Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Adult Day Services Now Open

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe proudly announces the newly licensed Adult Day Services (ADS) Center in Cass Lake. Providing assistance to area elders with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) is the primary purpose of the center. Other services include assistance with mobility issues, healthy meals and snacks, medication management, socialization, art projects, memory care, exercise and toileting. The center will accept a maximum of ten (10) clients who are age 55+. * ADS staff are available to assist interested individuals with the pre-application screening, and assessment process.

For more information, please call ADS Site Provider Alyssa Leecy, LPN, 218-335-8586. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm. Other ADS staff members who can answer questions are: Carol Jenkins, Cheryl Johnson, and Bob Robinson. *Interested individuals are encouraged to contact ADS staff to answer questions you may have or begin the pre-application screening and assessment process. You are welcome to stop in and visit the staff: Alyssa Leecy, LPN – Site Provider, Carol Jenkins – ADS Aide, Cheryl Johnson – ADS Aide, and Bob Robinson – ADS Aide.

Adult Day Services has completed the final phase of the licensing process and open doors for services on December 21, 2015. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Adult Day Services welcomes all elders 55+ years and their caregivers to stop in and visit our facility. Additionally, area service providers are invited to visit, view the building, and meet the staff.

**Now is the time to begin the process to access adult day services:**

**Step 1:** Complete pre-screening with MCT-Adult Day Services staff;

**Step 2:** Contact your county social worker to identify best care options and possible funds available: Elderly Waiver, personal insurance, Veterans Administration, private self-pay.

**Adult Day Services offers:**

- A safe environment with scheduled activities that promote socialization and interaction;
- Healthy snacks and nutritious meals;
- Assistance with ADLs (Activities of Daily Living);
- LPN on site providing health monitoring, medication administration;
- Home-like atmosphere;
- Flexible hours and much more!

Current hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8AM – 4:30PM

*Hours will expand to 7:30 AM – 5:00PM in January 2016

To request more information please contact: MCT – Adult Day Services
Alyssa Leecy or Carol Jenkins
P.O. Box 217
15546 ST Hwy 371 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
Phone: 218-339-3167
Leech Lakers Youth Basketball Clinic
December 29, 2015  From Amarin Chanthorn, Director of Institutional Advancement

The youths of Leech Lake reservation participated in the first basketball clinic hosted by the Leech Lake Tribal College basketball program. 48 kids ranging from third grade to sixth grade took part in the event on December 29th at the Cass Lake-Bena High School gymnasium. The clinic’s aim was to prepare and refresh fundamentals skills for the upcoming youth basketball season set to start on January 6, 2016.

The youth basketball program is coordinated by Leroy Fairbanks III, LLBO District 3 representative, as part of his mission to encourage kids to become more active and familiarized themselves in organized sports. The long-term outcome is to address the overall concern with health issues prominent on the reservation.

“Providing opportunities for our kids become active is only part of the goal. The other part is to encourage them to continue to be active for the long-term, which would positively impact the overall wellbeing of our people,” said Representative Fairbanks III.

Basketball is the logical choice to start the active youth program initiative as members of the Leech Lake communities mostly have access to community parks and courts. Fairbanks hopes to expand into other sports such as running teams, youth baseball leagues, and possibly lacrosse teams as more kids are involved. As coordinator, he is responsible for organizing and fundraising for the program. Thus far, funds have been raised through small activities including raffles, food sales, and general donations.

The Leech Lake Tribal College partnership provided current and past players to assist kids develop their basketball fundamental skills. Coaches Dave Northbird, Rod Northbird, Brady Fairbanks led the event. Former and current LLTC players included Taylor Buffalo, Daniel Jourdain, Joshua Hare, Joe Jourdain, Brandon Masten, Tonya Morris, and Justine Jourdain.

“What we are trying to accomplish is not only physical, but mentally as well. We want our youths to attend organized events like this so they can develop social skills and work in a team environment. The Lakers basketball program is proud to be involved in this event. It provides an opportunity for our student-athletes to develop leadership skills and become role models for the kids,” said LLTC Lakers Men’s Basketball Coach, Dave Northbird.

The event was part of LLTC goal to be involved with the community through outreach. As a fairly new program, LLTC athletics has been involved with numerous outreach activities. Coach Northbird stated he wants LLTC students to become more visible and active in the community and view themselves as role models for the youths.

“The Tribal College is a local college with most of its students coming from the Leech Lake area. The College involvement is crucial to rebuilding our community due to a couple reasons; first is allowing the students to give back by engaging with the community, second is allowing the youths to see one of their own succeed and view them as role models,” said Representative Fairbanks III.

Boys and girls teams will be created from kids of each grade. The teams will compete with local and competition throughout northern Minnesota. If parents would like for their child to participate, please register your child at the upcoming practice sessions on January 6th and January 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Cass Lake-Bena High School gymnasium.

For more information, please contact Leroy Fairbanks III at (218) 760-5850.

Team Coaches by Grades:
Ciara Fineday, Student LLTC – 3rd Grade Girls
Kevin Mainville, Alumni LLTC – 4th Grade Girls
TBD – 5th Grade Girls
Tate Frazer, City of Cass Lake – 6th Grade Girls
Gil Zamora, B&G Club – 3rd Grade Boys
Levi Brown, DRM and Joe Fowler – 4th Grade Boys
Curtis Brown – 5th Grade Boys
Leroy Fairbanks III, LLBO & Ben Cameron, Student/CL Fire Department – 6th Grade Boys

District I Charity Holiday Event

On December 22, 2015 an event in Inger was greatly received by the local community. Thanks for organizing and execution of the event are offered to Earl Wakonabo and the Eagle’s Healing Nest with the District I office.

