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Leech Lake Tribal College Art Show



Ernie Dunn (L) won Best of Show for contemporary art for his marbled sculpture of a wolf and Melvin Losh (R) won Best of Show for traditional art for his beaded bandolier.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

By Patsy Gordon

The Leech Lake Tribal College hosts an Annual Art Show every year in May, and it seems like every year, the competition just keeps getting better and better. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is blessed to have so many talented artists among us. All of the art work on display were truly winners. First, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes were awarded in each category. For a list of the winners you may contact the Tribal College at 218-335-4200.

Leech Lake Police Chief Retires

By Molly Miron, Pioneer Editor
(Reprinted with permission)

Leech Lake Tribal Police Chief Steve Day's last day in office was May 23.

"It is time to move on to a healthy retirement with my loving family and friends," Day wrote in a memo to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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Billy Mills, Native American Olympic Gold Medalist presents Keynote address at Leech Lake Tribal College 2008 Commencement Exercise.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Tribal College Graduates 38

By Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Tribal College President, Leah Carpenter, presented the welcoming address at the Tribal

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE GENERAL ELECTION JUNE 10, 2008

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Bongo
Burton "Luke" Wilson

District I Representative
Donald "Mick" Finn
Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird

**VOTER INFORMATION
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College Commencement Exercise held at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker, Mn on Saturday, May 10, 2008. "We strive at Leech Lake Tribal College to hold true to the 7 Anishinaabe Values" which are Humility, Truth, Courage, Honesty, Respect, Love, and Wisdom", and gave a brief explanation of which each value meant in regards to Native

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Leech Lake Tribal College
Graduates 2008

Regular Election Notice June 10, 2008

The regular Minnesota Chipewewa Tribe election of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee/Tribal Council will be held on June 10, 2008 to fill the following positions:

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer - for the remainder of an unexpired 4 year term:

Burton "Luke" Wilson
Michael J. Bongo

Candidates for District III Committeeman - 4 year term

Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird
Donald "Mick" Finn

District I Polling Places:

Community Centers in Inger, Ball Club and Squaw Lake

District II Polling Places:

Community Centers in Bena, Sugar Point, and Smokey Point

District III Polling Places:

Community centers in Onigum, Cass River, Oak Point, Mission and the old Tribal Office in Cass Lake

Absentee Voting can be done at the General Reservation Election Board's office in the old Tribal Office at 6530 Hwy 2 West, Cass Lake, MN 56633.

Leech Lake Twin Cities Voting Precinct is at the Minneapolis American Indian Center, 1530 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis.

Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

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 US Government
- * US Passport
- * US Armed Forces ID
- * Student ID
- * Employee ID

Non-photo Identification: (ID must show current address of the voter)

- * Current utility bill
- * Current bank statement
- * Current paycheck
- * Government check

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

The following is an excerpt from Revised Election Ordinance #10, which states the voting requirements.

Section 6. Voter Eligibility

A. Judging Qualifications:

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

B. Eligibility to Vote: Generally

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

C. Eligibility to Vote: Absentee

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physi-

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

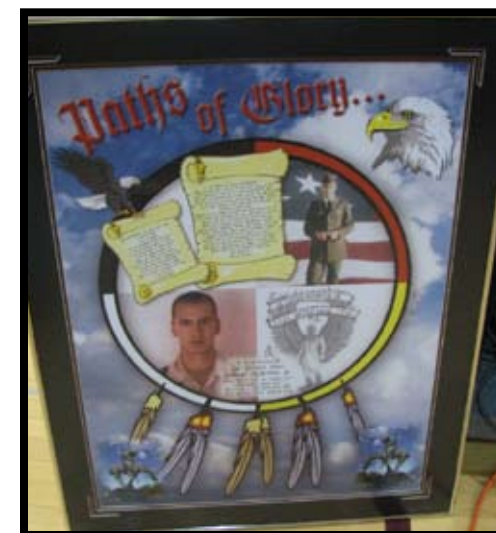
Leech Lake Child Welfare Celebration



These three little ones attended the ICWA MOU Celebration at Northern Lights Convention Center on April 30, 2008.

Besides Leech Lake officials, representatives from MN Dept. of Human Services, representatives from Cass, Hubbard, Beltrami, and Itasca Counties, Sheriffs offices, courthouses, and community members gathered to celebrate the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the State of MN, and the four counties listed above, on the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative.

With this MOU in place, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is now responsible for Leech Lake Band member foster care children and are no longer the responsibility of the counties. Representatives from the Counties danced with the children while the drum group drummed and sang.



Fallen American Soldier Duayne McFarlane, Jr. Honored

The Leech Lake American Legion Post 2001, aka Leech Lake Honor Guard and the Leech Lake Tribal Council were proud and honored to present the above pictured framed and matted poster of former Cass Lake-Bena Student; Leech Lake Band Member and American Soldier; Duane McFarlane Jr.

McFarlane was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, 2nd Battalion 15th FLD Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, NY. He was killed during combat action in Baghdad, Iraq in January 2005.

McFarlane paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in defense of this country so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. The poster will hang on the walls of the Cass Lake/Bena High School.

LL Tribal College

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American culture. Carpenter went on to say, "We always strive for the accomplishment of our goals and dreams. Leech Lake Tribal College is about strengthening our community one student at a time!"

The College has over 250 students enrolled, over 50 full time staff, and 20 part time staff, many of whom are graduates of the Tribal College. The Board of Trustee members of the Tribal College include Yvonne Wilson, Chair, Vikki Howard, Vice Chair, Shari Bebeau, Treasurer, Lenore Barsness, Secretary, members, Dennis Banks, Judy A. Hanks, John Herrera, and Student Delegate Rosalind Kingbird.

Yvonne Wilson, Chair, told the graduates, "Education is the key to success. We need to acknowledge our past, but we do need to make a change for the better."

Student, Nicole Beaulieu, presented a special message in the Ojibwe language. She congratulated her fellow classmates and expressed the pride she feels toward them.

Dr. Ginny Carney of the Leech Lake Tribal College presented the special awards for the ceremony. Bob Jourdain, who was unable to attend the graduation was presented with the "Faculty Member of the Year Award". Even after going through open heart surgery in 1996, Jourdain rarely missed a day of teaching and still continues to teach today. Many students credit him with personally changing their lives, and turning them away from drugs and alcohol. Many students made the "Who's Who in 2 Year Colleges" honorarium mention. They all are credited with having high G.P.A's and are considered leaders in their communities.

Donald Davidson and D. Eli Gazelka were chosen as co-valedictorians for 2008. Donald Davidson gave the valedictorian address. Eli Gazelka was unable to attend his graduation ceremony as he is currently away on active duty in Iraq. Davidson said, "All of the students I went to school with should

be up here with me. We all learned together, they helped me and I helped them." He told his classmates, "It was a pleasure to see you everyday. Congratulations, and the best of luck in your future endeavors." The Co-valedictorians and the 2008 LLTC Salutatorian, William David Davis III were honored with gifts of Pendleton blankets.

Native American Olympic Gold Medalist, Billy Mills, gave the Commencement address as the keynote speaker. Mills won a gold medal in the 1964 olympics for the 10,000 meter run. In fact, he's the only American to ever win a gold medal in that category. Mills is also an author and a national spokesperson. Actor, Robby Benson, played Mills in a major motion picture made about Mills life in "Running Brave".

He told the graduates, "Graduation is a good time to honor our past, celebrate the present, and to look forward to the future. Along with achievement comes honor, but with honor, comes responsibility." He spoke of self-empowerment. He said, "If you follow it, (self-empowerment) your body, mind, and spirit doesn't allow you to quit!"

A 90-second video clip was shown of Mills running and winning the 10,000 meter run in the 1964 Olympics.

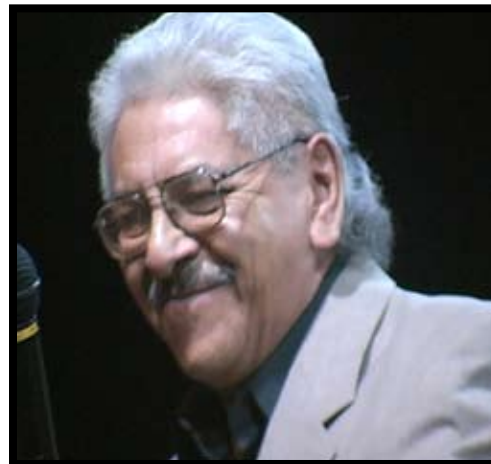
After telling the story of how he and Robby Benson ran together in marathons, he finished by saying "Your life is a gift from the Creator, what you do with your life is your gift back to the Creator. Follow your dream, every dream has a passion, every passion has a destiny." Mills received a standing ovation.

