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## Chairman's Report

*For July 2008 through June 2009 Leech Lake Reservation*

Good morning and welcome to the July quarterly meeting of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee. Rather than just give you a report covering this past quarter, I would like to take this time to talk with you about the direction this administration has set during my first year as Chairman.

Many of you are familiar with the rocky road I have traveled in order to become elected as your Chairman. The journey was worth it because you expressed your confidence in me by rewarding me with a landslide victory of 56% in the primary election. This was clearly a mandate to implement the

changes we had talked about in many of your homes.

During this first year we were able to accomplish some of the ideas that were fundamental to my earlier campaigns. One was the Day Labor program and sharing the tax rebate with the band membership. We can be proud of both of these accomplishments.

However, we could not implement any of the needed changes without first having a majority support of the Reservation Business Committee. From the beginning of my administration I made it clear that I would not condone

anything other than open and honest government. This meant creating an atmosphere where the elected officials would work together for the good of our people, rather than play politics with our limited resources. With that in mind, I outright supported the election of Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird and Michael J. Bongo.

Also during the start of my term as Chairman, there were administrative level staff changes that needed to be made. These changes were made in order to ensure that my administration was staffed with people that would work hard at taking our people in a new direction and not trying to undermine the mandate the people had supported

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## Report from the Secretary Treasurer Michael J. Bongo

Greetings Fellow Band Members:

After last month's rather lengthy report to the Band Membership I am going to attempt to be a little more brief this month.

I would like start by providing the people with some very positive news. I would like to congratulate and commend Johnny Mitchell, valued elder from Ball Club and Ojibwe language instructor and specialist employed at the Bug-O-Nee-Ge-Shig School on being named Elder of the Year by the National Indian School Board Association.

Equally as well I would also like to congratulate and commend Ellen Adams, Kindergarten Teacher for the past 28 years at the Bug-O-Nee-Ge-Shig School on being named Teacher of the Year and a very fine young lady by the name of Jessica Smith, 2009 graduate on being named Student of the Year.

Words can not express how proud I am of Johnny, Ellen and Jessica for their dedication, achievement and accomplishments and I would ask that you join me in congratulating them as well.

Johnny, Ellen and Jessica, serve as extremely positive role models not only for our children but for the entire Leech Lake Reservation. In recognition of their

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(L to R) Roswell Brown, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Leo Blair, Archie LaRose

## Bikes for Kids

By Chris Haugene

Roswell Brown and Leo Blair of Cass Lake rebuild and repair bikes for kids and sell them at very affordable prices. You can pick up a bike at Roswell's house for anywhere from \$3.00 up to around \$25.00. He lives down Golf Course Road (Fire #6252) and spends a good portion of his day in his garage rebuilding and fixing bikes of all sorts on what he calls his "operating table". Mr. Brown also takes donated bikes from families that have bikes that aren't being used.

# Honoring Our Elders

*Leech Lake Housing Authority's 16th Annual Elder's Feast*

By Sam Johnson/Kelly Isham

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority would like to take this time thank all our Elders who attended the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Elders Feast.

Quoting Marlene Mitchell, Executive Director, LLHA, from last years letter of appreciation to the staff; "16 years ago this month, the Housing Authority Staff had a feast to honor our area Elders, because we were taught by our Elders to "give back" for the gifts we have been given in life." The first Elder's Feast was held at the Dik-in-aa-gan building, which also housed the Cass Lake Community Center on the west side of the building.

We netted for the fish, begged for the rice, bought gifts for the Elders and we solicited for the door prizes. There weren't many Elders in attendance, but there was enough to get the word out as to how much fun was had by all who were there. We as staff also had fun cooking, and serving them and gifting them that we strived to make it happen the next year and the next, now it is an annual event and a wonderful tradition for our Elders. "Chi Migwitch to all the volunteers who made this year fun for our Elders!!"

We are proud to say we were able to Honor, feed and entertain "181" Elders at this years function! It has been very

rewarding throughout the years to see the Red Lake Transit bus come in with their Elders and also the surrounding reservations, Boise Forte, Fond du Lac, White Earth, Mille Lacs, and even from as far away as Lac Courte Orielles last year.

This year we had Everett "Howie" Atherton, an enrolled Fond du Lac native who is a professional "Elvis" impersonator for the entertainment with us. He danced and sang to the Elders and even gave red, white, pink, maroon and blue silk scarves to some of the lucky ladies in the audience.

This year our oldest man is Mr. Ray Staples at the spry young age of 96, and our oldest woman is Dorothy Howard at the spry young age of 92.

Elders remember us next year at this time and come let us honor you with a few laughs, some good food, and some really cool door prizes and gift bags!

CHI MIGWITCH TO ALL OUR WONDERFULL ELDERS IN ATTENDENCE!!



(Left) Babe Jones with "Elvis"  
(Top) Oldest Man Ray Staples, 96  
(Bottom) Oldest Woman Dorothy Howard, 92



# Superfund Progress Update

By Chris Haugene

Cass Lake MN - Residents got to voice their concerns on this very important issue to the EPA, Department of Health, and other State and Federal employees that were in attendance at the Leech Lake Tribal College. Of the largest concern to the residents of Cass Lake are the health ramifications and effects that the Superfund Site has had on them and their family members who are in poor health or have already died most likely as a direct result of, number one: having these chemicals used in such a close proximity to a residential neighborhood, where kids could, and did, go and play in and amongst where the chemicals were most prevalent in mud puddles, ground water, and where chemicals dried and were carried through the air in dust particles and, number two: having the first clean-up effort, or lack of effort-if you will, be such a miserable failure as to result in an effort by the EPA to try and clean up this highly polluted area where there are still families residing and health hazards looming.

Next in the clean-up timeline: the proposed clean up plan will go to all agencies that are participating in and advising on the clean up. "Once the feasibility study/report has been approved there will be a public hearing probably around January of 2010," said Tim Drexler of the EPA. Comments will be incorporated into a final record of decision on the site, and negotiations will ensue between the EPA and the potentially responsible parties to implement the record of decision. "We expect the PRP's (potentially responsible parties) to pay for that work and to pay for the over site being done at this site," Said Mr. Drexler.

For those of you that don't know, here is a brief history of the Superfund Site in south Cass Lake (this was taken

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# Anishinabeg Nation Building Conference: Chairman's Report Continued from Page 1

## Economic Development and its Challenges

By Chris Haugene

In early July the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was host to an Anishinabeg Nation Building Conference on behalf of the Northern Minnesota Economic Development Commission. The three day event was held at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker MN, and was attended by representatives from the White Earth, Red Lake, Boise Forte, Mille Lacs, and Grand Portage Bands. This conference was a direct result of Leech Lake Tribal leaders having attended a Native Nation Building summit in November of 2008.

A portion of the name for the conference "Nation Building" is taken directly from a book that is both a report and analysis of the state of Native nations, and below is an excerpt from the book's website which is: <http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/Books/bid1865.htm>

Excerpt:

A revolution is underway among the Indigenous nations of North America. It is a quiet revolution, largely unnoticed in society at large. But it is profoundly important. From High Plains states and Prairie Provinces to southwestern deserts, from Mississippi and Oklahoma to the northwest coast of the continent, Native peoples are reclaiming their right to govern themselves and to shape their future in their own ways. Challenging more than a century of colonial controls, they are addressing severe social problems, building sustainable economies, and reinvigorating Indigenous cultures. In effect, they are rebuilding their nations according to their own diverse and often innovative designs.

Produced by the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy at the University of Arizona and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, this book traces the contours of that revolution as Native nations turn the dream of self-determination into a practical reality. Part report, part analysis, part how-to manual for Native leaders, it discusses strategies for governance and community and economic development being employed by American Indian nations and First Nations in Canada as they move to assert greater control over their own affairs.

Rebuilding Native Nations provides guidelines for creating new governance structures, rewriting constitutions, building justice systems, launching nation-owned enterprises, encouraging citizen entrepreneurs, developing new relationships with non-Native governments, and confronting the crippling legacies of colonialism. For nations that wish to join that revolution or for those who simply want to understand the transformation now underway across Indigenous North America, this book is a critical resource.