On this day, Earl hauled a trailer and delivered much-needed items to the community members and their families just as the holiday was upon us. Among those items that were offered to community members were turkeys, quilts, jackets, hygiene supplies, and toys. In addition to these very nice gifts the Veterans in attendance received special blankets as a way to thank them for their service. “It is the vision and hope to never have those who served in our military to live in darkness but to bring them into the light to soar and fly free. To help restore the honor, dignity, pride, and purpose each deserves”. Eagle’s Healing Nest’s mission is to provide assistance with the healing of the invisible wounds of war carried by our service men and women… past, present, and future.
Leech Lake, Red Lake, White Earth area residents complete Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program retreat

Grand Rapids, Minn. (December 17, 2015) — Twenty residents of the Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth communities returned November 20 from a five-day leadership retreat, the first segment of an intense seven-day training provided by the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program (BRCLP). The team also will participate in two follow-up workshops.

A program of the Grand Rapids-based Blandin Foundation, BRCLP has provided experiential leadership training for more than 500 community leaders from all 11 of Minnesota’s reservation communities since it began in 2000. This is the fifth time these communities have participated together in the BRCLP leadership program.

The goal of the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program is to strengthen leadership capacity by identifying and mobilizing cultural strengths, assets and resiliencies to build healthy communities. Topics covered during the retreat included: acknowledging gifts and resilience, identifying and describing community issues and opportunities, effective interpersonal communication, building social capital, appreciating personality differences, managing interpersonal conflict, understanding community power, mobilizing community resources, and goal setting.

“A healthy community depends on leadership engagement of community members,” said Valerie Shangreaux, director of Blandin leadership programs. “The leadership demonstrated by these participants reflects their commitment to their communities, their reservations, and rural Minnesota.”

BRCLP training programs are funded entirely by the Blandin Foundation, whose mission is to strengthen rural Minnesota communities, especially the Grand Rapids area.

Pictured below - Participating in this training were:
Ann Aitken, Susan Beaulieu, Ben Benoit, Nate Dorr, Kent Estey, Loreen Estey, Sarah Fairbanks, Becky Graves, Matt Hanson, Leslie Harper, Vikki Howard, Betty Kimbrell, Emma King, Jodi Lunde, Jordan May, Linsey McMurrin, Lew Murray, Margaret Rousu, Martin Seeger and Robert Thompson.

New Optometrist at Cass Lake Indian Health Service

Cass Lake Indian Health Service Unit wants to welcome Dr. Cassandra Lappegaard, Optometrist to our Medical Staff. Dr. Lappegaard had been practicing in Grand Forks, ND for the last 2 years. She is provides total optometry care including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and referrals. She will also be prescribing glasses and contact lenses. The Eye Clinic will be using “Advanced Access Scheduling,” starting Monday, November 16, 2015 and will offer a mix of scheduled and same-day appointments. To schedule a same-day appointment, please call the Eye Clinic in the morning for available appointments for that day. If you need to schedule an eye exam, please call for available appointments– 218-335-3253. Reminder all diabetic patients should have a yearly eye exam!

Hours for the Eye Clinic are 08:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday. The clinic will be closed on all weekends and Federal holidays.

Leech Lake Head Start & Early Head Start Receive A Four-STAR Rating

A Four-Star rating is the top rating an agency can earn! To earn a Four-Star rating means the Leech Lake Head Start and Early Head Start programs have proven they are excelling in using the best practices in preparing children for kindergarten. It shows that Leech Lake Head Start and Early Head Start is equipped to offer the very best in quality care, assuring parents that they are doing all they can to prepare their children for school. Four-Star Rated Programs demonstrate outstanding growth in the areas of:

- Physical Health and Well-Being
- Teaching Strategies and Building Relationships
- Assessment of Children’s Progress
- Teacher Training and Education

Parent Aware is a program managed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services in coordination with the Minnesota Office of Early Learning. The program was established to help parents make informed choices about locating quality care for their young children. Parents can receive scholarships that can help them pay for child care in a “Star” rated program.

For more information on Parent Aware Scholarships, please contact the following agency depending on your area of residence:
Beltrami County 1-800-450-1385
Mahube Community Action Partnership
Cass County 218-632-3600
Mahube Community Action Partnership
Itasca County 651-641-6604
Think Small
**District I Youth Spotlight**

for the Month of February

This month’s youth spotlight is Sara Lynn Hardy from Deer River. Sara is a sixth grade student at Deer River High School. She plays basketball and is in the school band. She is also the youth representative for the Deer River Local Indian Council where she serves alongside her grandma, Barb Kannas, who is the elder representative. Sara is a jingle dress dancer and recently took runner up in the Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Pow Wow (Ball Club) Princess Contest. Sara does plan on competing again this summer. She really enjoys attending pow wows and she also knows how to bead. In her free time Sara likes to play Minecraft, watch YouTube videos, play basketball, and draw. She really looks up to Katy Perry and Andy Biersack. In the future, she dreams of being a famous ‘YouTuber’ and attend college to become a veterinarian. We wish you the very best in the future, Sara, and good luck this summer running for princess.

