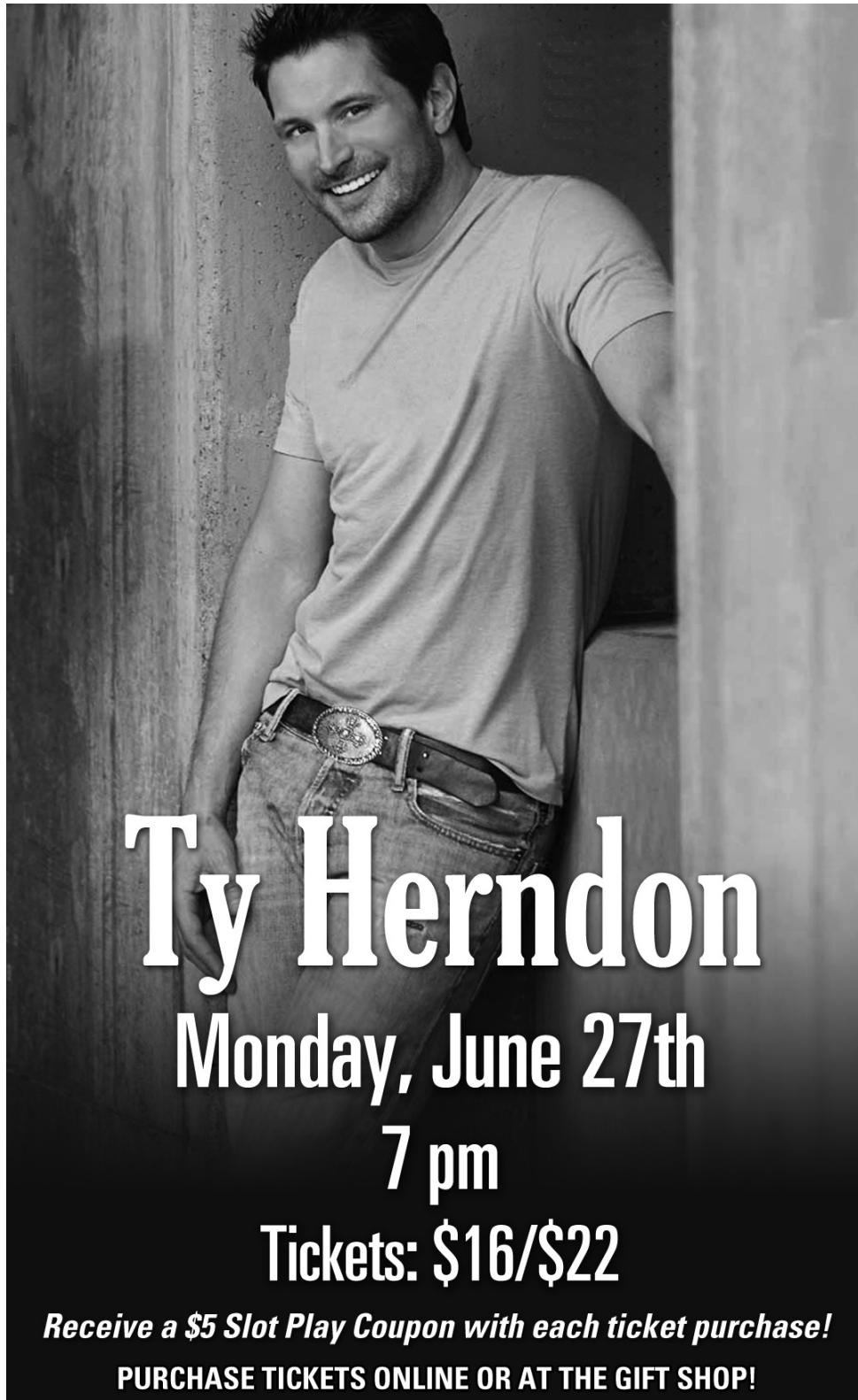
The Twin Cities Office is taking applications for urban Leech Lake youth (enrolled or descendants of) who may be "At Risk" to participate in this pilot project. The program is for youth between the ages of 10-18 yrs old, they can be referred by parents, the courts, school, social services, or ICWA to participate.

The program is aimed to increase the opportunity for LL youth to connect with caring adults, improve school attendance, decrease youth alcohol/drug use and decrease youth involvement with courts. The program coordinator will match each youth with a mentor that shares the same interest. There will be monthly cultural activities, arts and crafts and variety of other recreational activities for the mentee and mentor to enjoy. Middle of July we will be having a camping trip with DNR and need about 10 youth to attend.

To get signed up to participate in the camping trip and to get involved in our mentorship project call the TC office at 612.729.0554 for more information.

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Thank you, The Twin Cities Office Staff



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7 pm
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Leech Lake District 3 Representative Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird receives National Recognitions for his dedication to Tribal Rights

CASS LAKE, MN – Leech Lake District 3 Representative Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird, has been elected a delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) executive committee representing the mid-west region that includes Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan. Whitebird stated, “I feel honored that the tribal delegates from our area elected me to position and I will work very hard to make sure that the tribes of our region are heard as NIGA develops its programs and policies over the next two years.” The NIGA executive committee sets policy and oversees the organization’s management and operations. Executive committee members serve two-year terms.

In addition to his involvement in NIGA, District 3 Representative Whitebird has also been elected to several other national Native American organizations, including Treasurer of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) and the Midwest area Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Representative Whitebird is also an active member of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA), which represents eight of the eleven tribes in Minnesota. As a member of MAST, NCAI, and NIGC, he was part of a team that fought for the “Free Employee Choice Act” that addresses worker rights in our casinos.

