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Leech Lake Primary Election - 4/4/06

Don't Forget To Vote!

Jeff May Chosen As Reader's Digest Hero of the Year



Pictured above is Red Lake Student, Jeff May, Reader's Digest Hero of the Year. Photo by Layne Kennedy

How could anyone ever possibly forget the Red Lake School shootings that happened on March 21, 2005? Red Lake student Jeff May, tried to defend himself, his classmates, and his teacher by using the only thing he had on him as a defense mechanism, a pencil, and possibly saved the lives of himself, his teacher, and countless others. He jabbed the young man hard in the side who was dressed in a trench coat that had stalked into his classroom and had begun to shoot randomly at the students. The shooter, Jeffrey Weise, shot and killed 8 people that day and wounded 7 others in the deadliest school shooting since Columbine. Weise shot and killed himself after the deadly shooting spree.

Reader's Digest will honor Jeff on April 7 at the New York Stock Exchange, where he will ring the closing bell.

Congratulations, Jeff, we are all so proud of you and we thank you!



LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL ENDORSES IRENE FOLSTROM AS DFL CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 4B SENATE.

SEE LEECH LAKE RESOLUTION NO. 2006-74 ON PAGE 12.

Outstanding Campus Leaders

The 2006 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 14 students from Leech Lake Tribal College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from the Leech Lake Tribal College are:

Ms. Celestial Star Nason
Ms. Darla Dawn Brown
Ms. Dawn Juanita Farr
Mr. Derek B. Winslow
Ms. Elizabeth R. Jenkins
Mr. Jeremy A. Moss
Ms. Laura A. Jackson
Ms. Marylou Hardy
Mr. Michael T. Bunker
Mr. Milton Lee Gotchie
Ms. Nancy Marie Beaulieu
Ms. Sophia P. Brown
Mr. Stanley A. Morris
Ms. Veronica L. Jourdain

NO CHARGES FILED AGAINST BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THREATENING NOTE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Press Release

Cass Lake, MN – The Cass County Attorney's office recently determined that charges would not be filed against a 13-year-old child who attends the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School for writing in her journal several threatening comments and a diagram of her classroom. In a phone conversation with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Legal Director, Michael Garbow, Mr. Maus stated that after the investigation was completed it was determined that the child never intended to deliver the message to anyone and therefore, there was never any intent to actually threaten anyone.

The note was discovered in the child's school desk by a student who was not authorized to go into her desk. The 13-year-old child, when questioned about the note readily admitted she wrote it, but stated she had written it several weeks previously and that she had no intentions of giving the note to anyone nor did she

intend to hurt anyone.

County Attorney Earl Maus said that they would not have been able to charge for an "attempt" under current State law because no substantial step had been taken towards the commission of a crime. Investigators found no evidence of any weapons nor any indication of any steps taken to commit a crime. The case has been appropriately referred. Further details of this case are not public data pursuant to Minnesota laws.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Quarterly Meeting

**Friday, April 7, 2006
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Everyone Welcome**

(Lunch will be served)

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Obituaries

Marc "Butch" Lyle Grauman Jr.

M a r c Grauman, age 37 of Deer River, Minnesota died on March 5, 2006. He was born on August 31, 1968 in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

He attended Deer River High School. He enjoyed snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, bowling, shooting pool and being with his friends and family. He was very well known for his mechanical abilities.

Marc is survived by his father, Marc (Laura) Grauman and mother, Florence (Gene) House; sisters, Nancy (Chuck) Raisch, Donna Grauman and Danielle Sherman; brother, John Grauman; His daughter, Marissa Wind and three sons, Marcus, Travis and Trevor Grauman; his special friend, Patricia Wade; grandmother, Nettie Grauman; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; step-brothers and sisters, Robbie Howe, Lynn Morales, Paul Hagstrom, Troy and Cully House.

He was preceded in death by Paternal grandfather, Collins Grauman; maternal grandparents, Vincent and Stella Schwochert; daughter, Tawny Wind.

Funeral services were held on March 10, 2006, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ball Club, Minnesota.

Burial is in the George Johnson Memorial Cemetery. The Carroll Funeral Home, of Deer River, Minnesota, handled arrangements.



Pamela Margaret White

P a m e l a Margaret White, 60, of Cass Lake, MN died Thursday, March 9, 2006 at her home in Cass Lake, MN.



F u n e r a l
Services were held on March 11, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Gerald Algers officiating. A visitation was held from 9:00 am – 11:00 am before the services at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A spring interment will be at the Battle Point Cemetery in Federal Dam, MN following cremation. Arrangements were handled by the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake, MN.

She was born on August 5, 1945, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the daughter of Harry and Margaret (Newman) White. She attended grade school in Heckla, SD until her family moved to Bena, MN. She went to the Boy River School and later attended Cass Lake High School. As a young lady she worked as a nanny in Minneapolis, and attended cosmetology school in Duluth. She worked at numerous jobs in and around Bena, MN. She moved to Forsythe, Montana and lived there a few years working in restaurants. More recently she worked as a cook in restaurants, and also for the Northern Lights Casino. She liked fishing, traveling, going to the casinos, loved spending time with her grandchildren, and family.

She is survived by her son, Clinton "Tom" (Jen) White of Buffalo, NY; daughter, Rhonda (Dan

Rasmussen) Michaud of Walker, MN; sisters, Edith (Roger) Brauer of Hysham, Montana, Blanche Kluver of Tahoe, Nevada, Penny (Mike) French of Cass Lake, MN; 8 Grandchildren, numerous nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, brothers; Clinton "Sonny" Brown, Edward "Bud" Brown, and sister Janice Seelye.

Honorary casket bearers were Cole Rasmussen, Jimmy Campbell, Mike French, Dan Rasmussen, Roger Brauer, and all her special friends.

Active casket bearers were Bruce Dahl, Sonny James Stethem, Kevin Campbell, Justin Campbell, Keevin Wright, Terry Jourdain, Seth White-Raines, and Jim Michaud.

Nathan James Kingbird

Nathan James Kingbird, 55, of St. Paul, MN died on February 15, 2006 at Regents Hospital in St. Paul.



F u n e r a l
services were held on February 20, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, Mn with Rev. Anslem Theverkunnel officiating. A spring internment will be at the Fort Snelling Military Cemetery in St. Paul, Mn. Arrangements were handled by the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji, Mn.

He was born on February 5, 1951, in Pike Bay Township, Cass Lake, Minnesota, the son of Margaret (Kingbird) King and James Beaulieu. He was raised by his step-father Robert King in St. Paul, and attended school there. He joined the Marine Corps

in August of 1968 and spent time in Okinawa. He also was a parachutist, as well as a Rifle Marksman for which he received a badge. He also received a National Defense Service Medal. He transferred to the Marine Corp Reserves in June of 1971 with an extended enlistment until the time of his honorable discharge in July of 1974.

After his discharge he worked as a carpenter in St. Paul. He enjoyed doing art work such as beadwork and leatherwork. He also enjoyed going to pow-wows, playing pool and listening to music.

He is survived by his children, Nathan Grouno, St. Paul, Mn., Stacie Freshwater, Fairview, Oregon, Josh Richardson, Eau Claire, Wi., Bonnie Richardson, Wyoming, Mn., Robert Renville, St. Paul, Mn., and Margaret Hirsh, Winnipeg, Canada; brothers, Robert King Jr., St. Paul, Mn., Jamie Schroder, Mpls., Mn., Calvin Wittner, Cass Lake, Mn., James Beaulieu, Jr., Bemidji, Mn., Jessie Beaulieu and Kelly Beaulieu both of Cass Lake, Mn.; sisters, Cheryl Garbow, Onamia, Mn., Audrey (John) Stately; Onamia, Mn., Brenda Beaulieu, Mpls., Mn., Cindy Beaulieu, Mpls., Mn., Patti (Jim) Jones of Cass Lake, Mn., Michelle Beaulieu, Bemidji, Mn., Faye (Dennis) Enno, Bemidji, Mn., Cheyenne Beaulieu, Cass Lake/Mpls., Mn., special sisters, Wanda, Marcy, Viola Bellanger, Laura Therriault, and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary King and James Beaulieu, step father, Robert King and a daughter, Merly Anne Renville.