**We would like to wish Sarah Hardy the very best in the future. Thank you, Sarah.**

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**Leech Lake Band Member travels to Las Vegas to Honor Veterans**

Ahniin greetings… here is a true story I would like to share with all you good people in and around our homeland of northern Minnesota. My name is Jerry Morgan, son of (the late) Elmer and Donna Morgan, we are all LL tribal members; I was invited to be head man dancer at Las Vegas Intertribal Pow Wow honoring veterans. October 24th of 2015 was perfect weather conditions, a nice crowd on hand to participate the honoring of all veterans both native and non-native.

After grand entry Regina, a committee member, sang a rousing rendition of the national anthem! In all my years of powwowing this was the first time I seen firsthand our national anthem sung at tribal event. In traveling this far I had an important role as I carried the U.S. Flag of my late father Elmer Morgan: Korean War Combat Veteran 1951-52. He was born June 13, 1933- died June 29, 2015. Prior to my travels out west, his flag had been to big drum ceremony at home, and out there I was assisted by AIVA American Indian Veterans Association of Fresno California. Joe Carrillo, Rene Garcia, and Frank Rodriguez did a flag folding ceremony and a song was sung by northern host drum. As we danced, his flag I could feel the spirits of our ancestors with us out on Lorenzi Park where the event was held; they had been waiting for this day for a long time! I was in the land of the Southern condor, although the friends I made there said they had recently seen many Bald Eagles. Also, on that afternoon the committee presented to veterans with the Warriors peace medal along with a certificate, I accepted those (posthumously on behalf of my late father) my paternal grandfather John Morgan Sr. a World War 1 veteran had a hand drum that I was able to locate, with help from family this was the early 1990’s, this drum was double sided and very old, when taking this apart there were cedar dowels inside that I found and removed. I redid the drum and passed it to an important elder relative.

I felt a nice sense of honor and pride for my family and also our home LL Band of the mighty Ojibwes. On that day I was dancing for him and will continue to do so. It is a privilege and honor to be part of this wonderful life the Creator has given us.

That was an awesome day for me and one that I want to repeat many more times. My personal history of Drum and Dance, back in the day the mid 1970’s, I would travel with friends and family to local summer gatherings at Ball Club, Cass Lake, and White Earth where we would camp out and look around. I had an interest in singing and drumming, I would sit in with some local drum groups. When I was 18 years it was as if a light bulb went off inside of me, I could feel the spirit of the drum (Dewei again). I spent many evenings and hours during the early 1980’s working to get my tone of voice to sing at a higher pitch. One year later I could lead out songs and that was difficult at first, however I had to build my confidence up to sing in public, at area pow wows and schools. I have had the good fortune to travel to ten different states in the U.S. and three provinces in Canada. This is what you want to see and hear: “Good Singing and dancing”. I have had songs recorded with a drum group, Old school (ERL) on cassette tape and later converted to Compact Disc, with this drum group we had a good run of 5 years being invited and or host drum. Along with winning singing championships, we went all over Indian country, what good memories and Hand drum songs both I have donated to LLTC’s Archives. However my son’s Beau and Josh and my grandsons little Beau, and Sequoia and Jayce have been singing and dancing. Those young boys are 3rd generation singers, today they may be only making some noise but in a few years’ time they can develop into good singers. Knowing that their Papa Jerry, as they call me, felt the spirit of the drum…with gratitude…Ahow!!
New Cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders Includes Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Member

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is being represented by Melissa Bowstring in The Bush Foundation’s new cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders. The 22 tribal citizens selected to the Native Nation Rebuilders program share a passion for learning about governance and other nation-building practices. Over the next two years they will share strategies and insights to make a brighter future for Native people across the region.

“The program showcases some of the highest impact investments we’ve ever made. When we talk about how the Foundation supports great ideas and the people who power them, I think of Rebuilders as perfect examples and expressions,” said Bush Foundation President Jennifer Ford Reedy.

The new cohort includes representatives from education, law enforcement, health care and economic development. “This year’s Rebuilders bring a wide range of experiences, relationships and vision to the cohort,” said Jaime Pinkham, Vice President for Bush Foundation’s Native Nations program. “We’re excited to see how the program can encourage each of them to create even stronger networks and deepen leadership skills.”

The Foundation created the Native Nation Rebuilders Program in 2010 after elected tribal leaders from the 23 Native nations that share geography with Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota called for committed community leaders to help with nation-building work. Since it launched, the program has selected 128 Rebuilders from 20 Native nations in the region.

Brief biography of Melissa is included below. She is available for media interviews. Melissa Bowstring is the mother of five children and 11 grandchildren. “I have always been a believer in gaining more knowledge and using it to pay it forward. I hope to inspire and support others to succeed in life.”

LLBO Election Candidate Essays

Candidates running for both seats are welcome to submit a candidate essay. These are limited to 750 words. Typed, single spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font. Please email your essays to debahjimon@llojibwe.org. Candidate pictures may also be submitted via debahjimon email as well. LLBO asks that essays are suitable for publication regarding defaming, profanity etc. The deadline for these essays are February 22nd, 2016.