Within the context of the above there were several scholars and Native dignitaries in attendance that gave presentations regarding specific aspects of nation building or 'rebuilding'-so to speak. Topics included everything from, what successful tribes are doing on their reservations, how to enhance sovereignty and environment, engaging youth in nation building, strengthening governing systems down to what is nation building.

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in voting for me.

This administration started with the understanding that the standard or old "business as usual," way of running tribal government does not work. It is not an efficient system and does not build an economy. The majority of reservations that run IRA Governments have high unemployment and poverty rates.

There is not enough resources to meet the needs. So we have become dependent on Gaming to generate the revenues to operate our tribal services. At the same time the State of Minnesota continues to try to open up gaming. This last legislative session they were just three votes short from opening up gaming. Think of that, "Three votes" that was how close they came.

That effort will not stop. All the more reason we need to understand that we can no longer do business as usual. Not in how we do tribal government. Not in how we fund tribal services. We need to build a stable government, a working economy, and move away from our dependence on gaming.

At the beginning of this administration I attended, along with District 3 Rep Ribs Whitebird and some staff, a Nation Building Conference to more fully understand how to move us in a new direction.

What I believe what I learned has great possibility for us. We worked to host this week that same Nation Building Conference here on Leech Lake. We had great attendance by the other MCT Reservations and Red Lake.

At this conference we talked with many of our neighboring reservations about the costs and the benefits from taking this different approach to government. It will require a real commitment as we change how tribal government operates for the well being of our people.

In preparation we spent this last year doing a lot of the strategic planning. We have completed or are in the process of completing the following;

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS plan,
- Workforce Development Plan,
- Disaster Response Plan with FEMA,
- Communication Plan,
- Integrated Technology Plan for the band that includes the government, gaming, tribal college, and Bugonaygeshig school.

We have revamped the Twin Cities Office. We are hiring more advocates and assembling a resource guide to help identify more services, partnerships and outside resources in the metro area to meet the needs of our people.

We have started the Elders Department while it is still in the growing stage it should shortly start meeting the needs of elders including indentifying and connecting them to the additional resources and services that they are eligible for. The Elder Department also has advocates that are part of the Twin Cities office.

We will be having an Elders fine dining dinner with entertainment this August at Northern Lights.

This administration is committed to making sure services and opportunity are in place for our youth. We have a number of education, employment and workforce training programs in place and committed an addition \$150 thousand dollars to

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The first person to present to the conference was Dr. Stephen Cornell of the Native Nations Institute. Dr. Cornell is Director of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy and professor of Sociology and of Public Administration and Policy at the University of Arizona where he also serves as faculty associate with the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy.

His presentation's focus was defining nation building through economic development and prosperity. He defined some of the more successful tribe's ways of doing things as a "nation building approach" and some of the tribes who haven't yet started to take their own economic destiny in their hands and have been using the model that most have been involved with since the 1920's when the Federal Government decided to get involved in Indian country the

"standard approach" fittingly enough.

The standard approach is short term and non-strategic which views developing its economy as a problem of economy, and instead of building an economy piece by piece it looks for that one solution to this problem of economic development. The standard approach lets others (usually other governments) set the development agenda, and views Indigenous cultures as obstacles to development. It focuses on short-term fixes instead of fundamental issues, and discourages long-term, strategic thinking as well as encourages a "flavor-of-the-week" approach, and is more concerned with starting businesses than sustaining them. The most disconcerting aspect is that it does not ask "what kind of society are we trying to build?" but jumps straight to "how do we generate jobs and income now?"

The "Nation Building Approach" is based on Practical self-rule where the nation calls the shots and it sustains capable governing institutions that back up authority with competence. The nation building approach builds a cultural match in which governing institutions match community beliefs about how authority should be organized and fosters a strategic focus where decisions are made with long-term priorities in mind and not this "swing for the fences" mentality where our economic situation can be saved with one idea.

As you can see the two methods are vastly different and the standard approach seems to be the more recognizable of the two. During the conference and between presentations there were break out sessions for each Band to go and convene on the issues discussed talk about them, and ask how these topics applied to our own Reservation. There were some very engaging discussion regarding these two approaches and one of the outcomes from the first Leech Lake break-out session was that transitioning from the standard approach to the nation building approach will be a priority.

Joan Timeche was another keynote speaker during the conference. Joan is the Executive Director for the Udall Center's Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy (NNI) at the University of Arizona. Joan's presentation was about the economic challenges of nation building. She mentioned some possible stress factors that might be hindering Native government's transition from the standard approach to the nation building approach. She mentioned that there could be tension between the Band members and its governing body regarding the constitution by which they are governed. It might not reflect Band member values, and the fact that the members might not have had a say in how these documents were created or what criteria was used in deciding what to include in the Constitution.

Politics could be another point of tension between the government and enterprises and programs. "Do

politics undermine performance? Are roles clear? Does the Nation have the management expertise it needs? Can it attract and retain good people?" These are all very good questions and ones that need to be addressed around every reservation. Another area of concern is between the governing documents or Constitution and the elected officials. Specifically mentioned was the rules and how closely the leadership abides by the rules and upholds the Constitution. "Do those in power use the rules to serve the people or to serve themselves?"

Joan went on to mention that it takes a lot to effectively address these stress points-leadership (from all the stakeholders), talent, skill, commitment, integrity, and so forth. Native nations can however, begin to address these points, and make a good life, by putting in place adequate rules of governance and enforcing them to the letter. She continued by underlining another challenge of building a better nation by stating that in order to move in the nation building direction, reservations need to unearth themselves from the dependent economic model that was given to them/us mostly through the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 where the Federal government set up and secured certain rights for American Indians and developed a return to local self-government on a tribal basis. The Act also restored to Native Americans the management of their assets (being mainly land) and included provisions intended to create a sound economic foundation for the inhabitants of Indian reservations, which basically led to the dysfunctional standard approach that has been mentioned here and largely practiced around Leech Lake and most other tribes in the U.S.

Joan mentioned that the challenge is to move from a dependent economy wherein most jobs are in government, and the nation's income comes largely from grants and other transfers from the Federal government, to that of a progressive and proactive economy wherein most jobs are in productive activity, and the nation's income comes largely from profits from its own

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### Attention WIC Participants

The following changes for the Leech Lake WIC Program will occur starting  
**July 1st 2009**

Every Monday- VOUCHER PICKUP ONLY  
9:00 – 11:30 am, and 1:00 – 3:00 pm

#### Cass Lake WIC Clinics

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:30 am, and 1:00 – 3:30 pm  
Certifications by appointment only

The Cass Lake WIC Office will be closed daily from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

#### Outlying Clinics

1st Thursday Onigum Community Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
2nd Thursday Inger Clinic 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
3rd Thursday Ball Club Clinic 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
4th Thursday Bena Clinic 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

If you are unsure of your scheduled pickup day or need to schedule a WIC appointment please call 218-335-8386/8385 or 1-866-289-5995

Thank You, Leech Lake WIC Staff

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**Leech Lake Area Youth Strategy:**  
*An Introduction toward a Comprehensive Approach*

By Chris Haugene

It has often been said that our kids are our most important resource. They see all that we do and they learn from the examples we set for them, both in the home and in society at large. Kids see how adults run the world and they see how we run our homes; they're watching us when tragedy strikes and the chips are down and they see our reactions to these situations-and they learn from them. They see how we treat each other both personally and professionally and they glean from this behavior a possibility of how to behave themselves.

One of my favorite movie lines is: "I don't want to be a product of my environment; I want my environment to be a product of me." We need to start teaching our youth how to be leaders. We need to start acting like leaders ourselves so they see how it looks and in turn act like this themselves. We need to give our youth, our most important resource, more than we ourselves received from our parents, so we leave this place a little better than we found it.

During my research for this article I came across not only programs and services provided to our youth, but I found that there are programs, services, and divisions that deal with issues regarding youth that would have never occurred to me. Of course the Youth Division is where I started, but it's not where I ended up.

