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## McCollum Statement on Inequality in Federal Education Funding for Native American Children

Washington, DC – During an Appropriations Committee Mark-Up of the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, a proposal was discussed to provide funding in the amount of \$65.1 million to construct a school for the 275 children of Department of Defense officials stationed at Guantanamo Bay. After the hearing, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) released the following statement on the proposal:

*"The federal government is operating two separate and unequal K-12 school systems; one K-12 system for the children of Department of Defense service members and employees; and another K-12 system for Native American children.*

*These children are all Americans. They all deserve to have the ability to learn in safe, healthy, and modern facilities that reflect how we as a Congress and a country value our children.*

*The proposed school at Guantanamo Bay would be stunning when completed. It would have science labs, computer labs, art, music and band rooms; a gymnasium, counseling areas, food service, and health offices. The school would serve 275 children.*

*For Fiscal Year 2014, Congress appropriated \$55.2 million for all Bureau of Indian Education facilities construction, replacement, improvement and repairs. Many of those BIE schools are in absolutely deplorable condition. There are 183 BIE schools serving the educational needs of 48,000 Native American children. Congress has an obligation to meet the educational needs of those children as well.*

*\$65 million for one brand new school in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for 275 students, compared with \$55 million for 183 BIE schools for 48,000 Native American children.*

*This situation is called inequality."*

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations Committee.  
She is Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus.



## Testimony of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Superintendent Crystal Redgrave Before the U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

April 8, 2014

My name is Crystal Redgrave, and I am the Superintendent of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School (School) located on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in rural northern Minnesota. The School is part of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) system, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has a contract with the BIE to operate the school. My testimony focuses on our long struggle to replace the facility housing the School's High School (9-12th grades).

Replacement of the High School has been a top priority of the Leech Lake Government and the entire Leech Lake community for many years. The Band has testified before this committee every year since 2011 repeatedly requesting replacement of the High School. The Band has many critical needs on the Reservation on which it could testify; however, given the serious safety and health risks posed at the sub-standard High School facility, the Band has steadfastly focused its testimony solely on the need to replace the High School. Our hope is that this is the year that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), which handles construction of BIE facilities, begins to replace the High School facility.

On behalf of the Band and the School, we thank Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member Moran, and Members of the Subcommittee for holding this *American Indian and Alaskan Native Public and Outside Witness* hearing to examine the critical funding needs of Indian country. I would like to especially thank Representative McCollum for her tireless efforts to assist the Band and the School in addressing the School's needs. The School not only serves a critical role providing a quality, culturally relevant education to the Band's children but also serves as an economic engine for the entire community. We are deeply grateful for her support.

### Dire Need to Replace High School Facility

The School is located in Bena, Minnesota, and is named in honor of Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig (Hole in the Day), an Ojibwe man who lived in the area at the turn of the century. He was revered for his commitment to fight for our land, our people, and for our children. The School serves nearly 200 Indian children in grades K-12. Some of the kids ride school buses for 2 hours one-way every day to attend school. Founded in 1975, the School started modestly with 35 Ojibwe students from the Reservation in response to parental concerns that public schools were not meeting the academic and cultural needs of our students. Since that time, the School has transformed itself into a magnet school, teaching state standards while integrating strong cultural components into daily instruction. The existing enrollment is a testament to the passion of the students, parents and teachers who are committed to strong academic achievement despite the significant deficiencies and health and safety hazards present at our High School.

The High School is in dire need of replacement. Unlike other schools in the BIE inventory, the High School facility was not originally built for use as academic space. It is a metal-clad pole Barn, originally intended to house an auto mechanic school and bus garage. When the building was converted into the High School in 1984, it was supposed to be a temporary space. However, generations of students have attended school in this makeshift building. The facility has serious structural and mechanical deficiencies. The facility does not meet basic safety, fire, and security



Right: Crystal Redgrave testified before the U.S. House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

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. The police and emergency responders have dubbed the high school building as "Killer Hall" because there is no safe room and an emergency would likely have tragic results. In addition, in high wind situations over 40 mph, the students must evacuate outside into the winds because of the structural flaws with the flat metal building.

The High School facility presents a continuing threat to the health and safety of our students and faculty due to poor indoor air quality that contains mold, fungus, and a faulty HVAC system. The facility also suffers from rodent and bat infestation, sagging roofs, holes in the roofs from ice, uneven floors, exposed wiring, 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 structure, many students have withdrawn from our High School and have transferred to public high school. Students report being embarrassed about the condition of the High School, which results in a negative image of the School and a lower matriculation rate. Despite the challenging structural and unsafe conditions at the School, our students perform well. For example, the School has won many awards for its language immersion program and our students are successful compared to their performance at other area schools. The High School facility was not designed to house humans in northern Minnesota's extreme winters. The average winter temperature is 25 degrees below zero -- periodically dipping 50 degrees below zero with wind chill. This frigid weather creates serious hardships for a school made of corrugated metal. Due to substandard heaters, poor ventilation, and poor insulation in the building, room temperatures in different classrooms vary from 60 to 80 degrees, forcing students to carry their coats around all day in case they need them. High School students have to walk outside back and forth to the other buildings in bitter cold at least 8 times a day. As you can imagine, in severe weather, this causes serious safety and health conditions.

The operations and maintenance staff have a never-ending job of chipping ice off the metal doors to the building to open them, chipping off ice accumulating on the flat roof, sanding the sidewalks used by the students to get to other buildings to prevent ice build-up, repairing leaky roofs, replacing water-damaged ceiling tiles, putting trash cans under water leaks, replacing water-damaged carpets, and repairing

long ago outdated heating/cooling systems. Last year, a large amount of water and ice slid off the overhang on the roof and broke and bent beams in the back of the school and dented the ceiling. Recently, water and ice plunged through the ceiling, causing roof panels to fall to the floor in the hallway where students were. Moreover, every spring, the hallways facing west flood from the driving rains, causing the carpets to stain; and the ice often quick thaws, causing significant damage to ceiling tiles. This is an every-year occurrence and somehow BIA thinks that it is okay, as evidenced by its FY15 budget request asking for improvement and repair funding instead of facilities replacement construction funding, to force us to continually fix these deficiencies to deflect from what it should be doing, which is replacing this facility.

The School has amazing operations and maintenance personnel who have made sure that the facility has lasted as long as it has. However, the High School is in such sub-standard condition that no amount of repairs or improvements will turn it into an adequate school facility. The High School is beyond band-aid repairs, and the facility is unacceptable for use as a school – much less as a school in the Minnesota weather. The BIA needs to live up to its Trust responsibilities and replace the High School.

The BIE's lack of funding for the construction of the new High School over the years causes us to believe that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) seeks to terminate funding for BIE school construction, so that our children go to public schools even though public schools do not meet our children's culturally-related educational needs. It is our belief that the federal government aims to get out of its Trust responsibilities to provide education for Native children by minimizing federal support. This is a direct violation of our treaties and other federal laws.

## Unconscionable Lack of Funding for BIE Facilities Replacement Construction

The U.S. spends billions of dollars on the construction of buildings for federal uses, but somehow can't seem to budget sufficient funding to ensure that American Indian children go to school in buildings that are not only safe but also conducive to learning. The President's FY13 and FY14 budget requests violated its treaty and trust responsibilities as it sought to essentially impose a moratorium on replacement school facilities construction by requesting funding only for repairs and improvements. We have been alarmed by the Administration's policy shift and concerned that OMB, who appears to be dictating this approach, has a clandestine long-term goal to dismantle the BIE school system to cut costs despite its treaty obligations. The Administration did not consult with Indian country on this proposed policy change in contravention of its own policy requiring government-to-government consultation.

For the President's FY15 budget request, the BIA requests only \$3.230 million for phase one construction for one school. It is unacceptable that the President's FY15 budget request does not request funding to replace additional school facilities given it admits that there are many schools, such as our High School, that are rated in "poor condition" with potential for life, safety, and health hazards. The High School is among the more than 63 schools funded by the BIE that are in poor condition. There exists a more than \$1.3 billion BIE construction backlog and this number keeps growing.

Instead, the Administration should be requesting at least \$200 million for FY15 for school **and** facilities replacement with a plan to request at least \$200 million each year until the BIE school construction backlog is addressed. The Bush Administration had requested over \$200 million each year in FY05-FY07 for BIE school and facilities construction and was able to make progress in reducing the BIE construction backlog. Only through consistent and sustained funding will the BIA be able to make a dent in its BIE school facilities backlog. Our hope is that the Subcommittee could consider addressing the BIE construction backlog by developing a plan to significantly reduce this backlog over a period of time.

The Band's Reservation was established through a series of treaties with the

U.S. and presidential executive orders. *See* Treaties of February 22, 1855 (10 Stat. 1165) and March 19, 1867 (Article I, 16 Stat. 719); Executive Orders of October 29, 1873; November 4, 1873; and 4 May 26, 1874.

Through these treaties and executive orders, our ancestors ceded to the U.S. significant tracts of our homelands. In return, the U.S. promised to provide for school buildings, teachers, and the education of our youth. **Hundreds of thousands of additional acres of our homelands were stolen from us pursuant to the land allotment mandates of the federal Nelson Act in 1889, which is the Minnesota version of the General Allotment Act. As with the various treaty promises made to our people, one focus of the Nelson Act was to dedicate funds generated from these lands for "the establishment and maintenance of a system of free schools among said Indians [Band members], in their midst and for their benefit."** Our forefathers already paid for the education of our children and the children yet to be born. These treaty promises have no expiration dates and remain the law of the land. If the U.S. cannot replace our High School and, therefore, fails to meet its treaty and other legal obligations to the Band, then it is only right that the U.S. cede back its lands that it took from us, including the Chippewa National Forest within which the School is located.

## High School Rated in "Poor Condition" in Need of Replacement by BIA

The High School is on the BIA's [list of schools in need of replacement](#). The BIA categorizes this facility in "poor" condition. In 2007, the BIA Midwest Regional Office for the Office of Indian Education Programs issued a report 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.

In a February 28, 2011, letter responding to Ranking Member Moran's inquiry about the High School, former Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk stated:

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.

Working collaboratively with our community and with architects, we have developed construction and design plans for a new High School that will serve as a local anchor for cultural, environmental and economic sustainability. To meet these objectives, we must first provide our children with a learning environment conducive to academic achievement. We are ready to move forward but we need the Subcommittee's help. The BIA estimates 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 are well aware of the difficult funding decisions that this Subcommittee faces. However, the long overdue replacement of this dangerous building is a small price to pay given the great sacrifices made by the Leech Lake people to help shape this Nation.

Our students deserve the opportunity to attend school in an environment where they can focus on learning first, and not on their health or safety. We urge the Subcommittee to provide funding to replace the High School facility. Thank you for your time and consideration.

# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SECRETARY/TREASURER DONALD “MICK” FINN

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT Quarterly 2014



**G**reetings my fellow Leech Lakers! It has been a humbling experience to represent you as your Secretary Treasurer. I have listed a few issues that have moved forward in the past couple years. I will continue to do the job you elected me to do to the best of my ability. I am seeking your support one more time so that we can continue to work towards a better future for our children and grandchildren. Miigwich!

### **Continued Lobbying efforts to Secure a Building for the Bugonaygeshig High School:**

On April 8th, 2014 the Superintendent of the Bugonaygeshig School testified in front of a Senate Committee for the replacement of the school. With passion, Superintendent Redgrave moved the Committee in a way

that the Committee agreed there was a need a new school. Now it's up to the funding agency to allocate funds for our new school.

### **Moving To Secure Larger Land Base Through Fee-To-Trust:**

It's time to increase our land base. And at the backbone of our people is our land base. The Cobell funds to buy back land should arrive in the following months and we'll begin buying fractionated land from Leech Lake Band Members. We will apply for more of our land to transfer from fee to trust as soon as possible. Leech Lake will continue to explore all areas in order to increase our land base.

### **Construction Expansion of the IHS Clinic In Cass Lake:**

The IHS Clinic in Cass Lake is expected to expand in the near future in order to provide more space for additional services for all band members.

### **Planned Construction Of The Assisted Living Campus:**

A ground breaking event is scheduled for this spring. There will be space for our ENP program and a community room for events on the campus. The hope is that this campus could eventually be linked to the expanded hospital for better service delivery to our people.

### **Economic Development:**

Increased wild rice marketing and sales projects have been moving forward. Additional sales have been developed through conferences and internet opportunities.

### **Leech Lake Telecommunications Development:**

The newest Leech Lake business venture, Leech Lake Telecommunications, will compete with Verizon and T-Mobile. Leech Lake has continued to lobby for improved broadband services for all of underserved reservation communities.

### **Leech Lake Financial Services:**

Leech Lake Financial Services credit building loans continue to assist our Band Members and employees with rebuilding their credit. There may be additional opportunities available for this project in the future.

### **Proposed Tax Increase:**

Leech Lake needs to look at taking double swipes at the apple when increased tax opportunities exist. We could accomplish this by creating a revenue generating gas station on the east end of the reservation. Building a gas station serves a double opportunity for revenue from customers and tax rebates from the State. This new reservation business will allow band members to increase our own revenue by buying native and supporting local businesses. This is only possible if we create more successful businesses and the community as a whole supports them and shops at our businesses. Every additional local purchase will help contribute to the tax rebate, which is helpful to our community members because the rebates come at a critical time in the winter when heating and electric bills are at their highest.

### **Balanced Budgets:**

The past three years the Tribe and Gaming Departments have maintained a balanced budget and that shows our people we are taking care of business from the government standpoint. As a Tribal Council, we have moved past giving away the house for any project that doesn't make business sense, and I will continue to honor my financial responsibility to our people by not concurring and approving any project with strings attached. Honesty, Transparency, and Economic Business opportunities are my promises to you and I intend on keeping those promises.

### **Moondance Loan:**

This loan was renegotiated around the end of my first year as Secretary/Treasurer. This loan was in default, Leech Lake was not receiving loan payments. Originally the loan was under secured. This means Leech Lake loaned Moondance way too much money for the collateral on the loan. Most loans are valued at or up to 80 percent of what the borrower has put up for collateral. Through further negotiations we are currently receiving payments, and will receive an annual payment in September of each year until Leech Lake has been paid back in full.

We will continue to lobby for our treaty rights in Washington DC. I will keep you up to date on all events that take place throughout the rest of this legislative session.

Donald "Mick" Finn

Sec. /Treas.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

## **Notice to Public**

## **Tribal Roads**

### **“Attention Residents of the Leech Lake Reservation.**

Roads maintenance season has begun. Crews are out sweeping streets, removing debris, and repairing road surfaces in order to provide safe, passable roads for reservation residents. Please remove all items that are in the streets or within the road right-of-way (i.e. basketball hoops, vehicles, etc.) to prevent damage to your personal property. Tribal Roads and Maintenance crews are not responsible for any damage to personal property that is left in the street. Please exercise caution around roads equipment and construction areas. If you have any questions, please contact Art Chase at 335-3598.”

# LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE DISTRICT I OFFICE QUARTERLY REPORT

## Greetings from the Office of the District One Representative,

The start of the 2014 year has been a busy and productive one. We have been continually working to assist District I constituents with program needs, working in collaboration with our Tribal Programs.

The springtime brings the Easter Holiday upon us; our District I Local Indian Councils have been working hard to represent their communities with all LIC's planning Easter Celebrations. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe supported and sponsored the following LIC events:

- S. Lake LIC Easter Party: Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.
  - Inger LIC Easter Party: Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.
  - Winnie Dam LIC Easter Party: Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 10:00 a.m.
  - Ball Club LIC Easter Party: Friday, April 18, 2014 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- (Submitted photos will be printed in next month's issue.)

Additional events occurring in the month of April are the Elder Abuse Awareness Conference held at Northern Lights Casino & Event Center in Walker, MN. We have a total of approximately 30 elders attending from the District I Community.

Also, the District I Youth Coordinators will be holding a mini-community powwow on Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Inger.

Fishing tournament at the Inger Bridge, May 10, 2014 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 entry fee, sponsored by the Inger Local Indian Council.

Future happenings for the District I area for the upcoming quarter are to include a Community Youth Summit tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2014. Planning meetings will be upcoming in the near future, we currently working with Phillip Johnson Youth Coordinator and planning to work with other youth coordinators and the LIC'S. Please contact our office if you are interested in being a part of the Youth Summit planning committee.

## 2014 District I Pow-Wows

### The Waa Wiye Gaa Maag (Round Lake) 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow

June 20-22, 2014: S. Lake, Minnesota

### Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow

July 18-20, 2014: Ball Club, Minnesota

### Cha Cha Bah Ning 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Pow Wow

August 22-24, 2014: Inger, Minnesota

## Community Drivers Needed:

The CHR program has expanded its transportation services to include community drivers to assist in the transport of patients to medical appointments. These appointments may include: Clinics, Optical, Dental, Specialty, Dialysis, etc. and may be local or long distance. If you are interested in being a driver for the community you live in or for the reservation as a whole please consider becoming a LLBO Medical Transportation Volunteer Driver. As a driver you are paid reimbursed .56 per mile for your travel and you volunteer your time. If you are interested in hearing more about this program and how you may become a part of it please feel free to contact Bob White at the Leech Lake Health Division:

**1 (218) 335-4507.**

## State Attempts to Stamp out Tribal Sovereignty with Seizure of Tribal Cigarettes

Minnesota Department of Revenue Agents under direction of Governor Dayton's Administration seized a shipment of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (the "Band") tribally stamped cigarettes on Friday, April 18, 2014, forcing the relationship between the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Leech Band of Ojibwe to a new low. Since 2009, the Leech Lake Band has engaged in tribe-to-tribe commerce with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska on the sale of tribally regulated and tribally taxed cigarettes. The majority of the revenue generated through tribal taxation is recirculated into funding tribal programs like health and wellness and small business lending. It provides alternative means for deriving income during difficult economic times.

"Every time the Minnesota Department of Revenue requested a meeting on this issue, we came to the table to meet in good faith to offer innovative and creative solutions which were consistently turned down by the State," stated Leech Lake Chairwoman Carri Jones. "We were hoping that by engaging in good faith negotiations we would avoid the drastic measure that Governor Dayton's administration took on Easter weekend."

Early on, the State expressed concern that the Band's sale of tribally regulated cigarettes would create a "black market," but the Band's proposals to the State included providing full disclosure and transparency as well as allowing joint regulation and information sharing to alleviate any such concern. These proposals fell on deaf ears as it has become clear to the Band that the Department of Revenue will settle for nothing less than complete and unilateral control in of spite tribal sovereignty.

The US Constitution, treaties and federal case law provide no doubt that the State is without authority to regulate the on-reservation activities of the Leech Lake Band absent Congressional authorization. The Band and the State can, by mutual agreement, share regulation such as in the tribal-state gaming compact or exchange regulatory authority for revenue sharing such as in the tribal-state tax agreement.

The Band and the Department of Revenue have been in negotiations for years over the tribal tax agreement regarding the State's past refusal to share the state tobacco tax. In the original tax agreement, the State and the Band agreed to share state cigarette taxes collected by and on the Reservation. In violation of this agreement, the State has not shared any of the State excise tax consisting of the health impact fee and fee in lieu of settlement imposed on tobacco products. Leech Lake leaders and the Department of Revenue have been attempting to resolve this disagreement over what the Band sees as an unfair and unwarranted attack on tribal sovereignty.

The Good Friday Seizure is viewed as yet another attack on Native American rights. The Band sees this seizure as an attempt by the State to implement its unfair state taxation plan on the lands of the Leech Lake Reservation, this time resulting in the unfortunate economic isolation of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe.

Governor Dayton's Administration is taking unprecedented action against a Minnesota tribal government, and these actions come on the heels of other identical actions taken by Republican governors Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Rick Snyder of Michigan. "There is a reason Governor Dayton's Department of Revenue has not publicized the seizure of tribally-regulated cigarettes. The Governor wants to be seen as a friend of Indian Tribes", stated Jones, "but I am concerned that this seizure will drive a wedge between the progress our governments have been making through negotiations."

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

### DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE

# STEVE WHITE



First, I'd like to thank everyone for supporting me in this position and most importantly providing me with the knowledge of your concerns, ideas and valued input on the matters and issues that face the people of Leech Lake.

We have several accomplishments to celebrate but we also have many projects we need to complete and obstacles to overcome. I have been grateful to have such cooperative advisors in each community. Our LIC's

continue to prosper each meeting and have become a valuable asset by providing accurate and adequate representation for each unique area. I would love to have the opportunity to build in these relationships and use our knowledge and networking to achieve positive things for our people.

Several band members have questions on accessing funds when they reach their eighteenth birthday, so I would like to include information that can assist with any questions or concerns band members may have on the process of accessing these funds.

If you are an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and you turn 18 years old on or after December 1, 2013, you may receive up to \$775 (2012 LLBO Tax Rebate Payment, \$200; 2013 LLBO Tax Rebate Payment, \$200; 2013 Salazar Settlement Payment, \$375).

Provide the following to LLBO Accounts Payable: (Forms not filled out legibly will be returned to you.)