Leech Lake elder, and Leech Lake Tribal College instructor, Benny Tonce, and the College's Drum group performed honor songs for the graduation. The graduation ended with a ham and turkey dinner.



LL Tribal College Faculty Member Bob Jourdain Honored

For the past three years, the American Indian College Fund has awarded \$500 to an outstanding instructor at each of the 37 tribal colleges in North America. Bob Jourdain, who has taught English and Ojibwe at Leech Lake Tribal College since 1996, has been named the College's 2008 Faculty Member of the Year.



Bob Jourdain

Jourdain's humble spirit, his respect for others, his sense of humor, and his ability to adapt to the organizational changes that so often characterize tribal colleges have won the admiration and respect of both students and staff at LLTC.

Recently, Jourdain completed the course work and thesis required for a Master of Arts degree in English at Bemidji State University; he expects to defend his thesis before a university committee later this summer.

Presidential Candidate Barack Obama Joins American Indian Tribe, Eyes Policy Change

By Jeff Mason
Reuters

Democrat [Barack Obama](#) recently became an honorary member of an American Indian Tribe

and promised a proactive policy to help tribal people if he wins the White House in November.

The Illinois senator who is leading rival [Hillary Clinton](#) in their race for the party's presidential nomination, joined the Crow Nation, a tribe of some 12,100 members in Montana, taking on a native name and honorary parents in a traditional ceremony.

Obama, who would be the first black U.S. president, was "adopted" by Hartford and Mary Black Eagle and given a name which means "one who helps all people of this land."

"I was just adopted into the Tribe, so I'm still working on my pronunciation," Obama told a crowd after stumbling over some of the native names.

"I like my new name, Barack Black Eagle," he said. "That is a good name."

Many in the audience wore traditional feather headdresses and some banged drums ahead of Obama's visit, the first by a presidential candidate to the Crow Nation. Obama held rallies throughout Montana, which holds its primary election on June 3.

The state is home to some 60,000 American Indians, making them a key swing vote, according to Dale Old Horn, 62, a spokesman for the Crow Nation.

Obama said he would appoint a Native American adviser to his senior White House staff if he wins and would work on providing better health care and education to reservations across the country.

"Few have been ignored by Washington for as long as Native Americans, the first Americans," Obama said.

Old Horn said the tribal members related to Obama because of his background.

"His heritage of being poor, of being an outsider, you know those two things are the commonalities that he has with us," he said. "We've always been treated like outsiders when it comes to government policy. In addition to that, we all grew up poor."

Leech Lake Youth Make up Majority of Runners for Leech Lake Spiritual Run 2008



I caught up with this group of runners on Highway 371 about 6 miles out of Cass Lake. Many legs were aching and feet were blistered but they still enjoyed every minute of the run.
Photo by Patsy Gordon

For the last three years of the annual spiritual run, three runners from the Fond du Lac Reservation have made their way over to Leech Lake to participate in Leech Lake's annual run. This year marks their 3rd year running. They are Roxanne DeLille, Bob Morrisson, and Francois Medion. Their participation has been greatly appreciated by the Leech Lake runners.

A special thanks to Gary Charwood, and the Leech Lake Youth Division for hosting and sponsoring the spiritual run every year. The run is meant to bring spiritual healing and well being to our people and to express the importance of our culture and heritage. With each passing run, the event gets bigger each year.

The group of runners gathered in S Lake at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2008 for a send off ceremony and then got on their way. The first day they ran approximately half way of the 135 total miles and ended their run at Kego Lake where the eagle staff (pictured above with the runner on the right carrying it) rested for the evening and the runners were served dinner. Early the next morning, the runners retrieved the staff and started running again to complete the journey. The second and last day the group

ran from Kego Lake (near Longville, Mn.) to Cass Lake and ended up at the Veteran's Memorial Grounds near Cas Lake. Vans and vehicles followed behind the group carrying food and water and other runners. A squad car also followed the runners for safety purposes. The runners trade off through the day to ensure that everyone gets rest. The group reached the Vets Grounds around 5:00 on Sunday afternoon where they ended with a closing ceremony and dinner. Everyone is invited to run, so next year, come and join.

Leech Lake Spirit Run May 3 & 4, 2008 WII-zhaa-wedaagozyaang Wenji-bembatootaang (asking for help while we are running)

The Youth and Staff of Leech Lake Youth Division express their deep appreciation of the following supporters:

Volunteers
George Goggeley, Jr.
Linda Bryan, Volunteer Driver
Leroy & Mary Fairbanks, Elders
Antoinette Wright, Parent Volunteer
Kim Mammetay, Community Member
Ken Mitchell, Elder
Michael Smith, Spiritual Advisor
Leech Lake Gaming, Dan Erickson

Leech Lake Housing Authority
Department Resource Management
Department of Public Safety
Super One Foods, Walker

Ball Club Volunteers
Luke & Linda Wilson, Missy Wilson

Bena Youth
Jerred Moore and Rochelle Robinson

Bena Local Indian Council
Terri Goggeley

Cass Lake Youth
Antonio Ducheneaux, Shayleigh Hanks
Taydria Hurd, Eugene Lohnes, William Loehnes, Kyle Mitchell, Tyell Mitchell
Shayna Smith, Tessa Smith

Inger Youth
Travis Cloud

Kego Lake Youth
Cody White, Donovan White, Phil, Savannah, Chris Brown, Lizzy Hanson
Anthony Hare, Rodney Johnson, Cheyanne Partridge, Rochelle Robinson, Acacia Ruschneier, Gabby Sayers. Cree Whitebird

Kego Lake Volunteers
LIC Members
Curtis Engan

Volunteers Onigum
Northern Lights, LIC Members, and Margaret Jordan

Onigum Youth
Charla, Bryce Harper, Callie Jordan,
Zachary Jordan, Mariah Ladeaux, Marissa Othoudt, Sara Rice, Apache Thompson

S. Lake Youth
Ashley Anderson, Zach Anderson, Giniw Charwood, Walter Charwood, Jaydyn Johnson, Maylyna Johnson

S. Lake Volunteers
Brad Anderson, Max Charwood, Elder Ruby Rogers, Elder, Anna Mae, Wallace, Elder, Tony Wilcox, Mayor

Sugar Point Youth
Dawnita Budreau, Kenneth Budreau
Sierra Budreau, Kaylee Burnette, Renee Butcher, Tia Dahmon, AJ (Anthony) Gale
John Goose, Kelly Goose, Larry Goose, Leanna Goose, Jarred Maaa, Jade Nakazio, Nikita Nakazio, Paris Nakazio, Cheyanne Partridge, Justin Robinson, Rochelle Robinson, Acacia Rushmeir, Gabby Sayers, Bea Smith
Toddie Smith, Vanessa Smith,
Dawnta Mendozo, Seirra Mendozo
Garrette White, Abby Whitebird
Cree Whitebird

Chippewa National Forest Non-native Invasive Plants Management

The Chippewa National Forest is seeking comments on a Non-native Invasive Plants (NNIP) Management Project. The project is located on previously disturbed sites within the boundaries of the Chippewa National Forest. A relatively small portion of area of the Forest (515 infested acres of high priority invasive species) will be treated, with an additional 515 acres of treatment on infestations that will be identified in the future. Treatment locations are shown on maps provided in the scoping package.

The Forest plans to use treatments that include manual, mechanical, ground based herbicide application, biological control and competitive seeding. Supplementary competitive seeding with native plant species is also proposed for sites that will not directly convert to healthy non-infested vegetation. Treatment success will be formally monitored to determine if the treatments have produced the desired effect, and to establish the effectiveness of various site restoration techniques.

We have sent copies of the entire scoping package to all Local Indian Councils (LIC's) and we are preparing to present this package at the LIC meetings as soon as we are able to get it on the schedules for the meetings.

