

DeBahJiMon

A Publication of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Vol. XXII No. 7 January 2008

DeBahJiMon
115 6th Street NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Return Service Requested
PRSRSTSD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bemidji, MN
Permit No.
68

New Study Looks at Homelessness on Northern Minnesota Indian Reservations.

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

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

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

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

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

Doubling up and homelessness often interchangeable

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

"To better understand the full picture of homelessness on reservations, we included people who were 'doubled up,'" said study director Greg Owen. "Extended family ties are strong on the reservations, and traditions dictate that when possible, people open

Homelessness - cont. on pg. 3

Leech Lake Youth Build Students in Training

by Patsy Gordon

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

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

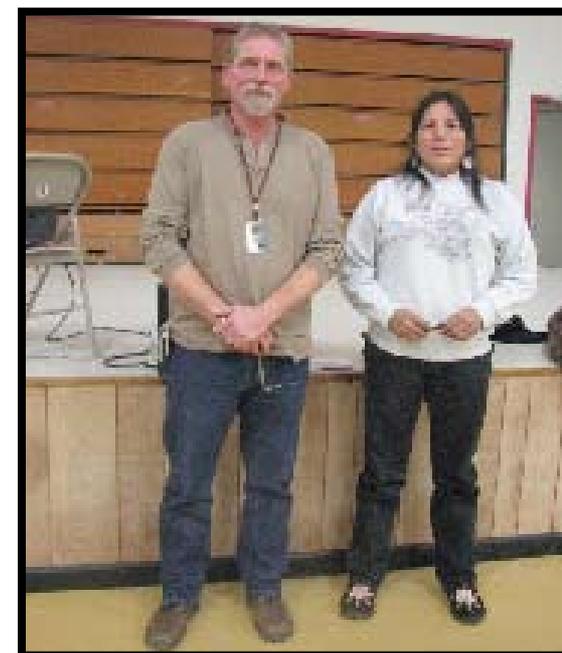
Group Leader, Austin Morris, who is also Chief of the Youth Build Program says, "Now I can finish school and make something of my life, and hopefully make a difference in the community too."

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

For more information please contact the Leech Lake Education Division located in the Facility Center in Cass Lake, telephone number 1-866-638-7738 or (21) 335-8250.



Top Row: (L to R): Bill Brown, Larry Hart, Vinnie Roy, John White, Joe Littlewolf, James Manypenny, Tony LaRose, Ben Gotchie; 3rd Row: Austin Morris, Carelee Gevin, Deanna Beaudreau, Kyle Goggeye, Chris Finn, David Stellick, Jr., Derek Fairbanks, 2nd Row: Ken Smith, Kayla Wakanabo, Harley Brown; 1st Row: Jenna Oshie, Jamie Brown, Nena Lovelace, Lucile Fisher, Lisa Fineday, Desiree Finn, and Shane Myers. Photo by Patsy Gordon



Mark Anderson, LLYB Construction Manager, and Bonnie Rock, LLYB Coordinator are in charge of the Youth Build program.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Message of Hope and Call to Action

By George Goggleye, Jr. Leech Lake Chairman

We as citizens of the United States have all read and heard of (some of us even lived through) times when hate, ignorance and fear caused major divisions in our society. When people speak of the good ol'days, my first thought is "the color of your skin or what your national origin or political affiliation was" played a key role in how "good" the "good ol' days" really were. From slavery, reservations, relocation camps (boarding schools) and the Red Scare to the War on Terrorism, we as citizens of the United States at one time or another have experienced times of unspeakable hate and intolerance.

Today, many people are under the misconception that their own communities are immune from these types of atrocities. But, it is my belief that the hate and intolerance that fueled these atrocities are still alive and continue to lurk in the fabric of our communities. When I was first elected Chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe over three years ago, I came into office full of hope and promise for the future of our Band. It was my belief that if I worked with the other Tribal Council members and the very capable staff of the Band that together we would be able to turn things around and move the Band into a promising future.

However, recently I have witnessed some very disturbing trends that have caused me concern beyond words. When you start scratching below the surface by asking tough questions and promoting partnerships between the Leech Lake Reservation and local city, county and state governments, you begin to see deep-seated racist attitudes surface. Of course not all people have those attitudes but enough to cause serious concern.

