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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Lobbying Update

Dear Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Members –

I am writing to share some exciting news with you in relation to the Band's efforts to replace the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school building. Over the last several years, we have been able to garner significant support from the U.S. Department of Interior, the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and elected and appointed officials in the State of Minnesota. It is a privilege to work with the Reservation Business Committee and the School Board on this very important effort and it is clear that our cooperative efforts are producing significant outcomes. Although we have yet to cross the finish line, I am committed to working with all parties on a new High School facility.

As you may recall, U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited the school last August and told us she would do whatever she could to help us replace the school. With this in mind and in an exciting step forward, President Obama sent his annual budget request to Capitol Hill on February 2, 2015 with the inclusion of approximately \$60 million which is set aside for the repair and replacement of Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools. This is significantly higher than the President's request in years past. Although Congress still needs to appropriate funding for this particular account and the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school needs to be specifically identified by the Department of the Interior to receive funding, we are confident that our Minnesota Congressional Delegation, specifically Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Senator Al Franken (D-MN), Congressman Rick Nolan (D-MN-08), and House Appropriations Committee Member Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN-04) have the support needed to get the job done. In fact, I recently joined Dist. I Rep. Penny DeVault and Dist. II Rep. Steve White on travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with them regarding this very topic and am encouraged by what we discussed. I will continue to travel to Washington and work with the RBC and the School Board to keep the pressure on the U.S. Federal Government to live up to their Trust Responsibilities and replace this school.

In addition, there has been a lot of recent interest from State lawmakers and appointed officials as it relates to the replacement of the school. Governor Dayton recently sent a letter to the BIE encouraging them to replace the school and lawmakers have and are preparing to introduce legislation aimed at assisting with the replacement of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig High School. I recently traveled to St. Paul and met with State Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, Senator Terri Bonoff, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Representative John Persell, House Minority Leader Paul Thissen, and Representative Tom Anzelc. I am appreciative of their efforts and look forward to working with anyone seeking to improve educational opportunities in Indian Country.

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NIGA Meeting Moves Simulcast Racing Forward

A January meeting between LLBO Gaming and Government staff proved to be fruitful as Leech Lake makes another step forward in implementing a new gaming feature that is sure to draw fans of horse racing to the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN.

The opportunity to meet with the National Indian Gaming Commission Chair and high-level staff resulted in revisiting some details of the agreement that will help Leech Lake work through regulatory approval as the horse racing season slowly draws near. This agreement is the only one of its kind in Minnesota between a federally recognized Tribe and Canterbury Park.

The agreement was initiated to simulcast horse races from Canterbury Park to the Northern Lights Casino, the Leech Lake Band's flag-ship gaming property, located in Walker, Minnesota. Further details are sure to come as the agreement is finalized.

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Squarehook Cases Highlight Different Approaches to Treaty Interpretations as Appeals Court Dismisses Charges

By Daniel Morris Staff Attorney, Anishinabe Legal Services

Operation Squarehook is the code name for a three-year special investigation conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Red Lake Band, and the Leech Lake Band. Several individuals were charged with misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor charges in Minnesota State court, and several tribal members are facing alleged violations of tribal code with citations issued in tribal courts. The allegations are that these individuals were involved with the illegal netting and sale of game fish, namely walleye, in Minnesota and on tribal lands.

In addition to the state proceedings, there were ten individuals charged in United States District Court with alleged federal violations of the Lacey Act. The Lacey Act is a federal law that prohibits the import, export, sale, acquiring, or purchasing of fish, wildlife or plants that are taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of United States or tribal law, or in interstate or foreign commerce involving any fish, wildlife, or plants taken, possessed, or sold in violation of State or foreign law. The ten individuals charged in federal court are accused of selling or purchasing walleye in violation of tribal law.

At the heart of the issue is the general approach for treaty interpretation and whether certain treaty rights exempt Indians from federal prosecution for Lacey Act violations. One side of the argument is that the defendants were engaged in traditional and culturally appropriate practices that they have enjoyed for millennia, the barter or sale of resources and sustenance that is recognized by treaty and therefore exempts them from facing jail time and fines. The other side claims that it places unsustainable pressure on the natural resources of the tribe, and the federal law being used should apply equally to all individuals who engage in the prohibited conduct.

The competing interpretation theories largely differ on the order of analysis, whether to look at the treaty or the federal law first. United States Magistrate Leo Brisbois, a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, first asked whether the defendants are subject to the Lacey Act prohibitions under the federal law. Magistrate Brisbois determined that Indians are subject to the Lacey Act by its own language and by case law, as the Act includes language that the violations apply to “persons” defined as any individual subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. As Indians are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, Magistrate Brisbois concluded, the Act applies to them.

Next, the Magistrate asked whether there exists a specific treaty right that would protect from the defendants from the Lacey Act. While the Magistrate agreed that Minnesota Chippewa Tribe members generally had a right to fish on tribal land and the ceded territory of the 1837 Treaty, the Magistrate could not find any language in any treaty or other authority that would exempt Indians from the tribe being the exclusive jurisdiction of enforcement of the tribal fishing law against the defendants. Since there was no specific treaty provision protecting the defendants, the Magistrate found the Defendants subject to the Lacey Act and therefore ordered that the prosecutions move forward. The Magistrate evaluated whether the Lacey Act applied to Indians, and then whether they were exempted from the prohibited activity due to a specific treaty provision.

