New Study Looks at Homelessness on Northern Minnesota Indian Reservations.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe took part in a 2006 survey through a collaborative effort with other Minnesota reservations and the State of Minnesota to gather data on homelessness on the reservations. This survey is the first of its kind in the nation. Chairman George Goggleye, Jr. stated the data gathered will provide us more in-depth numbers “to help our native men, women and children who struggle to overcome homelessness; we must, and will, continue to build partnerships that advocate for changes in public attitudes and policy that meet our unique challenges.”

Low employment, low pay, an insufficient number of housing units, and inconsistent access to public and supportive services are key contributors to homelessness on six northern Indian reservations according to a new study released today by six Minnesota Indian tribes: Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte, and Fond du Lac.

The study was conducted in the fall of 2006, by a collaborative of tribal representatives and Wilder Research (in conjunction with its statewide analysis of homelessness), and with the assistance of the Corporation for Supportive Housing’s Minnesota Supportive Housing Initiative. It is the first in the nation to take an in-depth look at homelessness on Indian reservations. People were interviewed from six reservations – Red Lake, White Earth, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte, and Fond du Lac.

“This is the first comprehensive data we have had about the state of homelessness in our own community,” said Karen Diver, chairwoman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. “It will help with program planning within our community, build understanding, and help us with advocacy efforts in the broader community.”

Based on 674 completed interviews, the study identified 1,239 people who were homeless or near-homeless on the six participating reservations. This number included 447 children with their parents, and 146 youth (age 17 or younger) and young adults (age 18 through 21) on their own. Not all eligible people on the reservations were interviewed, so actual numbers of homeless people are higher.

Doubling up and homelessness often interchangeable

The federal definition of homelessness includes any adult whose primary nighttime residence is a supervised, publicly- or privately-operated temporary living accommodation or somewhere not intended for human habitation. The reservation study was expanded to also include those who were staying temporarily with family and friends because they could not find or afford a place of their own.

“To better understand the full picture of homelessness on reservations, we included people who were ‘doubled up,’” said study director Greg Owen. “Extended family ties are strong on the reservations, and traditions dictate that when possible, people open their homes to others to help our brothers and sisters.”

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Leech Lake Youth Build Students in Training

by Patsy Gordon

The twenty-five Leech Lake students (pictured to the right) are working hard toward achieving their high school diploma or their GED, while also receiving training in carpentry and construction.

The two year program employs 16 to 24 year olds. While attending school, these students also receive an hourly stipend which helps them out with their basic living essentials and gives them that extra little “boost” to get up every morning and keep going. These youth will have the opportunity to take part in building affordable housing in their own communities.

Group Leader, Austin Morris, who is also Chief of the Youth Build Program says, “Now I can finish school and make something of my life, and hopefully make a difference in the community too.”

The program will enroll new students every year. Due to the large interest in this program it will be based on a first-come first-serve basis. If you are anywhere from 16 to 25 years old, a U.S. citizen, and have not yet received your high school diploma or GED, and if you are willing to make a commitment to your future, you are eligible to apply.

For more information please contact the Leech Lake Education Division located in the Facility Center in Cass Lake, telephone number 1-866-638-7738 or (218) 335-8250.
We as citizens of the United States have all read and heard of (some of us even lived through) many of the issues that have become major divisions in our society. When people speak of the good ol’days, my mind often goes back to a time when our neighbors knew our names and the Red Scare to on War on Terrorism, as we citizens of the United States, have been well aware of. It is my experience that many people are concerned about the issue of our contracts with others. It is my belief that the hate and intolerance that these atrocities are still alive and continue to lurk in the fabric of our communities. When I was first elected Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, that is the time I promised for the future of our Band. It was my belief that if I worked with the very capable staff of the Band that together we would be able to turn the Band around and bring the Band into a promising future.

I have witnessed many very disturbing trends that have caused me concern over the past several years. Trends such as those that have surfaced by the lack of respect and understanding. I have had the privilege of meeting with some very disturbed leaders of treaties that I have been a part of in the past. It is common knowledge that Gangs exist in many of our communities. And as we have seen, the amount of violence and crime associated with these groups continues to grow.

I believe that it is important for us to come together and work towards a common goal. We need to recognize that we are all part of the same community and that we share a common responsibility for the well-being of our neighbors. I urge everyone in our community to contribute to this effort.

I am sure that we can make a difference together and create a better future for all of us. Let us work together to ensure that our communities are safe, healthy, and prosperous places to live.

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The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is a nonprofit organization with a long-standing history of working with and for its members. The Band is headquartered in Cass County, Minnesota, and is one of the largest American Indian tribes in the United States. The Band has a membership of approximately 13,000 people, with a diverse membership of various Ojibwe communities.

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The Leech Lake Band Signs MOU with Cass County

By Rose Robinson and Lisa Sherman, Leech Lake SCWA

On January 1, 2008, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LBO) will assume responsibility for responding to child maltreatment reports and ensuring child welfare services for Leech Lake Band members in Cass County.

The LBO and Cass County have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The MOU was signed on March 15, 2007, in Cass County, Minnesota. The MOU is intended to ensure that child welfare services are available to Leech Lake Band members in Cass County and that the needs of these members are met.

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By Ray V. Gordon, Leech Lake

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Free Radon Kits Available

Test your home for the second lead test.

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Program in order to implement change and to ensure the real interest in the lives of all of our people.

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Radon gas is the second leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers. If you are a member of the Leech Lake Band, radon gas in your home can cause serious health problems.

Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that naturally occurs in the air. It is the decay product of uranium occurring naturally in soil and rock. Radon gas can be a problem in all types of homes, including homes built on basements, new homes, and old homes.