In these roles as well as with his Tribal Council position Representative Whitebird finds himself often lobbying for Indian rights in both the US congress and at the Minnesota State Capitol. He has lobbied for a new Bugonaygeshig High School which is in dire need of replacement. He also advocates for better health care for tribal members including efforts to get a new Indian Health Service (IHS) facility to replace the outdated IHS facility in Cass Lake. That is quite an accomplishment since his election to the Leech Lake Tribal Council in 2008. He supports and lobbies for the creation of a regional Indian Health Board to be located in the Minnesota Federal Building in Bemidji

His election to the various positions is recognition by his peers of his leadership and that he is not only outspoken on Indian Rights but also that he has a firm grasp of the issues and the impact for his people and other tribes represented by the work of these organizations.

His work as a Leech Lake Reservation District III Representative also includes serving on the Indian Child Welfare Board, LLBO Tax Commission, MN Chippewa Tribe Finance Committee, Chairman of the Superfund Committee, and Chairman of the LLBO Bison Project.

As an elected official Representative Whitebird has a strong belief in open and honest Tribal Government. He has been a positive presence within the halls of Congress for Federal funding that will benefit Leech Lake Band. He often stresses the importance of the Leech Lake Band being represented at the table with National Organizations that protect and fight for Tribal Sovereignty. He is a strong advocate for the importance of Leech Lake receiving its fair share of the available resources to better the Leech Lake Communities.

The spring fire season is here !

It's been a long ,cold winter and with the arrival of spring the Leech Lake Wildland Firefighters are gearing up for another fire season. They have started by placing smokey fire danger awareness signs in the Ball Club and Cass Lake communities (Onigum community in the near future).

These signs will notifythe public about the current level of fire danger, of which there are 5:

- ◆ **Low** – fires are not easily started.
- ◆ **Moderate** - fires start easily and spread at moderate rate.
- ◆ **High** – fires starts easily and spread at fast rate.
- ◆ **Very High**- fires start very easily and spread at a very fast rate.
- ◆ **Extreme** – the fire situation is explosive and can result in extensive property damage.

Be sure and keep these fire dangers in mind as you anxiously await to burn leaf piles and grass.

If you haven't got one already, burning permits are available at the main office of the DRM, from the Leech Lake Wildland Firefighting Manager Duane Bebeau, or from any of the Leech Lake Reservation Conservation Officers.

Be safe and remember... **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILD-FIRE!**

-LL Wildland Firefighting Prevention Coordinator Robert Gotchie

WE WANT YOUR BURNER!

Did you know in little as 15 minutes of burning garbage you can contaminate 25 feet around your burn with toxic chemicals? Burning household waste or garbage in a barrel or a fire pit is twice as harmful as it was 20 years ago due to more plastics and post consumer recycled content in today's trash. Burning is not an efficient, effective, or environmentally sound way of disposing of household waste.

Burning trash can release:

Lead
Mercury
Chromium
Cadmium
Dioxins
Particulate Matter
along with many other harmful pollutants.

Ashes are twice as harmful as they are concentrated and can pollute the air, soil, and water, garden, play area, and wildlife in your backyard!

Since 2006, the Leech Lake Air Quality Program has implemented the Burn Barrel Exchange project. Each household is given two recycling bins to promote recycling and reduce waste and sign a pledge not to burn in exchange for their burner removal. Stopping backyard burning reduces the risk of pollution on the Reservation dramatically; recycling can cut household waste in half or greater.

To date the Leech Lake Air Quality Program collected over 70 burners and reduced over two tons of potential harmful air pollution. We continue to work for solutions for removing these pollution- producers and curb backyard burning.

Burning has been illegal in Minnesota since 1969, illegal on the Leech Lake Reservation since 2006. You can help our sovereign nation stop illegal burning on the Reservation and recycle, reduce and reuse to lessen our waste stream.

Right now, the Leech Lake Air Program is offering two recycle bins in trade for free pick up of a burn barrel on the Reservation. This program has proven to be very successful. **WE WANT YOUR BURNER!** This simple positive statement begins with you and your want for a cleaner Reservation by standing with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe behind the bold statement, "Not In Our Backyard!"

Report illegal burning to the Leech Lake Air Program or Leech Lake Conservation Enforcement at 218-335-7400 for on Reservation and to the Minnesota DNR Forestry Department 218-335-6647 for off Reservation.

For any questions, comments, reports or burn barrel pickups please contact Brandy or Sydney at the DRM at 335-7429 and join us in our fight for a cleaner Reservation for generations to come. We are setting up another burn barrel collection for late Spring. Call us to reserve your spot today! Mii-gwetch

Farmer's Market Informational Session

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be presenting information regarding sales of home grown products for farmer's markets or other retail sales for Meat, Poultry, Eggs, and other food products. Representatives from Food Inspection, Meat/Poultry/Egg Inspection, and Compliance will be discussing requirements and guidelines for farmers' and producers. There will also be a representative from IHS (Indian Health Service) at the meeting. Handouts are available and the speakers will address questions and concerns from the participants.

Monday, May 16
10:00 am to noon
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe,
basement conference room


There is no cost to attend this session. Just bring an open mind and your questions. Hope to see you there!

This session is presented through cooperation with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture-Dairy and Food Inspection Division.

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Tribal Engineer Brings Water Filtration Plant to Cass Lake

Cass Lake MN – Leech Lake Tribal Engineer John Fairbanks has been planning and implementing water filtration systems across the reservation for years. With water projects completed at Oak Point and the Mission communities as well as a gigantic brand new water tower across from the Leech Lake Tribal College, Mr. Fairbanks has added a new filtration facility located at the water tower site that has been “in the works” going on half a decade.