The Defendants then asked for judicial review of the Magistrate’s decision, as they believed established treaty rights exempted them from prosecution under the Lacey Act. The resulting decision by United States District Court Judge John Tunheim looked at the treaty language first (instead of the applicability of the Lacey Act) and determined what rights and privileges regarding hunting and fishing

on the reservations and in the ceded territories that the defendants retained. Then, Judge Tunheim looked at the Lacey Act to see whether the law specifically ended (“abrogated”) those retained rights and privileges. Judge Tunheim found that the 1837 Treaty and subsequent variations (including the 1855 treaty that created the Leech Lake Reservation) provided clear language that Indians retained the “privilege of hunting, fishing and gathering the wild rice” in the ceded territory. The decision also reaffirmed previous courts’ recognition of a “usufructuary right” - the right to make a modest living by hunting, fishing, and gathering off of the land. Once that right was reaffirmed, Judge Tunheim then looked at the language of the Lacey Act and whether it specifically took away those treaty rights of the Indians. Here, the Lacey Act mentions tribal law and treaty rights, but the Judge could not find any specific intent of Congress in the language of the Lacey Act to take away a Minnesota Chippewa Tribe’s usufructuary right to net fish and barter them. Judge Tunheim then dismissed the complaints from federal court, finding that the United States could not enforce the Lacey Act against the defendants.

The United States appealed Judge Tunheim’s order to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, and requested the prosecution move forward. On February 10, 2014, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals filed their final order in the matter and upheld Judge Tunheim’s decision to dismiss the complaints and in favor of the Band members. In their decision, the 8th Circuit states that, “After giving full consideration to the arguments by the United States (the prosecutors), we conclude that appellees are entitled to assert the Chippewa Indians’ fishing rights and that this prosecution under the Lacey Act conflicts with those rights” (Section II.B.). The case may be on its way to the United States Supreme Court. xxx

Leech Lake Band Members Offer Cultural Training

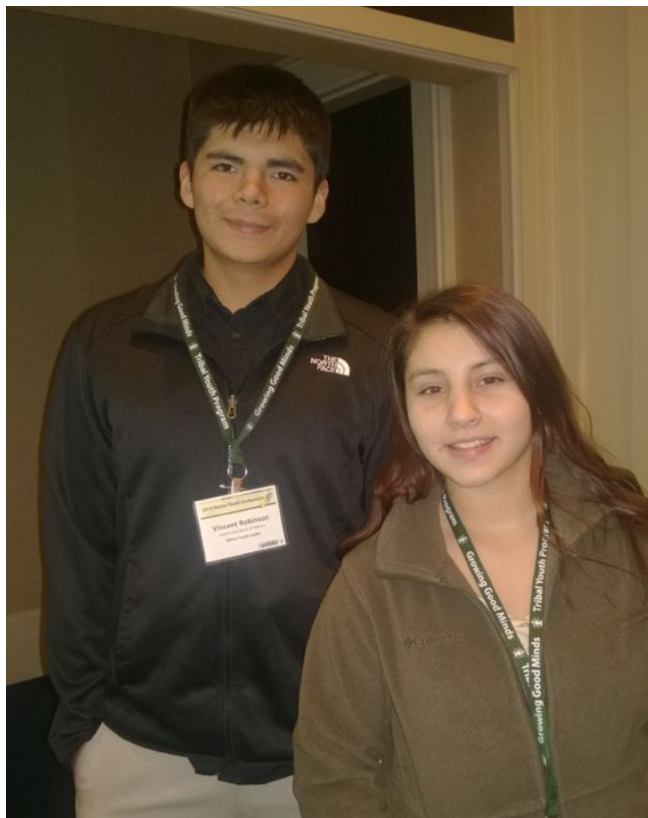
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Fargo, ND. January 13, 2015. Prairie St. John’s (<http://prairie-stjohns.com>) was honored to have Larry Aitken and Athena Aitken present to staff on Native American Cultural Competency. Larry and Athena are both enrolled members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Larry is currently the endowed chair of American Indian Studies at Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids, MN, where he is professor of History, Philosophy, and Ojibwe Language. Prairie St. John’s is a 94-inpatient bed facility providing mental health and chemical dependency services for children, adolescents and adults. We also offer a full psychiatric and addiction continuum of care beyond inpatient, which includes partial hospitalization, residential treatment, intensive outpatient services and clinic services.



Leech Lake Youth Attend SAMHSA Youth Conference in Washington, D.C.

Submitted by Shawn MacGregor
Opichi Wadiswan Program

Weeks before the glorious Chippewa National Forest Christmas Tree made its way to Washington D.C., there were Leech Lakers making the trek there for the First Annual SAMHSA Youth Conference. SAMHSA, the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, is a grantor to Leech Lake's Opichi Wadiswan (Robin's Nest) prevention program, which is currently readying a launch of a youth-focused media campaign against underage drinking. Leech Lake's SAMHSA Advisor had extended an invitation to two Leech Lake Youth to accompany the Opichi Wadiswan Project



Director to their first Youth Conference, all expenses paid, to be held at The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, November 17th through the 19th.