Here within our own tribal communities, I have been subjected to a vicious and vile slander campaign that has included personal attacks on my wife and father. Basically, many

that I have worked with or consulted with in order to implement change and to promote policies and procedures during my term in office have been subjected to lies and brutal attacks on their personal lives. Whether right or wrong, mistakes that I have made in my personal life have been made into public spectacle with bold attempts being made to publicly humiliate me and my family members. It is my heartfelt belief that all the personal attacks and viciousness are a blatant attempt to distract and put fear into the hearts of our tribal community members in order to keep the real issues that truly affect all of us from surfacing to be openly discussed and considered.

Throughout our history there have been dark and dangerous times that threatened to divide, conquer and eventually destroy our communities. But, powerful leaders and citizens in every instance have arisen to fight against the oppression and hate that threatened to engulf us: Abraham Lincoln stood against slavery; Martin Luther King stood against the brutal treatment Black people suffered at the hands of the white dominant society in the deep South; and Dennis Banks and other American Indian Movement leaders stood up for Indian people and their rights in the early 70's.

We are currently in the midst of some very turbulent and dangerous times, our Country is fighting a war for questionable reasons that has in turn cost thousands of lives, people are being held in custody with no legal process to protect them while their interrogation tapes are destroyed, innocent people are being gunned down in this nation's schools and malls. Here in our tribal communities it is common knowledge that Gangs have targeted us to be a criminal haven for their drug operations.

Reflecting on this, my message is simple: Now is not the time to be quiet and still. Instead, now is the time to stand up and be heard. Now is the time for us to be like those before us who stood and made a difference when danger was near. We need not fear to say what needs to be said, we need not fear to ask what needs to be asked and most of all we need not fear to do what is right.

Thank you.



Leech Lake Chairman, George Goggleye, Jr., and Executive Director, Rodney White sign the MOU between Cass County Human Services and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Photo by Patsy Gordon

Leech Lake Band Signs MOU With Cass County

By Rose Robinson and Lisa Sherman, Leech Lake ICWA

On January 1, 2008 the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) will assume responsibility for responding to child maltreatment reports and providing child welfare services on the Leech Lake Reservation. The Leech Lake Child Welfare Program signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cass County on Friday, December 21, 2007. Cass County had previously signed the MOU on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. This MOU with Cass County is to establish guidelines for the implementation of the American Indian Child Welfare Initiative. The MOU also defines the transition process for child welfare and child protection services from the county to the LLBO Child Welfare Department. Initial activities to develop infrastructure began late February '07, with the signing of a contract for funding.

The three other counties within the Reservation (Itasca, Beltrami, and Hubbard) are said to be currently collaborating with the Band

MOU - Continued on Page 8

Do you have a killer in your HOME? January is National Radon Action Month

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among non-smokers. If you are a smoker and have dangerous levels of radon in your home your chances of getting cancer multiply dramatically. Radon, an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas, is a decay product of uranium occurring naturally in soil and rock found even here in Minnesota. Radon can be a problem in all types of homes including old homes, new homes, drafty homes, insulated homes, homes with basements, crawlspaces, and homes without basements. The National average is 1 in 15 homes have high radon levels. The Minnesota average is 1 in 3 homes. Testing your home is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high.

EPA's most recent health risk assessment estimates that approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year are attributed to radon. Testing for and measurement of this dangerous gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive and effective. If elevated radon levels are detected in the home there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce the concentrations to acceptable levels. Protect your family. Test your home. If you haven't tested your home it now during National Radon Action Month. If you have further questions about Radon, please call the Air Quality Program at the DRM at 218-335-7429, 7441 or call the National Radon Information Line at: 1-800-homelessness, SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236). The Leech Lake Air Quality Program has radon kits available free of charge to community members. Please limit one test per household.

Free Radon Kits Available

Test your home for the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Get your free radon test kit from the DRM Air Quality Program between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 218-335-7429

Protect yourself and your family with this free easy to use kit. One per household.

Homelessness

Nearly two-thirds (62%) of people in doubled up situations had been living "temporarily" with others for over a year, and almost one-third (31%) had been without housing of their own for three years or longer. Of those who had been without a place of their own for more than a year, only 19 percent had stayed in the same place for 12 months or longer. According to Owen, "Survey findings disprove the stereotype that overcrowding occurs because the American Indian people prefer to double-up with extended family: 98 percent of doubled-up respondents would prefer to be in their own housing if they could find or afford it." The results also show that many of these doubled-up arrangements are not stable, and frequently result in actual homelessness," said Carol Priest, Red Lake Homeless Shelter executive director. "When an individual or family does not have a home base to operate from, everyday life activities - such as maintaining employment,

getting kids to school, or scheduling doctor's appointments - can become overwhelming."

Who are the homeless and near-homeless?