While completing the filtration facility Fairbanks noted that the next water project he is bringing online will be in the Inger community on the east end of the Leech Lake Reservation. “Bids are now open for the work that is to be done in Inger, and will be approved by the RBC. That work should begin around the end of June 2011,” said Fairbanks.

Reminder to Leech Lake Band Members

If your address has changed in the past year please contact Tribal Enrollment so the Band has up to date information for notices, rebate checks, etc.

Youth Division Receives \$30,025 Check from ClearWay Minnesota for Tobacco Pow Wow.

The check was gifted to the Leech Lake Youth Division from ClearWay Minnesota to help sponsor the 2011 Commercial Free Tobacco Pow Wow. This will be the first Pow Wow of its kind to take place in the state of Minnesota. “The Leech Lake Youth Division is proud to be the host of this historical event” says Gary Charwood, Director of the Leech Lake Youth Division. “We have extended an open invitation to all who wish to attend, including all 11 Leech Lake Communities, the 7 Leech Lake Asemaa Community Coalitions, area schools, and area organizations. We also invited the Spiritual Leaders, Community Leaders and Members from the 11 surrounding Reservations, including the Lakota and Dakota Communities.”

Asemaa Program Coordinator, Spencer Shotley is one of many to prepare Red Willow Bark for the event. “The message we are sending out is to promote the traditional use of our medicine”, says Spencer. “We want to educate and demonstrate to the next generations how to use traditional Asemaa and Kanicanic opposed to the commercial tobacco brands, and that we don’t have to use commercial tobacco at our traditional gatherings.” Spencer is also gathering tobacco stories from community members. There will be an open mic for anyone who wishes to share their stories of tobacco use or any other virtue of life.

Leech Lake Honor Guard Memorial Day Schedule Saturday May 29, 2011

Group 1		Group 2	
10:10AM	Waboose Bay Cemetery	10:30AM	Traditional Cemetery: Stoney Pt Rd
10:30AM	Ryans Village	11:45AM	Episcopal Cemetery
11:00AM	Rock Cemetery	12:00PM	Catholic Cemetery
11:30AM	Battle Point	12:15PM	Traditional Cemetery: Pine Pt/Onigum
12:05PM	Zion	1:00PM	Ellis Cemetery
12:15PM	Boy Lake	1:15PM	Morgan Cemetery
12:35PM	Boy River	1:30PM	Chippewa Bible Church Cemetery
1:00PM	Federal Dam	1:50PM	Brown Eagle Cemetery
2:15PM	Bowstring	2:05PM	Goggleye Cemetery
2:25PM	Spike Cemetery	2:20PM	Tanner Cemetery
3:10PM	Round Lake	3:45PM	Thompsonville Cemetery
3:20PM	Boyd	4:10PM	Windom (Pennington area)
3:45PM	Squaw Lake	4:20PM	Fineday (Pennington area)
4:35PM	Boyd		
4:40PM	Buck Lake		
4:50PM	Mission Traditional		
4:50PM	Wilson		
5:00PM	Fairbanks		
5:10PM	Mokahum Bible Church Cemetery		

5:30PM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT - ALL

Monday, May 30, 2011

Groups I & II
11:00AM Prince of Peace
12:00Noon Bena Cemetery

Primary Election Results- April 26th, 2011

SECRETARY - TREASURER FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR	INGER	BALL CLUB	SQUAW LAKE	BENA	SUGAR POINT	SMOKEY POINT	CASS LAKE	MISSION	ONGUM	CASS RIVER	DAY POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
DONALD "DONNIE" HEADBIRD	5	46	8	23	8	10	230	75	35	6	12	62	124	644	32.20%
DONALD "MICK" FINN	13	16	0	20	6	7	123	44	34	4	7	37	65	376	18.80%
BURTON "LUKE" WILSON	5	34	0	3	0	0	13	4	0	1	0	7	17	84	4.20%
JOHN JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	5	16	0.80%
ANNETTE (ANNE DAY) NADEAU	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	0.35%
ERIC R. REED	3	7	0	6	0	0	30	4	6	0	0	11	12	79	3.95%
CARRI JONES	11	37	2	20	0	7	113	33	13	7	1	16	73	333	16.65%
VICTORIA F. WHITE	6	3	2	8	10	6	24	5	28	1	5	26	13	137	6.85%
JAMES HOWARD	33	14	8	2	2	0	5	3	0	0	0	3	9	79	3.95%
WAYNE CRONIN	4	19	2	0	3	0	8	4	2	0	1	6	7	56	2.80%
WALTER "FRANK" REESE	2	5	0	0	2	1	7	3	32	1	3	7	19	82	4.10%
DOUGLAS A. ROBERTS JR.	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	5	5	23	1.15%
EUGENE B. ROCK	0	4	0	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	7	0	8	28	1.40%
JANICE GALE	0	4	0	2	20	6	10	0	1	0	0	1	12	56	2.80%

Special Election Calendar for
Secretary-Treasurer

May 27:	Notice of Regular Election, TEC provides ballots
June 28:	General Election
June 29:	General Reservation Election Board certifies results of election
July 1:	Deadline for Request for Recount
July 5: (5pm)	Deadline for Notice of Contest
July 15:	Deadline for Decision on Contest
July 18:	Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals
July 21:	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals
July 25:	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
August 1:	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or The Election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals
Ten days from Hearing on Appeal:	Deadline for Decision of the Court of Elections Appeal
Day following Decision Of Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office

General Election – June 28, 2011 Information

General Election Board Office open daily 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,
Located Southeast Corner of the Che- We Building in Cass Lake.
Phone #'s: 877-577-7945, 218-335-7220, 335-7221, 335-7223.
Mailing address: P. O. Box 1150, Cass Lake, MN 56633

Any request for absentee ballots should be directed to the General Election Board office. This includes all off reservation residents.