The SAMHSA Youth Conference was designed to gather youth from tribes across the United States and focus on peer leadership strategies and educational practices around substance abuse. The Leech Lake teens who participated in this conference, Cass Lake-Bena High School Seniors Mariah Reyes and Vincent Robinson, were flown, along with adult chaperone Michael Reyes of the Leech Lake Tribal Police Department, to the conference where they were joined by Shawn MacGregor, Opichi Wadiswan Project Director, the next day. Mariah and Vincent were immediately immersed in a group atmosphere of youth from many different tribal backgrounds in teams that used games and activities to refine their skills and to learn more about each other and themselves, as well as learn about youth substance abuse prevention. Over the course of the three-day conference, Mariah and Vincent proved to be exemplary youth leaders, and earned the praise of many of the adult program leaders. Both Vincent and Mariah represented Leech Lake with a serious commitment to bringing what they'd learned back to their communities and their peers, and have agreed to provide leadership to the upcoming Opichi Wadiswan Youth Camp, tentatively scheduled for March of 2015. The trip offered outings to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, and a tour of the White House as well as many group activities at the Gaylord Convention Center. While the students participated in the youth learning and leadership sessions, adult chaperones Mike Reyes and Shawn MacGregor joined other adults in sessions such as "Organizing a Youth-Driven Prevention Project," "Engaging Community Leaders," and more.

On the last day of the conference, Mariah and Vincent joined their respective teams to make presentations to a panel of SAMHSA and Washington D.C. political dignitaries that included Jodi Gillette, President Barack Obama's Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, as well as various Congressmen and Senators. Mariah spoke in a poster presentation to the panel, and Vince acted in a skit that dealt with youth and alcoholism. After the conference, Mariah Reyes stated: "Going to the Youth Leadership Conference has taught me to never be afraid to be a leader, especially a Native youth leader. I will use all the skills I was taught. All the games we played had lessons behind them. I want to be able to do the games with our (local) youth. One game that stands out to me is when Vincent and I played Paper, Rock, Scissors. Even though I lost to him, I still followed him and cheered him on. I like how there were so many different tribes there...I was glad I was able to go, it was such a great opportunity!"

Keep an eye on these Leech Lake Youth leaders. They are bound to do great things! Watch for additional information on Youth Leadership and Youth Substance Abuse Prevention efforts in the coming months. xxx

Library Grand Opening Saturday March 7th at 1pm



**Daga wiidookawishinaam ji-baakinigaadeg
Oshkii Agindaasoowigamig!**

Come and join us as we open our new library!

You are cordially invited to join us to celebrate
The Grand Opening of the new Leech Lake Tribal College
Agindaasoowigamig (Library).

Please join us March 7th from 1pm until 3pm

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Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Lobbying Update

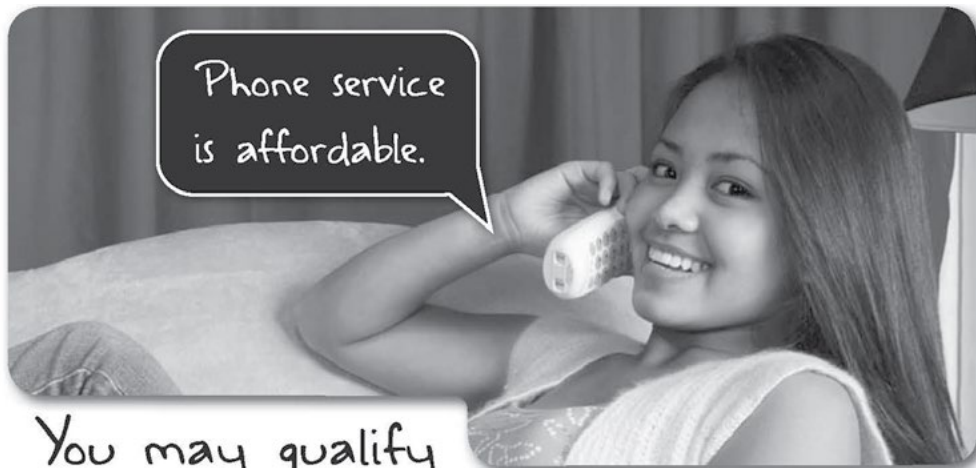
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There have been a number of positive media stories in recent weeks and months which have highlighted the need for the BIE to live up to their trust responsibilities and replace the school and it is my goal to continue building on this momentum. Local and national publications have released stories on the struggles of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school including Star Tribune, Huffington Post, Minnesota Public Radio and CBS.

It is an honor to report on the progress that has been made and reiterate to all Band members that I am fully committed to working with the RBC and the School Board to keep the momentum going and help bring this issue to a close with the construction of a new school.

Sincerely,

Carri Jones
Tribal Chair
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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Please contact the District II office to make arrangements at:

218-335-8341 or at 218-335-8202.

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Feb. 27th, 2015- Forms are in the mail
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Contact The District I Office
335-3772 / 335-4444

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The Sanford Center to Host its First Powwow

Saturday, April 4th, 2015 from 1pm – 10pm

Dancers Registration 10am - 2pm

Grand Entry 1pm and 7pm

Communal Feast 5-7pm

Two Step Dance & Category Dancing: 7-10pm

Event End (Travel Song): 10pm

NO COST TO PUBLIC!