Slightly more women (52%) than men (48%) were homeless or living with others on the reservations. Of the 674 people interviewed, 241 had children with them on the night of the survey. The average age of homeless adults was 32 for men and 31 for women, somewhat younger than found in the statewide homeless survey (41 for men, 33 for women). About one-third of adults (34%) had not completed high school (26% in the statewide study.)

Significant findings: Housing conditions: Most overcrowded, but few substandard

Nine out of ten people surveyed on the reservations were staying temporarily with relatives or friends. The reservations surveyed lacked adequate housing for the number of people living on them. Nearly two-thirds of those doubled-up with others were living in overcrowded housing, that is, housing that has more residents than rooms. While most respondents reported they had full plumbing (94%) and full kitchens (93%), these rates are lower than in rural Minnesota in general, according to the 2000 census, which found virtually all homes had full baths (99.3%) and full kitchens (99.4%).

Economic distress is high

The average monthly income among survey respondents was just \$517 per month. Less than one-third (31%) of homeless adults in the study were employed, and only 18 percent had full-time jobs. Barriers to employment included lack of education and employment history, lack of employment opportunities, transportation and housing; and substance abuse problems.

Many have health concerns

About one-third of homeless adult respondents reported at least one chronic health problem. High blood pressure, chronic respiratory

problems and diabetes were among the most common health concerns reported. Substance abuse, mental illness, head injuries and cognitive disabilities were concerns, but each of these concerns was less common than among Minnesota's overall homeless population.

"We've known for years that we have a problem with homelessness on our Reservations in Minnesota," said Melanie Benjamin, chief executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians. "This study provides the hard evidence. It will help us leverage resources to address this critical issue."

The study was funded by the Blandin Foundation, the Minnesota Housing Partnership, The Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the Hearth Connection's Northeast Project, and the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

You can download this report at <http://www.wilder.org/report.html?id=2018>

Learn more

Find other reports on homelessness in Minnesota, at www.wilderresearch.org.

For more information about homeless studies conducted by Wilder Research, contact Greg Owen at 651-647-4612.

The Bois Forte reservation is located in extreme northern Minnesota about 45 miles south of the Canadian border. The reservation is divided into three sectors - Nett Lake, Vermilion and Deer Creek. The majority of the reservation population resides in the largest sector, Nett Lake. According to the 2000 census the population of Bois Forte reservation is 657.

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is located near Cloquet, MN, about 16 miles south of Duluth, MN. The Reservation is composed of 101,000 acres of land, of which 30 percent is controlled by the Band. There are approximately 4,000 Fond du Lac Band members, and about 1,800 live on Reservation.

The Leech Lake Reservation, located in rural Minnesota, has 23 housing

communities that are separated by distances of 20 to 80 miles covering over 1,050 square miles. The major portion of the Reservation is located in Cass County, which is ranked 5th in the state for the number of persons below 200 percent of the poverty level. The Band has nearly 9,000 enrolled members.

The Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians has an enrolled membership of approximately 3800. Nearly half of the Band's population resides on reservation lands in three Districts throughout east-central Minnesota.

The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians lives on their aboriginal homeland in northern Minnesota of 825,842 acres of land and water. About 6,300 tribal members live on the Red Lake Reservation; total enrollment is approximately 9,800.

The White Earth Reservation comprises a large part of the county of Mahnomen, the northern two tiers of townships in Becker County and some of the western two tiers of townships in Clearwater County for a total of approximately 990,000 acres. The population of White Earth Reservation is 9,188, which includes 4,055 enrolled Indians in or near the reservation's boundaries. Currently, the land within the reservation borders is 90 percent privately owned by non-Indian individuals and only 10 percent is controlled by the White Earth Tribal Government.

Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a nonprofit organization that works with communities across the nation to create permanent affordable housing where people receive high-quality support services to meet their needs. Since founded in 1991, it has provided advocacy, expertise, leadership, and financial resources to advance supportive housing -- supplying homes and hope for those struggling with disabling conditions.

Wilder Research is one of the nation's largest independent, nonpartisan research centers focused on health and human services, with special attention to the most vulnerable people in the community.

13 Foods That Fight Cardiovascular Disease

By Audrey Wuori, Leech Lake Health Div.