The Forest has set up a "listening format" to help you express concerns you may have regarding the use of the proposed herbicides and biocontrol insects proposed to be used. Use of these agents appears to be the only way to break the hold that the invasive species has on the plant community, and to reestablish healthy vegetation. The return to healthy vegetation that does not contain invasive plants is the main reason to create this disturbance in the life cycle of the invasive species. This should

CNF Plants

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help as we assist the return of healthy vegetation. Each LIC will also receive a two page summary of the actions that helps make the actions easy to understand.

If you have input or comments on the proposed activities, please contact Ray Newman at the Supervisors Office, 200 Ash Avenue NW, Cass Lake MN., 56633. (218) 335-8620. A scoping package that contains detailed information on the actions, full maps, and a comment sheet may be obtained by contacting the Supervisor's Office at the address and phone number above. A full scoping package has also been placed on the Chippewa National Forest Web page for your convenience and for download. The web address is <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa/projects/>

Look for the Non-native Invasive Plants Scoping Package under the "Scoping Letters" section of the projects page of the Chippewa NF web page.

Important Points Chippewa NNIP Scoping Letter

(Chippewa National Forest Non-native Invasive Plants (NNIP) Management)
By Ray Newman, Plant Ecologist,
Chippewa National Forest (218) 335-8620

1. The purpose of this proposed action is to prevent the further spread of NNIP into native and disturbed ecosystems, and to reduce control costs over the long term by replacing infested vegetation with healthy native plant communities that are resistant to NNIP.

2. This proposal recommends treatments on approximately 515 acres and possibly expanding these treatments with other integrated management to respond to an equal number of new locations, or even new species.

3. We considered 18 invasive species of concern (See scoping package), and are proposing treatment on 9 priority species.

4. We propose to use control

measures and early intervention to change the dynamics of local infestations.

5. We plan to implement restoration efforts that create healthy plant communities. Rehabilitation of the site and restoration of ecosystem function should provide a cost effective way to ensure that treatments need not be endlessly repeated.

6. Prevention techniques are considered the first line of defense.

7. We hope to reduce long-term control costs by emphasizing the replacement of infested vegetation through the planting of healthy, preferably native, plant communities and the planting of vegetation to compete against the invasive plants.

8. We recommend several integrated management actions, including manual, mechanical, ground based herbicide application, biological control and competitive seeding methods are proposed.

9. Early detection rapid response (EDRR) can reduce environmental and economic impacts. This action results in lower costs and less resource damage.

10. NNIP are most likely to occur in disturbed areas such as gravel pits, roadsides, trails, power lines and other utility corridors plus timber harvest areas and access roads.

11. Both supplementary vegetation plantings and formal plot monitoring for effectiveness should occur on at least 25% of the treated sites.

12. We will eliminate invasive plant populations by reducing the vigor of the invasive plants (through mowing at strategic times), and by planting competitive vegetation, which provides additional root competition that slows NNIP establishment.

13. A ten year treatment period should help change the causative agents that are behind the local infestations, and move the vegetation community back toward a healthy sustainable state.

14. These chemical treatments will help break the hold of the weed on the plant community. This is the only purpose of the use of the chemicals, other than the fact that there is a lot of data that chemical herbicides are quite cost effective per unit treated compared to other methods. They set the stage for re-establishment of healthy vegetation. This EA is focused on the re-vegetation, not the sentiment of the application of the chemical. It is simply a **tool, nothing more.**

TABLE 2 TREATMENT summaries for the proposed action (all acres are estimates).

Species Name	Total Acres	Acres manual or mechanical	Acres herbicide	Typical Herbicide	Acres biocontrol	Competitive Seeding
Garlic Mustard	48	48	10	Glyphosate	10 acres proposed. Insects for biocontrol could be approved as early as 2009.	X
Common Buckthorn	4	4	4	Glyphosate	None	X
Leafy Spurge or Cypress Spurge	1	1	1	Imazapic	1 acre.	X
Plumeless Thistle	1	1	0	None	None	X
Purple Loosestrife	100	0	10	Glyphosate	50 acres	
Siberian Peashrub	3	1	1	Glyphosate	None	X
Spotted Knapweed	390	390	390	Aminopyralid or Glyphosate	14 acres.	X
Common Tansy	633	10	10	Metsulfuron methyl	None	X
Wild Parsnip	0	10	0	0	None	X
TOTALS (known infestation)	1180	465	426	4 herbicides	75	

Note: Up to 515 additional acres (100% of the proposed treatment of 515 acres) could be treated over the next ten years, for a maximum total 1030 acres of treatment.
The sum of all the treatments added together is nearly the total acres mapped, because there would be multiple types of treatment on some of the same acres. For example, there could be mowing, herbicide and competitive seeding.

It turned out to be a beautiful day on May 22nd for the record number of people who turned out to participate in the 16th Annual Memorial Walk/Run. Photo by P. Gordon



Office of Justice Visits Leech Lake

Representatives from the Office of Justice and other agencies spent a week with Leech Lake Economic Development employees and others to do a study on economic development which in the future will benefit the Leech Lake Band through grants and other economic opportunities. They presented their preliminary review to the Tribal Council on May 9th, 2008.

The group included Norena Henry from the Dept of Justice, Tracy Fisher, Bill Guevara, and Kellie Jewett from Qweesta, Dr. Ted Jojola, UNM, & ASU, Ed Gilliland, Carrie Ridgeway, and Swati Ghosh from the IEDC. (Pictured below with Archie LaRose, Vicki White, and Teddi Redwing).

They are scheduled to return on August 7th, with a final report to present to the community, LLBO team leaders and staff.



**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418

Civil Division

In Re the Guardianship of the child of:

Erica White, Parent.

Jeannie Marie Wittner, Petitioner.

**ORDER FOR LEGAL
PUBLICATION**

CASE NO. CP-08-24

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 11, 2008, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent(s). On April 29, 2008, an Order was issued by Judge Korey Wahwassuck giving temporary guardianship to the petitioner, Jeannie Marie Wittner. A Review Hearing will commence on **Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of permanent guardianship of the person and property of the minor child. The hearing may be held by telephone and you may contact the court at 218-335-3682/4418.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30th day of April, 2008. /s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Leech Lake Tribal Court.

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear before the Leech Lake Tribal Court and show cause why you should not be held in Contempt of Court for failure to pay court-ordered fines.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that pursuant to Leech Lake Traffic Code, Chapter, Section 304:

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.

2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:

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

/s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: June 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Beckett, Royce Oscar	TR-07-116	Littlewolf, Delphine Serena	TR-07-89
Bobrowski, Jessica Lynn	TR-01-361	O'Shea, James Dean	TR-00-164
Braman, Charles Frank	TR-07-207	Ross-Jones, Vanessa Bernice	TR-07-87
Dunn-Haugen, Jason L	TR-07-76	Roy, Joel Thomas	TR-07-186
Dunn-Haugen, Jason L	TR-00-227	Sherman, Jacklyn Faye	TR-07-197
Fisher, Edward Charles	TR-07-111	Staples, Carol Lee	TR-07-188
Garbow, Judee Cynthia	TR-06-130	TeJohn, Calvin Kenneth	TR-07-193
Gotchie, Christina M	TR-07-128		

APPEARANCE DATE: June 17, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Beaulieu, Natalie	TR-01-327	Kingbird, Joshua James	TR-01-301
Bruce, Bonita	TR-01-353	Littlewolf, Raylene	TR-01-359
Butcher, Richard L	TR-01-328	Lyons, Mark	TR-01-308
Cronin, Wayne A	TR-01-347	Stangler, Randall	TR-01-338
Dunn, Carla	TR-01-317	Staples, Dennis James, Jr.	TR-02-363
Fairbanks, Benjamin	TR-01-354	Urrutia, Hubert	TR-01-321
Harper, John	TR-01-315	Wilson, Marie	TR-01-323
Johnson, Anita Louise	TR-01-365		

APPEARANCE DATE: June 24, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Banks, Donald John	TR-02-384	Miettinen, Gary Gene, Jr.	TR-07-218
Bedeau, Joseph J Jr.	TR-02-378	Miettinen, Gary Gene, Jr.	TR-02-368
Johnson, Nancy Marie	TR-02-372	Robinson, John Michael	TR-00-163
Jones, David James	TR-02-392	Sherman, Perry Scott	TR-02-387
Jones, David James	TR-06-111	Sherman, Perry Scott	TR-06-48
Leith, Christine Cora	TR-02-379	Smith, David J.	CN-06-03
Littlewolf, Rueben J	TR-00-138	White, Peter Dale, Sr.	TR-05-126