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Florence Mary Raisch

1/9/1933 –
3/15/2006



Florence Mary Raisch, 73, died on March 15, 2006, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was born in Onigum, Mn. on January 9, 1933 to Sam and Mary Raisch.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie (Bob) Lyga, of Clear Lake, Wisconsin, and a grand niece that she raised as her own, Vicki Marie Burnette of Las Vegas, Nevada, and another niece that she also took care of, Barbie Jolene Burnette of Spooner, Wisconsin; sisters, Lucille M. Wakanabo and Hazel Jean Casey both of Cass Lake, Mn.; grandsons, William (Bud) Anderson and Garry Anderson, both of International Falls, Mn.

Florence was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents, her parents, Sam and Mary Raisch, a sister, Patricia Nelson, nieces Jennifer Wakanabo Carlson, Heather Casey and grand niece, Breanna Leigh Wakanabo.

Following cremation in Minneapolis, no funeral service was held.

Charles "Bubs" Harper

Charles "Bubs" Harper, 70, of Cass Lake, MN, died on March 17, 2006, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN, of complications resulting from a car accident near Floodwood, MN.



Funeral services were held on March 22, 2006 at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cass Lake, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull and Rev. John Rock officiating. A wake service began on March 21, 2006 at the Cass Lake Veteran's Memorial Building and continued until the time of the service. Interment is at the Onigum Episcopal Cemetery in Onigum, MN and was handled under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

He was born on October 7, 1935, in Onigum, MN the son of John Sr. and Mattie (Soreyes) Harper.

He was raised and educated in Cass Lake, MN. He served in the US Army as a young man. When he was discharged he moved to Los Angeles, CA for a few years. He spent time in Denver, CO, and Minneapolis, before returning to Cass Lake in 1982. He started working for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe that year and had done so until the accident, most recently working at the Palace Casino and Hotel. He enjoyed traveling, visiting, tinkering with small engines, motors, and electronics, reading, fishing, and was an active sports booster. He was a member of the Jack Kimball American Legion Post #284 of Cass Lake. He didn't let his health problems hold him back, he continued to live life to its fullest.

He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Mathews of Cuba, Missouri, Janet Thunder of Minneapolis, MN; son, Ronnie Harper of Minneapolis, MN; brothers, Wellington Harper of Cass Lake, MN; Francis (Julie) Harper of White Bear Lake, MN; Dennis (Judy) Harper of Cass Lake, MN, Henry Harper of Cass Lake, MN, Colin (Janice) Harper of Cass Lake, MN; numerous Grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, brothers Roger Harper, John Harper Jr., and his daughter Becky Thunder.

Active Casketbearers were Jeff Harper, Derrick Harper, Kerry Harper, Marlin Harper, Dave Harper, and Roger Dale Harper.

Honorary Casketbearers were Kent Beaulieu, George Jenkins, Stan Howard, Curtis Buckanaga, Don Fairbanks, Don Finn Sr., Al Thunder, Tim Lindgren, Joe Thunder, and all of Bubs' co-workers at the Palace Casino and Hotel.

Carole J. White (Hart)

Carole J. White (Hart) 60 of Cass Lake died Saturday, March 18, 2006 at her home.

Funeral services were held on March 23, 2006 at



the old Bug School in Cass Lake with Rev. Anselm Thevarkunnel officiating. A wake began on Tuesday, March 21 at the old Bug School and continued until the time of service. Interment will be in the spring at the Prince of Peace Cemetery in Cass Lake under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Cass Lake.

She was born January 12, 1946 in Cass Lake Mission area the daughter of John and Dorothy (Evans) Hart. Carole and Walter Peter White had 6 children. She lived in Minneapolis most of her life until moving to Cass Lake in 1985. She loved going to the Palace Casino, watching Wheel of Fortune, and watching her grandchildren grow.

She is survived by her 3 children, Vincent George White of Cass Lake, Lee Eugene White of Cass Lake, Dora May White of Bemidji, special friend of 25 years James Joseph Dorr of Cass Lake and 10 grandchildren.

Raised her special grandson since birth Cody Lee White, 9 brothers and sisters, Arlan Hart of Minneapolis, Larry (Nancy) Hart of Bena, Marcy Hart of St. Paul, Inez Hart of Minneapolis, and Veronica (Thomas) Hart of White Salmon, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her children Valencia Lynn White, Kenneth Lee White and Walter Peter White III, siblings Freddy Stone, Roderick Stone, Melvina Rogers and Eunice Hart.

Active Casketbearers were Bobby Mitchell, George Mitchell, Darren Benais, Virgil Benais, Kelly Hart and Don Libby.

Honorary Casketbearers were Cathy Taylor, Barbara Robinson, Elizabeth Drumbeater, Bonita Bruce, Sophie Bissonette and Tressa Bissonette.

**In Memory of
Rose Johnson**

Sitting on her chair by her window,
she sits and watches things.
She looks up and smiles happily.
Grandkids, great-great grandkids,
children and in-laws,
all gather at Grandma's house.
Sometimes she tells stories
of long ago,
or things that she went through.
She talked about old shows that

**Special Angel in Heaven**

"To my Beautiful Baby Girl Kiarra Marie
Johnson-Downwind

Date of birth & death 4-28-05

There's a special angel in heaven
that is part of me.

It is not where I wanted her
but where God wanted her to be.

She was here but just a moment
like a night time shooting star.
And though she is in Heaven
she isn't very far.

She touched the hearts of many
like only an angel can do.
I would've held her every minute
if the end I only knew.

So I send this special message
to the Heaven up above.
Please take care of my angel
and send her all my love.

Love you Baby Girl.
Love, Mommy, Daddy & Brother
David

**There will be a Memorial Dinner
for Kiarra on 4-23-06 at 1:00 p.m.
at the Winnie Dam Community
Center.**

showed,
and of the sun coming up.
I love my grandmother very much,
for she's taught me many things.
She will never be forgotten
of all her wonderful doings.
Sadly missed by her children,
grand children & great grandchildren

**There will be a memorial dinner on
April 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Inger
Round House in Inger. Everyone
Welcome!**



Pictured above is the veterans memorial monument that is located at the south entrance of the Veterans' Memorial Grounds near the Bingo Palace and Casino in Cass Lake, Minnesota
Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Wall of Warriors Phase II of the Leech Lake Veterans Memorial

By Ted Bogda, Leech Lake Honor Guard

Last August the Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Honor Guard and the Leech Lake American Post Legion 2001 constructed a memorial to the Native Americans who lived on or worked for the Leech Lake Reservation who gave their lives in service to their country while on military duty. Those persons who were prisoners of war and missing in action were also honored. The monument was inscribed with the names, branch of service and cause of death. Two people were honored with plaques as missing in action and two persons were honored on the monument as former prisoners of war. Two more names will be added to the monument this spring. **Aaron Fairbanks** who was in the Army was captured during WWII by the Germans and **Charles V. Smith** who died in Alaska in 1943 while in the army air corps during a mission. The cause of death at this time is still unknown. One official document lists it as KIA while another lists it as DNB.

The monument is located south

of the entrance to the Leech Lake Veterans Memorial Powwow grounds near the Palace Casino. To the south of the monument are three large flag poles, one with the American flag, one with the Leech Lake flag and one with the MIA/POW flag. On the east and west sides of the monument are three flagpoles on each side. On each of the poles are service flags representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marines, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard.

The second phase of the monument will be started this spring. A cedar wall 4 feet by 12 feet will be placed thirty inches off the ground in front of the three large flagpoles south of the monument. The wall will be held in place by three cedar poles placed in the ground, which the wall will be attached to. On top of the wall will be the inscription, "Wall of Warriors". Decorative wood will be placed between the lower edge of the wall and the ground.