FOR THE FIRST TIME – In Bemidji, MN. On behalf of the Sanford Center, Northern Community Radio KAXE/KBXE FM, and KOJB 90.1 FM The Eagle, we are proud to announce, "The Sanford Center Bemijigamaag Powwow" will be hosted at the Sanford Center Arena / George W. Neilson Convention Center on Saturday, April 4th from 1pm – 10pm. Grounded in hundreds of years of rich culture and history, powwows are a cultural expression of the Native American people. Now for the first time, both Native and non-Indigenous people will have the opportunity come together to embrace each other's cultures, and our states heritage in this Free Community event. In creating this event at the Sanford Center, patrons will now experience the tradition of POWWOW in its entire splendor including a communal feast. With the use of Jumbotron footage, camera operators, special arena staging, arena sound system, and live radio broadcast, this will truly be the first event of its kind in Minnesota!

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Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting

November 25, 2014

New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota



Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

Roll Call:

Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treas. Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep Absent

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve agenda with change, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Old Business:

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the November 20, 2014 Minutes, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

New Business:

Senator Tom Saxhaug met with LLBO to express priorities and concerns for the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-59 appointing Child Welfare Commission Members. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Tribal Development – Richard Jones
Elder Care Project Proposals update.

Motion by Steve White to approve three grants (Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Open Your Heart to the Hungry & Homeless and Mardag) for the Homeless Shelter, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Economic Development – Kim Nagel

Veteran's Survey – Data collection update.

Tribal Police – Ken Washington

Cass Lake Police Proposal.

Other:

Motion by Steve White to approve the Taylor Group Contract, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to adjourn at 10:07 a.m., second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Special Meeting

December 16, 2014

New Gov't Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota



Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:12 am

Roll Call:

Carri Jones, Chairwoman Present
Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treas. Present
Penny DeVault, DI Rep. Present
Steve White, DII Rep. Present
LeRoy Staples Fairbanks, DIII Rep Present

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve agenda, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the November 25, 2014 Minutes, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 3-0-0.

LeRoy Staples Fairbanks arrives at 9:12 a.m.

New Business:

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-60 concerning the Head Start/Early Head Start Continuation Grant application, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-61 approving Loan Application for Eugene B. Rock from the Indian Business Loan Fund administered through Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-62 to Ratify and Adopt Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Judicial Code Title 3B: Maltreatment of Minors Code. Second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Other:

Motion by Penny DeVault to table the Strategic Plan to SAMHSA, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Contract for the Youth Chemical Dependency Prevention Program Evaluation. No action required.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to table the Mike Reyes New Year's Eve event for the youth until a budget is in place, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Nicolle Hendrickson – Regalia Making Classes Grant Application Request Number 2.

Leech Lake Care Facility update.

Barb Brodeen will draft a letter of support for the Zagaswediwin Teaching Lodge.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. Second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Family Division

In Re the Custody of :
A.L.G, DOB: 07/12/2011 and
K.R.G, DOB: 08/29/2012

Charles Grauman and
Arllys Grauman , Co-Petitioners,
vs.
Carla Gotchie, Respondent.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. FA-14-108

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on October 23, 2014, a Petition for Custody and Parenting Time was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. You, the respondents herein, are hereby notified that you must file a response in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before April 30, 2015 at 1:30 p.m, the date of Continued Initial hearing scheduled in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Facility Center, Upper Level, Cass Lake, Minnesota. Failure to appear at the above date and time may result in a default judgment being entered against you, the respondents, at that time for the relief requested in the Petition, and any other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of January, 2015.
Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Wright County Court Administration

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:

Ariisa Marie Clarke, Mother

Marcus Bradle Kingbird, Father

Court File No. 86-JV-114-6549

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY given notice that the matter of said Child In Need of Protection or Services. Petition will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 10 2nd St NW Room 201, Buffalo, Minnesota, on March 25, 2015 at 1 :30 pm or as soon after as the Matter can be heard.

YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. You have a right to be represented by counsel. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including taking permanent custody of the child/ren named in the Petition.

WITNESS, the Honorable Halsey
Judge of District Court
By: Ann Isham
Court Administrator

Family Division**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF
FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDER****NOTICE OF HEARING**

YOU, THE RESPONDENTS LISTED BELOW, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON Thursday, APRIL 16th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. you must appear in the Leech Lake Tribal Court to show cause why you should not be held in Contempt for failure to pay child support.

DATED: February 5, 2015.
/s/ Dynell Morris, Court Administrator.

Respondent

Chantel Fahlstrom
Hislaw, Bobbie Jo
Myron J. Wakonabo

Case No.

FA-13-123
FA-13-107
FA-11-43

**ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION**

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
ENROLLED MEMBERS**

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1. Form W-9
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Accounts Payable
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Cass Lake, MN 56633

Fax Number: 218-335-3781

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If you have not received your 2014 Tax Rebate check, please complete the two forms listed above and send them to Accounting by mail or fax. Call Accounting at 218-335-3604. Speak clearly. Let us know you have not received your 2014 Rebate check. Leave your name, the last 4 numbers of your Social Security Number and your telephone number. Do not leave any other message on this phone. Your call will be returned within 2 business days.