You can definitely reduce your risk of developing cardiovascular disease by eating foods that are rich in fiber, folate, and Omega-3 fatty acids. Every day fresh produce provide the foundation for a heart-healthy diet because they help wipe out free radicals in the bloodstream, protecting blood vessels. Try to eat foods in there natural form, as it comes from the ground, the less processed the better. Whole grains, beans and legumes, nuts, fatty fish, and teas are just as important -- offering all sorts of complex heart-protective nutrients. That's why variety is best in selecting heart-healthy foods. Here's a list of foods that help fight off cardiovascular diseases:

- 1.) **Salmon**, rich in Omega-3 fatty acids.
- 2.) **Flaxseed (ground)**-Omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, phytoestrogens
- 3.) **Oatmeal**- Omega-3 fatty acids, magnesium, potassium, folate, niacin, calcium, soluble fiber.
- 4.) **Black or Kidney Beans**- B-complex vitamins, niacin, folate, magnesium, omega-3 fatty acids, calcium, soluble fiber.
- 5.) **Almonds** -Plant omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin E, magnesium, fiber, heart-favorable mono- and polyunsaturated fats, phytosterols.
- 6.) **Tuna**-Omega-3 fatty acids, folate, niacin
- 7.) **Blueberries**-Beta-carotene and lutein (carotenoids); anthocyanin (a flavonoid), ellagic acid (a polyphenol), vitamin C, folate, calcium, magnesium, potassium, fiber.
- 8.) **Carrots**-Alpha-carotene, fiber
- 9.) **Spinach**-Lutein, B-complex vitamins, folate, magnesium, potassium, calcium, fiber.
- 10.) **Broccoli**-Beta-carotene, vitamins C and E, potassium, folate, calcium, fiber.
- 11.) **Sweet potato**-Beta-carotene, vitamins A, C, E, and fiber.
- 12.) **Tomatoes**-Beta- and alpha-carotene, lycopene, lutein, vitamin C, potassium, folate, fiber.
- 13.) **Oranges**- Beta-cryptoxanthin, beta- and alpha-carotene, lutein, and flavones, vitamin C, potassium, folate, fiber

Add these foods to your dishes to add antioxidants, fiber, and vitamins to your meals. If you have more questions

about making healthy choices for a healthy lifestyle, please call Audrey @ (218) 335-4500 with Leech Lake Nutrition Program.

Try this tasty Heart Healthy Recipe:

Tuna Salsa Wraps

By Audrey Wuori
Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 can of Tuna in water
- ¼ cup light Mayo or fat free Mayo
- 1 tsp. light mustard
- ½ cup of salsa
- ¼ cup black beans
- ¼ cup shredded carrots
- 6 whole grain tortillas
- 1 ½ cup mixed baby greens (spinach, lettuce)
- ¾ cup 2% milk shredded cheddar

Directions:

Warm each tortilla according to the package instructions. In a small bowl, combine the first six recipe ingredients in the order given, mixing well to create a "tuna salsa" mix. Lay each one of the warmed tortillas on a cutting board. On the center of each tortilla, place an equal portion of the shredded lettuce, tuna mixture and top each with a pinch of shredded Cheddar cheese. Fold the long end of the tortilla over ingredients and roll tightly. Enjoy!

Mn/DOT Urges Motorists to be Prepared for Travel in Cold Weather

BEMIDJI, Minn. - With temperatures dipping below zero and accompanied by harsh winds, motorists should be prepared if problems occur when traveling. The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds motorists that changing weather conditions could quickly alter road conditions and drivers need to pay special attention to their winter driving skills.

Driving tips:

- Slow down.
- Never use cruise control on wet or icy roadways.
- Check your tires for proper inflation for cold weather.
- Be patient. Allow more time to get to

FREE WILLS AND OTHER ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Take advantage of this opportunity

Anishinabe Legal Services can provide Wills, Health Care Directives and Durable Powers of Attorney, at no charge.

The usual income and asset guidelines do not apply. An application for legal assistance is required. Income and asset questions are asked for statistical purposes only, but will not affect eligibility.

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

WHO NEEDS A WILL?

If you are over age 18, and:

- *Have trust land, non-trust land or personal property;
- *Have children, or stepchildren under age 18;
- *Want to leave property to someone who is not in your immediate family.

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

Sponsored by: the Indian Land Tenure Foundation and The Institute for Estate Planning and Probate. Funding is scheduled to end on April 30, 2008.

your destination. Keep a safe distance from the snowplows and other vehicles. Turn on your lights. Brush snow from your car that could cover your tail lights. **Preparing your vehicle for cold temperatures:** Get your vehicle winterized. Test fluids, battery, wipers, exhaust and lights. Check your tires for proper inflation for cold weather.