On the wall, nametags will be placed which will be 1 inch high by 4 inches long. The tags will be colored, black for any Native American or a descendant of a Native American who served in the military. A gold nametag will identify those Native American veterans who gave their lives in

service of their country while on duty in the military. White nametags will represent those veterans who were prisoners of war.

The nametag will have the following information on it. On line one the male veteran will have his first name, middle initial and last name imprinted on the tag. The female veteran will have her first name, maiden name and married name inscribed on the tag. If single, the tag will be the same as the male veteran. On the second line will be the birth year, death year if appropriate, an abbreviation for the band or tribe, such as LL for Leech Lake, WE for White Earth, B for Blackfoot, etc. The third line will have the era that the veteran served in such as WWII, WWI, Spanish American War, Viet Nam, Korea, Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, etc. The line will be blank if the veteran served during a time of peace. The fourth line is reserved for those awards that the veterans received which are purple heart or a higher award, such as a bronze star, silver star, distinguished service cross, navy cross, etc. If the veteran is still living, the death date will be left blank and will be added at a later date upon the death of the veteran.

An example would be as follows:

Donald L Fairbanks
1922-2006 WE Army
WWII Korea Viet Nam
Bronze Star

During the first year or so, the name tags will be placed on a 4 x 8 foot quarter inch ply board in alphabetical order and will be attached to the wall and covered by plexi-glass. New names will be added in the alphabetical line where their last name falls as they are discovered.

Presently, we have approximately 599 tags completed and another 100 names submitted to the MCT for verification of tribal affiliation. Many of the veterans identified were from veteran burial markers from the cemeteries that the Post 2001 provides ceremonies for on the Memorial Day weekend on the Leech Lake Reservation with the exception of Pine Grove Cemetery in

Cass Lake, the Deer River cemetery, Greenwood cemetery in Walker and the Remer cemetery along with many family plots. The Post needs your help in finding the veterans who lived or worked on the Leech Lake Reservation. The eligibility criteria is as follows: Any veteran who is from the Leech Lake Band or a descendant of a Leech Lake Band member, no matter where they reside, is eligible to be honored and placed on the Wall of Warriors. Any Native American veteran or descendant of a Native American who in the past lived on or presently lives on the Leech Lake Reservation or who lived near the Reservation and worked for or on the Leech Lake Reservation is eligible to be placed on the Wall of Warriors. If in doubt, submit the name and the Post will decide if the person is eligible. Both living and deceased veterans will be placed on the wall. A veteran is one who served in the military in one of its branches, the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marines.

Your help is needed to identify the Native American veterans who served their country in the military who are Leech Lake members or descendants, or who are Native Americans from other bands or tribes who lived on or worked for the Leech Lake Reservation. If you are a veteran or have a veteran in your family, or know of a veteran, we need his/her full name, date of birth and death if deceased, the band or tribe the person is from, what service branch the person served in, sometimes more than one, and the dates of service if known, and any awards of purple heart or higher. If you know a Native American Veterans, tell him about the memorial. Also give an address or phone number that you can be reached at if there is a question on any material that you submit. Our goal is to have as many Native American veteran names as possible on the wall this Memorial Day, and we can only do this with your cooperation and help.

Please send the information to the following persons: Ted. M. Bogda, 14941 Iowana Beach Road NE, Bena, Minnesota 56626, phone 218-665-2318 or to Gina Erwin, 1305 East 24th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404, phone 612-721-0207.

Cass Board Will Not Oppose Leech Lake Band's Application for Trust Status on Tribal College Land

Joint committee will be formed to discuss future fee-to-trust issues
Gail DeBoer, Staff writer The Pilot-Independent

Cass County commissioners agreed Feb. 21 not to oppose the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's efforts to place a 30-acre parcel into tribal trust status for the Leech Lake Tribal College.

After hearing from Tribal Attorney Wayne Bohn and County Attorney Earl Maus, the board voted 4-1 to support fee-to-trust status for the 30-acre parcel. Commissioner Jim Dowson cast the lone dissenting vote. No action was taken on two other fee-to-trust applications.

A second motion named Dowson and Commissioner Virgil Foster to a committee of Tribal Council and county representatives to study future fee-to-trust transfers.

The fee-to-trust transfer also is supported by Pike Bay Township.

Cass County historically has opposed all Leech Lake Band fee-to-trust applications to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) because they remove properties from the county tax base without reducing demand for services, thus placing an unfair burden on remaining taxpayers.

Bohn argued that the beneficial economic impacts of Leech Lake Gaming from employee wages, health care, taxes paid and construction projects, far outweighs any lost tax revenue. He also cited the benefits of a tribal police force to back up the Sheriff's Department, and contributions Leech Lake makes to fire protection and ambulance services.

Because less than 5 percent of land inside reservation boundaries is owned by the Leech Lake Band, rebuilding the land base through fee-to-trust transfers is very important, he explained.

The BIA has recommended the Band apply for 9 to 12 parcels each year. If Cass continues to object, the process takes about three years; without objections, 15 months.

"You can take the position that the county will always oppose fee-to-trust transfers, but this will continue,"

Bohn declared. "We are trying to rebuild the land base for the Leech Lake people by reacquiring land that was sold, taken, stolen or illegally transferred."

Commissioner Jim Demgen wondered how many of the alleged illegal land acquisitions involved state and federal governments and how many involved the county.

Virgil Foster said he felt the county should support the fee-to-trust application in this situation.

Even with the Tribal College property, which is currently not taxed, Maus said Cass opposes transfer because at some future time, the property use might change.

He agreed the Band was a good employer but countered that economic benefit is not a valid argument. Other large private employees generate economic benefits and still pay property taxes.

"This is a national trend; counties are opposing putting land into tribal trust," Maus declared.

Bohn replied that Carlton County, home to the Fond du Lac Reservation, supports fee-to-trust transfers.

Maus encouraged the Band to apply for state tax exemptions on several parcels that very likely would be approved, based on the parcels' current uses. Bohn said he was working on that issue.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 for the Leech Lake Primary Elections. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

Opinions

Dear Representative Frank Moe & Sherri:

I thought it was time to write and thank you for all your efforts relative to the Military Funeral protests matter, which I brought to your attention last January. As I said then, this disturbing and highly sensitive issue would one day arrive in our great state and indeed I am sort of depressed that it occurred so quickly in Anoka.

There are a number of bills being presented, and I was grateful that you took the lead in this matter. Marty Seifert's bill (Marshall) seems to hit the bull's eye, but any bill will address the issue.

As we've discussed, I am primarily concerned over the reactions of the relatives, family and friends, but also must be concerned over the actions of my fellow Veteran Military Honor Guards. This issue could explode easily into uncontrollable levels, as the emotions are at their very breaking edge during military funerals. I've been deeply concerned over this issue and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued leadership toward a resolve to this frightening action taken by such a small group.

Sincerely,
Daniel H. Gumphrey, Chaplain
Cass Lake American Legion, Bemidji
VFW Post
Bemidji United States Marine Corps
League

Camp Rabideau Designated as a National Historic Landmark.

By Melissa Rickers, US Forest Service

On February 21, 2006, Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton announced the designation of 12 sites in 11 states as National Historic Landmarks, including Camp Rabideau. The designated sites were recommended by the National Park Advisory Board for their diverse history and because they contain aspects of America's national heritage.

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, is located six miles south of Blackduck, MN in the Chippewa National Forest. Purchased in 1934 the Camp was occupied by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees from 1935-1941. Rabideau was home to about 300 young men, largely from Minnesota. Rabideau CCC was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Volunteers have actively worked with the Chippewa National Forest to restore five of the thirteen remaining buildings. Currently Camp Rabideau is open to the public and during the summer months on-site hosts are available for interpretive tours. Rabideau CCC camp is one of the best surviving examples of a CCC camp and has the largest surviving collection of unaltered structures in the United States.

The National Historic Landmark designation is the highest such recognition accorded by our nation to historic properties. These special places are the actual sites where significant historical events occurred, or where prominent Americans worked or lived, and represent the ideas that shaped our nation. Fewer than 2,500 historic places carry the title of National Historic Landmark.