General Election Board office will be open on Saturday, June 11, 2011 and Saturday, June 25, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All eligible voters should have current/updated Tribal Enrollment cards or certification of Indian Blood when voting.

All eligible voters should make sure to vote in the correct precinct.

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



June 4th

Foghat & Blue Oyster Cult

Foghat: 4:00 pm

Blue Oyster Cult: 8:00 pm

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Along with the bad we also have successes we can point to such as the new reservation wide transit system that will soon be up and running. With the high cost of gas and even higher prices expected this summer this will help many struggling families. Because we can only stretch limited resources so far any money that does not have to go into the gas tank can be used for other needs. We still have work to do on setting up our cooperatives to get our people better and cheaper access to food and gas. This will also keep the dollars we spend on the reservation longer. We have a substantial financial impact on surrounding counties and communities from our government and gaming spending. We completed a gaming economic impact study that shows we pump millions of dollars just from our gaming operations alone into the surrounding economies. We need to stop the flow of our money straight off the reservation. Until we can make it go through our hands more than once we will not build a reservation economy that creates business opportunities or creates needed jobs. By allowing this drain we sustain the communities around us with our resources better than we sustain ourselves and that needs to be reversed.

When we look at what resources we have we see that less than 5% of our land-base is in our control, including the forest surrounding us. The reality is our people are our greatest resource and we need to invest in them. Education and workforce development are important because we have a young population in need of education, job training, and jobs. It is a simple fact that education is the key to fighting poverty. We will address our school dropout rates, identify and set the priority education goals of the Band, and identify funding needs. It is important that we train for jobs and opportunities that exist or can be created, and not train people just to train them. This will help create job and business opportunities on Leech Lake, and is the key to real Native Nation Building. Our Education Plan will also support our Education Workforce Development Plan.

Education is also the key to our continued cultural survival so this work will also guide our role as a partner in the education improvement agreement that we entered into with Red Lake and White Earth on January 20th, 2011. On that day we signed a cooperate agreement to work together on educational improvements in such crucial areas as Ojibwe language preservation, Indian education improvements, grant partnering and grant endorsements. Below is a summary of the education agreement.

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

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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

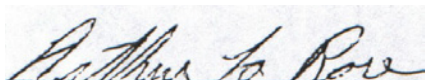
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the three Tribal Education Directors/Superintendents, if any, of the three respective K-12 Tribal school systems for Tribal Members, will also work together on all of these areas that can be of mutual benefit to all Members of this consortium, and also sign this historic Education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

We also continues efforts at recovering the 2.4 million of the band's funds that were released through an unauthorized loan. We are also still trying to get a fair compensation in regard to the Nelson Act settlement with the other MCT reservations. We also continue to protect our treaty rights guaranteed under the 1855 treaty. In addition we are trying to deal with an unauthorized agreement that was drafted with and signed for the Power line Cooperative that wants to run a 230kV line through our territory. This deal was also cut behind the backs of the full council and the people. The 230kV Power-line Agreement was submitted in violation of governing by-laws of Leech Lake, the Band will engage in government to government consultation regarding the Treaty Rights compromised by the utility crossing. The Band hopes the power companies and PUC will recognize that the duly elected, governing authority for LLR never gave consent or made an agreement.

These are just a few of the many issues facing the council. These and internal political issues such as the recent recall/removal of the Secretary/Treasurer and the special election now under way to fill that vacancy keeps us from at times from staying focused on top of issues that need attention. Because there is so much that needs to be presented to the band membership I will be setting some meeting times in the near future to go over issues more fully with the Band membership including going over our priorities and the short and long term plans that have been adopted to move the Leech Lake Reservation forward for the betterment of our people.

I have said many times that I want Leech Lake to again become an example of open, honest, stable, and progressive tribal government. As a people we have been victimized in many ways but we cannot allow ourselves to act the role of the victim. We need to stand strong and together and set a better future for our children. Working together we will move forward and make Leech Lake a better place for all of us.



Arthur "Archie" LaRose
Chairman, Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE Summary of Job Openings

Closing May 20th, 2011

Education Division:

2 FT Infant/Toddler Teachers (0-3) • Bena, MN • Job Code:11-082
 Infant/Toddler Teacher (0-3) • Ball Club, MN • Job Code:11-081
 Maintenance/Safety Technician • Job Code: 11-044B
 Maintenance/HVAC Technician • Ball Club, MN • Job Code: 11-009B

Temporary Employment Program:

Accounts Payable/Office Clerk • Job Code: 11-080
 Community Supervisor • Onigum, MN • Job Code: 11-079

Human Services:

Licensed Practical Nurse OTP • Job Code: 11-011B

Open until filled

Business Development:

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

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

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

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at www.llojibwe.org. 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. 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

REV. GERALD ALGER

Rev. Gerald Duane Alger, 74, of Walker, Minnesota died Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at his home in Walker.



Gerald was born December 27, 1936 in Onigum, Minnesota at the first Indian hospital, the son of Gerrald Donald and Frelove Victoria (Mohawk) Alger. He grew up and attended school in Cass Lake. Following his schooling he worked in the woods, worked for the railroad, did welding, and roofing which became his trade of choice. He lived in California for a short time where he studied carpentry at a community college. He and his family then moved back to Minnesota, living in Bloomington, and settling in Dassel, Minnesota where he worked in construction and continued raising his children. It was also during this time that he met and was nurtured and mentored by Rev. Wallace and Lorraine Pratt of the Dassel Evangelical Covenant Church. Through that relationship Gerald answered the call into ministry. He attended St. Paul Bible College (now Crown College), and graduated in 1977. He learned quickly how to study while he worked, and even as he drove to and from work. Gerald