If you have any question please call 218-335-8200

Election Calendar

General Election 2015-2016

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

February 15: Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC.
February 17: Challenge certification or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.
February 18: Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by 4:30p.m.
February 18: Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.
February 18: Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate.
February 19: Decision of certification or non-certification or within 48 hrs. of appeal.
February 22: Notice of Primary Election and Posting
February 26: TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.
April 1: Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.
April 5: Primary
(Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
April 6: General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results.
(Prior to 8:00 p.m.)
April 7: General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.
April 8: Deadline for Request for Recount.
(Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
April 12: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election.
(Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

April 13: (Results, if allowed or 11th or 12th If earlier request)
April 22: Deadline of Decision on Contest
April 25: (or within 3 days of decision on Contest)
April 26: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals.
(Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with reservation tribunal rendering Decision.
April 28: (or with Record of Contest to Court of Election Appeals.
in 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal):
May 2: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal(hearing within 7 days notice of appeal)
May12: Last Day for Decision on Appeal (10 days from hearing on appeal). 
May 13: Notice of Regular Election / TEC provides ballots 
June 14: General Election (Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 pm)
June 15: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.
June 16: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
June 17: Deadline for Request for Recount.
(Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
June 21: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)

June 22: (or 20, if earlier request)
June 22: Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed
June 21, if request for Recount is filed before deadline)
July 1: Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.
July 5: (or within 3 days of decision on Contest) 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision
July 8: (or with Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
in 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal)
July 12: Last Day for Hearing on Appeal (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal).
July 12: Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
New Playground and Basketball Court

A collaborative effort between Leech Lake Housing Authority and LLBO Early Childhood Development has resulted in a new playground and basketball court at the Veteran’s Memorial Pow-Wow grounds in Cass Lake. In early July, members of the LLHA Executive Management Team, Gina Fairbanks, and Toni McClanahan met with LLBO Early Childhood Director, Lee Turney to discuss a plan to develop the new recreational facilities. By sharing costs and resources, they were able to accomplish their goal. Early Childhood donated playground equipment along with funds to do initial site work and the Leech Lake Housing Authority provided the funds to install the playground equipment and the basketball court.

After a competitive bid process, local contractor, J&M Concrete, was awarded the contract to install the slab for the basketball court. His crew is pictured below working quickly to get the concrete poured. The court is a regulation size court and will have 4 baskets to allow for 3 on 3 games to be played simultaneously. It will be a great spot to hold tournaments. Community members have been watching the progress and have been excited to see the new facilities coming to life. We hope that they provide many years of enjoyment and healthy activity opportunities.

The Crisis Housing Fund

People often lose their homes because they need treatment for mental health and chemical addiction. The very solution to one problem creates another major problem. However, this doesn’t have to happen. When a person enters a hospital or treatment facility, their income is often used to pay for the treatment, leaving little to cover the costs of maintaining their home in the community. One way to pay for current housing while someone is receiving facility-based mental health or chemical dependency treatment, is the Crisis Housing Fund.

The program is currently administered by Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) and is funded through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Adult Mental Health Division. Crisis Housing Funds are available to people who meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- Persons diagnosed with a mental illness, which meets criteria for serious and persistent mental illness.
- Persons with community housing that is rental or ownership based.
- Persons of low or moderate income, as determined by HUD.
- Persons admitted to a mental health treatment facility (including a facility for chemical dependency) and receiving treatment for 90 days or less.

This program applies to people who rent, own, have lot payments for mobile homes, or who are paying in any way for their own permanent and community based housing. Crisis Housing funds cover housing related expenses a person is paying, but cannot now pay because their income is being used for treatment OR due to the loss of income while in treatment and they have no other resources from which to pay housing related expenses. Housing expenses that can be covered while a person is in treatment include: Rent or mortgage, heating fuel, electricity, water, sewer, garbage disposal, and basic phone service. Funds only cover the retention of the person’s current housing and cannot be used to pay past due bills that occur outside of the treatment period or as down payment for new housing.

Crisis Housing funds may be requested by an Applicant Agency on behalf of the person assisted. An Applicant Agency is a tribal nation agency, government unit, nonprofit corporation, health plan representative, or mental health service provider that can certify to the accuracy of the information on the application. Crisis Housing funds can help prevent homelessness and alleviate anxiety around the possibility of losing one’s home. If you would like additional information on the Crisis Housing Fund program, please visit our Web site at www.mhponline.org, or call Barbara Dolan at 651-649-1709.

Let’s Beat the Bug!

Bed bugs are small insects about the size of an apple seed. Adult bed bugs are flat, oval, and reddish brown in color. They feed on human blood and can live for over a year without a meal. They usually hide during the day near where people rest or sleep and then come out at night to feed. Most bed bugs can be found within 8 feet of a person’s resting place. You can find them in mattresses, box springs, bedding, cracks, and crevices in furniture, in curtains, under carpeting and behind electrical outlets. How can you prevent them from entering your home? They can enter on used clothing, furniture, or bedding; by traveling along pipes and wiring; and as “hitch-hikers” on you or your visitors clothing, shoes and bags. So follow these guidelines:

What should you do if you think you have found a bed bug? Try to catch it on a piece of tape or put it in a plastic bag and call the maintenance department. Let them know where you found it. They can help you identify if it is a bed bug or not. The most effective way to control bed bugs is through a combination of chemical measures and heat treatment. These both need to be administered by someone professionally trained to do so.

Follow the guidelines provided by the Maintenance Department exactly to prepare for your treatment. Before your treatment, you can launder bedding and clothing. The washing machine will kill some of the bugs but it is the dryer that will kill them all. You must dry the items at the highest temperature that the fabric will allow for at least 30 minutes. When you remove them from the dryer, fold and place them immediately in a clean plastic trash bag and seal tightly. Do not remove them from the bag until the home has been properly treated. You can also treat soft toys such as stuffed animals the same.

What should you not do when you have bed bugs?