National Historic Landmark designation recognizes and preserves America's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. These national treasures are exceptional places that shed light on our history and help explain our past.

"It is through these landmarks that we preserve and share our history with future generations", Norton said.

American Indian Affordable Housing Program

The Northwest Indian OIC, Inc. has obtained funding to assist low-to-moderate income American Indians obtain home ownership in Bemidji, Minnesota.

For more information or to apply, contact:
Northwest Indian OIC, Inc.
1819 Bemidji Ave., Suite 6
Bemidji, Minnesota 56601
(218) 759-2022

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School News

Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Students Have Fun With Art.

By Victoria Nadzins, MS/HS Art Teacher

Art Class is getting more creative and fun with wild projects in the making. We learned about an Abstract Expressionist artist Jackson



Pollock who became famous for his action painting. Students enjoyed this project, as they were free to express themselves spontaneously and allowed the color of paints and random objects to become part of their final results. Art is an important source of expression. Here at Bug O Nay Ge Shig we are expressing ourselves and having a great time!!! Thanks to all my students' help and creative energy that help make our school more colorful and fun.

Our hallway in front of the "Art Zone" is becoming quite an interesting art gallery. Please remember to respect our artist's work and look, but don't touch. The gallery changes daily so please feel free to stop by and check it out!! Looking forward to our final Art Show, which will be packed with multi media masterpieces at the end of the school year. This is one not to miss. Don't forget to invite your family & friends to show off your work. Stay colorful and remember to exercise those imaginations, they can open a lot of interesting doors toward your enriched future.

Former Chicago Gang Member, Drug Dealer & Addict, Speaks at Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig school was fortunate to have Ronald Smith, Jr. come to our school on February 8th and 9th and present several powerful motivational speeches. He came to us through our School Resource Officer, Jimmy Hansen, who is a close friend of Ron's. Ron grew up on the west side of Chicago in the projects and is a former gang member, drug dealer, and drug addict. He hung out regularly with the Gangster Disciples, and after years of finding himself in and out of jail for robbery (to support his drug addiction), he turned his life around. Today, he is Rev. Ronald Smith, Jr., a street preacher from Chicago. His vow is to help kids through motivational speaking. He wants them to choose the right way. Ron started the program "Choose to Lose" which is committed to educating and preventing youth from the perils of gang and drug involvement. A commitment that will allow youths to become productive citizens within their own communities. Our school would like to collaborate with other programs and agencies in the area to bring Ron back for follow-up presentations.



Former gang member, drug dealer and addict, Rev. Ronald Smith, Jr. with Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Instructor, Sue Lundeen. Submitted Photo



Trio of visitors visit Nigaane Immersion Program. Submitted Photo

Nigaane Program Uses Only Ojibwe Language

A group from the Dakota & Ojibwe Language Revitalization Alliance and the Alliance of Early Childhood Educators visited the Niigaane Immersion Program at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School last month. They are developing an Immersion Program in Minneapolis and needed some information on how Nigaane was developed, program and administrative challenges, and general classroom practice ideas. They were all very pleased with what they witnessed and wish to form a network where we can work together in the common challenge of bringing our Native Languages to the front of the English only atmosphere. We were very happy to have them visit and wish to extend an invitation to all Native speakers to visit our program. The only rule is to leave English at the door when you enter.

School Now Offers Extended Activity Classes

The CLC Program is now offering guitar lessons on Monday nights for high school students from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School. Frank Sam has been learning the guitar from his cousins and other friends and has signed up for this program for additional instruction. He has been demonstrating a great interest and talent in the area of music so the CLC is helping to provide an opportunity for Frank and others to pursue their interest in music. Gil Applebee has told us that Frank is very talented, picks up on things quickly, and is a pleasure to work with. We think it's great that the School is offering such programs and if you have any questions about our many great CLC extended activity programs, please contact Sandy Johnson at (218) 665-3000, ext. 3040.

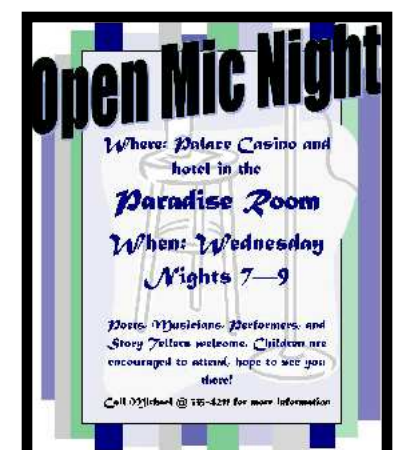


Pictured here is Frank Sam (R) and his guitar instructor, Gil Applebee.

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Mn/DOT Invites Public Comment on its 2007-2009 Area Transportation Improvement Program Draft

Bemidji, MN. -- The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) – District 2 Northwest, is inviting public comment on its draft 2007-2009 Area Transportation Improvement Program (ATIP).

The public comment period for the ATIP is from March 8 – April 7, 2006.

The ATIP is a three-year program for state and federally funded transportation investments of regional significance. Each draft ATIP includes a prioritized list of projects that aid in solving transportation problems and implementing long-range objectives for the area. The principal investment emphasis is on preservation, safety and operational improvements in the existing transportation system and seeks balanced decisions, which promote effective and efficient transportation.

The ATIP is the result of recommendations that come from the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) which is comprised of members from cities, counties, townships, tribal governments, transit providers, metropolitan planning organizations, regional development commissions and Mn/DOT. The ATP's integrate state and local priorities within their areas and submit for inclusion in the draft State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) which is a statewide document.

To view the District 2 draft ATIP on line, go to <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d2/business.html>. You may also request a hard copy of the plan by contacting J.T. Anderson, District 2 Planning Engineer at 218-681-0927 in Thief River Falls or by e-mail to j.t.anderson@dot.state.mn.us.

ADHD Awareness Workshop

"Stronger Together" Programs Partner for Families

Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) is a subject being addressed by many families today. In response to the needs of families, the H.O.W.A. Family Center and P.A.W.N. invite the public to the "ADHD Awareness Workshop." The two-night workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, at WHA Schools Auditorium, Walker, MN. The schedule begins at 5:30 PM with an ADD Warehouse Book Fair followed by the workshop at 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM. Registration fees are \$10.00 per family (2 adults) if you pre-registered by March 24 or \$15.00 per family at the door. Scholarships are available upon request.

The workshop is designed to deliver research-based information and a variety of supportive resources for interested parents and extended family members of ADHD children. School faculty, paraprofessionals, daycare providers, church program leaders and other service providers of children with ADHD will receive expert information and training techniques to integrate into group settings.

This informational series on the diagnosis of ADHD will feature two approaches to treatment. On March 28, Dr. Michael Severson will present the medical model of treatment. Dr. Severson will present the logic that defends the diagnosis and treatment. The following week, Dr. Lisha Schultz will present information about the holistic approach to children with ADHD.

Breakout sessions will be led by Kris Chaffee-Bates, Therapist; Monica Hopen, Nutritional Educator, Minnesota Extension, Kim Krueger, Lynn Moen, PAWN specialists; Nancy Bruns and Sandy Munson, WHA Schools. Additional leadership will be provided by Mary Beth MacFarlane and Sheila Hunter, HOWA Family Center.

For more information or to register for the workshop, please call the H.O.W.A. Family Center at 547-4273 or e-mail at familycenter@wha.k12.mn.us.



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**A grant from the Enbridge Energy Company is available
to help Leech Lake Band Members enrolled
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For more information, contact Ann Vidovic, Itasca Community
College Student Support Services, 218-327-4167 v/tty.



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GRAND RAPIDS RESIDENT BRAVES THE WINTER WEATHER & WINS

DEER RIVER, MN. - During a chilly Sunday evening on February 19, State Highways 2 & 16 were lined with cars parked on the sides of the road. Reta King, of Grand Rapids, was all warm & cozy inside White Oak Casino as she won a 2006 Chevy Cobalt. It was the final grand prize of "Winter of Winners", the first large promotion of the new year held at White Oak Casino. Besides the Chevy Cobalt, a 2006 Arctic Cat Lx snowmobile and nearly \$27,000 were given away during the promotion.