APPEARANCE DATE: July 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Canty, Dana Thomas	TR-07-213	LaRose, Sidney Timothy	TR-00-193
Chosa, Henry Fredrick	TR-02-456	Losh, Charles Lyman	TR-02-442
Cutbank, Neil Curtis	TR-02-377	Morgan, Beau James	TR-02-420
Howard, William James	TR-02-432	Sundahl, Kelly Ann	TR-02-399
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-02-446	White, William Joseph	TR-02-451
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-114	Wilson, Edith Bernice	TR-02-417
Jackson, David Joseph	TR-07-115		

APPEARANCE DATE: July 22, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Brown, Brian Keith	CN-07-08	Ogema, Joseph Marcel	TR-02-464
Dauphinais, Edwin F.	CN-06-02	Reyes, Daniel Ruben	TR-02-459
Fairbanks, John Howard	CN-05-03	Roy, Melissa Sue	TR-02-467
Gale, Janice	CN-04-140	Smith, Shirley Marie	TR-02-426
Headbird, Donald Lavern	TR-02-415	TeJohn, Angela Lynn	TR-07-223
Headbird, Jesse Michael	TR-02-371	White, Michael, Jr.	TR-07-226
Jenkins, Elisabeth Rose	TR-02-458	Wittner, Donohue Tim	CN-05-04
Northbird, Gerald Scott	TR-02-461		

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
IN TRIBAL COURT**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
218-335-3682/4418
Traffic Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

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

Dated this 14th day of May 2008.

APPEARANCE DATE: July 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Bendix, Terri Lee	TR-08-07	Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit Occurring on: 01/14/2008
Mary Ann Cross	TR-08-48	Owner allowing illegal operation Occurring on: 04/09/2008
Jeanette Rae Ellis	TR-08-44	Driving After Revocation No Proof of Insurance Occurring on: 04/09/2008
David Joseph Jackson	TR-08-40	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 01/27/2008
Jones, Michael Norman	TR-08-19	Speeding in Excess of 20 mph over the limit Occurring on: 01/24/2008
Kohler, Michael Dean	TR-08-29	Driving after Revocation No Insurance Occurring on: 11/25/2007
Gary Gene Miettinen, Jr.	TR-08-49	Driving After Revocation Occurring on: 04/09/2008
John David Munnell	TR-08-51	Driving After Revocation Leaving the Scene of an Accident Property Damage Occurring on: 04/07/2008
Barbara Ann Shipley	TR-08-35	Speeding from 1-10 mph over the limit Occurring on: 03/14/2008
Jacob John White	TR-08-41	Failure to use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Devices Occurring on: 01/08/2008

ATTN: Bena Leech Lake Band Member Residents

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Bena L.I.C., please come and file for candidacy during the regular Leech Lake elections which will be held at the Bena Community Center (Head Start Bldg) on June 10, 2008 from 8 am-8 pm.

Elections for the Bena Local Indian Council will be held on June 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Bena Community Center.

LL Police Chief

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Tribal Council members, department staff and other tribal division employees.

Day, 52, who started his law enforcement career in 1984 with the Minneapolis Police Department, returned to his home area to serve as a Cass County deputy in 1997 assigned to the northern part of Cass County.

In 1998, the Leech Lake Tribal Council hired him to organize a tribal police department. Before that, law enforcement on the reservation was the responsibility of the cities, counties and state.

Starting with four officers, the department has since expanded to an allocation of 22 officers, seven full-time dispatchers and three clerical staff. Officers patrol the reservation, and the department maintains cooperative agreements with Cass, Beltrami Hubbard and Itasca counties, as well as several cities and schools. The department also networks with scores of federal, state, county and municipal jurisdictions.

"I took it as a challenge," said Day, who is enrolled in the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. "I was proud to do it because I knew it was going to enhance public safety for the Band."

The cooperative agreement signed in 2000 granted Leech Lake criminal law enforcement powers and granted other agencies civil regulatory powers.

Other developments include joining the Paul Bunyan Drug Task Force in 2000, entering the Greater Cass Lake Weed and Seed program in 2002 and joining the FBI Headwaters Safe Trails Task Force in 2005.

Day cited arrest statistics for the 2003-2007 period: 146 gang arrests, 197 entries in the GangNET Information System, 12 defendants in federal cases, 265 illegal guns seized, 5,225 grams of meth confiscated, 6,430 grams of cocaine confiscated, 59 pounds of marijuana confiscated and quantities of pills, all with a street value of \$2 million. During that period, the Leech Lake Tribal Police

have made 449 felony arrests and 106 misdemeanor arrests.

"That's why it's not so violent as it used to be," Day said.

He said Leech Lake Police make the arrests and turn the cases over to the counties' or federal jurisdictions for prosecution.

Day said he also is proud that Leech Lake offers officers good wages, health benefits and Public Employee Retirement Association benefits.

Day said he and his wife, Tammy, who is retired from positions with the state of Minnesota, have discussed his retirement for several months. They came to a decision and he submitted his resignation to Leech Lake Chairman George Goggleye Jr. more than a month ago. Goggleye said he accepted the notice, and the Tribal Council signed off on it.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments we've made in the last nine years," Day said. "I feel that the department is running smooth. It's in good shape, and whoever they appoint as the next police chief can just take off."

"It's clear in the time I've been here we've seen nothing but positive things happening in law enforcement and our relationships with other jurisdictions," said Goggleye.

Because of his years of service under the Public Employee Retirement Association, Day said he is eligible for a pension.

"It's been a fun ride," said Day. "I worked with a lot of good people. I enjoy working with the other agencies. I'm leaving on my own terms. I'm proud of all my accomplishments. It's time for someone else to take the reins."

Day said he plans to go back to college and earn a degree. He said he hopes in the future to teach law enforcement at the Leech Lake Tribal College.



Leech Lake Health Fair 2008



BABIES - Precious little angels sent from above.



Cass Lake Family Services Table



Flutist, Jon Romer (L) entertains



Carole Forseman, RN, (R) checks glucose levels at the Health Fair



Gineau pigs were also on hand for the Animal Bingo games.



Jody Dahl, (L) and friend give out water bottles at the Halfway Point to walkers.



AAAHHHH! Masseur...



Cass County Human Services Staff

Jenny Chase gets a chance to feel what it's like to carry around an extra 20 pounds.



Great Dane and Pitbull puppies for sale in 5 weeks on hand for Animal Bingo also.

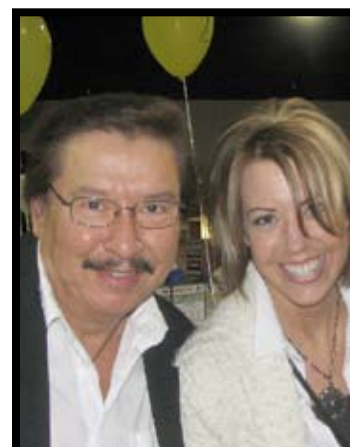
Marie Thunder (2nd from left) and her family enjoy their boxed picnic lunch outside on what turned out to be a beautiful day!



*Photos By
Patsy Gordon*



Outside the Leech Lake Mobile Clinic.



Inside the Mobile Clinic - exam room

Tribal Council Votes For Removal

By MARK RANZENBERGER
Sun Online Editor

A member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council was recently removed from office after he failed two drug tests.

Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms David Sowmick was removed by a unanimous vote of the other council members.

"I regret my actions and sincerely apologize to the Tribal community," Sowmick told The Tribal Observer, the Tribe's newspaper. "I did admit to the fact of testing positive for cannabanoid (marijuana) use, accepting my actions."

Sowmick, a first-term council member who represented District 1, the Isabella Reservation, said he is seeking help for his addiction issue. He was a computer technician before being elected to a two-year term last November.

The former sergeant-at-arms had asked for a probationary period, but the council moved ahead with removal. It might also have considered censure.

Candidates for Tribal Council have had to undergo drug tests as a requirement to get on the ballot since 1994 Tribal courts have upheld the right for the Tribe to test candidates for leadership positions.