then went on to attend North Park Seminary in Chicago. He was ordained into the Evangelical Covenant Church in 1982, and served his internship in Garrison, Minnesota at Little Flower Mission, then went on to Glad Tidings Ministry on Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis. He founded Faith Mission Ministries of Minneapolis and served there five years. Gerald and Sue moved back to Cass Lake and started Faith Mission Indian Ministries, the Faith Mission Anishinabe Bible Chapel, and founded the Anishinabe Bible Camp on Sucker Bay which they ran for twenty years. Pastor Alger worked for Teal's Supermarket in Cass Lake the past three years of his life. His boss always said that the parking lot of Teal's was Pastor Alger's church because he loved to minister any chance he could. Their retirement place of living was Walker but Gerald never "retired" from ministry. He continued sharing Jesus with people, even living his last day on earth caring for the needs of others. He served on the Ottertail Township Board for 16 years, and was a member of the Dassel Covenant Church in Dassel, and Calvary Church in Walker.

Gerald enjoyed ricing, hunting, fishing, making maple syrup, and was famous for his canned jams and jellies. He loved to sing and listen to music, especially gospel and country western. He was a hard worker, a competitive card player, and a jokster with a silly sense of humor. He never stopped studying, and at last count had read through the Bible 37 times. He loved learning and growing in his faith and was passionate about living what he believed. His love for the Lord, and his family, was most important. His presence will be missed.

Gerald is survived by his wife Delores

"Sue" L. Alger, children; Denise Alger (Richard), Bruce Alger, Mike Hinck, Holly Alger, Kandy (Al) Vogelpohl, 13 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, brothers; Donald (Vi) Mohawk, Alvy (Ginny) Alger, Keith (Delores) Alger, Willie Alger, sisters; Geraldine Harnoise Donna Warren, Margaret Antell, Lenore (Russell) Gerber, Rosie (Danny) Olson, sisters-in-law; Lynda Alger, Nan Anderson, Shirley Posch, brother-in-law Ed Lane, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Gerrald and Frelove Alger, son Terrance Alger, four brothers; Vernon, Knute, Emmet, Ronald, and grandchildren; Alisha Alger, Joseph Alger, Heather Alger, and Dylan Alger-Gilbert.

The Dennis Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family in making service arrangements. Share on-line condolences at www.dennisfuneralhome.com

EVERETT ARTHUR ALLEN

Everett Arthur Allen, 40, of Minneapolis, entered his final journey home on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at Saint Olaf Nursing Home in Minneapolis, MN.



He was born on February 15, 1971 in Minneapolis to Everett Johnson and Beverly (Burnette) Allen.

He enjoyed taking things apart, working on cars, drinking coffee, playing cards, watching movies, playing video games,

listening to music and spending time with his family.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents, cousins; Sharon and Brenda, grandma; Alice Burnette and step father Frank Sutton.

He is survived by his son Logan Allen, brother Kevin Lange of Lima, CO, sisters; Carla of Bemidji, Diane Grooms of St. Paul, Grace Howard of Minneapolis, Terri Allen of Minneapolis, Kathy Napper of International Falls, and Laura Allen of Minneapolis. Nieces; Sterling, Makiah, Mariah, nephews; Peter, Brandon, Malik, Marcello and many relatives and friends.

Pallbearers for Everett will be Logan Allen, Brandon Howard, Alex Bellanger, George Matthews, Guillermo Zaragoza and Daniel Mitchell. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Sandland, Ronald Burnette, Brett Thorsen, Willis Burnette and Michael Burnette.

Interment will be held at the Boy Lake Cemetery/Village Cemetery in Boy Lake, MN following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

DELMER JOSEPH STAPLES

Delmer Joseph Staples, 74, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at his home in Cass Lake. He was born on March 1, 1937 to Joseph and Delia (Williams) Staples.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

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brothers; Thomas Wilson, Donald and Leroy Staples, grandson; Dion Staples.

Delmer is survived by his son; Christopher (Jessica) Staples of Bemidji, daughters; Doreen (Kerry) Staples of Cass Lake, Yvonne (Larry) Staples of Cass Lake, Michelle Rock of Minneapolis, brothers; Gary Wilson of Cass Lake, Clifford Wilson of Cass Lake and Kenny Ashing of Minneapolis, sisters; Veda Harrison of Cass Lake, Lois White of Cass Lake and Cybil Ashing Gundy of St. Paul, MN, his former wife Donna who they share two daughters Doreen and Yvonne, 11 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Wilson, Benjamin White, Gordon Harrison, Mike Harrison, Sheldon Brown, Joel Ortley and Kerry Morgan. Honorary pallbearers will be all his friends and family.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank friends and family for their support during our time of great loss. A special thank you goes out to all the people that worked in the kitchen, gave food/money donations and offered any assistance. We would like to express our thanks to Mike Smith, the Ojibwe Hymn Singers, the Leech Lake Tribal Council and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

-The Family of Jereme Jon Kraskey



DARLENE WHITE EAGLE

Darlene Vivian Jackson White Eagle, "Awanook" which means "Morning Mist", "Wawokiye-Wiyah", which means "Woman who helps them", 70, of South St. Paul, MN, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the United Hospital in St. Paul with her family by her side.



She was born on March 30, 1941 in Cass Lake to Robert and Evelyn (Mink) Jackson. Darlene was involved in several Dakota, Lakota, and Ojibwe ceremonies. She was a traditional dancer and AIM member. She loved wolves. Her traditional activities included Sundance ceremonies, sweat lodge ceremonies, participated in Mexica ceremonies; and all cultural activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Deforest White Eagle.