Charles Gotchie, General Manager of White Oak Casino, stated, "Even the cold weather couldn't deter our guests from having the opportunity to win the Chevy Cobalt. The 'Winter of Winners' created a lot of winners and was enjoyed by our guests."

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe owns and operates three gaming operations: White Oak Casino, Northern Lights Casino Hotel & Event Center, Walker, MN, and the Palace Casino & Hotel, Cass Lake, MN.



Reta King & Charles Gotchie



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MINNESOTA GENERAL MANAGER RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL AWARD

The Leech Lake Gaming Division recently announced that Charles Gotchie, general manager of White Oak Casino, located in Deer River, MN, was the recipient of a national award. Gotchie was awarded with the 2005 Leadership of the Year award by the Native American Casino magazine.

In recognition of leadership qualities that go above and beyond of what is required, Native American Casino magazine awards an annual leadership award to a deserving Indian casino employee. The selected candidate must be a mentor and role model to others and one who sets an example in their field. They must approach their profession with energy, passion and innovation.

To become eligible for the award, candidates must be nominated by a co-worker. Steven Brown, White Oak Casino Mechanical Maintenance Shift Supervisor, nominated Gotchie for the award. He submitted his letter which was accompanied with a long list of signatures from fellow White Oak Casino employees who wanted to see Gotchie receive this award.

In his nomination letter, Brown indicated, "Charles is a Leech Lake Band member who has risen through the ranks to become general manager and has been an example for other tribal members to emulate." Brown also indicated, "Charles Gotchie is one man who definitely 'walks the talk'. That is why he is most deserving of this award."

Gotchie began his career with Leech Lake Gaming roughly nine years ago back in 1997. During his early years, Gotchie worked in the Slots, Maintenance and Security departments, in which he later became a supervisor in all three of these departments. Gotchie started out at White Oak Casino as the interim Security Manager and then went to being a Shift Manager. He was hired as the General Manager on July of 2004.

George Goggleye, Jr., Chairman of the Leech Lake Band, stated, "Everyone is proud of Charles, not only the Gaming Division, but all of our divisions on the Leech Lake Reservation. This award will set an example for the younger generations of Leech Lake Band members of what hard work and determination can lead to."

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Charles Gotchie

Giziibii RC&D Scholarship

Qualifications:

1. High school student
– Grades 9-12 are eligible to apply.
2. Resident of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnomen or Lake of the Woods Counties or the Leech Lake, Red Lake or White Earth Reservations.
3. Must attend a post-secondary school after High School.

What is the Giziibii RC&D Scholarship?

Giziibii Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Association is a nonprofit organization serving five counties and tribal reservations of Leech Lake, White Earth and Red Lake region in north central Minnesota. As part of a marketing effort, Giziibii RC&D Association

has decided to conduct a logo contest with the prize being a \$500.00 scholarship. The contest will be limited to high school students residing in the region served by Giziibii RC&D Association.

More information about the Association is available on their website at www.grcd.org. If you have questions, you may call 218-751-1942, ext.5.

Students may submit more than one logo. The logo must be shown in **three variations on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper in black and white, full color, and two colors.** The design must be original and not contain copyrighted graphics. Giziibii RC&D will own all rights and the copyright to the winning entry.

Cover page should read: Giziibii RC&D Scholarship, your name, and complete address with phone number. Due date is April 4, 2006. Send logo and information to Giziibii RC&D Scholarship, 3217 Bemidji Avenue N, Suite 4, Bemidji, MN 56601.

The BUG-O-NAY-GE-SHIG SCHOOL in Bena, MN, is looking to fill the following positions:

SECURITY DIRECTOR (Closes 04/03/06)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST (For SY 06-07)

OJIBWE LANGUAGE TEACHER (For SY 06-07)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS (Must have a minimum of 2 years of college or equivalent)

All certified positions require current MN licensure in their respective areas and successful completion of pre-employment drug testing and State and Federal Background checks. Applications may be obtained online at <http://www.bugschool.bia.edu/jobapp.pdf> or by calling Human Resources at 1-800-265-5576.

Positions are OPEN UNTIL FILLED unless otherwise noted.

Detailed job descriptions available upon request.

Legal Notices

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Raymond Allen Geving, Defendant,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Raymond Allen Geving is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that he committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- 1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.C, Driving after revocation;
- 2. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3 (A), Speeding form 1 to 10 mph over the limit.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

- 1. Failure to appear in court on March 7, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Jennifer N. Goggleye, Defendant,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Jennifer N. Goggleye is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- 1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver’s License;
- 2. Chapter 200, Sec.214.B, Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner permitting.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default

will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Leah Renee Jacobs, Defendant,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Leah Renee Jacobs is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- 1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver’s License;
- 2. Chapter 200, Sec.208.A.3 (B), Speeding in excess of 10 mph over the limit.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

- 1. Failure to appear in court on December 6, 2005 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Plaintiff vs. Angela Lynn Tejohn, Defendant,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Angela Lynn Tejohn is hereby required to appear in Leech Lake Tribal Court on April 18, 2006 at 1:00 P.M., and answer the complaint filed alleging that she committed the following violation of the Leech Lake Traffic Code:

- 1. Chapter 200, Sec.215.A, No Driver’s License;
- 2. Chapter 200, Sec.216, Failure to Use Seatbelts or child restraint Devices.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY PUBLICATION BECAUSE:

- 1. Failure to appear in court on February 28, 2006 pursuant to the summons duly served upon you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you fail to appear as required, judgment by default will be entered against you.

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
In Tribal Court**

115 Sixth Street NW, Suite 3
Child Protection
Cass Lake, MN 56633

In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

Dawnita Selena Budreau-Mendoza, Child,
DOB: 12/16/1997;
Sierra Elizabeth Budreau-Mendoza, Child,
DOB: 09/24/1999; and
Vanessa Rose Amaya-Mendoza, Child,
DOB: 05/30/2002.

Samuel Goose and Patricia Gale,
Petitioners.

NOTICE OF HEARING

CASE NO. CP-06-05-GD

In the Matter of the Guardianship of the above-referenced Child(ren):

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Initial Hearing in the above-entitled matter has been rescheduled from Monday, February 27, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., to Monday, April 24, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom, Facility Center, upper level, in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The hearing will be before the Honorable Judge Fineday. You are required to appear at the above time and place for the hearing.

Dated: February 17, 2006.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala
Clerk of Court

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

**Legal Notice
In Tribal Court**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

In the matter of the welfare of the children of:

Shannon Murdent, Parent
Ernest Gale, Parent
Jordan Davis, Parent

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on 1/4/06 a Petition for Permanent Placement and that on 3/3/06 a second Petition for Permanent Placement was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parents. A Hearing will commence on April 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at 16126 John Moose Drive NW. Cass Lake, Minnesota, Facility Center, upper level. Telephone number is 218-335-4418. 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 the protection of your children. If you fail to appear for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order for permanent placement and a determination of placement for your children.