Keep an adequate amount of gas to prevent gasoline freeze up. Keep items in your vehicle that could save your life if you become stranded such as blankets, warm clothing, booster cables, flashlight and a shovel. For additional information on safety tips visit: <http://www.winterweather.state.mn.us/> the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties of Minnesota), information, dial 511 or log on to www.511mn.org.

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

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$2,200 through the Anishinabe Arts Initiative (AAI) Program. Monies awarded are for arts activities related to its mission of supporting, maintaining, and promoting traditional and contemporary Native American arts in North Central Minnesota. The Anishinabe Arts Initiative grants program is supported by a grant from the McKnight Foundation. Current AAI Council members are Tom Buckanaga, Dawn Goodwin, Douglas Lee, Genny Lowry, Bernice Mitchell, Audrey Thayer, Debra Warren, and Delina White.

The recipients and information about their projects are listed below. Gordeaux LaFleur, a visual artist from Warroad received \$500 to purchase a roll of silk screen film for production of silk screen patterns on Native and graphic art T-Shirts for a small business project.

The White Earth Land Recovery Project in Callaway was granted \$1,200 to assist them in providing a workshop for youths and one for adults in the art of black ash basket making. The workshop will be taught by Clyde Estey, Jr. Call Janna Knittel (218)375-2600 for more information.

The Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School in Bena, received \$500 to assist in purchasing materials needed to make dance outfits. The materials will be used in an after school program to assist 80 students in making dance outfits so they can participate in the Silver Eagles Dance Troupe.

The next deadline for R2AC Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants is March 5, 2008.

Other available grants include: Arts Project Grants, deadline March 12, 2008; Individual Artist Grants, deadline February 6, 2008; McKnight Grants (open only to 501(c) 3 arts organizations), deadline January 9, 2008; and the General Operating Support Grants (open only to non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 arts organizations located in and serving the people of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties of Minnesota), deadline February 13, 2008.

To receive an application form,

call Terri Widman at 751-5447 or 1-800-275-5447 or visit our website at www.r2arts.org. R2AC Anishinabe Arts Initiative Grants are funded through an appropriation from the McKnight Foundation.

Dorgan: American Indian Health Care a National Embarrassment

By Sen. Byron Dorgan, Chairman of Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Recently in North Dakota, a woman from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation had severe chest pains and extremely high blood pressure. At a local IHS clinic, she was diagnosed as having a heart attack. The staff of the clinic insisted she go by ambulance to the nearest major hospital, 80 miles away. She resisted because she knew she would be billed for the trip and could not afford it, but the clinic insisted.

When she arrived at the hospital and was being transferred from the ambulance to a gurney, an envelope was found taped to her leg. In the envelope was a letter stating that the IHS lacked funds to pay for the health care she needed because a "life or limb" medical condition was not involved. Really? A suspected heart attack is not "life or limb"? Fortunately, the individual survived. But she later received a bill for approximately \$10,000.

This past August, the U.S. Senate's Indian Affairs Committee held a hearing at the Crow Reservation in Montana. The Crow Tribe's health director told this heartbreaking story about her 5-year-old granddaughter, Ta'Shon Rain Littlelight.

Between May and August of 2006, Ta'Shon was brought numerous times to an IHS clinic. She was treated for depression. During one clinic visit, Ta'Shon's grandfather pointed out the bulbous condition of her fingertips and toes, believing that this condition indicated a lack of oxygen to the body. The grandfather's concern was dismissed. In June 2006, the grandmother asked Ta'Shon's doctor to eliminate the possibilities of cancer or leukemia. Once again, the concern went unheeded.

In August 2006, Ta'Shon suffered a collapsed lung. She ended up in Denver, where she was diagnosed with an incurable form of cancer. She died on Sept. 1, 2006. Her grandmother believed that Ta'Shon's last two years of life were spent in "unmedicated pain" and wondered whether an earlier diagnosis would have made any difference.

These stories are repeated every day on Indian reservations across the country. Health care has become a hot issue. But as we work to improve the nation's health care system, we ignore the health care crisis affecting American Indians, the First Americans.

Why is Native health care not simply an indistinguishable component of the overall health care system? Because our country has an affirmative trust obligation toward American Indians. That obligation is grounded in numerous treaties and, more generally, in the moral responsibility for the negative impact over generations of changing federal policies.

The great Chief Justice John Marshall, in the 1831 decision of Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, recognized that the United States had a unique trustee relationship toward Indian tribes.

Statistics highlight the desperate condition of American Indian health care. Compared to the U.S. population as a whole, Natives have a 600 percent higher incidence of tuberculosis, a 189 percent higher incidence of diabetes and a 510 percent higher incidence of alcoholism. Suicides on reservations in the northern Great Plains are 10 times higher than the national average.