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District III LIC Elections

LIC Elections for District III Communities will be held in February 2014 on the regularly scheduled monthly meeting date of each council.

District III Communities:

Bemidji, Cass Lake, Cass River, Mission, Oak Point, Onigum, Sugar Bush/Buck Lake

All enrolled LLBO members who actually live within the LIC area who are at least 18 years of age who have lived in the area for 30 days prior to the election shall be eligible to vote at the LIC elections.

Nominations and voting will be conducted at your meeting site. We invite all District III community members to participate in the Local Indian Councils to help serve our community's needs and interests.

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The Sanford Center Powwow

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April 4th, 2015
at the Sanford Center

Free Event!
Host Drum "Youngkingbird"

MC/Spiritual Advisors
"Darrell Kingbird"
"Dave Northbird"

Arena Director "Earl Fairbanks"
2nd Arena Director "Pat Haugen"

Dancer/Drum Registration 10am until 2pm
Grand Entries 1pm-7pm
5 singers minimum per drum
Hand Drum Contest
1st place - \$300
2nd place - \$200
3rd place - \$100







Sanford Center
1111 Event Center Drive NE
Bemidji, MN 56601

For More Information Contact:
Darryl Northbird at 218-335-4457
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The Sanford Center nor the Powwow Committee are not responsible for lost or stolen items.



District I Community Assembly

“Working together to strengthen our communities and improve the way of life for our members.”

Penny DeVault, District I Representative, hosted her second Community Assembly on January 16th. The event was previously named the “District I Quarterly”, but to better reflect the vision for the event it was renamed as the Community Assembly. The goals of the assembly are to gather opinions and information from members of the community on how life and services can be improved in the outlying communities of the district, as well as, provide information and service applications in the forms of booths and presentations.

The Assembly had an excellent turn out from the services and programs of the reservation. Penny and her staff would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all staff members that attended. The assembly had roughly 27 booths attend; Energy Assistance, Tribal Assistance, Human Resources, Community Services, Enrollments, and the Youth Division were just some of the programs that showed up to assist the people of District I. Also, congratulations to the Leech Lake Tribal Police booth, staffed by Patty Bittner, as they were voted best booth for the day!

The assembly consisted of eight presentations that were to inform the people of District I on issues that they had previously named as things they wanted to have discussed or changed in their communities. A lot of input was gathered at the first District I Quarterly in October, as well as, information gathered from LIC meetings and members. The various topics of presentations were Tribal Council & Strategic Planning, the Highway 2 construction project and Ball Club crosswalk, Policies and Procedures of Housing Authority, District I Daycare, the Broadband Internet Project, and the Leech Lake Health Division.

Penny also arranged a separate meeting for LIC and involved community members to discuss the projects and priorities of each community. Being the voice of the community, it was important they were able to sit down and identify goals they have for their communities. Also present was Richard Jones, from the Leech Lake Planning Division, who has been and will continue to work with Penny and the LICs to make these goals a reality.

Penny and the District I staff would like to thank ALL community members and staff that helped make this event a huge success. The next District I Community Assembly will be held in April 2015.

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Dorothea Cloud, Licensing Coordinator @ 218.335.3622

Natalie Wickner, Foster Care Specialist @ 218.335.7216

Diane Wright, Child Placement Advocate @ 218.335.3611



LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE JOB OPENING (OPEN UNTIL FILLED)



Position Title: Natural Science and Forest Resources Outreach and Retention Coordinator

Primary Function: Provides management, planning, and leadership for recruitment and retention activities as well as administrative support for faculty and programs. This position is responsible for student & career advisement, student engagement, and progression.

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Position Title: Director of Finance

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Minimal Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in Accounting / Finance or a Business degree in another closely related field required. Three to five years' experience in a senior accounting role, or combination of education and experience commensurate with the requirements of the position. A thorough working knowledge of accounting (not-for-profit) principles and applications. **Preferred Qualifications:** Master's degree in Accounting or MBA and CPA certified, extensive financial and budget management experience in an institution of higher education is preferred.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

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.

Complete packet Includes: Application, Resume, Cover Letter, & References.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 27th, 2015

Community Health Rep (CHR) ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-025

Ball Club Comm. Center Supr.~ Facilities Maintenance ~ Job Code: 15-024

Prt-T Strategic Planning Coordinator ~ Tribal Court ~ Job Code: 15-015B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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Cass Lake Pre-School Team Leader ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 14-171B

Pre-School Team Leader Bemidji ~ Education ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-143B

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Carol "Penny" Stangel
Arlene Dale

Happy Holidays & Many more Birthdays to come!

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Providing ARMHS skills training and support to people with long-term mental illness. Human Services/Behavioral Sciences degree preferred. Certified Peer Specialist or person fluent in Ojibwe language and culture should also apply. FT/PT, benefits. EOE.

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Position open until filled.