- Do not panic. Call maintenance.
- Do not try to kill bed bugs by using agricultural or garden pesticides. Using outdoor pesticides inside can make you, your family, and pets very sick.
- Do not apply pesticides directly to your body.
- Do not use rubbing alcohol, kerosene, or gasoline. These can cause a fire.
- Do not wrap items in black plastic and place in the sun. It will not get hot enough to kill the bugs.
- Do not put your mattresses and bedding outside in the winter. It will not get cold enough to kill the bugs.
- Do not throw away your furniture. It will only spread the bugs.
- Furniture can be treated successfully to kill the bugs.

From the Inspector’s Office

As winter gets closer, here are a few words about the HRV units is some of our homes. These HRV units are also called Air Exchangers. They keep fresh air in our homes and remove some of the moisture created in the home from normal daily activities such as bathing, cooking and breathing. Homes built today are so air tight that the house cannot breathe; so when moisture can’t be released – mold will start to grow. I have a few things that you as a tenant can do to help keep the Air Exchanger working in tip-top shape to keep your home mold free.

1. Clean or replace air filters; dirty or clogged filters can lower ventilation efficiency. Change your filters at least every two months.
2. Check outdoor Intake and Exhaust hoods; remove leaves and debris obstructions that may cause blockages. During the winter months, clear any snow or frost build-up blocking your outside vents.
3. Inspect the condensation drain; this is a pipe or tube coming out of the bottom of the HRV.
4. Clean the Heat Exchange Core; vacuuming the core will reduce dust build-up inside the core.
5. Clean grilles and inspect ductwork; remove the grille and wipe clean; if a more thorough cleaning is needed contact a technician.
6. Service the fans; remove any dirt that may be accumulating on the blades by gently brushing them clean.
7. Arrange for annual servicing.

Greeting from the LLHA Warehouse and our friendly staff

By Joe Osborn

Our purpose is to be a partner with the mold and modernization crews, tax credit crews and maintenance by providing storage, warehousing and delivering of tools and materials that meet the residents of Leech Lake Reservation’s expectations of quality in service, productivity and low cost. We will work to provide a consistent level of excellent service that will earn a reward consistent with our investment, risk, and results. We will also work to develop a partnership with you, founded on trust and respect that will be earned through consistent storage and delivery of quality materials. We will try to uphold a philosophy to respect the rights of each individual and treat everyone fairly; employees, customers and crews alike. Our most important responsibility is the health and safety of our employees, the crews the members of the communities we serve along with the general public. We are committed to operating our warehouse in a responsible manner that will protect mother earth. We will strive to recognize the necessities’ and provide excellent service by the direct involvement and commitment of each employee to all crew members and members of Leech Lake Reservation. We are committed to continuous improvement of our services by maintaining an atmosphere that encourages creativity, interactive participation, and self-improvement.

The warehouse is a construction material and tool warehouse. We have storage areas for lumber, plumbing, electrical, appliance, furnace, hardware, roofing, siding, as well as fasteners (I.E. nails, screws and adhesives Etc.Etc.). These items can be purchased directly from the warehouse. The warehouse is open for band member purchases from 10 am until 3pm Monday through Friday excluding holidays and inventory dates. You can contact us by phone (218-335-3642) or come in and see us during these hours so we can explain how to get a sales order/quote for items you wish to purchase. If we give you a quote please let us know within 30 days or the end of the month witch ever comes first, if you plan to purchase the items, so we do not delete your quote. We will need at minimum your name address and phone number to process the quote. With the cooler weather you may be looking for window plastic, Milk house heaters, pipe insulation or heat tape. We have these items available now but be sure to come in early enough this fall before they are no longer on hand. We also stock appliances year around. We have washers, driers, refrigerators in 2 sizes and both electric and gas ranges. We can arrange delivery for a fee and you can check with our maintenance department on cost of installation and if they are available to install them when you need them. We have a warehouse with almost 5,000 separate line items at your disposal. We have a large knowledge base for any construction or remodeling projects you have in mind. We will help you with planning and material list if time allows. We look forward to your visits.

Thanks from all the warehouse staff.

Leech Lake Housing Annual Performance Report Available

The Leech Lake Housing Authority has completed their 2015 Annual Performance Report. The Annual Performance Report (APR) is a federally mandated report which recaps the activities of the Housing Authority during the program year and compares the outcomes to the goals that were set in the Indian Housing Plan (IHP) Both the IHP and the APR are submitted to the Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs which is located in Chicago. The public is invited to review the APR and submit comments regarding the Housing Authority’s performance during the past program year.

The APR is now available upon request at the Leech Lake Housing Authority office. A copy of the APR has also been submitted to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee for their review. If the public wishes to comment on the APR, they can submit their comments to Leech Lake Housing Authority PO Box 938 Cass Lake, MN 56633 Attn: Executive Management Team or present them in person at the LL Housing Authority offices. All comments will be considered in future planning of the Housing Authority’s activities.

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LLBO WIC FOR February 2015
WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only
8:15a.m.-11:30a.m. and 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.
Monday- Thursdays are available for appointment in Cass Lake

WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS
1st Thursday, 4th - Onigum Community Center Appointments 10a.m.-1p.m.
2nd Thursday, 11th - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m.-2p.m.
3rd Thursday, 18th – Ball Club Comm. Ctr. Appointments 10a.m.-3p.m.
4th Thursday, 25th – Bena WIC Clinic Appointments 10a.m.-2p.m.
Christmas Holiday No WIC

If you need to schedule a WIC appointment please call 218-335-8386 or 1-866-289-5995.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org and may: drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633;
Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697;
email documents to: andrea.jones@llbo.org
Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

LLBO Policy: HR must receive your application and/or
documents before or no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date the
position is scheduled to close to be considered for a position.