To improve the performance of the United States as trustee for the health care of American Indians, more funding and continuous innovation are needed. For 2005, the per capita federal health expenditure by the IHS was \$2,130. By the way, that's about one-half the per capita spending for federal prisoners' health care, and it was far below the estimated per capita benchmarks of Medicare at \$6,784 and the Veterans Administration at \$4,653. It means we have full-scale "health care rationing" for American Indians, and it has to stop. We need to meet our obligations.

The U.S. Congress is now considering a reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. It has been

eight years since the Congress has taken action to improve Indian health care. This new legislation will make some needed improvements such as developing a new type of convenient care clinic and authorizing a new effort to combat the clusters of teen suicides on Indian reservations. But this is just a first step.

Our nation has a trust responsibility for the health of American Indians, and it's long past time we own up to that responsibility.

NATIVE YOUTH CRISIS HOTLINE

1-877-209-1266

Letter of the Day: Perpich Legacy Includes Indian Gaming Rights

Mpls. Star Tribune - Oct. 26, 2007

Although my brother Rudy was open to many innovative ideas while he was governor, I am most proud of his courage in establishing Indian Gaming rights in Minnesota. It would take up an entire issue of the Star Tribune to list everything that the white man has stolen from the Indians since we landed on this continent. It was a just and equitable policy that has benefited our Native American communities.

George Perpich, Shoreview

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

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

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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

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

- 1. If you are found in Contempt of Court, you may be subject to an additional penalty equal to the amount of the fine originally 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, Chief Judge of Tribal Court.

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

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Brown, Curtis (TR-00-149), Carlson, Dana (TR-99-83), Fairbanks, Amanda Leigh (TR-00-103), etc.

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

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Johnson, Samuel, Jr. (TR-00-140), Kingbird, Daniel, Jr. (TR-00-140), etc.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Beaudreau, Robert Louis (TR-01-348), Butcher, Corey Gene (TR-00-124), Hare, Kymberly Marie (TR-07-118), etc.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 5, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Bellanger, Joanne Ruth (TR-06-43), Brown, Dennis Keith (TR-99-27), Brown, Dennis Keith (TR-00-197), etc.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 19, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Barney, Frances O. (TR-03-571), Belgarde, Bryan Nat (TR-07-77), Cooper, Bryant Eugene (TR-07-173), etc.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Defendant. Lists cases such as Roper, James Lee (TR-99-90), Ross-Jones, Vanessa B. (TR-06-152), Solis, Teresa Lynn (TR-03-636), etc.

Legal notice box for LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT. Includes court address, case details for J.L.M., and a notice of legal publication regarding a name change application.

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

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

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

Dated this 18th day of December 2007.

APPEARANCE DATE: January 15, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Charge and Date. Lists cases such as Kenneth J. Beaulieu Jr. (TR-07-201), Nicole M. Drift (TR-07-027), Charles A. Kingbird (TR-07-123), etc.

APPEARANCE DATE: February 12, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

Table with 3 columns: Defendant, Case No., Charge and Date. Lists cases such as Charles F. Braman (TR-07-207), Candice R. Jackson (TR-07-217), Delphine S. Littlewolf (TR-07-089), etc.



MOU -Cont. from page 2

on creating MOU's very similar to the one signed with Cass County.

The Child Welfare Program will be posting public notices all around the Leech Lake communities, including the Cass Lake area. The public notice will provide a few details regarding the MOU and a list of phone numbers, including the Child Welfare

office, the county Human Services' offices, and law enforcement. For further information about the services provided by the Leech Lake Child Welfare Program, please request a brochure from the Child Welfare office at 218-335-4435.

Reports of maltreatment of children residing on the reservation should be directed to 218-335-8270. After hour reports of maltreatment will continue to go to law enforcement.

Attention Leech Lake Families:

The Office of Special Trustees has been working with the Office of Tribal Enrollments to locate individual tribal members who have funds in Individual Indian Monies accounts. If your name is listed, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Office of Tribal Enrollments, 115 Sixth Street NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 or fax the completed form to 218-335-3686. Once the form is received by Tribal Enrollments, we will send you the appropriate forms to claim your IIM Account. You can also call the OST at 1-888-678- 6836. Miigwech!