District I Youth Spotlight

This month the District I Office is proud to present Reidel Baird as our Youth Spotlight. Reidel is a member of the S. Lake community and son to Roberta Roybal. He is a 10th grade student and tri-athlete at the Deer River High School. Reidel plays on the football and basketball teams, but has yet to decide between baseball and track for a spring sport. In fact, he enjoys playing all sports; he has also played hockey and wrestled at a younger age. Reidel is particularly passionate about his culture and community. He likes to volunteer and help his community in whatever way he can. He loves dancing on the pow wow trail and looks forward to competing in the Drum and Dance Competitions this spring. He was also the Bug O Nay Ge Shig Sr. brave for two years. Reidel takes great pride in his knowledge of the Ojibwe language. He hopes to further his education at a large university where he hopes to become a professional athlete in either football or basketball, if not, he says he will pursue carpentry or engineering.



We wish you all the best in the future Reidel!

District I Elder Spotlight

Sam "Tuffy" Johnson is the District I Elder in the Spotlight for February. Sam has lived in Inger all his life where he proudly raised his family. Sam has four children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Sam served in the United States Army where he then began a variety of jobs in the carpentry and maintenance fields. He currently works as the Modernization Coordinator for the Leech Lake Housing Authority.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
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Office of the District I Representative Penny DeVault Monthly Report for January 2015

LLBO Tribal Offices Closed-January 1, 2015

Representative/Assistant: Drug Awareness & Prevention Task Force Mtg at Deer River, MN-Jan 2, 2015

Assistants: BCLIC Regular LIC Meeting at Ball Club-January 5, 2015

All Staff: District I Qrtly Community Assembly Planning Meeting-January 7, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-January 8, 2015

Representative/Assistant: LLBO Qrtly Meeting at Facility Center-January 8, 2015

Representative/Assistant: Inger Regular LIC Meeting at Inger-January 12, 2015

Assistant: EAAC Planning Meeting at Mystic Lake-January 14, 2015

All Staff: District I Qrtly Community Assembly Mtg at Ball Club-January 16, 2015

LLBO Tribal Offices Closed-January 19, 2015

Representative: N.I.G.A. Winter Legislative Summit at WA, D.C.-Jan 20-22, 2015

Assistant: ESPN Meeting at M.C.T.-January 20, 2014

Assistant: Financial Advisory Meeting-January 21, 2014

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-January 22, 2014

Representative/Assistant: TCLIC Regular LIC Mtg at M.I.W.R.C.-Jan. 27, 2014

Representative: MN Legislative Mtg w/Senator Saxhaug at St.Paul, MN-Jan 28,

Representative: MN Legislative Mtg w/Senator Bonoff at St.Paul, MN-Jan 28,

Representative: MN Legislative Mtg w/State Rep. Persell at St.Paul, MN-Jan 28.

Representative: Minnesota Legislative Meeting with Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Cassellius at St. Paul, MN-January 28, 2015

Representative: MN Legislative Mtg w/State Rep. Anzenc at St. Paul, MN-Jan 28,

Representative: Lobbyist Meeting with Bug School-January 30, 2015

Representative/Assistant: Drug Awareness & Prevention Task Force Meeting at Deer River, MN-January 30, 2015

All staff at LLBO Tribal Office in Cass Lake, MN verifiable through Empower Time System-all other days

Tuesdays-Tribal Council Briefings

Thursdays-Tribal Council Meetings

Upcoming Events

- ✓ Monthly LIC Meetings, continuous
- ✓ Youth Education Night at Inger, MN-February 2, 2015
- ✓ 2nd Annual District I WinterFest at Ball Club, MN-February 28, 2015
- ✓ Youth Valentine's Dance at Inger, MN-February 14, 2015
- ✓ BCLIC Movie Night at Ball Club, MN-February 16, 2015
- ✓ District I LIC Wrestling Night Fundraiser at Ball Club, MN-Feb 21, 2015
- ✓ Annual Kid's Perch Jerk at Bena, MN-March 7, 2015

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To learn more about MNsure (Minnesota's version of the Affordable Care Act) and benefits to American Indians, you may call MNsure Navigators employed with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT). Priscilla Fairbanks serves the MCT reservations of Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, Bois Forte, and Grand Portage. Joni Hilliard serves the MCT reservations of Mille lacs and White Earth, as well as, tribal members in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area.

Call today to see if you qualify for free or low-cost health insurance. To complete an online MNsure application call to make an appointment: Priscilla or Joni at 218-335-8586, extensions 128 and 129 respectively. xxxv

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(218) 246-8695 Fax
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Bena Clinic

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(218) 665-5304 Fax
Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm
Medical Provider Monday
& Tuesday only.

Onigum Clinic

(218) 547-0521 Phone
(218) 547-0522 Fax
Please call for availability.

Bemidji Clinic

705 5th Street, Suite D
Bemidji, MN 56601
(218) 444-7186 Phone
(218) 444-2460 Fax
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(218) 659-2764 Phone
(218) 659-2625 Fax
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Medical Provider 4 d/wk

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LLBO Health Division Patient Benefit Coordinators would like to invite you to attend one of the following information sessions for your **Income Tax Returns for 2014**

We will be discussing **EXEMPTIONS** for 2014 Income Tax Returns and possible **PENALTIES**.