1. IRS Form W-9 ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)), legibly fill out your name as it appears on your Social Security Card, Mailing Address, Social Security Number, Signature and Date.
2. Enrollee Address Update/Request ([www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org))
3. Copy of your Tribal Identification Card or State-issued Identification Card (to verify your signature).

#### Mail or fax to:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
PO Box 60 Cass Lake, MN 56633

CONTACT: Maureen Moose, 218-335-3007  
Fax#s: 218-335-3781 or 218-335-3616

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Accounting office cannot process any payments or provide you any information regarding the Nelson Act or Cobell Settlement payments.

**For information regarding the**  
2012 Nelson Settlement payment, contact:  
Office of Special Trustee  
Federal Building 522 Minnesota Avenue NW  
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601  
218-751-4338

**For information regarding the**  
Cobell Settlement, call 1-800-961-6109.

## Things To Look Forward To...

### COMMUNITY

One emphasis I will continue and will always hold as a priority is providing communities with events to bring us together in a positive aspect. Such as the recently held District 2 WinterFest, Kids Perch Jerk and other community based activities held in the past. We will continue to seek funding opportunities for funding these activities. To achieve strong and healthy communities we need to continue to gather and engage in meaningful conversations, we need to be comfortable with our neighbors, and we need to be able to share our concerns and opinions. The most valuable asset to a strong community is the people and we need to keep this in mind as leaders as we make important decisions on our community's behalf.

### YOUTH

The children of our community are vital to the survival of our culture, future and legacy. Others will address these issues by discussing the problems and barriers our youth deal with. I would like to take an approach on the issue by identifying the successes and potential our children already possess. Instead of discussing the lack of resources and opportunities, I'd like to identify what we already have and cooperate and strategize on making these assets more efficient and effective. We continuously hear the negative side of our weaknesses our youth division has and I would like to focus on our strengths and build off them. Taking a new approach will change the way we view things.

### EDUCATION

Prior to the development of the Natural Resource Sub-Committee, I previously served on the Education and Human Resource sub-committee and have always emphasized on the importance of education. At the beginning of my term I secured funds through one of our leading vendors for more scholarship funds for Leech Lake band members. Others will emphasize on post-secondary which is very important but I feel we need to become involved prior to this phase in education. I would like to emphasize on the birth to 3 ages and middle school students. These are important times in the development of one's view and observation of the world. Many times these views will shape our opinions and define our values. We need to provide more education on effective early learning and the power of observation, as our ancestors once emphasized on.

Education is very important in ones life and we value those who work hard at obtaining their educational goals, since I joined the tribal council I have been in cooperation with one of LLBO's leading vendors, Reinhardt Foods, which has been graciously donating a percentage of what is spent each back to the band for educational scholarships. Over the past 3 years Reinhardt Foods, regional sales representative, Mitch Knutson and I have obtained over \$51,000.00 (average \$16,000.00 each year) to assist with scholarships for band members working on their educational goals. This year \$14,952.00 was donated and will assist an average of 10 or more students who remain on the waiting list.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We need to start experiencing changes in our infrastructure. Such as visually observing things happening such as the expansion of the Boy River Bridge, recreational

trails (Bena bike path), and the Bena Picnic Pavilion project. These projects can provide healthy and safe activities for our families to experience together. We also need to move forward with our wireless/broadband project to remain on the same page as the rest of the world. Our radio station is one of four reservation owned stations and is thriving according the recent newspaper article and reviews from listeners. One thing I'd like to pursue is the possibility of looking at the feasibility study of opening a reservation owned convenience store by the crossroads of HWY 200 and County road 8 near Longville. Many of the band members have to travel long distances for necessities such as milk, bread, gas and other items. Not only would this help with minimizing the distance traveled, it would also create jobs and increase the efficiency of our Tribal Assistance program and our Fleet department. 2014 KIDS PERCH JERK

The 2014 Kids Perch Jerk, one of our larger community events, was held on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 on Lake Winnibigoshish. The weather was beautiful and brought many participants to the ice that morning over 1000 participants enjoyed this event sponsored by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Leech Lake Gaming.

I find it appropriate to include this event in my quarterly report for myself and my staff organized and brought together the volunteers and needed venues for this event. Networking and organizing the needed details for an event of this caliber does not come easy and takes dedication, hard work and reliable help. I'd like to thank the core planning team which consisted of the following employees: Rory Haaland, LLTP; Dean Kvalevog, Heavy equipment; Scott Keller, LLTP; Renee Gale, Dist 2 office; Jamie Mitchell, LLDRM; Hershale Ogema, YCDPP; Yvonne Hardy, LLYD; Tracy Gale, LLYD; Ken Washington; LLTP. this group met every Friday for 7 weeks to plan the event and make sure all details were covered. I'd like to give a special thanks to Leona Kohloff, Department Manager Palace Casino Red Cedar Grill and her staff for offering their services and making lunch a smooth and enjoyable part of the event, serving over 1,000 people isn't easy but this crew did a great job. Special thanks to the employee volunteers who stepped up to assist with registration, prizes, weigh-in, bait distribution, drilling holes and so much more.

#### The following employees deserve special thanks:

Patti Bittner, Sarah Wakanabo, Phillip Gavere, April Beaulieu, Ryan White, Becky White, Trish Serfling, Marilyn Wind, Jody Wind, Bev Beaulieu, Stephanie Losh, Peggy Losh, Laura Hughs, Kenneth Hanson, Jon Finn.

Donations were received from the following vendors Reinhardt Foods, NEI Bottling, Sandstrom's, Appert's, Reeds Sporting goods, Northland Tackle, Wal-Mart Bemidji (4 bikes)

Over 1000 participants.....419 kids registered and 418 adults registered, we appreciate all the help and all who participated and look forward to keeping this an annual event.

## Gas Discount Policy

Beginning, April 1, 2014, all convenience stores owned by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, will offer a \$.05 per gallon discount to enrolled Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) members on gasoline and diesel purchased for the member's personal use.

To receive the discount, the LLBO member must comply with the following requirements without exception:

1. The customer must pay inside the convenience store.
2. The customer may use cash, check, credit or debit card for payment. NO PAY AT THE PUMP.
3. The customer must present their current and valid LLBO Tribal Identification Card to the cashier to receive the discount at each transaction.
4. The gasoline must ONLY be for personal use.

## AFA Leech Lake Health Report to the People

### 2013 Health Planning Report to the People

This year has been another progressive year of managing 58 programs within the Leech Lake Health Division. Enhancements to the clinics have included the addition of a part time chiropractor who also provides acupuncture services, full staffing of nurses within the 6 clinics, equipping each clinic with new defibrillators, and the revision of Mass Vaccination Plans for emergency preparedness. We have also held training sessions for all HD clinic and clinic support staff for the mandatory utilization of the Electronic Health Records charting for all patients cared for within our clinic systems, and for the integration of an electronic referral system between the IHS Cass Lake Hospital and the LLBO Health Division to ensure quality patient care.

The Minnesota Market Place (MNSURE) conversion was a priority for our department this year which resulted in the specialized training of staff, finalizing of Memorandum of Agreements with the State of Minnesota, and reservation wide education regarding MNSURE for all constituents. The Health Division played a critical role in the finalization of the State ARMER conversion and successful implementation for the Leech Lake Band.

The training and preparation for the implementation of the MNCHOICE assessment system was another priority for our Division in efforts to ensure that we are prepared to conduct assessments on all patients referred to our Department for health care needs. In addition, our program expanded our waiver programs to include facilitating case management and care coordination for constituents living on the reservation who are diagnosed with Developmental Delays. We are proud to report we have successfully implemented all phases of the MN Health Care Access Plan contract which ensures constituents who are receiving MA and MNCARE have the ability to attend medical appointments and meet the medical transportation needs for themselves and their families. Finally, we have enhanced our staff development priorities to include annual training practices that include vulnerable reporting education, patient confidentiality training and policy and procedure updates in efforts to keep all Health Division staff educated in the most recent laws and policies designed to enhance patient outcomes.

The web link for the entire AFA Health Report to the People is:

<http://www.llojibwe.org/health/healthreport.html>

It can be found under the main Health Division menu under the Health Reports tab.

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## LEECH LAKE RESERVATION

PRIMARY ELECTION

April 1, 2014

## ELECTION RESULTS



SECRETARY - TREASURER	D1 INGER	D1 BALL CLUB	D1 SOUARY LAKE	D2 BEYA	D2 SUGAR POINT	D2 SMOKEY POINT	D3 CASS LAKE	D3 MISSION	D3 ONIGUMA	D3 CASS RIVER	D3 OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	BEMLUJI	DULUTH	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
DONALD "MICK" FINN	15	23	5	15	7	4	90	26	13	5	4	42	21	6	72	348	18.57%
ARTHUR "ARCHIE" LaROSE	35	77	20	21	8	9	176	31	35	6	19	56	34	6	89	622	33.19%
EUGENE "RIBS" WHITEBIRD	1	4	0	2	2	5	29	18	4	0	1	2	2	2	9	81	4.32%
FARON JACKSON, SR.	23	24	1	20	9	15	32	4	56	0	3	78	10	1	24	300	16.01%
NOEL "OLE" EUGENGE THOMPSON, SR.	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	23	1.23%
DONALD J. HEADBIRD	4	7	1	3	1	1	28	23	5	3	1	4	7	0	7	95	5.07%
LOUISE "WEEDY" MASTEN	6	3	0	2	0	1	15	18	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	55	2.93%
LANCE A. KINGBIRD	2	2	3	0	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	20	1.07%
JENNIE (WIND) REYES	6	7	0	7	12	6	49	14	6	0	0	1	13	0	11	132	7.04%
NANCY BEAULIEU	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	0.64%
REBECCA CHASE	16	20	2	14	10	17	24	7	5	0	3	17	3	1	28	167	8.91%
HERSCHEL J. OGEWA, SR.	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	19	1.01%
DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE	D1 INGER	D1 BALL CLUB	D1 SOUARY LAKE	D2 BEYA	D2 SUGAR POINT	D2 SMOKEY POINT	D3 CASS LAKE	D3 MISSION	D3 ONIGUMA	D3 CASS RIVER	D3 OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	BEMLUJI	DULUTH	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
BURTON "LUKE" WILSON	3	29	1									9	0	5	27	74	16.97%
JAMES HOWARD	41	18	7									3	11	3	4	87	19.95%
PENNY DeVault	45	65	12									9	0	3	13	147	33.72%
DAVID A. CRONIN	0	3	2									0	0	0	2	7	1.61%
MILTON GOTCHIE	1	24	0									1	2	1	2	31	7.11%
LISA KINGBIRD GULLICKSON	3	0	6									1	1	0	0	11	2.52%
ROSEANNE WILSON	4	23	3									7	5	0	6	48	11.01%
PHILLIP JOHNSON	7	7	1									0	0	0	4	19	4.36%
CHRISTINA BOWSTRING	3	0	1									1	0	0	3	8	1.83%
TAMI K. JACKSON (BOWSTRING)	3	1	0									0	0	0	0	4	0.92%
DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE	D1 INGER	D1 BALL CLUB	D1 SOUARY LAKE	D2 BEYA	D2 SUGAR POINT	D2 SMOKEY POINT	D3 CASS LAKE	D3 MISSION	D3 ONIGUMA	D3 CASS RIVER	D3 OAK POINT	MINNEAPOLIS	BEMLUJI	DULUTH	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%
STEVEN W. WHITE				57	45	53						21	3	1	26	206	71.53%
ARNOLD J. DAHL				30	5	6						17	2	0	6	66	22.92%
THOMAS CHASE				6	0	3						4	1	0	2	16	5.56%

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Leech Lake Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Primary Election held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the Leech Lake Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.