The National average is 1 in 3 homes have high radon levels. High radon levels are dangerous to people who live in the home.

High radon levels in homes can lead to health problems such as:

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Your meals. If you have more questions
potassium, folate, fiber.

The purpose of the funding is to deliver estate planning services to members of Indian Tribes living on or near the White Earth and Leech Lake Reservations or who live at Red Lake Reservation but have trust allotment land at Leech Lake or White Earth Reservations.

WHO NEEDS A WILL?
If you are over age 18, and:

* Have trust land, non-trust land or personal property

* Have children, or stepchildren under age 18

* Want to leave property to someone who is not in your immediate family

For further information please contact Chris Allary or Mary Shequen Smith at Anishinaabe Legal Services (1-800-422-1335).

BEMIDJI, Minn. With temperatures dipping below zero over the holidays, Minnesotans should be prepared if problems occur when traveling. Metropolitan Transit Authority reminds motorists that cold weather conditions could quickly alter road conditions and drivers need to pay special attention to their winter driving skills.

Driving tips:

1. Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.
2. Keep a safe distance from the snowplows and other vehicles.
3. Turn off your lights. Brush snow from your windshield so you can see over your tail lights.
4. Keep your vehicle cold for temperatures:
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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 Tribal Code, Chapter, Section 304: 2. You may be subject to an additional penalty equal to the amount of the fine originally assessed by this Court.

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LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

IN TRIBAL COURT

115 Sixth Street NW Suite E

Cass Lake, MN 56633

218-335-3682/4418

Traffic Division

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Enrollments Address Update

Telephone #: Email Address:

Name: First Middle Maiden Last

Attention Leech Lake Families:
The Office of Special Trustees has been working with the Office of Tribal Enrollments to locate individual tribal members who have funds in Individual Indian Monies accounts. If your name is listed, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Office of Tribal Enrollments, 115 Sixth Street NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 or fax the completed form to 218-335-3686.

Mail Update/Request to: Office of Tribal Enrollments

Provide a Social Security #

Applications

Each adult must fill out his/her update, UNLESS CONSIDERED 1. LIVING ABROAD

Enrollments Address Update

Office of Tribal Enrollments

I am an enrolled member requesting:

115 Sixth St NW, Suite E

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Mail Update/Request to: Office of Tribal Enrollments

Use this form to claim your IIM Account. You can also call the OST at 1-888-678-6836.

On creating MOU’s very similar to the one signed with Cass County, The Child Welfare Program will be posting public notices all around the Leech Lake Community, including the Cass Lake area. The public notice will provide a few details regarding the MOU and a list of phone numbers, including the Child Welfare office, the county Human Services’ offices, and law enforcement.

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Mascot Issue

During the month of October, the student council of Deer River High School will be working on developing mascot options for the school. The council has been given the task of finding a mascot that represents the school and will be able to receive input from the students.

The mascot committee will be made up of students who have shown an interest in developing a mascot for the school. The committee will meet regularly to discuss mascot options and will present their findings to the student council for approval.

In addition, the student council will be responsible for creating a mascot that is unique to Deer River High School. The mascot will be used on school materials, such as yearbooks and school Spirit posters, and will be displayed at school events.

On October 31, the student council will hold a vote to select the school mascot. The winning mascot will be announced on November 1.

DRHS Student Council
Mascot Issue

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We will be holding a survey to determine what mascot the students want. The survey will be available online and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

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Student Council
Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Tribal School.

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at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School

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The Deer River Ranger District is proposing the Lower East Shore Forest Plan to manage the area's forest resources. The project is centered on the Denehgoon Lakes, a series of lakes lying along the north shore of the lake. The project proposes various harvest methods, including clearcut and shelterwood cut. Some areas will be harvested for timber, while others will be preserved for wildlife.

To ensure our patient's rest may be experiencing painful symptoms, we offer a variety of services to support your loved one. Our compassionate staff is dedicated to providing healthcare that sets the standard for excellence.

We have added 3 new patient rooms, bringing our total to 12. These rooms are equipped with the latest technology and amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. The new rooms offer a spacious and modern design to create a peaceful environment in which to receive care.

Our project area is centered on the Onigum Community, including the Onigum Community Center and Onigum School. The project is intended to create a forest landscape that supports the involvement of family and friends in patient care.

We are excited to announce the opening of our new Cherokee Health Clinic. The clinic is located at 1500 1st Avenue South, Bemidji, MN 56601. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The clinic provides a wide range of services, including primary care, urgent care, and specialty care.

A traditional wake began on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the Onigum Community Center. The funeral was held on December 18, 2007, at the Onigum Community Center. The burial followed at the Onigum Cemetery.

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WANTED

Miss Indian World Contestants

Gathering of Nations Powwow &
Miss Indian World Pageant
Albuquerque, NM USA
April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2008

Qualifications:

- Native or Indigenous Women, 18-25 years of age
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation
- Single, never been married, no dependents (children)
- Knowledge of Tribal Tradition(s)

The selection of Miss Indian World is based on a Point System:

- Traditional Talent Presentation representative of your Tribe
- Public Speaking and Private Interview with Judges
- Dance Competition (expression through powwow music)
- Raffle Ticket Sales - Special awards given for number of tickets sold:
  - 1000 – Portable CD Player
  - 2000 – Portable color TV
  - 3000 – Four Day Ocean Cruise

Miss Indian World represents all Native People and serves as a Goodwill Ambassador to all cultures throughout the world.

Miss Indian World 2008 will be crowned April 26, 2008 at the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For More Information:  
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C/o Gathering of Nations  
3301 Coors Road NW, #R300  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
(505) 836-2810 Fax: (505) 839-0475  
www.gatheringofnations.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2008