Darlene is survived by sister; Barbara Erickson of Minneapolis, brother; George Jackson of Pennington, adopted daughter Dana (Clay) Crawford of Cass Lake, many nieces, nephews, friends and family. "Love you"

Pallbearers for Darlene will be Clay Crawford, Sr., Shorty Crawford, Marquel Crawford, Antonio Valtierra, Yoel Gavilancuate and Vicente Inamagua. Honorary pallbearers will be all nieces and nephews, AIM, All Ojibwe, Dakota and Lakota Nations, Mexica Dancers, Sundancers, family and friends. Interment will be held at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

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nothing but misinformation and race-baiting.

It is simply wrong to claim that tribal casinos are untaxed. In fact, they are taxed at a rate of 100 percent.

That means that all of the proceeds from tribal casinos go directly to the tribal governments that operate them. In this they are like the Minnesota Lottery, which is operated by the state, with all proceeds after prizes going to the state.

In both cases, government gaming proceeds are used to provide for the needs of citizens in areas like health care, education, economic development, housing, elder services, law enforcement, emergency services and infrastructure maintenance.

Larson conveniently ignores the fact that federal law prohibits states from taxing Indian tribes.

As sovereign governments equal to states under the Constitution, tribes have no legal obligation to pay state taxes. They certainly have no moral obligation either, given the sad history of tribal-state relations in Minnesota. Non-Indians may forget that this state was the site of the largest mass execution in American history -- the hanging of 38 Sioux warriors at Mankato by order of President Abraham Lincoln.

Some Minnesotans may not even know that it was a Minnesota governor, Alexander Ramsey, who called for the extermination of all Sioux people. He placed bounties on their scalps in an effort to promote an Indian genocide.

Racism against Native Americans is an ugly but indisputable part of the historical record in Minnesota.

And we wonder why Native nations have no interest in bailing out state government?

Larson seems to believe that tribal contributions to Democrats are the main reason why racino bills have failed in the past. He's wrong again. The truth is that opposition to gambling expansion is strong in both parties.

If Democrats were the only ones who opposed expansion, the racino would be a slam-dunk in this Republican-controlled Legislature -- but it's not. In fact, the state Republican platform includes an anti-expansion provision. What apparently sticks in Larson's craw the most is that the tribal-state gaming compacts are perpetual. Again, his ignorance is showing.

Compacts are treaties, and yes, they are perpetual. They were not "hatched" by the DFL; in fact, it was Gov. Arne Carlson, a Republican, who signed the blackjack compacts in 1990.

The claim that racinos will create jobs is patently bogus. Racinos at Canterbury Park and Running Aces could mean the loss of as many as 3,000 jobs from Mystic Lake, Treasure Island, and the Grand Casinos at Mille Lacs and Hinckley.

Even more jobs will be lost if a third racino is authorized in Hibbing. In addition to these lost jobs and the resulting economic harm to the surrounding communities, the loss of tribal revenues will force cutbacks in tribal government services.

For communities just beginning to see daylight after more than a century of darkness, this would be a cruel and inhumane loss of ground.

For people like Gary Larson, it's a win-win when Indians lose. It is sad that some Minnesotans still think like Alexander Ramsey.

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 Court Room 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 May 2011.

APPEARANCE DATE: July 07, 2011, at 2:00 PM

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Alexander Hart	TR-10-188	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 12/18/2011
Travis Lee Raisch	TR-11-012	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 02/02/2011
Beverly Ann Whitebird	TR-11-014	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 02/09/2011
Wakinyan Wakan Mcarthur	TR-11-015	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 01/07/2011
Dawn Marie Gotchie	TR-11-016	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 10/08/2010
Daniel Joseph Rushman	TR-11-019	Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Driving Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/10/2011
Richard James Kaiser	TR-11-009	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 02/03/2004
Richard James Kaiser	TR-11-007	Open Bottle Occurring On: 10/12/2010
Connie Elaine Whitebird	TR-10-077	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 04/30/2010
Jesse Michael Headbird	TR-10-169	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 11/23/2010
Bradley Louis Dunn	TR-10-171	Failure to Use a Seat Belt Occurring On: 11/29/2010
Rozanna Marie Roy	TR-10-177	Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 12/08/2010
Dale Dean Robinson	TR-10-182	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 08/21/2010
Deloris Gay Lanham	TR-10-191	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 08/21/2010
Terrence Lee Jones, Jr.	TR-11-002	No Driver's License Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Improper Use of Plates Occurring On: 01/02/2011

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Bivens, Beatrice Elaine	TR-11-08	Jackson, Dana Marie	TR-10-159
Brown, Marcella Kaye	TR-10-94	Larsen, Rikki Leslie	TR-10-125
Brown, Sue Ann	TR-10-75	Lovelace, Nena Larae	TR-10-145
Fisher, Kayla Rose	TR-10-126	Norton, Richard Roy Sr.	TR-10-38
Fisher, Kayla Rose	TR-10-97	Robinson, Ida Lynette	TR-10-109
Fisher, Lowell Reed	TR-10-69	White, Jonathan Cody	TR-10-88
Hislaw, Bobbi Jo	TR-10-100	Whitebird, Cheryl Ann	TR-10-144

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
D.L.B. – Minor	TR-10-150	Headbird, Shawna Rae	TR-10-127
Beaudreau, Gloria and Duane – Guardian(s)	TR-10-156	Headbird, Susan Andrea	TR-10-162
Bellanger, Ruth Ann	TR-10-156	May, Devin Michael	TR-10-153
Bryan, Mason Joseph	TR-09-02	Neisen, Samantha Jean	TR-10-60
Day, Alicia Marie	TR-09-50	Robinson, Michael Gary Jr.	TR-10-157
Desjarlais, William Gerald	TR-10-138	Roy, Rozanna Marie	TR-10-132
Finn, Jayme Raymond	TR-10-151	White, Brandon Lee	TR-10-152
Finn, Jayme Raymond	TR-10-66	Whitebird, Kyle Lee	TR-10-11
Haugen, Barbra Jean	TR-10-155		
Headbird, Charles James	TR-10-135		

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 U. S. Highway 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/3586
Family Division

In Re the Custody of:
K.B.L, DOB: 03/06/2007;
N.R.L., DOB: 07/25/2008.
Jesse Grant Lyons, Petitioner,
and
Keila Lynn White, Respondent.