SIGNED

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

## The following LLBO candidates Advanced to the General Election

### Secretary/Treasurer

Donald J. Finn  
 Arthur "Archie" LaRose

### District I Representative

James Howard  
 Penny DeVault

### District II Representative

Steven W. White  
 won with 71% of vote  
 in primary election

## DULUTH VOTING PRECINCT

The Leech Lake Band opened at new satellite office in Duluth MN, located at 202 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Initially the office is offering intake documentation so the location can designate needed services to the Band members in Duluth.

A voting precinct for Leech Lake Band members living in the Duluth area is being organized and will be located in the same building as the new Leech Lake office at 202 West 2<sup>nd</sup> street in Duluth for the April 1st primary.



# ELECTION CALENDAR 2014

- May 8:** Last Day for Decision on Appeal (10 days from hearing on appeal).
- May 9:** Notice of Regular Election TEC provides ballots
- June 10:** **General Election**  
(Polling Places open from 8am until 8pm)
- June 11:** General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
- June 12:** General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
- June 13:** Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
- June 17:** 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
- June 18:** Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed. *(or 17, 16, if request for Recount is filed before deadline):*
- June 27,** Deadline Decision on Contest  
*(or ten days from Notice of Contest, which-ever is sooner):*
- July 1 (or within days of decision on Contest):** 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election 3 Appeals. Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision
- July 5:** Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals. *(or within 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal):*
- July 8:** Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal).
- July 8:** Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
- 10 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.

**- You will not be able to vouch for individuals if they do not have an ID  
- Campaigning/Electioneering (Candidates included)  
will not be allowed within 200 feet of ANY polling precinct  
or the Cass Lake Election Board Office!**

## Bug O Nay Ge Shig School

*4 positions opening for the 2014 Election.*

**District I has 1 position opening**  
**District II has 1 position opening**  
**District III has 2 positions opening**

## LL Housing Authority

*3 positions opening for the 2014 Election*

**District I has 1 position opening**  
**District II has 1 position opening**  
**District III has 1 position opening**

The School board & Housing - elections will be held in conjunction with the Leech Lake General Election on June 10, 2014 at the precinct polling sites from 8am to 8pm.

The timeline to sign-up is from April 7 through May 9, 2014. Candidates may sign-up at the Tribal offices.

## Approved Forms of Voter Identification

### Photo Identification:

(ID must be valid)

- Tribal ID with current address
- State ID with current address
- If Tribal or State ID has a former address, you may bring a recent utility bill to use with your ID
- Id issued by the U.S. government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

### Non-photo Identification:

(ID must show name and current address of the voter)

- Current Utility Bill
- Current Bank Statement
- Current Paycheck
- Government Check

Utility bill must come from utility company, have your name, current address, and be due within 30 days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, or cable TV.

## General ELECTION NOTICE

**A** Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the LEECH LAKE Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on June 10, 2014 to fill the following positions:

**ELECTION DATE:**  
**June 10th, 2014**  
**POLLS OPEN: 8am- 8pm**

Will be open (the enrollment office too) from 8:00am to 4:30pm  
Saturday March 22, 2014

### **POLLING PLACES:**

#### **DISTRICT I:**

Inger – Community Center  
Ball Club – Community Center  
Squaw Lake – Community Center

#### **DISTRICT II:**

Bena – Community Center  
Sugar Point – Community Center  
Smokey Point/Kego Lake -  
Community Center

#### **DISTRICT III:**

Cass Lake – **Dikinaagan Center Mission – (has changed)**  
**Ten Lakes Town Hall**  
Onigum– Community Center  
Cass River – Community Center  
Oak Point – Community Center

#### **\* GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD**

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Che-Wa-ka-E-Gon Complex  
6530 Hwy 2 NW Cass Lake, MN 56633

#### **BEMIDJI VOTING PRECINCT**

Bemidji City Hall Council Chambers  
317 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW Bemidji, MN 56601

#### **TWIN CITIES VOTING PRECINCT**

Minneapolis American Indian Center  
1530 E. Franklin Minneapolis, MN

#### **DULUTH VOTING PRECINTC**

202 W. 2nd St. Duluth, MN 55802



## Minnesota Chippewa Tribe MNSure Navigators

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) is pleased to announce the availability of two MNSure Outreach Specialists. The MCT Outreach Specialists are trained MNSure Navigators who are prepared to assist MCT members with the MNSure application process, and answer questions specifically related to health care for American Indians.

Watch for announcements for upcoming Information Events and Enrollment Events for the MNSure health insurance marketplace.

MCT MNSure Outreach Specialist for Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Bois Forte and Duluth:

**Priscilla Fairbanks, 218-335-8586, ext. 128**  
**pfairbanks@mnchippewatribe.org**

MCT MNSure Outreach Specialist for White Earth, Mille Lacs and the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro Area:

**Joni Hilliard, 218-335-8586, ext. 129**  
**jhilliard@mnchippewatribe.org**

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American Indian preference apply. Please submit Cover Letter, Resume, Credentials, 3 Letters of Reference, and Transcripts for positions requiring any Degree above High School Diploma or General Education Diploma

www.llojibwe.org and may: **drop off or mail documents to:**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources  
 115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633;

**Fax documents to:** 1-218-335-3697;

**email documents to:** andrea.jones@llbo.org

**Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.**

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 2nd, 2014

Health Nutrition Assistant ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-072  
 EHS Family Service Advocate ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-071  
 Part-Time Driver ~ A&D Outpatient ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-070  
 Youth Activity Coordinator ~ Youth ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-069  
 YCDPP Coordinator ~ Youth ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-068

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON APRIL 25th, 2014

Receptionist/File Clerk ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-067  
 Seasonal Biological Tech. ~ Resource Management ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-066  
 Infant/Toddler Teacher-Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~DOQ~ Job Code: 13-235B  
 Mid-Level Provider ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-060  
 Family Service Advocate - Inger ~ Early Childhood ~DOQ~ Job Code: 14-026B  
 Professional Development Advisor ~ Early Childhood ~DOQ~ Job Code: 14-022  
 Training Center Coordinator-Ambulance ~ Health ~DOQ~ Job Code: 13-223B  
 Radio Station Chief Engineer ~ MIS ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-019

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Pre-School Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-006B  
 Infant/Toddler Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-047  
 Child Abuse Prevention Coord. ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-009C  
 Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-015  
 SPF-TIG Project Director ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 13-245  
 Controller ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 12-110B  
 Department of Revenue Director ~ RTC ~ Job Code: 14-013

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

Pt Cashier/ NLE ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-001  
 Pt Cashier/Che-We ~ Business Development ~ \$10.25/hr ~ Job Code: 14-000



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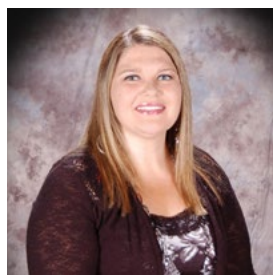
## COMPOST

Did you know that kitchen and yard waste make up 20 to 30 percent of the average household's garbage?

Composting can significantly reduce the amount of waste you send to the incinerator or landfill and is a treat for the vegetables in your garden!



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## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE CHAIRWOMAN

# CARRI JONES

Third Quarter Newsletter – 2014

**B**oozhoo, hello from the Chairwoman's office. We hope this newsletter finds you warm despite the snow and cold! The Tribe has many exciting matters transpiring across the reservation as we wrap up the third quarter. The Tribe continues to make progress for the many projects we have going. This newsletter gives Band members the details of the dedicated effort and success made towards the Band's developments, collaborations, and future goals.

### EDUCATION

#### G.E.D. Graduation

**T**he new General Education Development (G.E.D.) exam for 2014 is now in place and will be fully operational by the time this newsletter is printed. The 2014 G.E.D. test will be fully computer based and more expensive than previous tests. Many students involved in the Adult Basic Education (A.B.E.) program worked very hard this year to successfully complete their equivalency diplomas before their G.E.D. exams expired and the new testing system took place.

The A.B.E. program expanded their services to 287 students (50 more students than last year). The Graduation ceremony took place on February 18<sup>th</sup> with 71 graduates walking with their diplomas. The A.B.E. program was recently awarded a G.E.D. Innovation Grant allowing the program to remain open every evening, Saturdays and to also retain an additional teacher for the Fall. This information is very promising for the future of our Band members' livelihoods and well-being.

#### Career Fair

**C**areer Attorney for the Legal Department Laura Vedder and the Chairwoman presented about their educations and career paths to over sixty 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Cass Lake-Bena Middle School Career Fair Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Talking with the future generation about the importance of an education proved to be a positive experience. We firmly believe that young teens need inspiration and role models to stay on track for the bright futures that await them. We talked with the students but also asked the students for their input. At the end of the presentation we asked the students,



“What would you like Leech Lake to do for you?” The students responded with many suggestions such as the need for more basketball tournaments, a swimming pool, and a park by the middle school. We hope to explore the possibility of these suggestions soon.

#### Credit Builder Classes

**L**eech Lake Financial Services has been offering “Credit Building on the Rez” classes to a variety of Band and community members in locations such as the Cass Lake-Bena High School, the Tribal College, and Northern Lights. These classes teach participants about financial responsibility and presents a fun way to build better credit. Sessions fill up quickly! You can sign up and learn more about these presentations by contacting 218-335-7206 or emailing Robert.aitken@llojibwe.org.

#### New Leech Lake Tribal College Library

**T**he new LLTC library is expected to be open in the fall. In addition to holding the library's collection of books, the new facility will also contain the LLTC Learning Center, the peer tutoring program, a 15-seat smart classroom, and a climate-controlled archive space for rare/important documents and artifacts that are particularly relevant to the history and people of Leech Lake. The new facility and its resources will be open to the public as well as LLTC students, staff and faculty.