Enrollee Address Update			
Today's Date:		Time:	
Name: First	Middle	Maiden	Last
DOB:		Place of Birth:	
Current/New Mailing Address:		Physical Address:	
City	State	Zip	
SS#:	Reservation & Band:		
Telephone #:	Email Address:		
Mother: First	Middle	Maiden	Last/Married
Father: First	Middle	Last	
Tribal ID#:	Blood Quantum:		
Signature:	Date:		

- a. Provide a Social Security #
- b. Complete & Sign your own update/request, one per person
- c. Legal Name Change: Marriage, Divorce, Adoption, PROVIDE LEGAL DOCUMENTATION
- d. Do not use nicknames, please list all married names and other names used
- e. Each adult must fill out his/her update, UNLESS CONSIDERED INCOMPETENT, then a power of attorney must accompany the update/request.

**Mail Update/Request to: Office of Tribal Enrollments
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E
Cass Lake, MN 56633**

I am an enrolled member requesting:
 _____ Address Update
 _____ Name Change (Legal Documentation)
 _____ IIM Request Applications

**If you live on Leech Lake Reservation, which community do you live in?

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
AGGARWAL	RAMONA R (JACK-SON)	BENJAMIN	KARLA R
AITKEN	DENISE M	BENSON	LENORA M
AITKEN	ROBERT H	BERG	ROBERTA J
AITKIN	ROBERT A	BERGLOFF	LISA
ALEXANDER	LORETTA	BEVINS	DENISE M
ALGER	JAMES M	BIRKHOFFER	SHERYLLE J
ALGER	JENNIFER	BLACKETTER JR	CHARLES W
ALLEN	TERRI L	BLACKETTER JR	CHARLES W
ALLEN	ERIC J	BLAKELY	MELVIN
ALLEN III	JAMES E	BLAKELY	FARON J
ANDERSON	JAMES K	BLAKELY	FARON J
ANDERSON	SUSAN	BLUEWOLF	J D
ANDERSON	BEVERLY	BONGO	RUTH M
ANDERSON	DEBRA J	BOWERS	JERRY
ANOKA JR	GEORGE	BOWSTRING	BRUCE J
ANOKA JR	GEORGE	BOWSTRING	JOE A
ARNDT	RENEE	BOWSTRING	MARVIN L
ARRINGTON	LORETTA M	BOWSTRING	BENJAMIN E
ASPINWALL	CARRIE	BROWN	RACHEL E
ATKINSON	APRIL J	BROWN	YVONNE E
AUSTIN	MARCY A	BROWN	CLAUDIA K
BACKUS	DIANE	BROWN	REBECCA
BAKER II	JAMES S	BROWN	DIANA M
BALLINGER	ALLAN L	BROWN	LETTIE B
BARRETT	ROBERT L	BROWNEAGLE	ROBERT J
BAUER	FRANCES J	BRUCE	BONITA
BEAULIEU	ELIZABETH A	BRUCE	HENRY
BEAULIEU	BONNIE	BRUCE	WILLIAM
BEAULIEU	LORETTA L	BRUCE	BONITA M
BEAULIEU	SHERRI R	BRUCE JR	CLINTON
BEAULIEU	EDWARD C	BRYAN	CLINTON E
BEBEAU	BARBARA A	BRYAN	CLINTON E
BEBEAU	STACY L	BUKANAGA	ARLEN W
BEBEAU	ANTHONY L	BUKANAGA	CARMEN R
BEBEAU	LEON J	BUKANAGA	DARWIN N
BEBEAU	STEVEN M	BUKANAGA	EUGENE D
BEBEAU	LEON J	BUDREAU	RONALD D
BEBEAU	SHELLEY R	BUDREAU	TERRANCE L
BEDEAU	CAROL R	BUDREAU	ROGER
BEDEAU	JAMES D	BUDREAU	KENNETH
BEDEAU	LEONA M	BURNETTE	KIM
BEDEAU	LEONARD	BURNETTE	LILLIAN J
BEDEAU	JOANNE	BURNETTE	ALICE C
BEDEAU	JOHN J	BURNETTE	LILLIAN G
BEDEAU JR	JOSEPH J	BURNETTE	ESTHER J
BELL	EMMA A	BURNS	EDWARD
BELLANGER	DARLENE D	BURNS	SHELLY
BELLANGER	JAMES K	BURSEY	JUDITH M
BELLANGER	FLORINE J	BUTCHER	LORRAINE V
BELLINGER	TANYA S	BUTCHER JR	WILLIAM J
BENDORF	DELAINE	BUTLER	ERNEST R
BENJAMIN	CAROL J	ESTEY	SHIRLEY A
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
BUTLER	ERNEST R	FAIRBANKS	RAYMOND E
BUTLER	GWENDOLYN J	FAIRBANKS	SOPHIA