The drug-testing requirement was extended last year to sitting council members. They are to undergo random tests twice a year.

Backers of the tests argued that the Tribe has a severe drug problem, and that the Tribal government must ensure that Tribal Council candidates and members are drug-free.

David Sowmick is the brother of Joseph Sowmick, the well-known Tribal spokesman and one of the most public faces of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

Joe Sowmick had the unenviable task of sending out the press release to news agencies announcing the Tribal Council's decision, made behind closed doors.

"We are all family, and this was not an easy decision for the council to make," Joe Sowmick said. "They made a strong statement of integrity, and I'm proud of each one of them."

David Sowmick is the first Tribal Council member removed from office under the drug-testing policy. He also is the first council member removed from office since several council members were thrown off in the turbulent wake of the scandal involving disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who had worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

According to a statement released by the Tribal Council, no decisions have been made on how to fill the vacancy. Tribal law gives the council the option of appointing a Tribal member to fill a vacancy, or scheduling a special election.

Diseases from Ticks Rise to Record Levels in Minnesota

MDH News Release

Bites from blacklegged ticks (Also called deer ticks) led to a record number of tick-borne disease cases in Minnesota in 2007, according to state health officials. Deer ticks carry Lyme disease, and other disease which can lead to serious illness.

To prevent these diseases, it is critical for people who spend time outdoors in Minnesota to take precautions against tick bites. Using tick repellents containing DEET or permethrin, and wearing long pants and light colored clothing will also help to avoid picking up the ticks. Repellents containing up to 30% DEET can be used on the skin or clothing. Permethrin-based products, which are applied to clothing only, are highly effective and can last through several washings.

Minnesota's recent snowy winter will not likely reduce overall disease risk from tick-borne diseases. "A thick blanket of snow actually could help insulate ticks as they overwintered on the forest floor", said Melissa Kemperman, an epidemiologist at the MN Dept. of Health (MDH). "We've already observed typical numbers of adult deer ticks out and feeding this

spring."

Deer ticks are smaller and darker in color than the common wood ticks that people may also encounter this time of year. They also lack the tick's characteristic white markings, and the back end of the female deer tick is reddish in appearance.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease can include an expanding rash, fever, headache, chills, muscle, joint pain, and fatigue. The rash, one of the earliest symptoms, typically appears between 3 and 30 days after an infectious tick bite. Not everyone with Lyme disease develops the rash. Untreated Lyme disease can develop into joint swelling, nervous system problems, or heart problems. People who develop signs and symptoms of a tick-related illness after spending time in deer tick habitat should see a physician right away, even if they don't remember getting a tick bite. Lyme disease can be treated with an antibiotic.



2008 Leech Lake Recycling Program

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, in coalition with the Leech Lake Facility Center's Maintenance and Leech Lake's Solid Waste Program, initiated a recycling program for the Leech Lake offices, Divisions and Community Centers across the Leech Lake Reservation. The need to recycle across the Reservation's facilities was identified by the Leech Lake DRM's Environmental Program and the Leech Lake Solid Waste Programs last fall. The first goal of the recycling project is to recycle paper. Recycling paper reduces 40% of the waste stream found in our landfills. Recycling paper on the Reservation will support employing Leech Lake

members at the Solid Waste Program. The focus, at this time, is for Leech Lake Employees to recycle paper at their desks. The Leech Lake DRM distributed desk sized paper recycling cans to the Leech Lake Facility Center on May 8th, 2008, explaining the ease of recycling paper without having to leave your work area. Facilities Maintenance, in a partnership with the Leech Lake DRM and Leech Lake's Solid Waste Program, will empty and recycle paper in these individual cans on a daily basis. In addition to recycling paper, the Leech Lake DRM has distributed 16 larger recycling bins in the Facility Center for "Plastic and Glass," "Newspaper and Magazines," "Aluminum Cans" and "White Office Paper." The idea is to promote the most environmentally friendly practice to dispose of waste, as conveniently as possible. During the summer of 2008, the Recycling Project will expand throughout the reservation and will be implemented in the remaining facilities and community centers. In this effort, the recycling partner's goal is to cut waste in half simply by recycling, reducing and reusing. Not only can we lower solid waste garbage disposal costs by reducing volume, we can also offset those costs by selling recycled paper. Miigwetch.

Backyard Burning is illegal for garbage – Even paper is illegal! Call the Leech Lake Air Program at the DRM Environmental Department to have Your barrel picked up and receive two (2) Recycling bins. Monday – Friday (218) 335-7429



Mn/DOT Urges Farmers to Use Safe Practices When Planting/Mowing Crops in Highway Rights of Way

The Minnesota Department of Transportation urges farmers to use caution when planting crops near highway rights of way and to get needed permits to mow hay and other crops in highway medians or on roadsides.

Mn/DOT officials advise that planting crops within rights of way is illegal because as crops grow higher and fuller, they can block motorists' vision and create other safety problems.

State laws prohibit plowing, tilling and planting in rights of way including driving lanes, shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections.

The department also advises that mowing and haying on rights of way are allowed only after obtaining a permit. Officials said requests for permits are coming sooner and in higher numbers during previous years.

A \$100 deposit is required when applying for a permit. The deposit will be returned if the work completed meets permit requirements.

Permits for locations where mowing is allowed are distributed on a first-come, first served basis.

Mn/DOT prohibits mowing in wildflower areas as well as those harboring noxious weeds such as leafy spurge which spread rapidly when cut.

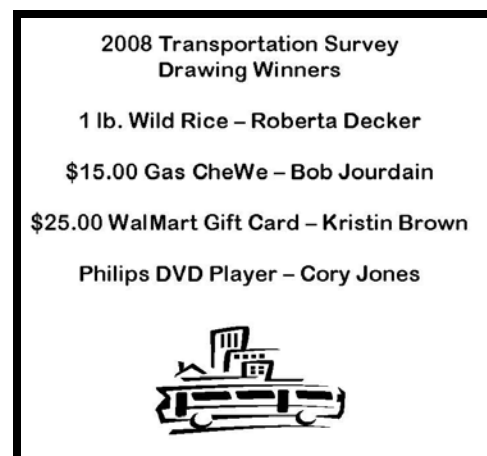
"The goal of these restrictions is to ensure safety and to protect roadside environments," said Steve Lund, Mn/DOT's state maintenance engineer.

"Inspectors can, for example, require that landowners replace crops on state rights of way with permanent, non-crop vegetation that won't restrict motorists' vision, cause erosion or affect proper drainage at

their own expense," Lund said.

Lund said inspectors can help farmers select suitable vegetation, locate right of way markers and provide more information about allowable practices.

"Our roadway regulation inspectors are knowledgeable and willing to help landowners adopt practices that enhance safety and the environment," Lund said.



Irene Folstrom Drops out of Senate Race

By Patsy Gordon

Irene Folstrom, who had previously filed for candidacy to run for the House 4A Senate seat that was left empty after current incumbent Frank Moe decided not to run again, has also decided to not put her name on the DFL ballot ticket.

Folstrom has decided to devote more of her time to her family. She is the mother of two young boys, and married to Dr. Brett Masayeva, who is a physician at the Red Lake Hospital. Her interests also include devoting more energy to local issues and becoming more involved in the communities of northern Minnesota.

Folstrom is a 1993 graduate of Cass Lake Bena High School and a graduate of Stanford University and Cornell Law School.



Tobacco Use Treatment Guidelines Updated

Clinicians play a crucial role in reducing use and related disease

The US Public Health Service is releasing updated guidelines for treating tobacco use and dependence. According to the report, clinicians do not consistently provide the evidence-based treatments that are proven to be most effective in reducing tobacco use and preventing tobacco-related disease.