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

#### Cass County M.O.U.



**L**eech Lake and the Cass County Board of Commissioners signed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) at the first collaborative meeting held between the two parties in over 3 years. The M.O. U. emphasizes both parties' cooperation towards improved communication, on-going mutual consultation, and agreement to uphold an effective, respectful working relationship. This M.O.U. underscores the Band's goal of building strong relationships with the surrounding local communities. The five year M.O.U. provides a framework for cooperation on many important issues regarding natural resource management and community and economic development in order to maintain Ojibwe cultural ways. A future possible joint project discussed included Band members' difficulty in traveling to and from Walker for court and human services appointments. Band members would benefit if these services could be brought to the Cass Lake area. Therefore, an office for Cass County to provide these services may possibly be housed in the new Criminal Justice Center when it is built.

#### Native Nations Night

**B**emidji State University and the Sanford Center hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Native Nations Night on February 28<sup>th</sup> with a ceremonial puck-drop including all three tribal chairs from Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth. B.S.U. played against University of Alabama-Huntsville. Band members enjoyed the game with discounted

tickets prices. A drum group opened the night with a song to honor the Native peoples and their heritage of the Bemidji region.

### LLBO Recognized for Partnership



The Chippewa National Forest awarded Leech Lake with a partnership award. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Leech Lake RBC signed a collaborative M.O.U. with Chippewa National Forest in June 2013. This M.O.U. outlined the processes for consultation and communication between Leech Lake and the C.N.F. The partnership award showcases the Band's continuing effort towards building a cooperative and productive working relationship with our surrounding community.

### Bemidji Axemen

Even though the Bemidji Axemen were defeated by Cedar Rapids on February 7<sup>th</sup>, the Band is excited to announce we have the landed naming rights for the Bemidji Indoor Football League team. The Axemens' field is officially called Palace Casino Field inside the Sanford Center. This deal fosters the goals of community development by strengthening the Band's relationship with the Bemidji community. The Palace Casino field logo will be proudly advertised in all of the Axemen marketing efforts thus expanding potential gaming revenue for the Band.

### CONTINUING EFFORTS

#### Canterbury Park

#### Simulcasting Agreement

The Band has reached an exciting and innovative 5 year agreement with the Canterbury Park Holding Corporation. When this agreement is finalized and approved, patrons at Northern Lights will be able to watch and wager on live broadcasts of horse races taking place across the country. Leech Lake is the first sovereign nation in the country to sign a simulcasting agreement of this sort. The horse racing agreement creates a new entertainment option at Northern Lights and expands offerings to customers, thus increasing the Band's revenue. The Band will use this new revenue for more community development projects. New jobs will be created for our community as people are needed to operate the racebook and wagers. While an agreement has been reached between the Band and Canterbury Park, the next step includes gaining approval from the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) and the Minnesota Racing Commission. The Band hopes the horse racing agreement will be operational at the Northern Lights within the coming months. The Canterbury Park Simulcasting Agreement acts as an additional piece in the Band's gaming portfolio. Therefore, the Band is exercising our sovereign rights by expanding our gaming operations. We do not expect that the current gaming compact will be effected in any way.

#### Centralized Billing Project

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Band dedicated itself to implementing a more effective, structured Centralized Billing department and staff. We

recognized the enormous potential for Leech Lake to receive 50-75% more dollars per year in some LLBO programs with an effective in-house billing process for the Band. The main goal of this initiative was for the Band to annually bill and receive its maximum potential (100%) reimbursement of funds due to the Band's health and human services. This newsletter is pleased to announce that a job description for a Central Billing Director/Manager and an Administrative Assistant will be posted and the jobs filled very soon. An important aspect for the new Director/Manager is to become familiar and build strong relations with the county, State, and federal agencies that the Band routinely bills for health care services provided. The Director/Manager will also evaluate recent billing history for the past 5 years in order to identify and target specific areas for improved billing processes. Qualified and fully-capable current and future billing staff within this Centralized Billing department are crucial in the potential outcome of this initiative. As you have read throughout past quarterly newsletters, the Band has made great strides towards completing this Centralized Billing Project and implementing a more effective billing process.

### OTHER ENDEAVOURS

#### State of the Union Address

Carri attended the State of the Union Address given by President Obama on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. Carri was invited by Congressman Rick Nolan to represent the people of Leech Lake and was honored to be a part of such a historical tradition of our country.



"The Ojibwa people and their elected leaders here in the Eighth District are so important, and contribute so much to our economy, our culture and our way of life here in northern Minnesota..." Nolan said. Nolan's district includes five other six M.C.T. bands and also invited Mille Lacs Executive Director Melanie Benjamin.

#### New Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center Completion

The new Leech Lake Diabetes Fitness Center is expected to be complete by summer. The new Fitness Center will house a weight lifting room, a separate cardio room, a workout studio offering various classes, and a diabetes education/meeting room. The Fitness Center will also purchase new weight lifting and cardio equipment upon Center completion. The tribal occupational therapist and tribal chiropractor will be able to work 2 days a week in the additional office space expansion in the new building. With a new layout and roomier feel, the new Fitness Center will attract and keep more clients coming in and coming back!

#### Tribal Transit Program receives \$225,001 Grant

We are happy to report that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been awarded a competitive grant in the amount of \$225,001 from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Tribal Transit program for operating and capital expenses, including wages, fuel, and maintenance in order to continue transit operations on the reservation and extend service along the U.S. Highway 2 corridor to Bemidji and Grand Rapids in northern Minnesota.

Continued updates including minutes of meetings and upcoming events will be on my website:  
www.carrijones.com

**MEMORIAL FEAST AT BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL**

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School will hold its annual Memorial Feast on Tuesday, May 20th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The Memorial Ceremony and Feast is held in memory of all deceased students and staff who have been a part of the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School family. All of their family members are encouraged to attend.

1978 Dave Munnell Melvina Rogers Larry Windom	George Aubid	1999 Terri Staples Alice M. Sumner Boyd Leedon Beaulieu Gary L. Hanson, Jr. Duane Jenkins Robert Stone Mary Wittner Gladys Drouillard	Kasi Monroe Quenten Roy Carol Garbow	Erin Fairbanks Merrel Hill Mark Wakonabo Jimmy Adams Cecil Johnston Rochelle Sargent Daniel Peet	Jereme Kraskey Shirley Whitebird Morris "Moe" Beaulieu Jr. Sharon Raisch Everett Allen Gladys Robinson Rhonda Hurd White David Raisch Day George Whipple Sr. George Earth Jr. Jane Mitchell Stephanie Venzel
1979 Frankie Brown Bobby Harrison Eunice Wittner	1991 Bob Rice Denise Thompson Scott Brown Corey Whitebird	2000 Elmer Jones Sonny Seelye Wayne Goggeye Samuel Goose Terry A. Cloud Donald Cobenais Charles Beaulieu Tom Mitchell Jerome Decicco Jimmy Hardy Mary Jane Johnson Sterling Gale Linda Mitchell Rubie (Smith) O'connor	2003 Tina Garton Shane Waybenais-Statel Joan Lafriniere Matt Goose William "Bj" Mitchell-Drumbeater Matt Schaaf Michael Gale	2008 Bill Bobolink Josie Ryan James "Wiisin" Rogers Tanya Sargent Ron Lyons Dennis Harper William St. Cyr Carmen Kingbird Robert "Pacho" Goggeye, Jr. Mike "Bocky" Kingbird Rodney Johnson, Sr. Mike Lahmon	2012 Brian Northbird James Elmberg Myron Lyons Louise "Peanuts" Johnson Jenkins Renae Jackson Larry Mcclimek Darrin Losh Karen Morgan Ed Bobrowski Scott Thurlow
1980 Melvin Gale	1992 Rhonda Fairbanks James Jackson, Sr. Steve White Rick Hare Terry W. White	2001 Silas "Jake" Blue Holly Kornezos Anessa Anderson Shawn Guinn Doug (Losh) White Dion Staples Chuck Keezer Jerome Johnson, Sr. Richard Wakanabo Dan Brown Dustin Kingbird Ernest Howard Iv Elizabeth Boyd Porky White Tonya Monroe Julius Blue Sr. Leo Gotchie Cody Houle Jonathan Mitchell Owen Goose	2004 Zachary Fairbanks Earl (Ringo) Ogema David Schoenborn Sr. Leon Burnett Theresa Johnston Janice Bradley Bert Headbird Marlo Meserina Lucy Mitchell	2009 Elverna "Byrd" Morris Terrell Wilson Jay White Lucy Donnell Aloysius "Wishy" Thunder Hartley White Gerald (Jake) Hurd Benny Tonce Jessica Staples Barbara Ann Drouillard Don Staples	2013 Leroy B. Fairbanks Leslie Headbird Ida Jackson Barb Fairbanks Judy Harper Henry Harrison Arlene Whitebird Larry Cronquist Wayne Smith Sonya Smith Robert "Johnny" Mitchell Frances Sherer Dan Rasmussen Steve Reiners Cecelia "Bone" Drouillard
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1988 Gary Cloud Jim Tuttle Greg (Ingemar) Geving	1998 Esther Aspinwall Steve Hake Michael (Harley) Monroe				
1989 William Clark Sheldon Raisch Iris Cloud	1999 Duane Fineday Constance I. (Monroe) Jordan Benjamin Frank White				
1990 Joe Jourdain Don (Fudd) Wind					

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority

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Ph: (218) 335-8280 • Fax: (218) 335-8367 Toll Free: 1-866-223-2233



On Thursday, March 20, 2014 the Tax Credit Department held its 2<sup>nd</sup> updating and information session for the tenants of the Fox Creek Community. The first session was held in December 2013 to talk about the cost of water and how to conserve on usage as well as having this project go through a conversion from propane to natural gas, those in attendance were every happy with change this time, with the outcome of conservation of water and the natural gas conversion. This was brought forth as a request from these tenants in the FC community to address their issues and concerns. Tenants and Staff are planning to have a Block Party in the near future. Pictured are some of the Fox Creek tenants, Housing Tax Credit staff and Joe from Northwest Gas Company (he was there to answer and questions and get feedback from the tenants).

Leech Lake Housing Authority  
**21st Annual Elder's Feast**  
"Honoring our Elders"  
**Saturday, May 17, 2014**  
**11:00am – 3:00pm**

Under the "Big Tent" at Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN

- \*Feast                      \*50/50 /Star Quilt Raffle                      \*Entertainment
- \*Dance Exhibition from Youth & Fancy Dance
- \*Elder Talent Show
- \*Live Music by the "Red Cedar Band"
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**Cass Lake**  
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**Friday, May 9**  
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**Ball Club**  
**Community Center**  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**10:00 - 11:30am**

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## Promoting the Affordable Care Act to indigenous peoples

**March 21, 2014** - For the last six months, Ojibwe-language radio ads providing information on the Affordable Care Act have featured a voice that would be familiar to many in the Bemidji community.