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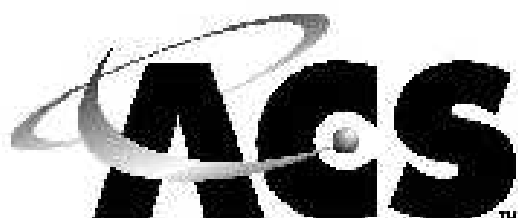
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Leech Lake Tribal College and Bemidji State University SPRING ART EXPO 2006

TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY ART CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Pottery - On-Archip and Wampanoag
- Sculpture - Stone, Wood and Clay
- Drawing - Pencil - Color Pencil - Pen and Ink
- Quilt - Quilt - Quilt - Quilt
- Basket - Wood, Ash - Willow - and Wood Bark
- Head Work - Clay and Wood
- Quilt Work
- Textile
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Jewelry

Competition for Native American Artists and Students
Art Prizes will be awarded to artists participating with
their pieces in BEST OF SHOW

Opening and Reception: 2:00pm to 6:00pm, April 24
Expo will be open April 24 to May 5, 2006
Annual Reception and Show: To be announced 7:00pm
May 5, 2006

BSU Spring Exhibition: Two Week April 29
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For more information contact:
Dewey Goodwin at
218-335-4265
Rocky Mountain at
218-755-2032

Drop off locations:
Leech Lake Tribal College
Art Studio
BSU-Native American
Resource Center

EXHIBITION AND GUIDELINES

- Artist be of Native American descent or currently enrolled in a Native American Studies Program
- Non-Native Participants will not sell under the competition guidelines and will be entered as Display Only
- Students who are not currently enrolled but are currently enrolled in a Native American Studies Program will also sell under the Display Only rules
- BIRTH DATES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006
- Limit of \$500 (\$5000 per artist)
- ABSOLUTELY NO REPRODUCTION OF ANY ARTWORK IN ALL MEDIA WILL BE ACCEPTED - ORIGINAL ONLY
- No hand painted or hand decorated commercial gifts
- ALL PAINTINGS must be framed and labeled to be displayed
- Art must have been created within the past two (2) years at the time of entry



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Choice of either a plain or Easter background
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1-8x10, 2-5x7

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Date: Wednesday-April 5th

Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

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Break Room

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For additional questions, please visit the USDA website (listed above) or contact Sandra Penaherera at 202-720-6505 or spenaherrera@ars.usda.gov.

- Combined scholarship and internship opportunities,
- Leads to permanent employment upon completion of their degree,

Coalition of State Organizations Endorses Safe Sleep Recommendations For Infants

Minnesota Department of Health News Release

Recommendations are designed to reduce number of unexpected infant deaths in Minnesota. Unsafe sleeping conditions were factors in 24 infant deaths in Minnesota in 2004. Nationwide, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that in 2002, 636 infants died of suffocation and 425 of those occurred while infants were sleeping in beds. Unlike deaths caused by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), most of these deaths were accidental and therefore preventable.

Since the inception of the 1994 national "Back to Sleep" campaign to place babies on their backs to sleep, the SIDS rate in the United States has declined 53 percent. As understanding of SIDS has evolved, death investigation findings have provided important clues about other factors that can cause or contribute to other sudden and unexpected infant deaths. Research has demonstrated that practices such as infants sleeping with parents or siblings in beds or on sofas are hazardous and can cause death due to asphyxia or entrapment. The presence of fluffy comforters, stuffed toys, pillows in babies' cribs or sleep areas can also pose a suffocation danger for them.

These tragic deaths coupled with the research findings prompted the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) to include recommendations for ensuring a safe sleep environment in their revised recommendations to reduce the risk of infant death. These recommendations, which include advice against babies sleeping in the same bed with parents or siblings, were published in the November 2005 issue of Pediatrics. Hoping to further decrease sudden, unexpected infant deaths in Minnesota, a broad coalition of state organizations involved in child health and safety recently endorsed the AAP's recommendations. The coalition includes the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Sudden Infant Death Center and the Minnesota Emergency Services for Children Resource Center,

both of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, the Minnesota chapter of the AAP, as well as representatives of public safety, health care, social services and child advocacy groups.

"One infant death from unsafe sleeping conditions is one too many," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dianne Mandernach. "By endorsing, and raising awareness about these new infant sleep recommendations, we hope to further reduce the number of these tragic deaths in Minnesota." Called the "Safe Sleep Top 10," these AAP recommendations are designed to reduce the risk of an infant dying unexpectedly from unsafe sleeping conditions as well as SIDS.

- Always place baby on his or her back to sleep, for both naps and at night.
- Place baby on a firm sleep surface such as on a safety-approved crib mattress, covered by a fitted sheet.
- Keep soft objects, toys and loose bedding out of the baby's sleep area.
- Do not allow smoking around baby.
- Keep baby's sleep area close to but separate from where you and others sleep.
- Think about using a clean pacifier when placing baby down to sleep.
- Do not let baby overheat during sleep.
- Avoid commercial products that claim to reduce the risk of SIDS.
- Do not use home breathing monitors to reduce the risk of SIDS. They are not effective for that purpose. Also, avoid medically prescribed apnea monitors, which have not been shown to reduce the risk of SIDS.
- Reduce the chance that flat spots may develop on the back side of your baby's head; provide tummy time when baby is awake.

"Unexpected infant deaths continue to devastate many families," said Josh Petrikin, M.D., president-elect of the Minnesota chapter of the AAP. "We hope to get the word out that numerous steps can be taken to reduce the risk of these unfortunate deaths."

The AAP also recommends continuing the "Back to Sleep" campaign, which has been successful in educating families about the importance of placing infants on their back for sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS. The Minnesota Department of Health plans to work with its partners on a multi-pronged educational program to promote the messages that will help families create a safe sleep environment for babies. The program will include outreach to public health and health care professionals, public safety officials, child protection workers and parents.

More information about sudden infant death and safe sleep recommendations for infants can be found at the following web sites: The American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org, The Minnesota Department of Health's Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mch/infamort.html.

Housing Authority Board/Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board Elections Open for Filing

Any Leech Lake Band members interested in filing for vacancies on the Leech Lake Housing Authority Board and for the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Board must sign up at the election board office in the old RTC building between May 1st and May 12, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION -

In order to be eligible to run for election to the School Board or to vote in a Board election, a person must have reached their eighteenth birthday by the election date and must be a member of the Leech Lake Band who has resided on the Reservation for at least twelve months prior to the election. Any individual who has been removed from the school board for nonfeasance, misfeasance, or malfeasance is not eligible to run. Currently enrolled students and faculty and staff of the School System are not eligible to run for election.

Only one school board member will be elected for District I and II and two school board members will be elected for District III.

LEECH LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD – In order to run for election to the Housing Board, a person must have reached their twenty-first birthday on or before the election date, and must be a member of the Leech Lake Reservation Band or other Tribal member, recognized by the United States Government, who has resided on the Reservation for at least twelve months prior to the election and must not be presently seated on any elected board on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Eligible voters shall be members of the Leech Lake Reservation Band or other Tribe, recognized by the United States Government, and must have resided within said districts for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election and must have reached his/her 18th birthday on or before the date of election.

The Housing Board shall consist of six members, a majority of whom shall be members of the Leech Lake Band. However, only one Board member seat for each district is vacant for this election.

Women's Gathering

Every Friday evening
at 7:00 p.m.
6729 Lower Cass
Frontage Road
Next to Auto Parts Store
Cass Lake, MN

218-335-8065

Burning Garbage - Not in Leech Lake's Backyard!!

New Regulations Starting
April 1, 2006

The burning of household garbage, demolition materials, and recyclables are illegal in the State of Minnesota and on the Leech Lake Reservation. Burning of garbage and other debris causes pollution that is unhealthy for wildlife and people. Burning garbage damages not only the air quality, but also the soil and water in your own backyard, where your children or grandchildren play, where your pets play and live, in your garden, and in nearby ditches, lakes, and rivers. Smoke from burning household garbage and other materials contain many harmful chemicals. Ash residue contains pollutants, such as lead, mercury, arsenic, chromium and cadmium. Smoke from a neighbors burn barrel could equally affect your yard and theirs. Even plain white paper when burned, can give off chemicals such as dioxin. This is caused by the products that make up the paper that can include shiny gloss, plastics integrated into the paper, chemicals to bleach the paper or color it, and the post consumer recycling content. It is no longer our elder's garbage and we have the ability to recycle and reuse. The soil near a burn barrel can contain high concentrations of dioxin that will linger for years to come. One burn barrel can create as much pollution as one TON of garbage burned at a municipal incinerator. Animals are equally affected by eating plants near a backyard burner. These plants can absorb the dioxin and ultimately dioxin makes its way to humans who eat the animals or crops grown in the contaminated soil. With the dioxin concerns from the Cass Lake St Regis Superfund site Leech Lake does not need any further introduction of dioxins into our environment.