NOTICE OF LEGAL
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. FA-10-57

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

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

DATED: April 4, 2011.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator.

NOTICE TO LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE MEMBERS

The Tribal Utilities Commission was organized to make recommendations to the Reservation Tribal Council on matters relating to the regulation of the actions of Utilities Providers providing Utility Services on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, pursuant to the Utility Service and Rights of Way Trespass Ordinance of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe enacted June 5, 2009.

If you as a customer or potential customer of a Utility Provider of telecommunications services have had a dispute with the Utility Provider or have been aggrieved by any action or lack of response by a Utility Provider, the Tribal Utilities Commission requests you to contact it so that we might assist in documenting your complaint or dispute. The Tribal Utilities Commission is authorized to take certain actions to assist in the resolution of utilities disputes and complaints and has Informal Complaint and Formal Complaint information and forms available for use in documenting and attempting to resolve disputes.

If you have a utility service dispute or complaint, and would desire to document a complaint with our office, or receive more information, please contact the following person:

Sadonna Rodriquez
c/o T.E.R.O. Office
115 Sixth Street NW Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
(218) 335-8374

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on 4-06-2011, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. A hearing will commence on May 18, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT
CHILDREN'S COURT
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Kelli Oquist and
Nikko Morrow

SUMMONS OF THE FILING OF
PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PA-
RENTAL RIGHTS
Court File No. CC-10-782,83,84

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 26, 2011 a Suspension of Parental Rights Petition was filed with the White Earth Tribal Court regarding the above named children. You are asked to contact White Earth Tribal Courtroom located at the RTC in White Earth, Minnesota, telephone number is 218-983-4648 to receive notification of the hearing date. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Dated: 26 April 2011
Rebecca McConkey
Attorney for White Earth Indian Child Welfare

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

LEECH LAKE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thursday - May 26, 2011
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Leech Lake Early Childhood Complex (AOB)
Cass Lake, MN

The Leech Lake Reservation community is invited to attend a Public Hearing to provide feedback to the Leech Lake Early Childhood Development program for activities provided through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

Some of these activities include:

- ◆ Early Learning Centers
- ◆ Child Care Subsidy Program
- ◆ Child Care Provider Support Programs
- ◆ Child Care Training

Please contact Lee Turney or Becky Littlewolf at (218) 335-8345 if you have any questions.

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in making sure that the United States lives up to its solemn obligations.

Even though the Leech Lake Reservation has numerous needs on which I could testify today, my testimony instead focuses solely on the Band's long struggle with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to replace our high school facility at the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School (High School), which is administered and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), given how dire this need is. We estimate that the cost to replace the high school facility is approximately \$25 million, which includes a 42% BIA administrative cost of \$7.4 million. We do not understand why the United States can spend billions of dollars on its many wars and also rebuild other countries, like Iraq, but is seemingly indifferent to helping children in its own country. Education is the key to the future, and we must invest in our children if the United States is to maintain its competitive edge in the world. However, when it comes to Native American and our children, the history is tragic and filled with broken promises.

First, I would like to take a moment to thank Representative McCollum and Ranking Member Moran for their efforts on this issue to urge the BIA to step up to the plate. We are deeply grateful for their support, especially given how extremely frustrated we have been by the utter lack of responsiveness of OMB and DOI in addressing this problem as well as their seeming callousness to this core fiduciary responsibility to provide adequate educational facilities for our children.

History of Indian Education

Before discussing the specific needs of the High School, I would like to briefly discuss the history of Indian education in America. As this Subcommittee is well aware, federal laws, treaties, and policies acknowledge the

federal government's obligation to provide for the education of American Indian children.

After formation of the United States, Indian tribes ceded hundreds of millions of acres of our homelands to the federal government to help build this nation. In return, the U.S. made promises to make the resulting reservations permanent livable homes, including providing for the education, health, and general welfare of reservation residents. These treaty promises were made in perpetuity, remain the supreme law of the land, and do not have an expiration date. However, as you know and as tribal leaders are stating in these hearings today, these promises have not been kept, and our children suffer because of it.

Pressing Need to Replace High School Facility at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig School (School) is located in Bena, Minnesota, operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and governed by the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School Board. The School serves nearly 300 Native American children in grades K-12 who commute from 14 communities located within five counties within a 70-mile radius of the School. The School was founded in 1975 with 35 Ojibwe students from the Leech Lake Reservation in response to parental concerns that public schools were not meeting the academic and cultural needs of Ojibwe students. Since that time, the School has transformed itself into a magnet school, teaching state-approved curricula with Ojibwe cultural components. Given the educational opportunities the School provides to Native American students, enrollment in the School overall has steadily increased over the years. The enrollment increase is a testament to the strong educational achievement at the school given that students typically will choose to go to other schools when school facilities, such as at the

High School, are deficient and present health and safety hazards.

The elementary and middle school facilities are in satisfactory condition, but the High School is in dire need of replacement. The current High School facility is a metal-clad pole barn, formerly used as an agricultural building. One-third of the high school facility was destroyed in a gas explosion in 1992. The facility has serious structural and mechanical deficiencies and lacks proper insulation. The facility does not meet safety, fire, and security standards due to the flimsiness of the construction materials, electrical problems, and lack of alarm systems. Further, the building lacks a communication intercom system, telecommunication technology, and safe zones, which puts students, teachers, and staff at great risk in emergency situations.