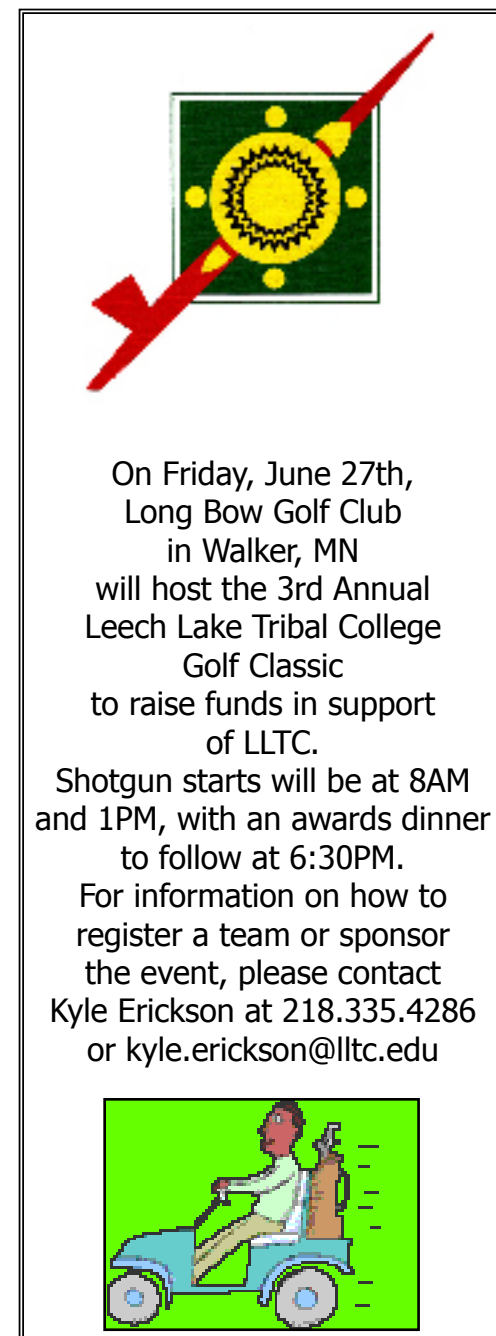
"While clinicians are ideally situated to help patients quit smoking, many hesitate to provide counseling and medications for issues they perceive as lifestyle choices," said Thomas Kottke, MD, a cardiologist with HealthPartners Medical Group and HealthPartners Research Foundation. Kottke has served on the task force since the first guideline was released in 1997. "This new guideline identifies tobacco-cessation treatments that are proven to work. We found that the combination of counseling and medication is particularly effective, and counseling can be effective even if done over the telephone."

More than 70 percent of smokers visit a healthcare setting each year. This provides an opportunity for clinicians to increase the rate of tobacco cessation among smokers and reduce their risk of tobacco-caused disease. The new guideline sets a standard that clinicians and healthcare systems identify and document tobacco use status and provide evidence-based treatments to every tobacco user seen in a healthcare setting.

According to the report, half of all smokers in the United States alive today (more than 20 million) will die prematurely from a disease directly caused by their tobacco use if they are unable to quit. Fifty four organizations have endorsed the new guideline – far exceeding the approximately thirty that endorsed the document prior to the 2000 release.

HealthPartners Research Foundation

HealthPartners family of care includes HealthPartners Research Foundation (www.hprf.org). Conducting about 250 research projects each year, the Foundation is dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge through research to improve the health of our members and the community. Founded in 1957, the HealthPartners (www.healthpartners.com) family of health care companies serve more than one million medical and dental health plan members nationwide and is the largest consumer-governed, nonprofit health care organization in the nation, providing care, coverage, research and education to improve the health of members, patients and the community.



Negotiators Agree on Increase in the Minimum Wage

House and Senate negotiators reached agreement yesterday afternoon on legislation that would increase the minimum wage for Minnesota's lowest-paid workers.

"Rising energy, food, and health care costs are putting a squeeze on the pocketbooks of Minnesota families," said Sen. Ellen Anderson, DFL-St. Paul, who carried the measure in the Senate. "Without an increase in the minimum wage, many of our lowest-paid workers will soon find themselves unable to afford their basic necessities. I believe that this agreement takes a major step in the right direction, and will help thousands of our state's residents cope with the challenges presented by our current economic downturn."

Under the plan, the minimum wage for employees at large employers—those with annual sales or business above \$625,000—would increase from \$6.15 an hour to \$6.75 an hour on July 24, 2008. The wage would increase again in July of 2009, up to \$7.75 an hour. For smaller employers, the minimum wage would increase from \$5.25 an hour to \$5.75 an hour on July 24, and up to \$6.75 an hour in 2009.

The negotiated plan does not include a provision passed by both the House and Senate which would have provided for annual adjustments to the minimum wage to account for inflation. After hearing testimony from Labor and Industry Commissioner Steve Sviggum indicating the governor may veto the bill if it included this indexing provision, negotiators pulled the measure from the agreement.

"The sad truth is that the state and federal minimum wage has failed to keep pace with inflation," said Sen. Anderson. "If the federal minimum wage had kept pace with inflation since 1968, it would be nearly \$10 an hour. While I'm disappointed that we could not keep this important provision in the bill, I also realize that in order

to get a minimum wage increase signed into law we had to be willing to compromise with the governor."

The bill also modifies the state's training wage, which currently allows employers to pay employees under 20 years of age less than the minimum wage for the first 90 days of their employment. The House and Senate agreement increases the training wage from \$4.90 an hour to \$5.35 an hour in July, and up to \$5.75 an hour in 2009, while reducing the maximum age to receive a training wage down to 17.

At \$6.15 an hour, Minnesota's current minimum wage for large employers has fallen below many Midwestern neighbors, including Iowa (\$7.25), Illinois (\$6.50, increasing to \$7.50 in July), Wisconsin (\$6.50), and Michigan (\$7.15, increasing to \$7.40 this year). The state's current minimum wage also ranks lowest among the 31 states that have enacted minimum wages above the federal minimum.

For more information, please contact Sen. Anderson's office at 651-296-5537 or sen.ellen.anderson@senate.mn.

Region 2 Arts Council Awards \$2,200 in Grants

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$5,700 through the Anishinabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program. Monies awarded are for arts activities related to its mission of supporting, maintaining, and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American arts in North Central Minnesota. The Anishinabe Arts Initiative grants program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation. Current AAI Council members are Tom Buckanaga, Dawn Goodwin, Douglas Lee, Genny Lowry, Bernice Mitchell, Audrey Thayer, Debra Warren, and Delina White.

The recipients and information about their projects are listed below.

The **Leech Lake Tribal**

College in Cass Lake was awarded **\$1,200** to assist them in co-sponsoring their annual Spring Art Show with the Bemidji State University Indian Studies Department.

Errol Anthony Ovaldson, a visual artist from Mahnomen was granted **\$700** to assist in designing and completing various Native American regalia items.

Harvey Bonga, a visual artist from **Ponsford** received a **\$700** award to purchase tools to produce native crafts.

The **North Country Health Services Art Committee in Bemidji** was awarded **\$1,000** to assist them in funding the exhibit of Gordon Van Wert's sculptures, a public story-telling event and the acquisition of Van Wert's Medicine Bag sculpture for permanent display at the North Country Regional Hospital.

Linda G. Johnston, a literary artist from **Cass Lake**, was awarded **\$700** to assist her in purchasing a laptop computer to complete her books.

Lisa M. Blakely, a visual artist from **Walker** received **\$700** to purchase supplies for beading belts, bracelets, moccasins, dance regalia and other made to order projects.

Linda St. Clair, a visual artist from **Ogema**, was awarded **\$700** to assist her in designing and completing various Native American regalia items.

The next deadline for R2AC **Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants** is October 1, 2008.

Other available grants include: **Arts Project Grants**, deadline September 10, 2008; **Individual Artist Grants**, deadline October 8, 2008; and the **McKnight Grants (open only to 501(c)3 arts organizations)**, deadline January 7, 2009.

Applications for these grants will be available by August 1, 2008. To receive an application form, call Terri Widman at 751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447 or visit our website at www.r2arts.org. R2AC Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants are funded through an appropriation from the McKnight Foundation.

Chippewa National Forest: Perseverance, Partners, Permits, and Agreements

By Millie Baird, Transportation Planner, Forest Supervisor's Office

When you think of your National Forest favorite place, what do you think of? A great campground and that smoky campfire grilled food, that secret blueberry haven, that elusive fishing spot, or a favorite hunting place? Your first thought was probably not the gravel road that you turned on after you hit your blinker to turn off the paved highway. But that gravel road is similar to hundreds of gravel roads that get you to your favorite place. The reason you don't have to think of that gravel road is because the engineering department on the Chippewa National Forest takes great interest in all our roads. With 2,300 miles of Forest Service roads, prioritizing diminishing budgets to maintain those roads has gained importance. How do we stretch those maintenance dollars to keep the most roads drivable to get people to their favorite places?