We will be in the following areas on:

Monday March 9, 2015 @ Facility Ctr. from 9am-12pm

Mon. March 9, 2015 @ Diabetes Clinic from 1pm-3:30pm

Tuesday March 10, 2015 @ Ball Club Clinic from 11am-2pm

Wednesday March 11, 2015 @ Inger Clinic from 11a-2pm

Thursday March 12, 2015 @ Bena Clinic form 10am-2pm

Friday March 13, 2015 @ Bemidji Clinic from 9am-3pm

For more information please call HD: Patient Benefit Coordinators

Carol Charnoski @ 335-4571 or carol.charnoski@llojibwe.org

Angie Losh @ 335-4593 or angelene.losh@llojibwe.org

Rita Pemberton@335-4555 or rita.pemberton@llojibwe.org

We do **NOT** have voice mail set up at The Nest, you can call Ami @ 335-4500 or 800-282-3389 to leave a message.; we will get back to you ASAP.

We will also be in the Clinic's at the same places and same days but on different dates.

April 6 -10, 2015



Obituaries



Kathleen (Forcier) O'Kelley

Kathleen (Forcier) O'Kelley's Indian name *Meegus* (Cowrie Shell) passed to the spirit world on January 28, 2015. She was born in Richmond, California on



Feb. 28, 1943. She is preceded in death by her father Lloyd Forcier, mother Eleanor Schlichting, and husband Jesse O'Kelley.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology/Archaeology in 1976 from the University of Minnesota. In 1982, she graduated from Bemidji State University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies/American Indian Studies and Secondary Education. Kathleen was passionate about teaching and held several teaching jobs throughout Minnesota and Alaska, including teaching English in the Yunan Province in China. She taught many children in the Red Lake School District, Walker School District, the Bug-O-Nay-Gee-Shig School and Cass Lake School on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation.

Her sincere desire to support the Native American community led her to a career in grant writing where she held positions with the Iditarod School District in Alaska, the Walker School District, the Leech Lake Indian Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Through her grant writing she was able to contribute to many positive improvements in the communities she worked. She was a very talented soap maker, quilt maker, avid gardener, and horse lover.

She is survived by her six children Angelia Baldwin, Roy Swanson, Chantelle (Carlos) Cuyun, Tina Hernandez, Jason Swanson, Heidi Swanson; four sisters; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kathleen's final wishes were for a private, family service to celebrate her life and accomplishments.

Deanne Kay Stately

Deanne Kay Stately, 60 years old, of Bemidji, MN, passed away on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at the Essentia Health care center in Fargo, ND.

She was born on March 6, 1954 in Park Rapids, the daughter of Frank Smith and Florence (Lewis) Jacob.

Deanne loved to spend time with children, especially her grandchildren. She liked to play board games, going to the movie theater, and watching her favorite t.v. shows. One of the main reasons she would spend time with her grandchildren was the opportunity to watch the cartoons she loved. Deanne liked to volunteer her time. She spent over eight years volunteering and helping out at the 7th Day Adventist Church clothing store. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends that knew her.

Family that she joins again include her husband; Gerald Stately, Sr., parents; Frank and Florence, brother; Daniel Smith, and grandchildren; Avery Stately and Tristian White.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory include her



significant other Harry "Josh" Blackburn of Bemidji, sons; Gerald Stately, Jr. of Red Lake and Jeff (Alicia) Stately of Redby, daughter; Kelly Madding Morton of Mayfield, KY, brothers; Richard Smith of Bemidji, Ron (Patti) Cournoyer of Cass Lake and Duane Jacob of Peoria, IL, sisters; Denise Jacob of Pekin, IL, Mary Jacob of Pekin, IL and Susan Kirkpatrick of Florida, special aunt; Sharon Lewis of Morton, IL, aunt and uncle Linda and Don Lewis of Pekin, IL, grandchildren; Danielle, Delilah, Dmitrii, Lamont "Dee" White, Ashley, Cole, Zach and Madison.

Funeral services for Deanne will be held at the Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker, MN. Officiating will be.... Honorary pallbearers for Deanne will be her grandchildren; Danielle, Delilah, Dmitrii, Lamont "Dee" White, Ashley, Cole, Zach and Madison, special friends Rose Cournoyer, Mae, and Rick Roy, all her nieces and nephews.

Deanne'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

Louis Sailor, Sr.

Louis Sailor, Sr., age 74, of Cass Lake, began his spiritual journey on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Essentia Hospital in Fargo, ND. He was born on July 23, 1941 in Duluth, the son of George and Josephine (Skip-in-the-day) Sailor.

Louis loved spending time with his family, going to play keno at the casino, watching Harry Potter, listening to his Johnny Cash c.d.'s, and most of all, doing dishes.

Those family members he joins again include his parents; George and Josephine, brother; Freddy Sailor, sister; Mary Ann, and cousins; Sarah and Joanne.