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 19th
School Resource Officer ~ Leech Lake Tribal Police ~ Job Code: 16-020

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED
MIS Technician ~ Management Information Systems ~ Job Code: 16-002
Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120B
Urban Case Manager – T.C. Office ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 16-017
Environmental Health Specialist ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-004
WIC Nutrition Counselor ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 16-010
Tribal College Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 16-013
1 Cook - Cass Lake ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-087D
Truancy Case Manager ~ Health & Human Services ~ Job Code: 15-183
Bena Family Service Advocate ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-182
Mental Health Therapist ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ Job Code: 15-172
Mental Health Practitioners ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-171
Child Protection Case Mng.-Child Welfare ~ Health & Human
Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-151
Journeyman Electrician ~ Department of Public Works ~ Job Code: 15-156
Bena Infant/Toddler Teacher ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-133
Foster Care Specialist-Child Welfare ~ Health & Human
Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-151
2 Part-Time EMT Attendants ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-137
2 Driver/Operators ~ DPW~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-140
3 Mental Health Professional ~ Human Services ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-081
4 Infant/Toddler Teachers ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-091B
4 Pre School Teachers ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-088B
2 Program Accountants ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-120
2 Full-Time LPN ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-097

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2015 Yearly Narcotic Statistics

Throughout 2015, Leech Lake Tribal Police Investigators drafted approximately forty one (41) search warrants for either residences or vehicles in regards to narcotics. There were also numerous search warrants that were drafted for cellular phones that were not included in the total. Through the search warrants, Investigators retrieved and seized 37 firearms, including handguns and long guns. Approximately $9,900.00 in US cash currency and six (6) vehicles were also seized.

There were approximately one hundred and twenty two (122) felony level cases opened by both Investigators and Leech Lake Patrol Officers. There were a total of one hundred and forty eight (148) total narcotic related arrests with sixty four (64) of those being females and eighty four (84) being males.

The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department would like to thank the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee for their support in creating a healthy and safe community environment. The Leech Lake Tribal Police Department will continue to work hard this year and help create a safe community for everyone.

Narcotics Seized for the 2015 year

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<th>Narcotics Seized</th>
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<td>2.67 pounds of Marijuana</td>
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<td>952 Gabapentin Prescription Pills</td>
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<td>287 Oxycontin Prescription Pills</td>
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<td>1,480 Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone Pills</td>
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Total approximate street value seized: $234,000.00.

*Please note that the above values are approximate as the street values change throughout the year and depend on the supply in the area.

Drop Box Medication Statistics

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Proof we can make a difference in our Leech Lake Youth

by Patty Bittner  Methamphetamine Project Coordinator

As you all know Michael Reyes and myself (Patty Bittner) are all over the reservation educating, spreading awareness about drugs, how they are used, and how it effects families. We try to saves lives everyday young and old that’s what we do on a daily basis.

We went to a high school to do our drug presentations same as we always do. I might add all the students were so respectful and listened so quietly you could’ve heard a pin drop. I asked the students to please do a writing assignment for their English class as to what they learned, liked or disliked about our presentations.

One student wrote to us about her life living with drug addicts. She said, she had gotten off the bus one day to police cars and an ambulance at her house just to tell her that her mother had just died of a drug overdose. She said she begged her to stop using drugs, and talked to her all the time asking her to please stop, but it would only last a little while.

She said that her whole world and family had gone right down the toilet since then. Her siblings (very young adults) who take care of her and her baby sister are always fighting and using drugs. And because of them not having much money their electricity got turned off; no water, power, or heat. She would get her baby sisters things together every morning to shower either at the school or a friend’s house, so they can be nice and clean for school every day.

At the end of the letter she wrote, “Patty all I want to do is go to school every day, graduate, go to college and get a good job. Then I can get away from here and provide a better life for my baby sister!”

Of course I cried as I read this letter and as I write these tears well up in my eyes.

Dear, Patty Bittner & Michael Reyes

I would love to thank you both for everything you have done for me and my family. We appreciate it so much and every thing you Patty & Michael talked about in that meeting I listened and it cut that on my emotions came over me and I just couldn’t put my pencil down. Anyways ever since I wrote that letter everything has been falling into place & I am just so thankful for everything you said & helped me and my family out. It all just keeps me going. Moving forward! But hope you’s keep doing what you’s are doing, life changing! #Thankful!! Hope you two have an amazing day!
Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting
April 09, 2015
LLBO Government Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:04 am

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

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

Old Business:
Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the March 26, 2015 Minutes, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to table Resolution for MCT funding for the Bena Homeless Shelter, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to table the Homeless Shelter Policies, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

LeRoy Staples Fairbanks arrive at 9:10 a.m.