Gary Charwood is the Director of the Youth Division which happens to be a decade old this year. I sat down with Gary and we discussed chemical dependency, and tobacco prevention and these topics lead the conversation to Leech Lakes's Department of Public Safety and Mr. Keenan Goodfellow who does meth prevention on and around the Leech Lake Reservation. Mr. Charwood also mentioned programs/services such as Native Aspirations (located at the Leech Lake Health Division) and that the Education Department is spearheading the Summer Youth Employment Program, where there are over sixty kids who have applied, and been placed everywhere from the Leech Lake Health Division, Housing, Department of Resource Management, Security, Indian Health Services, and Accounting Departments. Gary went on to mention that he is trying to create a Leech Lake Youth Council that could represent the community youth regarding issues that affect kids. Any kids that are interested please contact Gary Charwood at the Leech Lake Youth Division 218-335-3730.

The conversation turned from Summer Youth at this point, and lead me to the NEST offices located over by the Leech Lake water tower. The NEST offers everything from child and teen checkups, immunizations, prenatal and postpartum care to general women's health services, doula services, breastfeeding counseling, the Leech Lake car seat program, and the infant and toddler incentive program.

As you can see the effort around the reservation and surrounding area toward our youth development is vast. The programs and services mentioned above only constitute about half to two-thirds of what is being offered. There are also Boys and Girls Clubs of Leech Lake, Boys & Girls Clubs of the White Earth Reservation, Cass Lake-Bena School District, Cass County Drug Free Coalition of North-Central Minnesota, University of Minnesota Extension—4H Youth Development as well as the resurgence of Camp Rabideau.

Most if not all of the aforementioned programs and services will be part of this ongoing series of Leech Lake Youth Strategy articles in the coming months. In August and September I plan on picking through of as many of them as I can and

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## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

### Summary of Job Openings

**2-FT RULE 25 CHEMICAL ASSESSORS ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ \$18.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-087 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**ECD MAINTAINENCE/SAFETY TECHNICIAN ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-087 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**TEACHER'S ASSISTANT/ALL SITES ~ EDUCATION ~ \$8.40/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-086 Open Continuous**

**CD ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-085 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**A & D DRIVER ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-084 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**ECD TEAM LEADER/BEMIDJI~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-080 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**ECD TEAM LEADER/CASS LAKE ~ EDUCATION ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-079 Closes: July 31, 2009**

**CASE MANAGER ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-044 Open Continuous**

*Full Job Descriptions available at <http://www.llojibwe.org>*

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT, and other Native American preference applies. You June request a complete job description for any position listed. All positions require a valid MN driver's license, current insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated).

How to apply: Interested parties June come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application or they can download an application from our website at [www.llojibwe.org](http://www.llojibwe.org). Interested parties June also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to:

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe HR  
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E  
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

You June also fax your documents to HR, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to [LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com](mailto:LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com).

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

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from the EPA's website and edited for reasons of space.) <http://www.epa.gov/region5/sites/stregis/background.htm>

The St. Regis Paper Company Superfund Site is located in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation adjacent to Chippewa National Forest. The property was used as a wood treating operation from approximately 1958 until 1985. On September 21, 1984, the Site was placed on the Superfund National Priorities List due to contamination of the soil and groundwater with dioxin, pentachlorophenol, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Champion International Corporation acquired the St. Regis Paper Co. in 1985. Pursuant to 1986 enforcement documents issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Champion performed remediation of the Site which included excavation of soil and sludge and its placement in an on-site vault, installation of a groundwater extraction and treatment system, and extension of the public water supply to residents in the Site area.

In 1995, USEPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order to Champion for continued operation and maintenance of the response actions at the Site. During subsequent reviews, it was determined that additional information was needed to determine whether the remediation performed during the 1980's was fully protective. In 2000, International Paper Company acquired Champion International Corporation and its responsibility for the Site. A field investigation of the Site was conducted in October 2001. This investigation indicated preliminary levels of dioxin in soil on site at levels sufficient that response actions may be necessary.

USEPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order on July 24, 2003, requiring International Paper Company to carry out soil sampling to further evaluate potential contamination in and around the Site. Based on the results of that sampling USEPA issued a Unilateral Order to International Paper on December 17, 2003. Soil removal actions were performed by International Paper in 2004 to fulfill the requirements of the Order.

On August 11, 2004, USEPA issued another Unilateral Administrative Order to International Paper to conduct a human health and ecological risk assessment for the Site. Sampling in support of the risk assessment was completed in November 2004. A draft report of the results are expected during the summer of 2005. On June 7, 2005, USEPA issued a Proposed Plan to address house dust contamination in residences near the St. Regis Site. USEPA will then develop a responsiveness summary to any comments and a Record of Decision to address the house dust contamination.

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enterprises, from modest taxes on citizen-owned businesses, or from other fees.

As you can see there is a wealth of information to define and digest regarding Native Nations and our approach both to governing styles and economic development in Indian country. It's important to know these definitions and to know how they fit into the context of our situation here at Leech Lake so we can move beyond this model of governance that was foisted upon us almost eighty years ago and start to redefine and rebuild our society through our own culturally significant values and morals. It's time we stand up and create a world for ourselves where the rule of our own law is the light by which we seek guidance and grounding. Please stay tuned and look for another installment of this series on nation building in the August issue of the DeBahJiMon.

## State DNR, Leech Lake, discuss Wild Rice Harvest

Cass Lake MN - The 2009 wild rice harvest was the focus of a recent meeting between the Leech Lake Band and the State DNR at the Band's headquarters in Cass Lake. Cooperative posting of wild rice beds between the State and Leech Lake will be in effect this August on boarder lakes to help those that harvest wild rice off the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries. Everything from signs that will be used to hours and canoe width regarding harvesting was discussed.

Border lakes that surround the Reservation were mentioned, specifically the fact that some of the borders of the reservation do cross waterways and are not defined by a road or river system that can be clearly defined by just looking for land marks. The issuing of tickets to band members who harvest around the borders of the reservation was discussed specifically regarding popple river, goose lake, and mud lake; particularly the fact that its possible to land on Goose lake and end up in Mud lake if you push pole far enough. The State DNR said that band member's licenses will be honored

if this should happen, but common sense will still be used.

Increasing the knowledge base of the harvester so as to maximize the harvesting of ripe rice or rice that isn't green was a point of focus for the meeting. This is an effort to maintain and regulate people harvesting the rice not the environment itself, and to regulate and educate the people as to when and where to harvest so rice beds don't get ruined due to premature harvesting.

August 15, 2009 will be the opening date for most of the rice beds outside of Leech Lake. However, there will be signs posted to let ricers know if particular beds are ready for harvesting or not on border lakes. Some rice beds will not be open on the fifteenth, and might open a few days later in the season.

"Wild rice to Anishinabe people is a form of economic development for a good portion of the year," said Guy Greene who sits on the Leech Lake DRM Natural Resources Advisory Committee

regarding wild rice. "We know when to send the people out on the lakes. We didn't have DNR regulators to tell us when to rice when I learned to rice. People came and riced for as much as they needed and that was all they took. Now you have people coming to make money, it's done out of greed now, and that's what's killing the rice."

Water levels were also discussed and concerns were mentioned by RBC members as to the levels of the waters on the Reservation (which are controlled by the Federal government) and how it affects the rice harvest as well as natural gardens and food sources for those that still gather in these areas.

The State DNR did show concern regarding the topics that were discussed and were pleased to be opening new avenues of communication between the Band's leadership and the State, and hoped that this meeting would lead to a better environmental partnership between the Band and the State of Minnesota.

## Forest Service Announces Increased Restrictions on Firewood

The Superior and Chippewa National Forests are implementing new rules regarding the processing, transport and use of specific types of firewood on national forest lands within the boundaries of both Forests.

This announcement revises previous policy on both national forests and is part of a joint effort with other partners to address the introduction and dispersal of non-native invasive species (NNIS), including emerald ash borer (EAB), by firewood movement into Minnesota.