Ultimately backyard burning wastes resources. Many of the items commonly burned could be reused, recycled, or composted. The only material that can lawfully be burned with a permit and under certain conditions are brush, tree trimmings, and other vegetative material, and unpainted lumber that contains no glue or resins. Not only does burning waste resources that can be recycled or reused, but open burning, such

as in burn barrels, is a major cause of wildfires in Minnesota. Last year alone 40% of wildfires in the State of Minnesota were started by careless open burning.

Because of these concerns and in an effort to control a major source of air pollution on the Leech Lake Reservation the Air Program modified the previous Open Burning Ordinance and imposed a certification and permitting system for backyard burning. Starting April 1st, 2006, the Division of Resource Management's Air Program Staff must certify the burner before you can obtain a permit. Once your burner passes certification you can receive a permit for the use of your burner. Permits can be purchased at the DRM for a cost of \$50 and are valid till April 1st of the following year. Please see the Leech Lake Open Burning, Burn Barrel, and Fire Prevention Ordinance 02-06 or stop by the DRM for more information regarding what can be burned and specifications for burners. In an effort to curb backyard burning and encourage recycling, the Air Program is offering FREE pick up of your burn barrel and they will exchange it for two FREE recycling bins. Contact the Air Program for more information on the exchange program and any other questions regarding backyard burning at 218-335-7429. Waste not, Burn not.

Leech Lake Solid Waste Hours of Operation

Cass Lake Transfer Station
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday - Sunday
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Inger, Ball Club, Bena and
Onigum
Transfer Stations
Wednesday - Saturday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



LEECH LAKE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-74

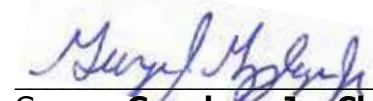
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Support for Irene Folstrom, District 4 State Senator Candidate

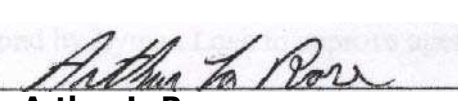
- WHEREAS,** the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected and authorized governing body of the Leech Lake Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Leech Lake Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of protecting and advocating for the health and welfare of Leech Lake Band members within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries; and
- WHEREAS,** the Leech Lake Tribal Council supports American Indian candidates running for public office; and
- WHEREAS,** Irene Folstrom, Leech Lake Tribal member, is seeking the Minnesota DFL endorsement running for State Senate District 4; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Leech Lake Tribal Council endorses Irene Folstrom as Minnesota DFL State Senate District 4 Candidate.

CERTIFICATION

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 4 for, 0 against and 0 silent at a Special Meeting of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on February 23, 2006, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.


George Goggleye, Jr., Chairman
Leech Lake Tribal Council


Arthur LaRose,
Secretary/Treasurer
Leech Lake Tribal
Council

The Buffet Is Back!

LUNCH

Daily 11am - 3pm

Monday	Deli Sandwich Buffet	\$5.95
Tuesday - Friday	Northstar Favorites	\$6.95

DINNER

Sunday - Thursday 5pm - 10pm • Friday & Saturday 5pm - 11pm

Monday - Wednesday	Northstar Favorites	\$8.95
Thursday	Seafood Night	\$18.50
Friday	Steak Night	\$13.50
Saturday	Prime Rib Night	\$13.50
Sunday	Walleye Night	\$8.95

WEEKEND BRUNCH

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 2pm

Saturday \$7.95 • Sunday \$8.95

NORTHSTAR Buffet

Cruise Into Spring

NOW - April 9th

Fridays - Sundays

Random Hourly Drawings	Cash Prize Drawing
7pm - Midnight	12am - 1am
Win up to \$300	Win \$500

Grand Prize Drawing

Sunday, April 9th
8pm - 9pm

2006 FORD RANGER

and \$2,000 Cash

Plus, chances to win:

\$250 \$500 \$750 \$1,000

Sunday, April 9th

Random Cash Drawings

4pm - 5pm	\$1,000
5pm - 6pm	\$750
6pm - 7pm	\$500
7pm - 8pm	\$250
9pm - 10pm	\$1,500



ENTERTAINMENT

at the lights

April 8th

Quiet Riot & Slaughter

80's Rock 'N Roll Sensations

6:30pm & 9:30pm

\$15/\$20 - Advanced Tickets
\$20/\$25 - Day of Show

May 5th

Tracy Byrd

Renowned Country Star

6:30pm & 9:00pm

\$18/\$23 - Advanced Tickets
\$23/\$28 - Day of Show

May 6th

Glenn Miller Orchestra Dance

One of the Greatest Bands of All Time

6:00pm to 10:00pm

\$15 - Advanced Tickets
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Leech Lake Public Works Employees Complete Site Worker Technician Training

Vernon Barsness to Run for Pike Bay Township Board

Ten participants from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Public Works Division completed the Midwest Center 40-hour site worker technician level training on January 30th through February 3rd, 2006.

This course provides certification for students to engage in remediation and response for hazardous materials incidents. The training is funded through a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.



Front row: Joel Lindgren, Daniel Staples, Gregory Wright, Ron Howard, Dean Kvalevog; Back Row: Bruce Bousu (instructor) David Chase, Anthony Lapp, Mark Dorman, Victor Robinson, Mike Larson and Ed Leier (instructor)

Photo by Paul Bernhardt

Vernon Barsness will run for an elected position on Pike Bay Township Board of Supervisors. The township election is May 16, 2006 from noon until 8 pm. Vern is a resident of Pike Bay, and an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. He has served 2 appointed terms on this board due to vacancies in the past. He has also previously served the local community as Treasurer of the Leech Lake Tribal College, currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the Leech Lake Area Boys & Girls Club, and of the Cass Lake EDA advisory council.

Barsness is currently employed by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as EDA Director. Please vote on May 16, 2006, your support is needed for continued responsible local leadership.

Most Beautiful Baby Contest

A regional contest was held March 8, 2006 at Bemidji's Paul Bunyan Mall. Winning the contest in the age category 8-12 months, and "Sweetest Smile" was Nookwakwii Binesikew "Snowy" White. Snowy will be traveling to Alexandria for the Tri-Star Competition in May. Parents are Lavender Hunt and Bijah Brown. Proud grandparents are Gerald and Delina White, and Walt and Bonita Brown Desjarlais.



You Go Baby!

PLEASE OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2007 BUDGET REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM

President Bush has proposed the elimination of the Urban Indian Health Program within the Indian Health Service. Urban Indian health programs report that such a cut would result in bankruptcies, lease defaults, elimination of services to tens of thousands of Indians who may not seek care elsewhere, an increase in the health care disparity for American Indians and Alaska Natives and the near annihilation of a body of medical and cultural knowledge addressing the unique cultural and medical needs of the urban Indian population held almost exclusively by these programs. According to the 2000 Census, nearly 70% of Americans identifying themselves as of American Indian or Alaska Native heritage live in urban areas. Notably, the Urban Indian Health Program receives only 1% of IHS funding, stretching those dollars to achieve extraordinary results.

Urban Indian Health Clinics provide unique and non-duplicable assistance to Urban Indians who face extraordinary barriers to accessing mainstream health care. What Urban Indian health programs offer cannot be effectively replaced by the HRSA's Health Centers program.

- Urban Indian Health Programs Overcome Cultural Barriers.
- Urban Indian Health Programs Save Costs and Improve Medical Care by Getting Urban Indians to Seek Medical Attention Earlier.
- Urban Indian Health Programs Are Better Positioned to Identify Health Issues Particular to the Native Community.
- Urban Indian Programs Are Better Able To Address The Fact That Movement Back And Forth From Reservations Has An Impact On Health Care.
- Urban Indian Programs Are a Key Provider of Care to the Large Population of Uninsured Urban Indians Who Might Not Go Elsewhere.
- Urban Indian Programs Reduce Costs to Other Parts of the Indian Health Service System by Reducing Their Patient Load.

Rather than the President's proposal, please urge Congress to support a \$12 million increase for Urban Indian programs in the FY 2007 budget.