New Business:
TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-92 in support of Chief Judge Paul W. Day to sit on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Child Welfare Association, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-93 requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to update the 2015 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP), second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-94, Cooperative Agreement between BIA and Leech Lake Wild Land Fire Management, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-95 to support S. Lake and Onigum Community Centers, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

LAND RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve the following homesites:

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to approve the following lakeshore:
LD2015-139 Neil & Candy Gebert, new recreational lease, Trader’s Bay PUD area; LD2015-140 Terry Peterson, new recreational lease, Trader’s Bay PUD area. Second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Other:
Motion by Penny DeVault to approve “Letter of Approval” for Water Meter installation contract with Dick’s Plumbing, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Memorandum of Understanding Traffic signing between Itasca County and LLBO, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve agenda with addition, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting
April 16, 2015
LLBO Government Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

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

Motion by Penny DeVault to table the April 9, 2015 Minutes, second by Steve White. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve agenda with addition, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the April 9, 2015 Minutes, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-99 to participate with the Title VI Nation-wide Elderly Needs Assessment Leech Lake Health Division, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-100 authorizing the Leech Lake Housing Authority to complete and submit an application for Indian Community Development Block Grant funding on behalf of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe for the rehabilitation of affordable housing units, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015-101 Designating Funds for the construction of Onigum and S. Lake Center Projects & District I Projects, rescinding Resolution No. 2015-95, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Other:
Education – Lee Turney - Funding for summer youth. Submit a budget modification.

Motion by Steve White to approve the MCT/Human Services Division Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program – FY 2015, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the Foster Grandparent grant, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0. (No documents, approval to move forward)

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the renewal of Short Cressman & Burgess contract regarding the St. Regis Superfund site, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve the 2015 – 2016 LLR Fishing Season Dates, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Steve White to approve Lake Winnie closed to commercial netting until further notice, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

LL Family Violence Prevention: Sharon Finn

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve the Sexual Assault Application to the DHS - FVPSh, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve additional funds for dialysis $350,000.00 for the elder care unit to upgrade the water system from TERO (Joy Johnson is willing to assist), second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the recommendation from the Care Facility Planning Team, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 2 for 3 against. Motion carried 2-3-0. (For the record Carri opposed to additional information shared with contractors.)

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Letter of Intent for ClearWay MN Funding Opportunity, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting
April 28, 2015
LLBO Government Center
Cass Lake, Minnesota

Chairwoman Carri Jones called the meeting to order at 8:39 am

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

Motion by Penny DeVault to approval agenda with change, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Old Business:
Motion by Penny DeVault to table the April 16, 2015 Minutes, second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:
Motion by Steve White to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015 – 102 concerning a application submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, second by Penny DeVault. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015 – 103 2016 BIA Indian Highway Safety Grant, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015 – 104 grant application to the MN Dept. of Human Services Community Services Block grant, second by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks. Motion carried 4-0-0.
**LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re the Marriage of:
Flora White,
VS. Jared Hanson, Respondent
Court File No. FA-15-217
Court Date: April 21, 2016 at 11am

Rikki Blue-Robinson,
VS. Terry Robinson Jr., Respondent
Court File No. FA-15-167
Court Date: March 29, 2016 at 11am

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner above named has filed a legal action against you, the Respondent, asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file a response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Leech Lake Tribal Court on or before the court date provided above, a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the petitioner.

Leech Lake Tribal Council Quarterly Meeting Continued

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015–105 to adopt Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Taxation Codes Tax Titles 5 Chapter 12A and 12B Fireworks Safety Fee Revenue Allocation Formula with change, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Penny DeVault to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 2015 – 106 designating Leech Lake Financial Services as the Fireworks Safety Class Instructor, second by Steve White. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by LeRoy Staples Fairbanks to adjourn at 9:10 a.m., second by Arthur LaRose. Motion carried 4-0-0.
Rose Marie Brown

Rose Marie Brown, age 84, of St. Paul, Minnesota went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from the Golden Living Center in Walker, MN. Rose was born in Buck Lake, Minnesota on February 2, 1931, the daughter of John and Margaret (Martin) Brown.

Rose attended the Buck Lake School through the 8th grade. She moved to Minneapolis in the late 60’s and lived there until moving to the Golden Living Center in October of 2015. She always lived her life for others, raised her grandchildren and later raised a great granddaughter. Rose found the love of Jesus during her life and was very devoted to her Christianity. She often prayed for all of her family, friends and her people of the Leech Lake Reservation. In her youth, Rose loved to play the guitar and cooking alongside her father which lent itself to her cooking big meals for family who would visit, especially making sure their bellies were full as they headed home. Rose worked all of her life as a house keeper, both in the hotels around the metro area and in the private sector. In her free time, she loved to read her bible which she kept by her side at all times. She loved walking, often walking everywhere she needed to go. Rose read many Christian based books. She had a passion for rummaging and thrifting and taking rides. Rose treasured being with her family, especially the little ones.

Rose has been reunited with her son; Richard “Oly” Brown Sr., daughter; Barbara J. LittleEagle (Jeanie Brown), parents; John and Margaret Brown, brothers; Dan, Mike, Frank and Lyman Brown, sisters; Julia “Molly” Gilbert, Nancy Martin, Delia Wilson, Vivian Smith and Veronica Cummings, a very special cousin; Sherman Brown Sr., grandsons; Richie and an infant grandson.

She leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, one of whom she raised and was named after her ‘Lil Rosie’, one great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews, all who loved her dearly and will greatly miss her.