The new policy:

- Prohibits firewood from any state other than Minnesota, of any species, brought to national forest system lands from farther than 100 miles of the Chippewa or Superior National Forest lands on which it is to be used.
- Prohibits any firewood from a state-quarantined county as well as counties contiguous to quarantined counties.
- Prohibits any firewood purchased from a non-certified vendor. See the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources listing and keep a receipt of purchase that includes name of vendor, date, and quantity of wood purchased.

The most important way that campers can help is to use

firewood sources local to where they camp at and avoid transporting any firewood. Firewood is an easy ride for EAB and other unwanted pests. Unable to fly more than two miles on its own, the EAB can spread at "55 mph" when it hitches a ride with campers.

EAB is of particular concern in Minnesota because the State contains the second largest concentration of ash trees in the nation. The EAB is an exotic, non-native species which has no natural predators in this country. For the past several years, EAB has been making a slow and deadly migration throughout the Midwest and has already destroyed millions of ash trees. Most recently, EAB was discovered in southeastern Minnesota. Currently, a Minnesota State-issued quarantine prohibits movement of wood product out of Hennipin, Ramsey and Houston Counties. Additional information is available at the following web sites or by phone:

- \* Minnesota information about EAB, regulations, and firewood vendors: [www.saveourash.net](http://www.saveourash.net)
- How to become an approved vendor: <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/firewood/vendorapplication.pdf>
- Chippewa National Forest website: [www.fs.fed.us/r9/chippewa](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/chippewa)
- Superior National Forest website: [www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior)

## Brownfields

### Response Program

The information provided is to educate the community of the Leech Lake Reservation and surrounding communities of the 128 Brownfields Response Program.

We are Located at the Division of Resource Management and part of the Environmental Department. We received this grant in 2003 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 of Chicago, IL to assist in the development of its BRP. Since the award of the grant, the Band has worked diligently to fulfill the requirements of a BRP under Section 128(a).

The Brownfields Response Program requirements under CERCLA Section 128(a) include the following four elements in its Brownfields Response Program:

- Timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites in tribal lands.
- Oversight and enforcement authorities or other mechanisms and resources.
- Mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation.
- Mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification and certification that cleanup is complete.

#### What are Brownfields?

Brownfields are real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Brownfields sites typically include former industrial sites, open dumps that may contain hazardous substance, abandoned gas stations.

If you as a community have any information to share or are aware of any site please contact the Leech Lake Environmental Department 128 Brownfield Program at 218-335-7400.

# Obituaries

## TERRANCE ALGER

Terrance Elmer Alger, age 52, of Naytahwaush, MN, died Saturday, June 13, 2009 at his home.



Terry was born November 21, 1956 in Minneapolis, MN, to Gerald and Thelma (Keezer) Alger. Growing up, his family lived in many different states, including Minnesota, California and Maryland. Terry graduated from Catoctin High School in Thurmont, Maryland. Following graduation, he worked several jobs, as well as seeing much of the country. Terry has spent the last 20 years in Minnesota, doing roofing in the Twin Cities area, and then making his home in Naytahwaush since 1995. Over the years, some of the occupations he enjoyed were fishing, ricing, leeching, and processing maple syrup.

Terry will be remembered for his story telling abilities and the backpack he never left behind. He loved playing cards, watching Jeopardy and playing Trivial Pursuit.

Terry leaves behind his mother, Thelma VanValkenburgh of Naytahwaush; his father, Gerald (Sue) Alger of Walker, MN; one brother, Bruce Alger of Naytahwaush; three sisters: Holly Alger of MahKonce,

MN, Robin VanValkenburgh of Asheville, NC, and Kandy (Al) Vagelpohl of Dassel, MN; one step-brother, Mike Hinck of Mound, MN; one step-sister, Denise Hinck of Dassel, MN, five nieces and nephews: Amanda Alger, Millissa Alger, James (Mary Jo) Alger, Bruce Alger Jr. and Peyton Zornes; and numerous great nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Terry was preceded in death by his grandparents; brother, James VanValkenburgh; nephew, Joseph Alger; two nieces, Heather Alger and Elicia Alger.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Naytahwaush Sports Complex led by Sam Musqua. Pallbearers were Chris Ellis, Skip Gullickson, Troy Keezer, James Alger, Robert Keezer, James Burnette III, Calvin Sampson, and Jacob Vogelpohl. Honorary Bearers were the Keezer Clan, Fred Morgan, Richard Littlewolf, Kevin Brown, Alvin Hill, Jay Weiss, and Ben Vogelpohl. Burial was in the Samuel Memorial Episcopal Cemetery, Naytahwaush. Services are entrusted to: Anderson~Mattson Funeral Home.

## LIDA BUNGE

Lida "Lida Rose" Marie Bunge, 71, of Cass Lake died Friday, June 26, 2009 at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



Funeral Services were held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN with Pastor James Moses officiating under the direction of the

Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Lida was born March 16, 1938 in Cass Lake, MN the daughter of Frank Molash and Lillian Northbird. She was raised and educated in Pennington and Blackduck, graduating from Blackduck High School. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska and moved to Cass Lake in 1958. She moved to Minneapolis and St. Paul, teaching school at the Little Red School House in St. Paul. She then lived in California and moved to St. Cloud where she was a Senior Aide for 10 years. She recently moved back to Cass Lake. She loved spending time with her family especially with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She liked Bingo and attending Pow-Wows. She was a loving caring mother, Grammie and sister who enjoyed taking care of anyone and loved her companion cats.

She is survived by 4 daughters- Lillian Bunge of Minneapolis, Dawn Farr of Pennington, MN, Betty Kettler of Mora, MN, Ann Gervais of Minneapolis. 9 grandchildren – Raven, Billy Joe, Jessen, Andrew, WA-BI-GWEH-NEENCE, Robert, Champagne, Mathew, Dillon. 15 great grandchildren- McKayla, Cierra, Tony, Isaiah, Noah, Anesia, Tremain, Cahmera, Austin, Alicia, Colten, Caden, Alizey, Damion and Angel. 5 sisters- Joyce, June, Colleen, Mary and Loreen. 3 brothers – Larry, Jullian and Delbert.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son- Calvin Bunge, great grandson- Matthew "Little Mat" Gervais, 2 sisters- Marilyn and Harriet and a brother – Calvin.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren.

There will be another memorial service held at Crossroads Church in Waite Park, MN, on Wednesday July 22 at 1:00pm.

## DARIAN FISHERMAN

Darian James Fisherman, Sr., 30, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on June 24, 2009 at his grandmother Nancy Whitebird's home where he was living at the time of his death. He was born on March 7, 1979 in Bemidji, MN.



Darian was born and raised in the Cass Lake area. He worked at Northern Lights and at the Palace Casino. He loved spending time with his kids especially his girls he was raising. He was a great dad who did everything for his kids. He was someone you could get along with right away. Darian liked to go to the Casinos and play card games. When anyone needed anything Darian was always there. He attained his G.E.D. in 1998 and went to work for Northern Lights Casino as a cook. He also worked at the Palace Casino. Darian was a great person who was liked by everyone. He always had a smile.

He is survived by his two sons; Darian James Fisherman Jr. of Redby and Tomi James Rayvon Fisherman of Bemidji; two daughters, Dasia Jade and Nitayah Love Fisherman of Cass Lake; brothers, Daryl John Fisherman of Illinois, LeRoy and Donald Fairbanks of Cass Lake; sisters, Kari (Merrick) Fisherman, Tara (Jordan) Hare both of Cass Lake, Francis (Tyron) Fisherman of Bemidji, Dawn Littlewolf of Onigum; mother, Linda Fisherman of Cass Lake; father, Richard James Littlewolf Sr. of Onigum; three uncles; two aunts; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-

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grandparents, William and Sara Whitebird; grandfather, Donald "Duck" Fisherman; 5 uncles; brother, Richard "Dicky Doo" Littlewolf Jr. and special uncle; Donald "Skel" Fisherman.