Dr. Anton Treuer, executive director of Bemidji State University's American Indian Resource Center, has worked in conjunction with Kauffman and Associates, Inc., a Native American-owned and woman-owned small business, to develop radio ads in Ojibwe with information about accessing services available through the Affordable Care Act.

The public service announcements, produced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, are part of a comprehensive national outreach and education program to provide information about the act to American Indian and Alaskan native peoples.

"This American Indian- and Alaska Native-specific media outreach is intended to increase awareness and understanding of new, free or low-cost options offered through the insurance marketplace," said Jo Ann Kauffman, Kauffman and Associates president.

Treuer, a nationally recognized expert in the Ojibwe language, was approached by Kauffman and Associates and asked to participate in the campaign. Treuer agreed and partnered with Anna Gibbs, a tribal elder from the Red Lake band of Chippewa in Red Lake, Minn., to provide on-air voices for the campaign's six Ojibwe-language ads.

"There's an awareness that there are actually quite a few indigenous people who wouldn't access the information if it wasn't presented in an indigenous language," Treuer said. "The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services wanted to make enrollment material available to people in the languages they speak every day."

Each month during the ongoing year-long campaign, Treuer and Gibbs translate English-language scripts into Ojibwe. After their translations are verified by third-party reviewers, the pair recorded the spots in Bemidji's KBXE Radio studios.

In addition to English and Ojibwe, other groups around the country recorded each radio ad in Yupik, Inupiat, Lakota and Navajo. The ads have aired on dozens of tribal radio stations across the country. They can be heard on a variety of nationally syndicated networks and are available online.

Treuer thinks this project can help encourage participation in the Affordable Care Act among a population of people who need health coverage and might otherwise have avoided information about the program.

"In this part of Ojibwe country, the number of mono-lingual Ojibwe speakers is small," Treuer said. "But there are other parts of Ojibwe country where it's a different story. And a lot of the people in the older generation are bi-lingual, but might tune this information out if it were presented in English."

For Treuer, the project not only supports the work he has done at BSU to revitalize the Ojibwe language, but also reinforces the language's ability to be a part of everyday life.

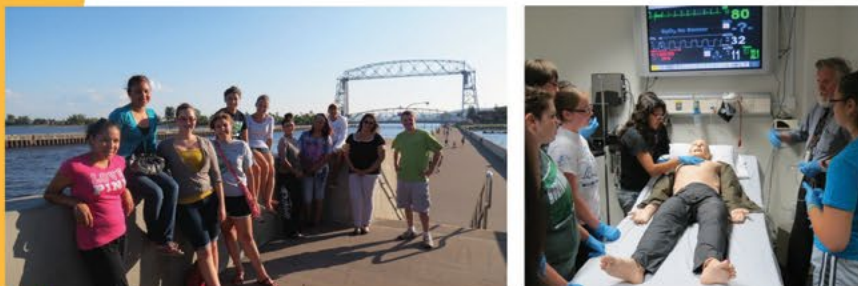
"The language should be an everyday language," he said. "It shouldn't just be used for prayer or for academic work. It should be for everything. So I'm glad to see this. It's helpful to have a healthy, living language."

**Listen to the ads on SoundCloud:** <https://soundcloud.com/bemidjistate/sets/centers-for-medicare-and>



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## Indian Health Service Press Release

March 21, 2014

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: (301) 443-3593; [newsroom@ihs.gov](mailto:newsroom@ihs.gov)

IHS website: <http://www.ihs.gov>

### Increase Proposed for Indian Health Service Budget

President Obama's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget authority for the Indian Health Service (IHS) includes a 4.5 percent increase. The proposed IHS budget appropriation request for fiscal year 2015 is \$4.6 billion, which represents a \$200 million increase over the fiscal year 2014 appropriation. Tribal consultation is fundamental to the IHS budget process, and the proposed budget incorporates tribal priorities and recommendations.

The budget request supports and expands the provision of health care services and public health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The request includes:

- An additional \$50 million to help obtain health care from the private sector through the Purchased/Referred Care program (formerly known as the Contract Health Services program). This program allows for the purchase of essential health care services that the IHS and tribes do not provide in their local facilities.
- An additional \$71 million to support staffing and operating costs at four new and expanded facilities.
- An additional \$30 million to fully fund the estimated amount of contract support costs for new and expanded contracts and compacts in fiscal year 2015. This will help tribes cover the cost of administrative functions for compacts or contracts established under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
- An additional \$31 million to address medical inflation costs.
- Additional funding to pay costs for new tribes and restoration of reductions in the fiscal year 2014 operating plan.

Funding was also included to complete construction on three health care facilities (the Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.; the Northern California Youth Regional Treatment Center in Davis, Calif.; and the Ft. Yuma Health Center in Winterhaven, Calif.) and to continue construction on one facility (the Gila River Southeast Health Center in Chandler, Ariz.).



Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, Ariz.

If the proposed budget is enacted, the IHS discretionary budget will have increased 38 percent since fiscal year 2008. The IHS fiscal year 2015 proposed budget is available online at <http://www.ihs.gov/budgetformulation/congressionaljustifications>.

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of federally recognized tribes.

### Local Indian Council Meetings Schedule

**Oak Point** 1st Sunday  
4:00pm Oak Point Center

**Ball Club** 1st Monday  
7:00 pm Ball Club Center

**Cass River** 1st Monday  
6:00pm Pennington Center

**Kego Lake Boy Lake**

**Smokey Point** 1st Wed.  
7:00pm Kego Lake Center

**Bemidji** 1st Thurs.  
6:30pm-8pm Oshki Manidoo  
Center, Bemidji

**Winnie Dam** 1st Thursday  
7:00 pm Winnie Dam Center

**Cass Lake** 2nd Monday  
5:00pm Facility Center

**Sugar Bush Buck  
Lake** 2nd Monday

6:00pm Palace Casino

**Inger** 2nd Monday  
7:00 pm Inger Center

**Bena** 2nd Tues  
6:00pm Bena Center

**Onigum** 2nd Tuesday  
6:30pm Onigum Center

**Sugar Point** 2nd Wed.  
6:30pm Sugar Point Center

**S Lake** 3rd Monday  
6:00 pm S Lake Center

**Mission** 3rd Monday  
6:00pm Mission Center

**Duluth** 3rd Thurs.  
5:00 pm AICHO Building  
(Former YWCA), Duluth

**Deer River** Last Monday  
7:00 pm Deer River Resource  
Center or Legion

**Twin Cities** Last Tuesday  
Women's Res Center. MPLS

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**Bugonaygeshig School Thursday June 5th 12pm-2pm**

Tribal members from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe have hand harvested wild rice for generations. This is an Ojibwe right of passage handed down from our elders to our youth to help ensure one of our most important cultural traditions. Our wild rice is 100% natural and 100% organic. Revenues from the sale of wild rice goes toward purchasing next years crop from tribal members.

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**May 4th - May 31st**  
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Week 2: May 11th - May 17th  
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**Food Distribution Eligibility****WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE**

All persons residing within the Leech Lake reservation boundaries, as well as any person enrolled in a federally recognized Indian tribe residing near the reservation boundaries. Enrollment must be verified. Food Distribution Is an alternative to SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program).

**Eligibility requirements: Effective Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

Household Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$1,110
2	\$1,445
3	\$1,780
4	\$2,126
5	\$2,489

**Each additional member add \$335**

Documentation must be verified for all household members when applying for USDA foods:

- Address- must verify residency.
- Income- most current taxes, check stubs, etc.
- Social Security Number(s)
- Tribal identification (if applicable)
- Legal land description of residence (if not a tribal member)

**Deductions: \*\*Must have proof that current payment has been made.**

\*\*Dependent care deduction are allowed for actual costs paid monthly to a non-household member.  
\*\*Legally required child support payments to non-households members, documentation required.  
\*\*Medicare, part B (medical insurance) and Medicare part D (prescription drug premiums).  
\*\*Medical expense for elderly or disabled who incur out of pocket expense paid in excess of \$35.  
\*\*Shelter/utility standard deduction of \$400 for households that incur at least one monthly shelter/utility expense.  
A 20% deduction from gross monthly income is given for all households with earned income.  
Home care meal related deduction for households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m – 4:30p.m.

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# Obituaries




## **Anthony "Tony" Ray Smith, Sr. "Mukwa"**

**A**nthon y  
" T o n y "  
Ray Smith, Sr.  
"Mukwa", 56,

of Federal Dam, MN began his spiritual journey surrounded by family in his home on April 14, 2014 following a four year battle with cancer.

Tony was born March 3, 1958 in Hollywood, California to Donna (Budreau) & Francis "Boy" Smith. He attended school in Hollywood and later worked for the Ford Motor Company. He lived in Oregon and Montana before returning to the Leech Lake Reservation in 1980. After Tony returned to Cass Lake he worked with the Ojibwe fisheries. He spent hours on area lakes mapping and charting rice beds and transporting fingerling to area hatchers. In 1991 Tony began his career with Leech Lake Gaming starting at the Palace Casino as a Vault Supervisor. In 1995 he worked at the Northern Lights Casino as a Security Guard and moved his way up as a Shift Manager. Tony then moved into the Security Manger position and eventually he moved into compliance department as an Investigator. He was there until returning to the Palace Security Department as a Security Supervisor/ Sub Shift Manger until he retired health Issues in 2011. When Tony retired from this position, his call number "807" was also retired. Following Tony's retirement he enjoyed visiting the casinos, going to pow-wows, especially the regional competition powwows. He enjoyed watching western movies and spending time with those he loved. Tony also served as a community representative with the Sugar Point Local

Indian Council and enjoyed planning and working at the Battle Point Pow-wow. Tony met his wife Diane (White-Losh) in 1991. Together they were married in Cass Lake. Diane and Tony resided in the Cass Lake area, where they raised their children and 'the girls' before moving to the Sugar point community in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his Grandparents, father, mother and brothers; Patrick, Donavin and "Auggie". Tony is survived by his wife and their children; Nigel (Courtney Chalker) Smith of Walker MN; Anthony Smith JR. of West Virginia; Yolanda Smith Minneapolis MN, Michelle (Charles Jones) Smith of Cass Lake MN; Alisha (Kyle Gordon) Smith of Cloquet Mn; Timothy Smith, Toni Leigh Rae Smith, Benjamin Smith, and Raelynn Losh of Sugar Point & 'The Girls' Toni Losh, of Sugar Point and Teri (Joshua Hess) Boswell of Boy Lake. Tony and Diane also opened their heart and home to their extra special children: Neauanna & Joseph Carmona, Lexi Losh, Angel, Shawnee and Rubianna Littlewolf. He is also survived by his beloved Step Father, Leo Blair of Cass Lake, MN; Brother Stacy Smith of Cass Lake, MN & Sister Yolanda (Jim) Oxford of Cass Lake, MN. And his grand children, Anthony, Carlynn, Aleigha and Amia.