Also, the facility jeopardizes the health of the students and faculty due to poor indoor air quality from mold, fungus, and a faulty HVAC system. The facility also suffers from rodent infestation, roof leaks and sagging roofs, holes in the roofs from ice, uneven floors, poor lighting, sewer problems, lack of handicap access, and lack of classroom and other space. These are just a few of the facility's numerous deficiencies. Due to the unsafe and undesirable condition of the High School, many students leave after middle school to attend the public high school. Students are embarrassed about the condition of the High School, resulting in a negative image of the School in the community and a lower matriculation rate.

The High School is on the BIA's list of schools in need of replacement and has exceeded its life expectancy by decades. The BIA categorizes the high school facility as being in "poor" condition. The BIA Midwest Regional Office for the Office of Indian Education Programs compiled a report in 2007,

expressing strong concerns about the electrical problems, potential fire issues, and student safety. The BIA Office of Facilities, Environmental, Safety, and Cultural Management had documented the numerous and serious deficiencies of the High School.

Further, in responding to a letter inquiring about the High School from Ranking Member Moran, BIA Assistant Secretary Larry EchoHawk stated in a letter dated February 28, 2011:

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School shows evidence of continuing deterioration . . . Due to the type of construction of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School, improvements to the school such as expansion or construction of one building for classrooms or administrative space is not an optimum solution. Preliminary evaluations indicate that the building should be replaced (emphasis added). The estimated date of replacement will depend on the priority ranking of the high school and amount of funds available to correct school facility deficiencies through education construction appropriations.

The High School is among the more than 70 schools funded by the BIE that are in poor condition. DOI is working at glacial pace and has only replaced a total of 10 schools on a list of 14 schools generated over 7 years ago. Currently, DOI is engaging in a negotiated rule-making process before issuing a new priority list for school construction, which it anticipates issuing no sooner than May 1, 2012. This situation greatly alarms us because it shows that DOI does not have a plan of action to address these dire needs even though these schools have been in this condition for a long time. There is an urgent need to replace the High School, and we ask for your assistance on this, especially considering that the lives of children are at stake.

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Urgent Need for Action to address BIE Construction Backlog

The discussion of the construction needs of Indian schools has been ongoing for more than a decade. Federal officials testify, point fingers, and yet nothing has been resolved. When we have met with the BIA and OMB over the past couple of years, they each tell us that it is not their agency's fault but the other agency's fault that there is no funding to replace the High School. BIA tells us that they have no money for school construction and to talk to OMB, and OMB tells us that they provide funding to BIA for construction and that BIA is not utilizing the

funding effectively. At the end of the day, DOI and OMB are quick to blame each other but provide no solutions, forcing our children to shoulder the burden. Further, it is extremely difficult navigating the byzantine BIA bureaucracy and its layers to obtain school construction information.

This run-around is unacceptable. Section 7101 of Title VII of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) states:

"It is the policy of the United States to fulfill the Federal Government's unique and continuing trust relationship with and responsibility to the Indian people for the education of Indian children. The Federal Govern-

ment will continue to work with . . . Indian tribes . . . toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children. "

In accordance with its obligation to Indian children, the United States must work with us to seek a solution to this problem instead of ignoring the issue and finger pointing.

We recognize that previous Administrations had a hand in creating the BIE construction backlog, which is at least \$1.3 billion; however, looking at the current Administration's funding requests since it has been in office, it seems that – despite statements to the contrary – the need to improve BIE school facilities is not a priority. The FY12 budget request for Indian school construction funding is \$52.1 million, which is a proposed cut of \$61 million from the FY10 enacted level (and FY11 CR level of \$113 million). The Administration justifies this proposed budget cut by pointing to Recovery Act funding for BIE school construction needs. However, we all know that one-time funding under the Recovery Act of \$277.7 million for BIE construction will not address the tremendous backlog and that there needs to be sustained increased funding over multiple years to truly address this need.

These cuts for Indian school construction represent a disturbing trend that spans both the Bush and Obama Administrations and both parties' control of Congress. The enacted levels for Indian school construction over the past 7 fiscal years have steadily and rapidly declined. The FY05 enacted level for Indian school construction was \$263.3 million, the FY06 enacted level was \$208.9 million, the FY07 level was \$204.9 million, the FY08 level was \$142.9 million, the FY09 level was \$128.8 million, the FY10 level was

\$113 million, and as noted above, the proposed level for FY12 is an appalling \$52.1 million.

The Administration's failure to request and Congress' failure to appropriate sufficient funding for BIE school construction is unconscionable in light of recent DOI Office of Inspector General reports finding "severe deficiencies" at BIE schools that "have the potential to seriously injure or kill students and faculty and require immediate attention to mitigate the problems." 1 1/3 of the 183 BIE schools are in poor condition and in significant need of repair or replacement. Of the 4,495 education buildings in the BIA inventory, half are more than 30 years old and more than 20% are older than 50 years. On average, BIA education buildings are 60 years old, while the national average for public schools is 40 years.

Conclusion

As noted above, the United States owes our students the opportunity to attend school in a safe environment that maximizes their educational opportunities. Instead, our students attend high school in a sub-standard, dangerous environment that is not conducive to learning. This affects their self-worth, creates feelings of inferiority, and sends a message to them that their education and even their lives are unimportant.

We plead and urge the Committee to work with DOI to quickly develop a comprehensive plan of action and to quickly find the funding to address the construction needs at the High School and at all other BIE schools. The federal government's responsibility for the education of Indian people is in response to specific treaty rights; and anything less than full funding of Native education programs signifies increased negligence of its trust responsibility.

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