Funeral Services for Darian were held on Monday, June 29, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cass Lake, MN. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

Pallbearers for Darian are Nikos Reyes, Tyrone Smith, Merrick Moose, Jordan Miettinen, Frank Raisch and Erik Fairbanks. Alternate Pallbearer is Scott Whitebird Sr. Honorary Pallbearers are Jody Bellanger, Raquel Infante, Sheila Williams, Louise McKinnet and family members.

## DAISY JOHNSON

Daisy (Allen) Johnson, 88, of Longville, Minn., died Thursday, June 25, 2009, at North Country Regional Hospital in Bemidji.



A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, June 30, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Longville, Minn. Burial will be in the Onigum Catholic Cemetery following the services. Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker assisted the family with arrangements.

She was born June 23, 1921, to Martin and Grace (Taylor) Allen at Bear Island (Leech Lake), Minnesota. She lived most of her life in Brevik, Minn., and attended school in Brevik. She also attended the Pipestone Boarding School and Longville High School. She married Jerome Johnson in 1940. They had seven children. She worked at Ah-Gwah-Ching State Nursing Home for 22 years until her retirement. After her retirement, she helped out at the Onigum Elderly Nutrition Program for several years. She was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church for 60 years. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren, sewing, flower gardening and enjoyed watching the sunsets on Leech Lake.

She is survived by her children, Geraldine Gale of Longville, Bruce (Lorna) Johnson of Cass Lake, David (Maddie) Johnson of Elk River, Richard Johnson of Longville, Robert

(Cathy) Johnson of Longville, Marlene Mitchell of Longville, Lorraine (Mark) Stangel of Bena; two special nieces; 36 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Leo and George Allen and William Paper Sr. and four grandsons.

## JOANNE BEDEAU

Joanne L. Bedeau, 69, of Cass Lake, MN passed away at her home on Sunday, June 7, 2009.



Services for Joanne were held Thursday, June 11, at Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker. Interment was at the Old Agency Cemetery in Walker following the service.

Joanne was born on December 18, 1939 in Cass Lake, MN to John and Doris (Bongo) Bedeau. She grew up in Onigum, Old Agency, Walker and Minneapolis before moving to Cass Lake. Joanne was a veteran and served in the branch of the US Army.

She is survived by her daughter Lynn Allen (Fred Isham), of Cass Lake, brother John Bedeau of Cass Lake, and half brother Nick Boswell of Ponsford, MN.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father. Arrangements are entrusted with Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

## CECIL RYAN



Cecil William Ryan, 80, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Evergreen Terrace Nursing Care in Grand Rapids, MN.

He was born on June 11, 1929 to William "Bill" and Lucy (White Smith) Ryan

in Ryan's Village, Bena, MN.

After being honorably discharged from the Army in 1959 he married Katherine Charwood.

He was survived by his sons; Jimmy Ryan of Bena, MN, Dennis (Diane) Staples, Sr. of Cass Lake, MN, daughter; Denise Staples of Minneapolis, MN, brother; Ernest (Sandy) Ryan of Cass Lake, MN, sister; Elizabeth Ryan-Drumbeater of Cass Lake, MN, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, wife Katherine and 2 grandchildren.

Services were held June 20th at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN and Interment was Monday, June 22 at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Arrangements entrusted with the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

## BERNARD ROCK

Bernard Jerome Rock, Sr. "miizhikwaad" "gitebwaan", oldest of Wolf Clan "maaingan doodem", 76, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2009 at his home.



He was born on May 28, 1933 on Star Island, Leech Lake to Wolf Rock and Nancy (Cummings) Rock LaRose.

Bernard was very active in veterans affairs and belonged to the VFW Posts from Bagley, Amvets, Bemidji and Red Lake. He participated in various veterans programs and was a member of MOPH having received 5 all together after serving in the Army. He enjoyed making and fixing things. He loved being in the outdoors, hunting, fishing and ricing and preparing finishing rice. He always was willing to help anyone in need.

Bernard was preceded in death by his parents, 1 grandson, 2 great grandchildren, 5 sisters, 3 brothers, 3 wives Geraldine Stone, Lillian Litzau and Louise Bush.

He is survived by his wife Feather Rock of Cass Lake, children; Jolene Ajootian (Stone), Beryl Rock, Bonnie Rock, Jaqueline Peltier, Bernard Rock, Jr., Byron Rock, Bryan Rock, Brenda Burris (Rock), Betsy Rock, Berton Rock, Dana Crawford (Arndt), 27 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and numerous adopted family.

A visitation/wake service for Bernard started on Wednesday, July 1, at the Bena Community Center and will continue until the service on Saturday which will be held from 8 to 12 p.m at the Bena Community Center. Burial will be held in Boy River Cemetery in Boy River, MN. Pallbearers will include Lenny Butcher, Joe Burris, Damian Badboy, Loren French, Clay Crawford, Jage Hunt, Joe Peltier, Lucas French and all his grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

### *The LaRose Family*

*All ten of Roxanne's children, her brother's and sister would like to give a special Thank You to everyone. We appreciated your support at the wake and funeral and all the help with flowers, tobacco, food, sympathy cards, donations and all the phone calls we received from friends and relatives. We were all blessed to have a Mother and Sister, Roxanne was the leader in the family and was a wonderful Mother, Sister, Grandma, Auntie and special friend to everyone who knew her. She will always be in our hearts and waiting for all of us when the Creator calls us home.*

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## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 US Hwy 2 West  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
Traffic Division

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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

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

Dated this 29th day of June 2009.

APPEARANCE DATE:	July 14, 2009, at 2:00 PM	
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Autumn R. Cambron	TR-09-022	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/30/2008
Jennifer M. Fineday	TR-09-035	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 02/21/2009
Laurie J. Headbird	TR-09-033	No Driver's License Occurring On: 02/14/2009
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-017	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 01/18/2009
Rena L. Jackson	TR-09-018	Failure to Stop for stop sign/traffic control light Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/18/2009
Roberta M. Jackson	TR-08-113	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 10/16/2008
Leah R. Jacobs	TR-09-048	No Motor Vehicle Insurance No Driver's License Occurring On: 12/24/2008
Walter S. Reese	TR-09-031	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 01/16/2009
Michael A. Reyes	TR-08-119	Reckless Driving To violate any provisions of MN Statute (§169.475, subd. 2, Unlawful use of a wireless communications Device) Occurring On: 08/03/2008
Sara J. Dunn	TR-09-026	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 02/07/2009
Rozanna M. Roy	TR-09-024	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 01/30/2009

APPEARANCE DATE:	August 11, 2009, at 2:00 PM	
<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Samantha J. Bowstring	TR-09-53	Driving After Suspension Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 03/29/2009
Gordon L. Dunn	TR-09-29	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 02/05/2009
Benjamin G. Fairbanks	TR-09-59	No Driver's License Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 03/31/2009
Joseph E. Isham	TR-09-57	Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 03/19/2009
Candace L. Reyes	TR-09-36	Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 01/31/2009
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-09-47	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 12/19/2008

Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-94	Failure to Report Accident Involving Substantial Property Damage or Human Injury Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-93	Driving After Suspension Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Allan W. Smith	TR-09-49	Speeding from 1-10 mph Over the Limit Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 12/10/2008

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 Highway 2 NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
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Traffic Division

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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

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

1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.
2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:
  - a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
  - b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
  - c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
  - d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
  - e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
  - f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: July 21, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Howard, Stanley D., Jr.	TR-09-41
Lovelace, Rosalie Gale	TR-07-01

APPEARANCE DATE: August 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Baird, Melissa Marie	TR-08-66	Ellis, Myron John	TR-07-215
Cross, Mary Ann	TR-08-48	Fairbanks, Benjamin G.	TR-08-95
Cutbank, Neil Curtis	TR-09-52	Fairbanks, Mark Leo	TR-08-77
Donnell, Jeff Scott, Jr.	TR-08-71	Goose, Jeanne Louise	TR-08-76
Donnell, Jeff & Jolynn		Gotchie, Robert James, Jr.	TR-06-58
Dunn, Gordon Lee	TR-09-12	Jackson, Jeffrey Moses	TR-08-78
Dunn, Gordon Lee	TR-08-83		

## President Obama Signs FDA Tobacco Authority Bill into Law

President Obama cited his own long struggle to quit the cigarettes he got hooked on as a teenager as he signed the strongest-ever US anti-smoking bill and praised it for providing critically needed protections for children. “The decades-long effort to protect our children from the harmful effects of tobacco has emerged victorious,” Obama said at a signing ceremony for the bill.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act gives the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority to regulate tobacco in the same way the government regulates breakfast cereals and pharmaceuticals. The law allows the FDA to lower the amount of addiction-causing nicotine in tobacco products and block misleading labels such as low tar and light.