A wake service for Tony will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the Facility Center in Cass Lake. At 7 a.m., Thursday morning the wake will move to the Sugar Point Community Center. It will continue until the 10 a.m. service on Friday also at the Sugar Point Community Center. Steve Jackson will be the spiritual leader. Pallbearers for Tony will be Donavin Smith, Terry O'Connor, Ron White, Jr., Bradley Losh, Donavin Oxford, Tim Smith, Ben Smith, Nigel Smith, Kyle Gordon, Charles Jones, In spirit are Frank Johnson and Anthony Smith, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be 'The one below her heart'/baby girl

Gordon , Teri Boswell, Toni Boswell, Kim St. John, Brad the IHS Nurse, Matt Ross, Rodney Northbird, Dennis Banks, Tony's four grandchildren; Aaleigh, Aamiya, Carlynn and Anthony and all his nieces and nephews. Interment will be held in the Battle Point Cemetery at Battle Point.

Tony's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## **Abigail Serena Jones**

**A**b i g a i l  
S e r e n a  
Jones, 34, of  
Cass Lake passed

away unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Abigail was born on January 8, 1980 in St. Cloud, Minnesota, the daughter of Peter and Dawn Benedict.

Abi was the most giving and loving person you could ever meet. She was the type of person that when you met her it felt like you knew her forever. She spent her days as a student home advocate and was the drum and dance coordinator for the Cass Lake-Bena School. Abi enjoyed traveling, she especially like going to St. Cloud to visit her friends and family and Las Vegas was one of her favorite places to visit. She loved to sit at home and watch movies and liked to go to pow wows. Abi loved her husband and kids beyond words. She will be forever missed by those who knew her.

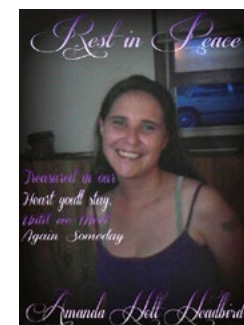
Those who passed on before her are her father, Peter.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband Arthur, sons; Michael and Tyler Jones, daughters; MaRissa Folstrom, Alexis Jones and Vanessa Budreau, brothers; Gabriel McDonald of California and Nicholas Benedict of Virginia, her special nephew Baby Dave and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The wake service for Abigail will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April

18, 2014 and continue through the night until her funeral service at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 all being held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. The spiritual leader for Abigail will be Mike Dahl. Those helping to lay Abi to rest are her pallbearers Dave Northbird, Mark Kingbird, Sr., Joseph LeBlanc, Trysten LeBlanc, David Wind and Pat Haugen. Her honorary pallbearers are Alexandra Tanner, Berdina Kingbird, Dawn LeBlanc, Davina Curry, Mika Northbird, Sharon Cloud, Vicky Goggeye, Theresa Rojas, Yodi Blomgren, Luann Frazier, Paula Morris, Theresa Johnson Sieg, Wendy Erickson and all the staff and students from the Cass Lake-Bena Schools. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Cass Lake/Mission immediately following the service.

Abigail's arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## **Amanda Lynn Holt (Headbird)**

**A**m a n d a  
L y n n  
H o l t  
(Headbird), 36,  
of Cass Lake was

located by her close friends and family on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in Dunseith, ND.

She was born on August 24, 1977 in Bemidji, the daughter of Randolph Lee Headbird, Sr. and Patricia Susan (Jones) Wilson.

She met Travis Holt on November 14, 2006 and the two united in marriage two years later to the day at the Fairy Tail Weddings in Grand Forks, ND.

Amanda enjoyed being with her family and attending family gatherings. She loved going to Pow-Wows, going out dancing, watching movies and spending time with her children.

Amanda joins her family on the other side who include her parents; Randy and Patty Sue, brother Brenton, maternal grandmother Delores Jones,

maternal grandpa Delmer Jones, paternal grandpa Emmanuel Headbird, Sr. and many uncles.

Family she leaves behind to cherish her memory include her husband Travis, children; Brenton Wenell, Marcus Holt, Blaine Holt, and Maci Mae Headbird-Feather, brothers; Randy Headbird II, William Headbird, and Christopher Headbird, sister; Endonnis (Jim) Baird, step sisters; Julie (Donnie) Saice and Roberta Wilson, half sister; Nylene Headbird, paternal grandmother Helen Headbird, a special friend Kari Lussier, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Amanda will begin at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, and will continue until the 10 a.m. service on Thursday, April 17 all at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers for Amanda will be Mark Hanson, Kevin Bullen, Richard Smith, Robert Thunderhawk, Giizis Roberts and Brandon Murray. Honorary pallbearers will be Frank Wind, James Baird, Terry Jones, Chavez Wind, Christopher Headbird, Vydell Jones, Melissa Headbird, Jamie Baird, Brittany Budreau, Sarah Wells-Headbird, Julie Jones, Wanda "Faye" Headbird, Stevie "Rea" Wind, The Search and Rescue Teams of Dunseith, ND. Amanda will be laid to rest in the Prince of Peace Cemetery at Mission/Cass Lake following the service.

Amanda's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## Frances Marilyn Elmberg

Frances Marilyn Elmberg, 71, of Old Agency, passed away on

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND with her family by her side.

She was born on July 3, 1942 in Old Agency the daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Weaver) Reed.

Frances enjoyed being around her family, especially her grandchildren. She liked playing cards, having a barbeque, being at family events, listening to her radio, looking out her window trying to see the deer, sitting around bon fires, watching Wheel of Fortune and CSI. Every one of the kids around the community either knew her as mom or grandma.

Family that Frances joins again are her parents Andrew and Catherine, husband Raymond, Sr., son Raymond, Jr., brothers, sisters and grandsons.

Frances leaves family to cherish her memory which include her sons; Gordy (Dawn), Kerry and Dean, daughters; Rhonda (Steve), Darla, Sherry (Davis), Wendy (Keith) and Jackie (Chuck), sisters; Shirley Lindley, Jane Nelson and Mary Wickenhouser, 29 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter Kiara.

A wake service for Frances will begin at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 and will continue until the 1:00 p.m. service on Friday, April 18, all held at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum. Pallbearers helping to lay Frances to rest will be Ricky Fair, Jr., Anthony Fair, Sr., Robert Elmberg, Sr., Chuck Dares, Jeremiah Smith, Aaron Oothoudt, Andre Flowers and Jacob Bellanger. Honorary pallbearers will be Dean Elmberg, Sherry Elmberg, Jackie Dares, Wendy Elmberg, Darla Elmberg, Starr Green, Jessie Elmberg, Tinisha Elmberg, Lorretta Elmberg, Devonna Sam, Katherine Dares, Charlie Dares, Latasha Elmberg, Tatyana Elmberg, Shirley Elmberg, Gordy Elmberg, Kerry Elmberg and Rhonda Lindamood. Interment will be held in the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency.

Frances' care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## Brian John Tibbetts Sr.

'Mekadekonayed'

Brian John Tibbetts, Sr., 50, 'Mekadekonayed' which means

'Man in Black' of Minneapolis, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in Minneapolis.

He was born on May 23, 1963 in Santa Monica, CA the son of Franklin, Sr. and June (Donnell) Tibbetts.

Brian and his family moved from California to Ball Club. He grew up in the Ball Club area and later moved to Minneapolis where he lived until his passing. During his life, Brian was a very good hoop dancer who was well known, he wanted to teach the younger generation including his friends and family how to hoop dance so that they could carry on the tradition. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, visiting with his friends, and watching sports on t.v. He loved watching American Idol. Brian liked to watch football and baseball, his favorite teams were the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins. He was a golden gloves boxer in his younger years. Brian also enjoyed playing pool. His kindness filtered down to include his animals. His favorites were a ferret named Chico and a cat named Smokey.

The family that Brian joins includes his parents; June and Franklin, and one sister; Diane Tibbetts.

Those he leaves to cherish his memory are his son; Brian (Deonne) Tibbetts, Jr. of Lake Andes, SD, daughters; Diane (Chris) Staples of Cass Lake, Winona (Eugene) Tibbetts-Hernandez of Marty, SD, and Rachael (Chuck) Staples of Milaca, brothers; Richard (Patsy) Wilson of Walker, Michael Tibbetts of Ball Club and Franklin Tibbetts, Jr. of Walker, sisters; Brenda Tibbetts of St. Paul, Crystal Tibbetts of Ball Club and Cindy Bebeau of Deer River, 11 grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A wake service for Brian will be held from 11:00 a.m. to

7:00 p.m. at the Little Earth Gymnasium in Minneapolis. His visitation will be moved to Ball Club Community Center on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until the 12:00 p.m. service on Monday also held at Ball Club Community Center. Helping to lay Brian to rest are his pallbearers Richard Wilson, Jr., Wayland Wilson, Marlon Wilson, Donald 'Doc' Wilson, Eugene Hernandez and Chuck Huesers. His honorary pallbearers are Fred Jordon, Chris Kangas, Simon Roybal, Jr., Rob Fairbanks, Richard Wilson III and numerous other friends. Interment for Brian will be held in the Fairbanks Cemetery in Ball Club following the service on Monday.

Brian's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## What is C & TC

C& TC stands for Child and Teen Checkups. C & TC offers well-child health screenings for infants, children, adolescents and young adults up to 21 years of age who have Medical Assistance or Minnesota Care.

The C & TC program is the connections between the families who are eligible for these screenings and the clinics that provide the actual screenings,

### C & TC screenings include the following services:

1. Complete physical exam
6. Laboratory tests, if needed
2. Hearing and Vision check
7. Immunizations, when needed
3. Developmental Assessment
8. Health information
4. Nutrition Education
9. Referrals, if needed
5. Assessment of height & weight
10. Answers to your health questions

The result of this complete and age appropriate screening is that the health care provider can find and treat health problems early.

### Where can I go for C & TC?

Child and Teen Checkups can be done at The Wadiswan (Nest), or your local clinic. If you need assistance for a C & TC appointment you may call Cathy at 218-335-8315 or 1-866-289-5995.