Perseverance, Partners, Permits, and Agreements.

Perseverance. We know that gravel roads need to be bladed to keep the bumps minimized. We know that we need to mow the shoulders/ditches to maximize sight distance and minimize brush from encroaching the roadway. Since the Forest no longer has its own equipment, we have recently gone to multi-year contracts to provide these important maintenance tasks. This method has maximized our contracting dollar by eliminating much of the administrative costs of initiating new contracts every year. This is also beneficial to the contractors as they now have the stability to invest in equipment over a few years rather than just one season.



Leech Lake Tribal College STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Students, (L to R): Andrea Goodwin, TallieRae Large, LeAnn Dick, and Mary Jo Frazer. Missing: William D. Davis II Submitted Photo

Leech Lake Tribal College Students Travel Abroad for Summer 2008

Five students from Leech Lake Tribal College will venture to California and Costa Rica participating in research-based science internships for tribal college students.

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) in San Jose, Costa Rica is sponsoring a summer internship entitled, "Native Americans & Pacific Islanders for Research Experience (NAPIRE)". Twelve Native American students from the United States, including Hawaii, Alaska and the Pacific Islands, will be participating in an intensive research internship in the rainforests of Costa Rica throughout the months of June and July of 2008.

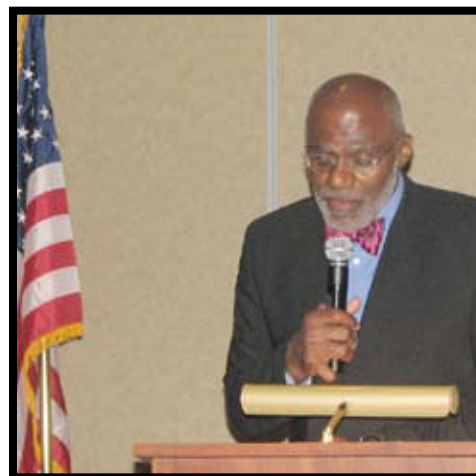
LLTC students Leann Dick and William David Davis II will be attending a 10-week summer internship at two OTS Biological Research Stations in Costa Rica. William will be working with a research team that will be conducting ecological assessments of streams and rivers of the lowland tropical rainforest. Leann will be working with a team of researchers that will be examining the reptilian ecology in the cloud forests above

4,000 feet elevation.

"Our NAPIRE students will be immersed in the tropical rainforest for 10 weeks and it will not be easy," states Michael Wassegijig Price, STEM Project Director at Leech Lake Tribal College. Price visited the OTS Biological Research Stations of La Selva and Lac Cruces in Costa Rica during the week of May 3rd. "They are in for an enriching and challenging experience in rainforest research".

National Aeronautical Space Administration (NASA) and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) are hosting a 10-week summer internship for tribal college students in California. Three Leech Lake Tribal College students, Andrea Goodwin, Tallie Large and Mary Jo Frazer, will be attending the summer internship at NASA Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, California starting on June 2nd. Andrea will be working on renewable energy technologies related to NASA spacecraft. Tallie will be working on examining 4 billion year old meteorite fragments for evidence of extraterrestrial organic molecules. Mary Jo will be working on a satellite remote sensing project at Dinosaur National Monument in California.

All five students are enrolled in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program at Leech Lake Tribal College.



MN Supreme Court Justice Alan Paige

Anishinabe Legal Services Thanks You!

Staff of Anishinabe Legal Services wishes to thank everybody who made our 40th anniversary celebration so special. You may have attended an open house on April 18 at one of our offices (Red Lake, Naytahwaush or Cass Lake) or you may have attended our dinner/program on Friday, April 25 (the night of the blizzard). There was a fabulous turn-out even with the blizzard. We shared stories with one another and thru our speakers: Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, Alan Page; Private Attorney; George Duranske and Public Defender, Kristine Cannon, former longtime ALS Board Chairperson (did double-duty as our emcee.).

The April 25 dinner and program were held at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker. The staff went the "extra step" to make our evening extra special and we thank them. We also thank the Leech Lake Gaming for providing the rooms for people attending the anniversary dinner. Considering the blizzard those rooms were much appreciated. On Saturday, April 26, ALS was honored in a give-away at the BSU Council of Indian Students annual spring powwow at the BSU Field house. Chi Mii Gwetch, for all of the support!

Mother's Day Celebration Gets Bigger Every Year

By Patsy Gordon

Mothers Day morning started out cool, but as the sun began to warm the day, the crowds started pouring in to the Veteran's Memorial Grounds in Cass Lake, Mn. An estimated 450 to 500 people attended the Mother's Day celebration. The crowd was way more than expected and food had been prepared for about 400 people, leaving some with empty stomachs. But fun was still had by all. Many took the opportunity to wish their mother, grandmothers, etc. a happy mothers day and to say I love you.

Founded and coordinated by Leech Lake Band members Ron Hare and Kenn Mitchell 12 years ago the event is becoming more popular every year. Hare and Mitchell do fundraising every year to sponsor the event.

Last years event had a surprise in store when Silas Blue proposed to his girlfriend Melissa Fairbanks at the Mother's Day Feast. They were again in attendance at this years event and announced that they were married last year on September 24th. The happy couple looked just as much in love this year as they did last year.

Games were played by the young and old. Cash prizes were given away for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Walmart and Teal's gift certificates were also given away as door prizes.

Local musicians, Richard Schulman, and his band provided the entertainment for the day. Many joined in to dance.

Carnations were passed out to all of the mothers in attendance. Eighty five year old, Lillian Sistik, was the eldest mother in attendance and was awarded with a \$50.00 cash prize.

Photos of the Mother's Day Celebration are on the opposite page.

Mother's Day Celebration 2008



*Photos by
Patsy Gordon*



Obituaries

Gregory Taylor I

Gregory Taylor I, (Nagonwawidun), 48 of Minneapolis, MN died on May 1, 2008 at his home.



Funeral Services were held on May 6, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with spiritual leader Greg Kingbird. A wake began on May 5, 2008 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake and continued until the time of service. Interment followed at the St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

He was born January 27, 1960 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Daniel Taylor and Eleanor Granle.

He is survived by wife Kimberly Taylor, 7 children: Cynthia Lumbar, Nicholas Sumner, Bruce Taylor, Kevin Patterson, Angel Taylor, Corey Taylor and Gregory Taylor II; 3 siblings: Helen Condo, Kathleen Taylor and James Taylor; and numerous grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, daughter Corrine Taylor, 5 siblings Elaine, Robert, Eunice, Charles and Cynthia.

Madison Harper

Madison Marie Harper, stillborn daughter of Lisa Monroe and Derrick Harper of Cass Lake



was born and died on May 7, 2008 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.

Funeral Services were held on May 12, 2008 at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Cass Lake, MN. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Private Family Interment will be at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake at a later date.

She is survived by her parents - Lisa Monroe and Derrick Harper of Cass Lake; 2 brothers- Derrick and Jack of Cass Lake; 3 sisters- Blaze, of Richmond, Virginia, Channa of Mpls., Ashley of Cass Lake; Grandparents- Margaret Monroe of Mpls, Ione Taylor and Wellington "Wimpy" Harper of Cass Lake; 6 aunts, an uncle and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Grandfather Valerian Monroe and an uncle - Colin Harper.

Casketbearers were Nancy Johnson and Sharlene Harper.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
115 6th Street NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

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140th Annual White Earth Reservation Celebration and Pow Wow

June 13-15, 2008

Grand Opening of New Pow Wow Grounds
White Earth Pow Wow Grounds • White Earth, MN 56591

Masters of Ceremonies:
Vince Beyl, White Earth Nation, Ojibwe
Murphy Thomas, Red Lake Nation, Ojibwe
Danny Seaboy, Sisseton-Wahpeton-Oyate, Dakota

Spiritual Advisor:
George (Joe Bush) Fairbanks, White Earth Nation, Ojibwe

Arans Directors:
Tom Mason of White Earth Nation, Ojibwe
Sam Mason of White Earth Nation, Ojibwe
Mickey Hodges of White Earth Nation, Ojibwe

Host Drums:
Blackfoot Confederacy Elk Whisde

Co-Host Drums: Local
Lil Redtail Eagle Spirit
White Earth Boyz Smokay Hills
Bear Traps

Invited Drums:
Pipesone Spirit Lake

Grand Entries:
Friday, 7 pm Saturday, 1 and 7 pm
Sunday, 1 and 7 pm

No Outside Raffles!