The family that he leaves behind



to cherish his memory are his wife of 46 years, Linda of Cass Lake, sons; Leon Sailor and Louis Sailor, Jr. both of Minneapolis, daughters; Elisa Sailor and Leta Sailor both of Minneapolis, grandchildren; Carol Jean Sailor, Larissa Lee Sailor, Lawrence Joseph Sailor, Lyndon Lee Sailor, Landrew Terrance-Wayne Sailor (Dionicca Lee Kier), Lia Linda Sailor, Louis Sailor III, and Loren Sailor, great grandchildren; Jaci Morrow, Logan Morrow, Zane Louis Sailor, one great grandchild on the way, other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Louis will be at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Spiritual leader will be Allen "Manidoo" Hardy. Pallbearers will be Lawrence Sailor, Lyndon Sailor, Louis Sailor, Jr., Leon Sailor, John Johnson, and Chase Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren Carol, Larissa, Joseph, Lyndon, Landrew, Lia, Louis III, and Loren, great grandchildren Jaci, Logan, and Zane. Posting of colors will be accorded by Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001. Interment will be held in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Louis' care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com.

Timothy John Widstrom

Timothy John Widstrom, 32, of Laporte Township, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in Cass Lake. He was born on December 23,



1982 in Minneapolis, the son of Charles Staples III and Stacey Lee Widstrom. Tim loved to play dominos, going to the casino, spending time with his son, dad, and the rest of his family. He also liked to take time to read the Bible.

Family that went on before Tim include his mother, Stacey, both of his maternal and paternal grandparents. Uncle Ronald and numerous other uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.

The family that he leaves behind include his dad; Charles Staples III of Cass Lake, son; Dyllon Widstrom of Onigum, brothers; Charles Widstrom of Andover and Robert Francisco of Blaine, many other family and friends.

A wake service for Tim will begin at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24, 2015 and will continue until the 1:00 p.m. service on Monday, January 26 all held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake. Rev. Mark R. Olson will officiate. Pallbearers for Tim will include David Staples, Sr., Tory (TC) Widstrom, Richard (Rico) Widstrom, Troy Widstrom, Aaron Oothoudt, Frank Oothoudt, Shawn Goodman, Sr. and Michael Staples. Honorary Pallbearers include Charles Widstrom, Robert Francisco, Michael (Julio) Staples, Rachel Hamilton, Cherilyn Staples, Carmen Hamilton and Cheryl Staples. Interment will be held in the Goodman Family Cemetery in Cass Lake following the service on Monday.

Tim'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.

Michael James Bongo



Michael James Bongo born September, 13 1956, 58 of Walker MN passed a w a y peacefully on January 28, 2015. Born in Cass

Lake, MN, Mike spent most of his life in Walker MN.

Mike was an extremely intelligent and proud man who worked

as an Executive Director at American Indian OIC in Minneapolis and successfully launched a million dollar capitol campaign fund to purchase a new building where it is located today. Mike also worked at Grand Metropolitan Pillsbury as a high level executive that included many trips to their headquarters in London. Mike was also successful in implementing a Native American summer Internship program at Grand Metropolitan that many native youth partook in. Mike also served as the Leech Lake Band of Ojibway Secretary Treasurer. He was willing to work with band members and non-band members alike.

Mike was a passionate man of all things outdoors, hunting, golfing. Mike was always the last man to come down off the deer stand during hunting season always waiting for that trophy buck.

Mike was extremely proud of his only Child Andrew whom he kept many pictures of above his fireplace, mantle, and all around the house.. He is survived by his brothers, Pete Geving, Richard Geving, Mark (Lori) Sisters, Pam (Nick) Debbie (Mark) Theresa (Tim)

He was preceded in death by his mother Louise Geving and step father Donald "Snap" Geving his Brother Ingamar Geving, Cousin Tanya and special Aunt Pauline and favorite uncle Charlie Bongo.

Active pall bearers will be: Sam Garthune, Tony Morrow, Mike Dewit Scott Navertel, Carl Day, and Frank Lamb. Honorary Pall Bearers are all his nieces and nephews who walk the straight path.

Michael's family would like to thank Dr. Mary Salter, her staff, patients and Aunt Jan Bongo for his excellent care at the Devita Center in Cass Lake, MN and at his home by Walker, MN.

A celebration of his life will be held honoring Mike on February 02, 2015 at Walker Community Center. Services will start at 10:00am at Walker Community Center. Spiritual Leader Larry Aitken will officiate. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery, followed by a luncheon. Funeral arrangements by Dennis Funeral Home in Walker MN.

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Words cannot express how truly sorry we are for our mistake with these Obituaries. Hazels Obituary information was placed with Ragina's picture when Hazels Obituary should have been published without a picture.

We here at the Debahjimon are sorry for any confusion this may have brought our readers. We are sorry that these errors occurred. But most of all, we are deeply sorry for the family that was hurt or offended by the misplacement of this picture. We here at the Debahjimon care about the people we serve and have put a plan in action to make sure this wont happen again. We understand that you are still grieving over your loved ones so please accept our sincere apologies.

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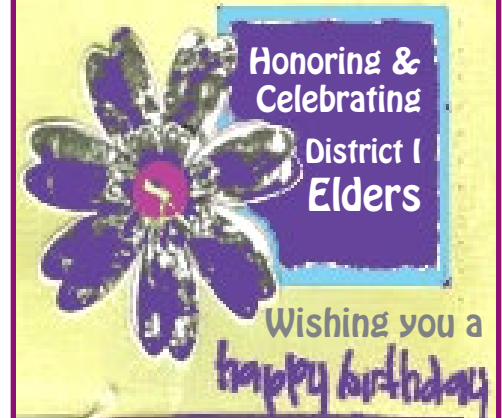
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