A service for Rose will begin at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 15th at the Victory Celebration Church in Roseville, MN. Visitation to begin one hour prior to services. Pastors Pamela and Jim Henkel will officiate. Following services in Roseville, Rose will travel to the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake for her wake that will begin at 9:00 p.m., Friday evening and continue until her funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 18th. Pastor Tim Brown will officiate. Those helping to lay Rose to rest are Jerome Johnson Jr., Ben White, Mike Harrison, Kenny Hanson, Nates Boswell-Brown, Bernie Brown Jr., Nicole Staples-Michaud and Darian Staples. Rose’s honorary pallbearers are Donovan Staples, Ed and Kim St. John, Cecil LittleEagle, Pam and Jim Henkel, Rodney Lucero, Waynie Wilson, Girlie White, Hogino Harrison, Beckly Littlewolf, Sarah Jones, Brenda Kornezos, Betty Ann Brown, Phyllis Gotchie, Frank Brown Jr., her granddaughters, nieces and nephews and all her friends at the Victory Celebration Church. Interment will be in the Leech Lake Reservation. In her free time, she loved to read her bible which she kept by her side at all times. She loved walking, often walking everywhere she needed to go. Rose read many Christian based books. She had a passion for rummaging and thrifting and taking rides. Rose treasured being with her family, especially the little ones.

Rose’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolence for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Darryl Kingbird

Darryl Thomas Kingbird, Jr., 33 years old, “Akadahkie” which means “Big Kettle With Legs” of Long Prairie, Minnesota began his spiritual journey, unexpectedly, on Thursday, January 21st, 2016 at his home. Darryl was born in Long Prairie Minnesota on December 20, 1982 to Darryl and Michelle (Mikel) Kingbird Sr.

Darryl was born and lived his whole life in Long Prairie, Minnesota. As a junior in high school he started working for Lake Country CNC and spent the next 17 years there as Machinist. When Darryl wasn’t working he enjoyed watching movies and listening to his volbeat music. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, netting and camping. Darryl liked bonfires and cooking, he especially liked grilling all types of foods and making wild rice hot dishes. Darryl enjoyed anything and everything that had to do with his Native American culture. He has left us too soon!

Darryl is reunited with his father; Darryl Kingbird Sr., paternal grandparents; John and Agnes Kingbird, maternal grandma; Barbara Mikel, uncles; Stewart Kingbird, Richard “Bibsy” Kingbird and Robert Morgan.

Family left behind to cherish his memory are his wife; Anna Engleman of ND, children; Kavan Engelman of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother; Michelle (Jeffrey) Opsal of ND and Tanya “Bubba” Seidel of Litchfield, mother;(579,246),(680,371)

Grief Support Talking Circle

“Join us every 2nd & 4th Wednesday for a talking circle to come together with others experiencing grief. Classes will continuing into year 2016. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach at healing.”

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Where: HD2 Building 312 1st Street (Cass Lake)
**Women’s Support Talking Circle**

Join us every 1st & 3rd Wednesday for a talking circle to come together with others starting **August 19th, 2015**. Craft supplies will be available for a therapeutic approach to living well.

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month  
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm  
Where: HD2 Building  
~Light Meal Provided~  
312 1st Street (Cass Lake)

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**Community Mental Health Practitioner/Outreach Job Opening**

Provide ARMHS skills training/outreach to people with long-term mental illness. Human services/behavioral science degree, or persons with 6,000 hours of supervised mental health experience preferred. Will consider FT/PT; FT has benefits. Send resume & cover letter to Hope House, rwold@paulbunyan.net. EOE Open until filled.

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**Minneapolis Chippewa Tribe Business Development Center**

Attention Enrolled MCT Members: Do you have a great business idea, but need help funding the start up? Want to know what resources are available to you? Already have a business and would like to expand? If you have any business questions, please contact us! A few things we offer are:

- Micro Loans up to $5,000
- Macro Loans up to $150,000
- General Business Counseling
- Financial Counseling
- Business Plan Development
- Minority Certification Assistance (Federal, State)

*Please call to request a Going into Business Packet (GIBP), which enlists requirements, procedures and more information.

For more information, please contact Heather Reuter, Business Development Specialist @ (218)335-8583x118 or [reuter@mnchippewatribe.org](mailto:reuter@mnchippewatribe.org)

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**Cobell Land Buy-Back Program**

Boozhoo, My name is Lance Northbird. I am an enrolled member of the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Fond du Lac Band). I am the newly hired Outreach Coordinator for the Cobell Land Buy-Back Program and I am here to help band members learn more about the program and how fractionation affects our future.

As you may know, the Department of the Interior has created the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program or Program) to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement. This Program allows interested landowners of fractional land to receive payments for voluntarily selling their land. Consolidated interests are immediately transferred to the tribal government and remain in trust for uses benefiting tribal members.

The Fond du Lac Band is working closely with the Buy-Back Program, and anticipates that purchase offers will begin going out to landowners Spring 2016. However, it is important that landowners gather information before they receive the offers (which are only valid for 45 days), so that you and your family can make informed decisions about your land.

We will be hosting several info sessions for interested landowners to learn more about the Buy-Back Program. Interested landowners can also contact Patti DuFault – Outreach Manager at (218) 878-7361 or by email at cobellbuyback@fdlrez.com.

Landowners can contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836 to update their contact information and register their interest in receiving an offer, ask questions about their land or purchase offers, and learn about financial planning resources. Registration in no way commits you to sell your land – nor does it guarantee that you will receive an offer – it is simply the best way to ensure that the Program is aware of your interest in receiving and considering an offer.

Individuals can also visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office, or find more information at [http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners](http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners).

Our upcoming information sessions provide you with an opportunity for you to learn more about our new program, ask questions, meet our new staff and socialize with other landowners. Please like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) at Cobell Buy Back Team and watch for event information. I look forward to seeing you at one of our outreach events.

Sincerely,

Lance Northbird, Outreach Coordinator  
Fond Du Lac Band’s Cobell Land Buy-Back Program

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