The law won't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco outright, but the government will have the power to decide how cigarettes are advertised and monitor how they're promoted to young people. It means cigarette makers will be required to include new, larger warning graphics with more health information on their products.

Public health organizations and many lawmakers have been fighting for regulation for nearly a decade in hopes of helping an estimated 45 million adult smokers in the United States to kick their habit.

American Cancer Society CEO John R. Seffrin said the changes “will finally put an end to “big tobacco's” despicable marketing practices that are designed to addict children to its deadly products.”

Giving the FDA power to regulate tobacco is a huge move

that has been in the works for a long time. In 2000, the Supreme Court ruled the FDA could not regulate tobacco according to current law, and many lawmakers and anti-smoking groups have been trying to change the law since.

### Medical Bills Cause Most Bankruptcies

Nearly two out of three bankruptcies stem from medical bills, and even people with health insurance face financial disaster if they experience a serious illness, a new study shows.

The study data, published in *The American Journal of Medicine*, likely understates the full scope of the problem because the data was collected before the current economic crisis. In 2007, medical problems contributed to 62.1 percent of all bankruptcies. Between 2001 and 2007, the proportion of all bankruptcies attributable to medical problems rose by about 50 percent.

“The U.S. health care financing system is broken, and not only for the poor and uninsured,” the study authors wrote. “Middle-class families frequently collapse under the strain of a health care system that treats physical wounds, but often inflicts fiscal ones.”

The data on medical bankruptcy, compiled by researchers at Harvard Law School, Harvard Medical School and Ohio University, is based on a survey of 2,314 randomly selected bankruptcy filers during early 2007.

## Beat The Fall Rush For Physicals!

*Your Child's Health Is Important*

Your child's health is a priority for the Leech Lake Health Division this summer. The Tribal Clinics will be offering clinic appointment times throughout the summer and early fall in an attempt to reach as many children before the fall rush for physicals is upon us. This will include preschool, Head Start, kindergarten, school and sports physicals. There currently are nurse practitioners stationed at each site and you can call the clinic nearest you or any one you choose at: Ball Club Clinic – (218) 246-2394, Bemidji Tribal Clinic – 333-8144, Bena Clinic 665-5303, Inger Clinic - 659-2764, Nest Clinic – 335-4552, Onigum Clinic – 547-0521. Adolescents ranging from 13 to 19 can also go the Cass Lake IHS – Tribal Teen Clinic from 5 to 7:30 PM for sports physicals every Tuesday night and will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Vicki Roff, PHN, Child and Teen Checkup (CTC) Coordinator will also be doing Child and Teen Checkups at the Nest Clinic and going out on the Mobile Clinic to remote areas on the Reservation every Friday throughout the summer. So schedule an appointment with Vicki, please call 335-8315. The Child and Teen Checkups is a preventative health care program for children under 21 years of age who are enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare. The checkups provide for periodic evaluation of health, developmental, nutritional status, vision, hearing and dental screening. This program's primary goal is to prevent disease and detect treatable conditions early to avoid further serious health problems. Any concerns that Vicki determines will then be referred for the appropriate services.

Vicki Roff, PHN  
Child and Teen Checkup Coordinator

Sherry Ellefson  
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

## Everyone Deserves the Right to Fight Cancer

*July 2009 Message of the Month Article*

The American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) are in the business of saving lives, which means preventing cancer or finding it early, seeking new cures, and caring for those in treatment. But the problem is millions of people with inadequate insurance or no insurance at all, are going without lifesaving screenings and treatments. Many are going deep into debt to pay for care they can't afford.

For the first time in years, Washington is talking about enacting comprehensive health care reform. It's vital that ACS CAN fights for legislation that will save lives through prevention, meaningful coverage and improved quality of life.

Winning the war on cancer depends on expanding access to quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

ACS CAN views the issue through the eyes of cancer patients, survivors and their loved ones. We are the movement with the power to make the voice of the cancer community heard.

Many cancers can be prevented or treated easily if caught at an early stage. But the millions of Americans with inadequate insurance or no insurance at all don't have access to these life-saving screenings and treatments. In order to save lives and money in the long-run, we must transform the current health care system, which focuses on treatment, into one that strongly promotes prevention.

No one should have to choose between saving her life and her life savings, but the current health care system puts many Americans in that predicament. Imagine being told by your insurance company that your plan caps out at \$10,000 for out-patient treatment

when the out-patient treatment you need is expected to cost 10 times that amount. Your life may depend on putting your financial security at risk.

Cancer survivorship should be celebrated – but in our current health care structure, cancer survivors and cancer patients can be left with no coverage options. Regardless of their history or current health status, these Americans should be able to buy health insurance just like anyone else.

The American Cancer Society and ACS CAN believe that saving lives and winning the fight against cancer depends on access to quality, affordable health care. While we're making progress in the fight, millions of Americans aren't benefiting because they don't have access to quality health care. Learn how you can help by calling 1-800-227-2345 or visiting [cancer.org/access](http://cancer.org/access).

## Chairman's Report

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make sure there were increased youth summer employment opportunities.

In regard to that commitment to our youth Leech Lake started the planning for a Regional Youth Services Providers Summit that we will host this October. This summit will bring together area agencies and programs that serve youth to put together a Regional Youth Development Strategy.

These Youth Service Providers will help develop collaborations and partnerships for guiding and saving young lives. This effort is also part of our developing a reservation Youth Development Plan specifically for our youth.

All of these efforts are part of the change needed if we are to move away from business as usual and toward real nation building. Changes we need not just to survive but to prosper. By doing this I believe that I am fulfilling to you, the Leech Lake people, my promise to not only bring change, but to bring positive change that will guarantee a good future for our children, grandchildren, and our future generations.

The start of this new fiscal year and the second year of this administration is also the start of implementing the changes. I look forward to a new year with lots of accomplishments.

Before I close, I would like to mention a few of the other accomplishments of this administration:

Again we have established an Elders Department and funded it through our own resources.

So far, we have done well in weathering the economic collapse that surrounds us. Our unemployment rate has stayed steady at around 40%, while the U.S. rate has risen from just above 4% to over 10%. When they get to 40%, maybe they'll know how we feel.

Our reservation has stood strong  
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# Leech Lake Tribal College