Jr. and Sr. Princess and Brave Contests:
Open to all enrolled members and descendants. Must reside within 25 miles of the Reservation boundaries. Ages 8-12 considered for the Junior title and ages 13-17 for the senior title. Deadline to register is June 15, 6 pm. For more information or applications call Karl Fairbanks 218-684-2762 home, 218-684-3564 work, 218-204-0221 cell.

- Honorarium for all registered dancers
- Drum split for singers
- Must have at least 5 singers per drum
- All Eagle Staffs Invited
- All royalty invited
- General sound system provided
- No individual personal announcement systems
- **Dancers and Singers, please bring your own chairs!**

Specials
Saturday June 14
Great Dincoch 8 pm
Men's Children Dance 9:30 pm

Prizes for each category include:
1st place - \$200
2nd place - \$100
3rd place - \$50

5K Run/Walk
Saturday, June 14 beginning at 8 am
Call Steve Plummer
218-685-5286 ext. 1207

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Deadline for July is June 20, 2008

The Unsung Heroes of All Time!

Tho' it's been years since Mother left,
The memory of that fateful time has
not dimmed,
It became an integral focal point in
our lives,
Impacting areas of our lives back then
to now,
Pivotal to setting direction in our life,
Setting a course for all time.
Formed from the loving, caring,
compassionate
Grandmother, who adopted us three,
To be with her as her very own,
Nurturing, caring, mentoring thru' the
years,
Ultimately to the persons we became.

Egregious as the circumstances were
then,
A spark of hope merged from all
despair,
A spontaneous flow of compassion,
A beacon of light emanating from
Grandmother,
Formulating a love to ease the pain,
sorrow,
She became more than a surrogate
parent,
A mother in all respects, loving,
caring,
Truly a gift of the highest order, pro
bono!
Being given at a most opportune time.

I offer this small token of appreciation
to,
All mothers, grandmothers, 'tho
belated
For a Happy Mother's Day!
Who are the unsung heroes of all
time,
Enriching our lives, mentoring for life,
Teaching us the most important
basics,
To carry us through all situations,
With a grateful heart I offer this
accolade,
Happy Mothers Day to Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Extraordinaire!... a priceless resource,
Gems, diamonds in the rough.
Our cup doth runneth over!
We need you in our lives,
Ni-quech, Zhawennimiyang!
Magianuquod, From Old Agency,
Leech Lake Reservation

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Partners. Where would we be without our partners? We partner with other local road agencies, such as county highway departments, Leech Lake Reservation tribe, and other public agencies, on projects that will benefit the common good. We have partnered with The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe on road decommissioning. This helps to eliminate road miles that are no longer needed, thus eliminating the need to maintain those roads. This partnership has expanded to include the addition of all FS roads to the Indian Reservation Roads inventory. This enables the Leech Lake tribe to increase their total road mileage, which enhances their funding potential, which provides another potential source of funding dollars.

Permits. Did you know that all commercial users of FS roads are required to get a permit to do so? These permits are obtained by timber purchasers of federal timber sales, as well as state and county sales on a per cord per mile basis. The fees associated with these use permits are used to maintain forest roads.

Agreements. Two county highway departments on the Chippewa participate in formal road maintenance agreements. These agreements grant maintenance responsibilities to the county highway departments for those roads that serve mainly public access to private properties. These agreements provide for blading and some snowplowing by the county on 125 miles of forest roads. The snowplowing is of great benefit to the public for winter access, as the FS policy is to not snowplow any road. The additional blading is also beyond the level that the FS would require.

Another great way we work with the county highway departments is under the Forest Highway program. Under this program, federal funding is allocated to State highway departments for improvements and enhancements

to those roads under county jurisdictions, yet provide much needed access to national forest users. Over the past 5 years, the Chippewa has utilized the Forest Highway program to improve county highways within the Forest boundary with over \$10 million dollars.

These trends of Perseverance, Partners, Permits, and Agreements are the future of how the Chippewa National Forest road system will be managed. We continue to maximize our maintenance dollars by supplementing funds with other roads agencies that need/use the same roads.

Grief Support Group Every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Basement of the old
Methodist Church
(Enter on the South side where
the Support Group
flyer is posted.)

Facilitated by
Eli Hunt and Patsy Gordon
Not religiously affiliated.

COME JOIN US!
YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.
We guarantee you will leave
feeling better than
when you walked in.
THAT'S OUR PROMISE!

First Widow's Club

Monday, June 16th at 6:00 pm
AmericInn Conference Room.
Walker, Mn.

Where widow's meet, learn, share,
laugh and heal together
Questions? Stacy Little: Facilitator,
547-1331 or email quake@eot.com

**Native
Youth
Crisis
Hotline
1-877-
209-1266**

Executive Director Job Announcement

Full-Time Executive Director sought for Indian Legal Services program in northern Minnesota. Applicant must be an attorney with significant legal practice and management experience. Minnesota licensure, eligibility for admission or willingness to take next bar required. Indian law and/or poverty law experienced required. Familiarity with legal services funding and other grant funding preferred.

The program serves residents of Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake Indian Reservations. Native Americans, minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Salary DOQ with excellent benefits. Send resume, reference list and writing sample to: Anishinabe Legal Services, Attn: Personnel Committee, PO Box 157, Cass Lake, MN 56633. No phone calls please. Fax: 218-335-7988, Email: jkauppi@hotmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by June 20th, 2008.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe H. R. Job Announcements

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Cashier (C. Stores, Walker or Cass Lake)

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Administrative Assistant 05-23-08
Maintenance/HVAC Tech (Onigum Head Start) 05-23-08
Ed Prog. Manager (Head Start) 05-23-08
Lead Cook (Bena Head Start) 05-23-08
Cook (Summer Food Program) 05-23-08

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Credit Union Manager 05-30-08

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Custodial Maintenance (Bena Community Center) 05-23-08

HUMAN SERVICES

Billing Manager

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer(s)

YOUTH

Sr. Youth Coord (Ball Club) 05-30-08

Leech Lake Preference applies.

All open until filled unless indicated by a **closing date** (follows job title).

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

North Country Regional Hospital Would Like to Remind Patients and Visitors of Hospital Visiting Hours

Visitors are as important to us as our patients. North Country Regional Hospital supports the involvement of family members in providing care for our patients. While some patients and families are celebrating, others may be experiencing painful situations. Our visitor guidelines promote involvement of families and friends in patient care while also recognizing the need for rest, privacy, and quiet times for all patients.

To ensure our patient's rest and total recuperation, we have set certain guidelines.

- North Country Regional Hospital Visiting Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Exceptions may be made after 8:00 p.m. for the immediate family of critically ill or childbirth patients. In these cases, visitors must register at the west entrance and receive a visitor's badge.
- Each patient has the right to request no visitors.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Smoking is prohibited on all NCHS properties.

Director of Communications, Penny Echternach, explained: "We want to strike the right balance between involving family and caregivers, and allowing patients to keep in contact with friends and relatives, but also providing patients with a safe, hygienic, clean, comfortable, and peaceful environment in which to receive their treatment and recover."

Thank you for your cooperation in caring for our patients and your loved ones.

Save the date!

N.M.N.R.E.D.
Northern Minnesota Reservation Economic Development Summit & Tradeshow

When: August 13 & 14, 2008
Where: Northern Lights Casino, Walker, MN

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Red Lake Nation White Earth Nation

Hotel information: Call 866-652-4683

A block of standard rooms has been reserved for participants at a special rate of \$50.00 +tax, available until July 25, 2008.
Request Economic Summit block.

For more information contact:

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*Strengthening the region's economy
through business partnerships*

\$75 Pre-registration by July 25, 2008
\$100 Registration after July 25, 2008

Hosted by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe,
Red Lake Nation and White Earth Nation

www.mntribalinitiative.org

Trade show free and open to the public

Congratulations!



Ben Moe

*on finishing your apprenticeship
and becoming a journeyman
for the Union Ironworkers!*