Write a paragraph about what the Urban Indian Health Program has meant to you and send or fax with your name and address to **NCUIH's attorney, Greg A. Smith, The Smith Law Firm, 2099 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20006, fax #: 202-265-4901.**



"Davie Lynn Hare, you Big Ole' Bear."
From Mommy, Daddy & Shania



Our Precious Little Girl will be two on April 5, 2006.



Happy Birthday from Gramma Jan and Family!

To Plant a Tree

By Jean Ramstad, Deer River/Marcell Ranger District, CNF

Planning for the regeneration of a forest stand actually begins before the old stand is harvested. Foresters start by writing "prescription" for the area, which determines the steps that need to be taken to achieve the desired objectives for the future. The foresters consider how harvesting this stand and its future regeneration will affect other aspects of the ecosystem. They meet with biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, fisheries and recreation specialists to determine the most appropriate approach to managing the land. Some of the major considerations include the forest type and age of the stand, type and age of adjacent stands, topography, soil type, proximity to lakes, streams and wetlands, the presence of threatened or endangered species, the presence of heritage sites, and recreation uses in the area.

The prescription will determine how the harvest should be conducted and in turn, what will be involved in the regeneration of the stand. There are a multitude of options, but some of the most common types of management plans are:

Clearcutting: This is the removal of the trees in a stand at the same time. Clearcuts are usually done in areas where the desired species require sunlight to grow. Aspen is usually clearcut and allowed to regenerate naturally from sprouts. Pine usually requires some preparation of the site, followed by hand planting. In recent years, most clearcuts are designed with a certain number of reserve trees left standing. The reserve trees allow for diversity in the tree age, species type and some potential for wildlife nesting and food sources.

Shelterwood: This type of management system provides for natural regeneration and is often used for shade tolerant species. In this scenario, the majority of the stand is removed, leaving openings large enough for young trees to become established. The remaining overstory provides the desired percentage of shade and sunlight. No planting is required because the young forest

comes in under the mature canopy.

Seed Tree: harvest is similar to a Shelterwood harvest, but has fewer trees remaining in the overstory. These mature trees serve as a seed source for regenerating the new stand.

Thinning: This type of cut involves the initial removal of a portion of the trees in a stand, which allows those remaining enough space to grow to their highest potential. Thinning can be accomplished by taking scattered individual trees, taking entire rows of trees or cutting a strip out. After a thin, no planting is usually done until the final harvest, which may be many years later. This procedure is often repeated for long growing species like red and white pine. The final cut is usually a clear-cut, followed by hand planting of seedlings.

Planting is usually done in late spring as soon as the ground temperature reaches about 40 degrees. The young seedling should be in the ground before the days get too warm and before the buds start to elongate. In areas where hand planting is planned, some preparation of the site may be required. More aggressive preparation is needed in situations where an aspen stand is being converted to a pine stand. In this case, prep work may involve burning the aspen suckers or using mechanical treatment of the suckers to retard their growth.

After the initial planting, there is still work to do. Aspen is a tough competitor. Even after site prep, most young pine stands may still need to be released from encroachment. This involves manual removal of the remaining aspen suckers. If white pine has been planted, the seedlings will need to be capped or sprayed with an organic substance to keep the deer from browsing. Follow-up surveys are conducted after the 1st, 3rd and in the case of conifers, 5th year. The surveys will determine the rate of survival and any tending that may be needed in the stand such as animal release, pruning or control (for white pine). The little trees are on their way.





20/20 Bingo
Seven Days A Week
3:00pm - 1:00am

\$1,000 Nights
Saturday, April 1st

2 for 1 Bingo
April 22nd & 28th

2 for 1 Bingo - A Pack Only
Every Thursday and April 7th

Birthday Night Bingo
April 30th
\$10 off any regular Bingo package
\$5 Bingo coupon

Purchase any level Bingo package during the month and qualify to win:

Stainless Steel BBQ Grill April 30th

Doors open: Thursday - 6:00pm • Friday - Sunday - 5:30pm
Sunday Matinee - 11:00am
Regular sessions Thursday - Sunday 7:15pm • Sunday Matinee 1:00pm
See Bingo for more details.

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RANDOM HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

7pm - 11pm
Win up to \$400

PRIZE DRAWING
11pm - Midnight
Win up to \$749 in Hummer Merchandise

GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS
Sunday, May 21st

6pm - 7pm	\$1,000
7pm - 8pm	\$250
8pm - 9pm	HUMMER H3 & \$2,000
9pm - 10pm	\$500
10pm - 11pm	\$750

The actual prize may vary slightly from photo.



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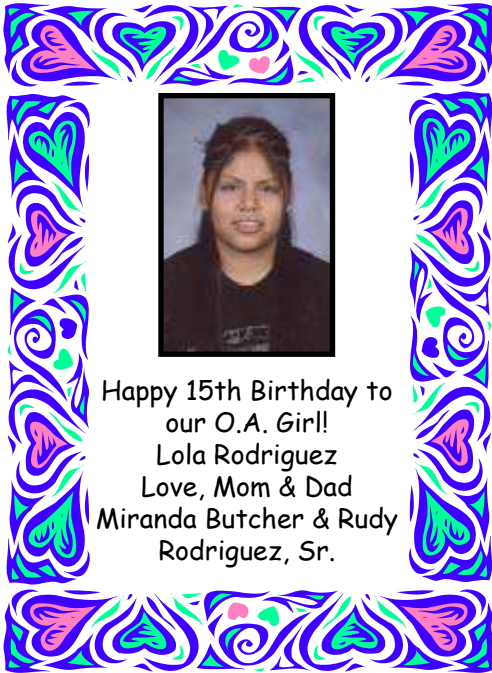
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Happy 15th Birthday to our O.A. Girl!
Lola Rodriguez
Love, Mom & Dad
Miranda Butcher & Rudy Rodriguez, Sr.

Elect Irene Tolstrom



for Senate

**Senate District 4 DFL Convention Call
All Elected Delegates and Alternates!**

The Senate District 4 DFL Convention will be held:
Saturday, April 8, 2006
Registration at 9:15 a.m. Convention convenes 10 a.m.
At Walker School
(3 blocks up the hill from Hwy. 371, on Fourth Street;
use either Fourth Street entrance)

- Main Orders of Business -
- Endorsement of Candidates for Senate District 4 Senator
 - 4A Representative
 - 4B Representative
 - Election of Officers

Please plan to attend!
Lunch will be available for sale;
A voluntary donation of \$5 to defray meeting expenses is requested.

**Any special needs requests,
please address to Affirmative Action Officer
Eli Hunt at 218-760-2116**



Happy Birthday Sweetheart!



I Love You!
Pintie

Ladies Night Poker Tournament

Ante Up and be the Lucky Poker Winner!

Every Tuesday!

**BRING A FRIEND AND WE
WILL WAIVE THE ENTRY FEES!**

- \$20 buy in • \$5 entry fee • Registration begins at 5:00pm
- No re-buys or add-ons allowed • Tournament starts at 6:00pm

Spring of Wonders

Now through May 14th

Fridays & Saturdays Now - May 13th

two hourly hot seat drawings

7pm - Midnight
Win up to
\$125

grand prize drawings
Sunday, May 14th

4pm	\$500	7pm	\$200
5pm	\$400	8pm	(3X) \$1,500
6pm	\$300	9pm	\$500

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Timeline for 2006 Leech Lake Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Elections

March 21	General Election Board prepares Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election Announcement	June 13	Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election
April 1	General Election Board posts Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election Announcement in De-Bah-Ji-Mon	June 14	General Election Board certifies Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election results
May 1	Notice of candidacy may be filed with the General Election Board, 6530 U.S. 2 NW, Cass Lake (old RTC building, middle entrance)	June 15	General Election Board posts Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election results
May 12	Deadline for candidates to file for Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board	June 20	Deadline for filing Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election Protest
May 15	Tribal Council certifies candidates	June 21	Deadline for General Election Board to determine and order Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election recount
May 22	Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board provide Ballots to the General Election Board twenty-one (21) days before General Election	June 30	Deadline for determining Local Indian Council, Housing and School Board Election Protest