## 2009 Fall Semester

### Course Schedule

Leech Lake Tribal College		Fall Session: August 30 - December 16					
2009 Fall Semester							
Course Schedule							
Day Classes							
Course ID	Coursename	Credits	Rooms	Day	Begin	End	Instructor
ANI 100.1	Intro to Anish. Studies	3	100-Mooz	T, Th	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	E. Fleming
ANI 100.2	Intro to Anish. Studies	3	100-Mooz	T	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	E. Fleming
ART 100.1	Intro to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3	215-Mazinibii'igewin	T, Th	2:25 PM	3:40 PM	D. Goodwin
ART 100.2	Intro to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3	215-Mazinibii'igewin	T, Th	4:55 PM	6:10 PM	D. Goodwin
ART 102	Intro to Pottery	3	215-Mazinibii'igewin	M, W	4:55 PM	6:10 PM	D. Goodwin
ART 104	Moccasin Making	3	215-Mazinibii'igewin	W	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	D. Goodwin
ART 107	Drawing I	3	215-Mazinibii'igewin	M, W	2:25 PM	3:40 PM	D. Goodwin
BIO 101	General Biology I	3	108-Maang	M, W	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	H. Lueck
BIO 101L	General Biology I Lab	1	106-Makwa	T	8:40 AM	9:30 AM	H. Lueck
BIO 140	Ecology	3	109-Ogaa	T, Th	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	S. Nordrum
BIO 140L	Ecology Lab	1	106-Makwa	W	8:40 AM	9:30 AM	S. Nordrum
BIO 200	Ethnobiology	3	110-Migizi	T, Th	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	H. Lueck
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology	3	108-Maang	T, Th	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	H. Lueck
BIO 202L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1	108-Maang	W	9:40 AM	10:30 AM	H. Lueck
BIO 299	Biology Internship	1-3	101A	F			P. Leen
BLTD 100	Construction Codes	1	Trades Building	M	9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Carpenter/ Nason
BLTD 110	Blueprint Plans & Specs	2	Trades Building	T, Th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Carpenter/ Nason
BLTD 114	Construction Safety	1	Trades Building	W	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Carpenter/ Nason
BUS 100	Introduction to Business	3	110-Migizi	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	K. Thompson
BUS 205	Business Research	3	110-Migizi	M, W	4:55 PM	6:10 PM	K. Thompson
BUS 230	Management/Supervision & Leadership	3	109-Ogaa	T, Th	4:55 PM	6:10 PM	D. Montgomery
BUS 250	Business Law	3	110-Migizi	M, W	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	K. Thompson
BUS 260	Business Communications	3	107-Giniw	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	D. Montgomery
BUS 295	Special Topics: The Business of Nonprofits	3	TBA	W	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	D. Montgomery
CARP 110	Framing Principles	2	Trades Building	M	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Carpenter/ Nason
CARP 114	Framing Sustainable Design	4	Trades Building	M, T, W, Th	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Carpenter/ Nason
CARP 116	Foundations & Footing Design	2	Trades Building	T	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Carpenter/ Nason
CARP 122	Roofing Design	2	Trades Building	W	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Carpenter/ Nason
CHEM 101	General Chemistry	3	106-Makwa	M, W	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	S. Smith
CHEM 101 L	General Chemistry Lab	1	106-Makwa	M	8:40 AM	9:30 AM	S. Smith
ECE 180	Child Growth & Development	3	113-Abinoojiinyag	T, Th	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	B. Holmes
ECE 210	Creative Activities	3	113-Abinoojiinyag	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	B. Holmes
ECE 240	Children, Families, & Communities	3	113-Abinoojiinyag	T, Th	4:55 PM	6:10 PM	B. Holmes
EDU 100	College Study Skills (8/31-10/5)	1	100-Mooz	M, W	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	B. Holmes
ELEC 208	Electrical Commercial Wiring	4	205-Diindiisi	M, T, W, Th	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 208				T, Th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 208 L	Electrical Commercial Wiring Lab	8	205-Diindiisi	M	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 208 L				M	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 208 L				T, Th	12:00 PM	2:20 PM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 208 L				W	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	R. Schoeck
ELEC 212	Electrical Blueprints II	2	205-Diindiisi	T, Th	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	R. Schoeck
ENGL 096	Writing & Reading Skills	3	109-Ogaa	M, W	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	B. Jourdain
ENGL 101.1	English Composition I	3	111-Mikinaak	T, Th	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	E. Fleming
ENGL 101.2	English Composition I	3	111-Mikinaak	M, W	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	E. Fleming
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	109-Ogaa	M, W	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	B. Jourdain
GEOG 200	Cultural Geography	3	110-Migizi	T, Th	8:15 AM	9:30 AM	D. Pansch
HIS 101	US History	3	100-Mooz	M, W	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	E. Fleming
ITECH 100.1	Computer Applications I	3	111-Mikinaak	T, Th	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	C. Wells
ITECH 100.2	Computer Applications I	3	111-Mikinaak	T	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	C. Wells
ITECH 150	Computer Applications II	3	105-Inwewin Abiwin	T, Th	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	K. Nipp

## Chairman's Report Continued

at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe level and has continued to refuse accepting less than our fair and equitable share of the Nelson Act settlement. We also seek assurances that this will not negatively affect our claims on existing and future clouded title cases.

We continue to support constitutional reform, especially concerning a separation of powers, equal representation, blood quantum and membership.

We have adopted a Taxation Code and a tribal Tobacco Tax. This is an act of sovereignty that makes it possible to offer lower cost native products at our retail outlets thereby keeping money in our member's pockets, increasing net profits to the Band and providing a tax revenue stream that does not pay taxes to the state.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton's have graciously granted us \$2 million for two separate projects. One million is for the development of fifteen new

housing units to help address our housing needs. The other million is to finish development of the Shingobee project, which we all know has become an embarrassment to our reservation because it makes us look bad.

All our High School graduates were honored by the council with an appreciation dinner, award certificate and a \$100 dollars. Our graduates were very appreciative of the recognition.

There are a lot more we could talk about for example our new radio station, the solar panel manufacturing plant, the

efforts for a new high school building for the Bug School, our lobbying at the state and federal level, the Stimulus funding efforts. There are a lot of positive things but there are also some serious issues or violations that need to be addressed and they will be in the near future. But for today I wanted to keep this report positive and short.

So, in closing I would like to thank the RBC for supporting many of the efforts we have made. I remind you though that we cannot afford to go on with business as usual. We cannot play politics with our limited resources when making decisions that affect the well-being and destiny of our people.

I give thanks to the most important supporters of all, the members of this reservation. So on behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the RBC. Chi Migwetch Anishinabeg!



Arthur "Archie" LaRose  
Chairman  
Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe

ITECH 210	Intro to Programming	3	105-Inwewin Abiwin	M, W	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	P. Leen
ITECH 292	Information Technology Internship	1-3	112B-3 students max	TBA	TBA	TBA	IT Department
ITECH 299	Using Multimedia	3	105-Inwewin Abiwin	T, Th	11:10 AM	12:30 PM	D. McDonald
LE 105	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	107-Giniw	M, W	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	M. Fairbanks
LE 111	Minnesota Selected Statutes	3	111-Mikinaak	T	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	S. Hagenah
LE 122	Constitutional Law & Civil Liability	3	109-Ogaa	W	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	L. Plasschaert
LE 210	Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	3	109-Ogaa	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	M. Fairbanks
LE 212	Victims and Victims' Rights	3	107-Giniw	M, W	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	M. Fairbanks
MATH 093	Math Skills	3	100-Mooz	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	K. Nipp
MATH 140	Concepts In Math	4	108-Maang	M, W	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	K. Nipp
MATH 150	College Algebra	3	109-Ogaa	T, Th	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	K. Nipp
MATH 155	Advanced College Algebra	3	109-Ogaa	M, W	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	P. Leen
MATH 210	Pre-Calculus I	3	107-Giniw	M, W	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	K. Nipp
MUS 151	Native American Flute I	2	212/216	W	6:15 PM	8:15 PM	J. Romer
MUS 250	History of Anishinaabe Music & Dance	3	Drum Room	T, Th	3:30 PM	4:45 PM	B. Tonce/D. Northbird
OJI 101.1	Speaking Ojibwe I	4	110-Migizi	M,T,W,R	11:10 AM	12:00 PM	B. Tonce
OJI 101.2	Speaking Ojibwe I	4	110-Migizi	M,T,W,R	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	B. Tonce
OJI 102	Speaking Ojibwe II	4	109-Ogaa	M, T, W, Th	11:10 AM	12:00 PM	B. Jourdain
OJI 111	Speaking Ojibwe with Children	2	113-Abinoojiinyag	F			C. Hanson
OJI 201/202	Speaking Ojibwe III/ IV	4	109-Ogaa	M, T, W, Th	2:25 PM	3:15 PM	B. Jourdain
PHIL 200	Indigenous American Philosophy	3	100-Mooz	Th	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	Aitkin
PHY SC 100	Intro to Physical Science	3	106/108	T	6:15 PM	9:15 PM	H. Lueck
PHY SC 100 L	Intro to Physical Science Lab	1	106/108	T	5:20 PM	6:10 PM	H. Lueck
PSYCH 101	Intro to Psychology	3	110-Migizi	T, Th	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	D. Montgomery
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	100-Mooz	T, Th	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	D. Montgomery
SPCH 201	Speech and Communications	3	100-Mooz	T, Th	9:40 AM	10:55 AM	B. Holmes