## George "Begood" Wilbur Jones Jr.

George W. Jones Jr., 85, of Cass Lake, MN, died Thursday, March 13, 2014 at his home in Cass Lake.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 am Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Mark Olson and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake will begin at 4:00pm, Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Veteran's Memorial Building and will continue until the time of the service. Interment of his urn will be at the St. Theodore's Catholic Cemetery in Ponsford, MN, under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born on October 31, 1928, in White Earth, MN, the son of George Jones Sr., and Julia Rock. He was raised and educated in Pine Point, MN. He joined the US Army and served in Korea. He was a logger in the Cass Lake area before he moved to Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, he worked for Garleck Steel Company for over 20 years. He was a hard worker, and very meticulous in his work and life. He enjoyed gardening, going to the Palace Casino, and playing bingo. He was content with what life gave him, he wasn't afraid of death, and was ready to meet his Lord. He would help out anyone who needed it; he was greatly loved by his family and friends.

He is survived by: Special Friend, Joyce Hanson, her family, and all their grandchildren, Brother, Harold Jones, Caregiver, Ila Senn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wallace Jones, Herbert Jones, James Jones, Ivan Brown, and Kenneth Brown; and sisters, Harriet Jones, Marilyn Brown, Delores Brown, and Marlene Brown.

Active Casketbearers will be: Daniel McKenzie Jr., Daniel McKenzie Sr., Glen Sommers, Marvin Hanson,

Richard Butcher, and Douglas Butcher.

Honorary Casketbearers will be: Roberta Jones, Danielle McKenzie, Roberta McKenzie, and all of George's friends and family.

Condolences may be left at [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com).



## Leonard Paper,

'Baabaaginiw'

Leonard  
LPaper,  
'Baabaaginiw'

which means Golden Eagle Continuously Flying, 75, of Superior, Wisconsin began his spiritual journey on April 6, 2014 from the St. Francis Nursing Home in Superior, Wisconsin. Leonard entered the world on November 15, 1938 in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He was one of 10 children born to Evelyn (White) Mitchell and William Paper.

Leonard loved to cook and was the master of frybread. He enjoyed fishing and would tell great traditional stories of him and his grandfather's fishing trips and he loved to share his stories about his youth with whoever would listen. He loved Chuck Norris and Walker Texas Ranger was his favorite. Leonard found joy and pride in teaching his family members many life lessons. He will be missed and was loved greatly by all who knew him.

Those welcoming Leonard home to the spirit world are his parents, his wife; Mary Jodell, sons; Loren and Leon Burnette, brothers; William, Donnie and Clarence, sisters; Caroline, Elizabeth, Loraine and an infant sister and a granddaughter Maria.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons; Russell Hudson of Superior, WI and Terry Teshner of New Richland, WI, daughter; Mary Lemay of Superior, WI, brother; Ronnie Mitchell of Brainerd, sister; Emmy Lou, aunt; Agnes White, granddaughters; Margaret Burnette and Amanda Bush, numerous other grandchildren and many other family members and friends.

The wake for Leonard will begin Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Sugar Point Community Center in Federal Dam, Minnesota and continue until his traditional native ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014. Spiritual leader for Leonard will be Allen Hardy. Pallbearers helping to lay him to rest are Alvin White, Rick Goose, Donald Geving, Raymond Geving, Jason McMurrin, Miles Cunningham, Shawn Monroe and Shannon Monroe. Honorary pallbearers for Leonard will be Eva Mangum, Russell Hudson, Leon Stockwell, Joel Woodhall, Jerry Wilson, Iolanthe Wilson, Agnes White and his 13 grandchildren. Interment will be in the Sugar Point Cemetery at Federal Dam, Minnesota immediately following the service.

Leonard's arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



## Lettie Bernadette Brown 'Min-de mo-yay

Lettie  
Bernadette  
Brown, 74,

'Min-de mo-yay' which means 'Lady' of Minneapolis passed away Friday, April 11, 2014 at Augustana Health Care Center in Minneapolis. Lettie was born on January 13, 1940 in Federal Dam, Minnesota to John and Lettie Morrow.

Lettie was a fun outgoing lady, who loved helping everyone. She liked to bead, do puzzles, going to pow-wows and she enjoyed walking around various parts of Minneapolis to visit her friends and family. Lettie was a nurses aide at several nursing in Minneapolis for many years. She was a spunky little woman.

Those welcoming Lettie home are her parents, her sisters; Darlene, Caroline and Eunice and her brothers; Arthur and Hartley.

She leaves behind her daughters; Claudia Brown of Minneapolis, 'Little'

Claudia and Julia Brown of Mexico, son; Dennis Brown, Jr. of Minneapolis, brothers; Laverne and Jack Morrow of Minneapolis and Max Morrow of Cass Lake, sisters; Janice Brown of Arizona, Leona Shaugobay and Barbara Shipley of Longville.

A visitation for Lettie will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Division of Indian Work in Minneapolis. Her wake will begin at the Facility Center in Cass Lake on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Wednesday also held at Facility Center. Lettie's pallbearers are Phillip Harrington, Max Morrow, Kenny Morrow, Ron Brown, Randy Dorr and Dennis Brown, Jr. Her honorary pallbearers are James Shaugobay, Joel Shaugobay, Jeanie Morrow, Joanie Morrow and Jack Morrow. Interment for Lettie will be held in the Fairview Cemetery in Federal Dam following the service on Wednesday.

Lettie's arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)



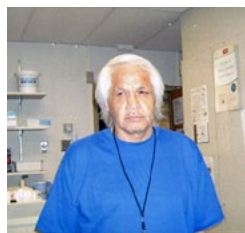
## Casey J. Humphrey

Casey J.  
Humphrey,  
age 36, of  
Ramsey MN  
went Home with  
Jesus after a long  
and courageous

battle with esophageal cancer. Casey was able to spend much more time with his love ones because of the exceptional abilities and love of Dr. Noel Laudi, and everyone at MN Oncology. Casey was provided 24/7 love and care during this time by his wife, Jancy, his sister Kerry, and in-laws Larry & Connie Hokenson.

Casey was an avid fisherman, hunter and loved the outdoors. Casey enjoyed long road trips his wife Jancy and their dog, Amber.

A Celebration of Life will be held at New Life Church on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm 2045 100<sup>th</sup> Ave, Princeton, MN 55371.



## Richard Pete Littlewolf

**R**ichard Pete Littlewolf, age 60, of St. Louis Park Journeyed to the spirit world on Friday, April 4, 2014 at Hennepin County Medical Center.

He was born on May 11, 1953 in Hibbing, Minnesota the son of Steve and Frances Marie (Johnson) Littlewolf.

He honorably served his Country in The United States Navy. Richard was formerly employed as a custodian at The Minneapolis Convention Center. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends and going to the casino. Richard was a very organized person! He loved life, more towards his later years and he was a man of very few words. Richard also enjoyed collecting coins.

Survived by sons: John Littlewolf and Nolan Littlewolf; brothers: Francis C. Littlewolf, Timothy Littlewolf, Ronald (Jenny) Littlewolf and Brian Littlewolf; sisters: Donna Day, Brenda Littlewolf, Joyce Littlewolf, Della Littlewolf, Cheryl Littlewolf and Verna King; other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, a brother: Kenneth Littlewolf, sisters: Carol Littlewolf and Janice Nelson, a niece: Faye Marie Nelson, aunts and uncles.

A wake will be held on Friday, April 11th from 3-8 P.M. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1901 Portland Avenue S., in Minneapolis.

Inurnment on Monday, April 14th at 11:00 A.M. at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Honorary Casket Bearers will be Hennepin County Medical Staff, all his brothers and sisters and The Augustana Health Care Center.

Urn Bearers will be Brian Littlewolf, Arlen Littlewolf, Ben Dralle, Wolfgang Littlewolf, Cedric Littlewolf and Kristina Littlewolf.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted, Minnesota is serving the family. Online condolences may be made to [www.chilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.chilsonfuneralhome.com)



## Richard Allen Burnett

**R**ichard Allen Burnett, 72, of Cass Lake, began his spiritual journey on April 19, 2014

at the Sanford Hospital in Fargo. He was born on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1941 in Cass Lake, the son of James and Altha Burnett.

Richard was an avid woodsman. He had his own sawmill and loved to cut wood. This allowed him to build almost anything. With Richard being a handyman, he could fix anything too. When you walk into Richard and Nina's home, you see a piece of Richard everywhere. Those things include the house itself, the fireplace, all the cabinets and other knickknacks. He always stayed busy and when he had some spare time he would go hunting and fishing. Richard also loved his dogs. Every once in a while you would catch him giving them some peanut pretzels or some of his peanut m and m's. It was quite a captive audience.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents James and Altha, sister; Betty Oliver and one brother; James Burnett.

He is survived by his wife Nina Burnett, sons; Chris Burnette, Richard Northbird and David Northbird, daughters; Mary Burnette, Vicki Northbird, Sheila Northbird, and Tina Northbird, sister; Beverly (Milt) Hensley, brother; Phil Burnette, numerous nieces, nephews, and grand baby's.

A wake service for Richard will begin at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and will continue until the 3:30 p.m. service the same day. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers for Richard will be Jack Grandy, Alvie Alger, Dusty Burnette, Kevin Burnette, Jim Anderson, Casey Anderson, Chad Weller and Kobe Weller. Honorary pallbearers will be all his grand children, nieces and nephews. Richard will be

laid to rest by his home in Cass Lake following the service.

Richard's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

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For more information go to  
<http://www.ihs.gov/ACA>**

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Podiatry, Psychiatrist, Physiotherapy,  
Eye Exams, Dental, X-rays, Hospital Stays  
or Nursing Homes**

**then come down to the Health Division and we can help you apply for benefits that help you in obtaining any of the following:**

- ~ **Medical Assistance (MA)**
- ~ **Food Support (SNAP)**
- ~ **MN Family Investment Program (MIFP)**
- ~ **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**
- ~ **Emergency Assistance Programs**
- ~ **Social Security or Disability**
- ~ **MN Supplemental Aid (MSA)  
(Disabled, Elderly or receiving SSD)**

**We will come to your home to assist you in filling out the application(s). If you need more information, we will be happy to assist you. All our Patients Benefits Coordinators are trained to help you with your application, just give us a call at 335-4500 and ask for:**

~ Carol Chamoski ~ Angelene Losh ~ Rita Pemberton ~


## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:  
Elizabeth Jones, Parent.  
Court File No. CP-13-21

### NOTICE


YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 4, 2014, a Petition for Alternative Relief was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 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.



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From District I Office  
Robbie, Penny, & Sarah

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Kim Hanson	Carol Goggleye
	James Humphrey
	Sandra Charwood
	Robert Fairbanks
	Michael Kirt
	Delta Lyons
	Robert Roy
	Arnie Ogema
	Marion Bixby
	Ruby Rogers
	Melvina Sherman
	Norma Wilson
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