### 2009 Fall Semester Academic Calendar:

**Last Day to Register: August 21**

New Student Orientation: August 28

**Classes Begin: August 31**

NO CLASSES- Labor Day Holiday: September 7

**Last Day to Add/Drop: September 8**

Last Day to Make-up Incompletes from Spring Semester: September 28

Midterm Grades Due: October 16

5Last Day to Officially Withdraw: October 16

NO CLASSES - Veteran's Day Observed: November 11

NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Holiday: November 25 - 27

Classes Resume: November 30

Pre-registration for Spring Semester: December 7 - 17

Last Day of Classes: December 10

Finals Week: December 14 - 17

Fall Semester Ends: December 17

Final Grades Due: December 23

NO CLASSES - Winter Holiday: December 21 - January 8

### Tuition & Fee Schedule

Tuition \$140 per credit

ART 100 \$60

ART 102 \$50

ART 104 \$60

ART 107 \$50

ART 180 \$50

MUS 151 \$75

Student Activity Fee: \$25 per semester

Technology Fee: \$6 per credit

Transcript Fee: \$1 per semester

Electrical majors: \$75/semester

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Law Enforcement:

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Background check: \$8

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achievement they will be honored at the National Indian School Board Association luncheon which will be held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at Mystic Lake Casino.

On an additional positive note I am also pleased to report that the Leech Lake Gaming Division has set aside money and will be making a payment in the amount of one million dollars toward the principal balance on the loan agreement to the Shakopee Sioux Community. This will reduce our principal balance on the loan agreement from 41 million dollars to 40 million dollars.

Early last fall in a meeting with Dan Erickson, then Gaming Director I requested as Secretary Treasurer that the Gaming Division diligently start setting aside and budgeting money as part of their normal operating budget for the purpose of making a payment on the Shakopee loan agreement. Collectively we agreed that this was a positive step to ensure that the tribe is being properly managed financially and demonstrates a sound business philosophy and practice.

In my report to the Band Membership next month I will provide the Band members with a full and complete financial report on the past fiscal year. As I indicated in my report last month the Band's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, however for auditing purposes the books remain open for an additional 30 days to allow for the proper accounting of all revenue and expenses through the month of June. (Basically what this means is that we need to allow for the proper accounting of any and all revenue and expenses that may be received late and for that reason you are given an extra 30 days in which to full close the books.)

While there are numerous other items that I could go into further detail on, as I stated I was going to keep my report brief this month. However when I ran for the office of Secretary Treasurer a year ago I did so by telling the people that I believed in full disclosure, complete accountability, doing things the right way and by being completely honest.

As the Secretary Treasurer I have a constitutional responsibility as well as a moral responsibility to the people of the Leech Lake Reservation to safeguard the assets and resources of the Band. The assets and resources belong to all Band members, not just a select few. I am pointing this out because it now appears that the problems and issues associated with our Day Labor Program and its past management is turning out to be much more serious than what was originally thought.

A recent Internal Audit Report clearly illustrates the seriousness of this issue and as the Secretary Treasurer I have a constitutional responsibility to inform the people and furthermore the people of Leech Lake Reservation have a full and complete right to know whether or not their assets, resources, programs, and services are being properly managed.

In disclosing this information I believe that I have fulfilled my constitutional responsibility and my moral responsibility to the people. In closing I believe that it is incumbent upon us as a Tribal Council or RBC to take the necessary and appropriate action to correct the problems, do what is right, and hold those responsible fully accountable. If anyone has any questions regarding this issue feel free to contact me at 218-335-8200 during normal business hours.

Thank you.  
Michael J. Bongo  
Secretary Treasurer

## Youth Strategy

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report back to you the services they offer our youth. The September issue will lead us into the Youth Providers Summit which is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Any interested parties can find more at their website: [nmyouth.com](http://nmyouth.com). The following was taken from this website:

What is the best way for youth service providers across the North Country Region to share information, resources, ideas, and address the unmet needs of youth?

Our group is coordinating a summit to be held October 13 and 14, 2009 to bring all interested youth providers together to do the following:

Design a Regional Youth Development

Plan based on the Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assets for use in developing new youth programs, expanding existing programs, and closing the gaps in youth services.

Form a Youth Services Provider network which will act as a clearinghouse for information and services related to youth in Northern Minnesota and work collaboratively with all agencies/organizations to better serve the needs of our youth.

How will we do this:

Prior to the Summit we will gather information from interested agencies and services; based on the Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assets; we will begin to create a matrix of services.

At the Summit, review the matrix, and in smaller regional sub groups fine tune the matrix.

Explore sub regional collaborations

Form a Northern Minnesota Regional Youth Service Provider Network

When: October 13 and 14, 2009

Where: Northern Lights Casino, Walker Minnesota

## High School Graduate Appreciation Dinner

By Chris Haugene

In late June the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe held an appreciation dinner for the Band's recent high school graduates from across the reservation and neighboring schools. The Education Division as well as Tribal leaders hosted the event at the Northern Lights Casino. Bruce Baird was the host MC and we heard from Chairman LaRose and Secretary Treasurer Mike Bongo. The keynote speaker for the evening was Second Lieutenant Alisha Schulman who recently graduated from West Point with a degree in Electrical Engineering. The theme for her rather stirring and well delivered speech was, overcoming obstacles. She spoke of some of the trials and tribulations that come with attending an institution like West Point, and she spoke of losing her mom, the late Lisa Schulman while in school. She said it was a struggle, she said she thought about quitting and in the end she toughed it out and persevered. Leech Lake congratulates Alisha and all of the other high school graduates who have started a new chapter in their lives, keep up the good work-we're proud of you!



## Attention Native American Owned Businesses and Artists

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Development Division, is compiling a directory of Native American business owners and artists to promote on the Leech Lake Journeys with First Nations Website, which promotes green and authentic travel.

Please call Theresa Flocken at (218) 335-8266 or stop by the office to share your information or e-mail it to [treewilson@hotmail.com](mailto:treewilson@hotmail.com). Watch for information coming in October regarding a website on which to display and sell authentic Native American products.

## Tract 33 Water Tower Project Ground Breaking: June 2009



L to R Bob Gogleye, DPW Director, Steven Scherling, IHS Project Engr, Bob Pawless, IHS Inspector, Michael Termont, IHS Engr, Roger Clapp, USDA Specialist, John Fairbanks, LLBO Tribal Engineer, David Webb, General Construction Services, Contractor

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority, an entity of Leech Lake Reservation that operates under the guidance of a housing board, is soliciting proposals from Attorneys (and/or firms) for legal representation in the course of managing, operating and developing low income housing programs under NAHASDA Law and its subsidiary (federal/state/tribal) programs and operations. Proposals will be accepted until 4:30pm, July 31, 2009.

The Leech Lake Housing Authority consists of 530+ units, developed and managed under separate federal and/or state financing with administrative, maintenance and construction staff to carry out all operating functions. Attorneys will be expected to be available for court appearances, Board of Commissioners meetings and be able to travel and attend training as needed.

All proposals shall include the following:

- A resume with a list of professional references.
- A description of your knowledge and experience with NAHASDA Law, 1937 Act Housing Programs and Tax Credit Financed Programs.
- Your (law firms) experience with tenant/landlord issues, including eviction court proceedings.
- Any litigation resolved as a result from housing program issues (if applicable).
- Required pay structure for legal advisement, representation, meetings and miscellaneous business.

Criteria for selection will include the following factors:

- Experience with housing, landlord/tenant issues, and eviction proceedings.
- Cost
- Locality of office from Leech Lake Housing

Authority and;

- Native American Preference Requirements.

Send copies of credentials and all components listed

by **4:30pm, July 31, 2009** to:

Leech Lake Housing Authority  
Attn: Marlene Mitchell, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 938  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

We appreciate your time and effort responding to this RFP. If you have any questions regarding the process or selection criteria please feel free to call Leech Lake Housing Authority at 1-866-223-2233 and request to speak to Marlene Mitchell or Vern Lyons.

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