CAMERON	NANCY K (HEAD-BIRD)	FAIRBANKS	WILLIAM E
CAMPBELL	DONALD	FAIRBANKS	SANDRA F
CARLSTROM	GRANT	FAIRBANKS	RICHARD
CARPENTER	GEORGE W	FAIRBANKS	TINA M
CHARETTE	JEROME G	FAIRBANKS	ERNEST A
CHARETTE	LAVERN D	FAIRBANKS	LEO
CHARETTE	LOUIS	FAIRBANKS	WILLIAM
CHASE	JESSE A	FAIRBANKS	BRIAN L
CHASE	GLADYS A	FAIRBANKS	TRACY A
CHASE	DEBORAH	FAIRBANKS SR	ALFRED
CHOMILO	YVONNE C	FALLSFEATHER JR	JAMES
CLOUD	JAMES T	FICK	TAMARA M
CLOUD	TRENTON J	FINEDAY	ORLANDO T
CLOUD	DOUGLAS S	FINEDAY	YVONNE
COBENAIS	DARLENE S	FISHER	CELESTE
COBLE	EDWARD	FLORES JR	ABEL
COMMAND	HARRY F	FREICHELS	WENDY S
CONKLIN	LEROY L	FULLER	SUZANNE C
CONNORS	RICKY J	GALE	MELISSA M
CRONIN	MICHAEL J	GALE	DYLAN R
CUTBANK	JUSTIN L	GALE	LORI R
DAUGHERTY	NANCY	GALE	STERLING
DAY	NICOLE D	GALE	DARYL
DAY	MICHAEL J	GALE	FRANKLIN L
DAY	DONALD	GALE JR	BERT
DAY	LAWRENCE	GARCIA	ANTHONY D
DAY JR	JOHN	GARRETT	LOU ANN
DELVAS	KAREN	GELUK	JENNIFER B
DICK	KELLY W	GOGGLEYE	VERNON E
DICK	LOIS A	GOGGLEYE	ROBERT L
DICK	CALVIN	GONO	VIRGINIA R
DICK	KELLY W	GOODSKY	ELIZABETH
DICK	PRESTON J	GOTCHIE	SHEILA K
DILTS	JEAN A	GRAHAM	SIERRA E
DONNELL	GEORGE F	GREENE	GLENN
DONNELL	RICHARD D	GREENE	VIRGINIA
DONOVAN	ALICE M	GREENLEE	RICHARD C
DOYLE	BONNIE	GRIFFITH	GINA
DROUILLARD	JOHN E	GROBE	YVONNE M
DRUMBEATER	THOMAS W	GROBE	JAYNE A
DRUMBEATER	CAROLINE	GROVE	MABEL E
DRUMBEATER	ROXANNE	GURNEAU	DARLENE J
DRUMBEATER	THOMAS	HAMMIDA	JANET
DUNCANSON	LORETTA M	HANKS	ARLENE M
DUNN	BEATRICE A	HANKS	PATRICK
DUNN	ONAWA W	HANSON	JOHN M
DURANT	TAMMY	HANSON	MARK D
DURANT JR	ROGER	HARPER	MICHELLE M
DYE	LANCE D	HARRISON	FABIUS W
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	FIRST NAME	FIRST NAME
ELDRIDGE	DONITA R	JOHNSON	MARGARET
HARRISON	IRENE	JOHNSON	CYNTHIA
HASBARGEN	LINDA R	JOHNSON	MILLISSA M
HAUGEN	BRIAN	JOHNSON	JOSHUA M
HAUGEN JR	CECIL	JOHNSON	TYLER G
HAWKINS	DARLENE	JOHNSON	MARCUS W

HAYES	RICHARD D	JOHNSON	JUSTIN
HEADBIRD	CHARLES J	JOHNSON	MARY
HEADBIRD	JANICE L	JOHNSON	ETHEL
HEADBIRD	DARRYL	JOHNSON	DARRELL D
HEADBIRD	GARY	JOHNSON	GREG C
HEADBIRD	SUSAN	JOHNSON	PAUL C
HEADBIRD JR	DARRYL K	JOHNSON	RAYMOND J
HEINZER	DENISE J	JOHNSON	RODNEY W
HERRERA	JO ANNE	JOHNSON	ROSETTA J
HERRERA	JOHN R	JOHNSON	ERIC
HILL	LANETTE M	JOHNSON	RODNEY J
HOLLER	THERESA A	JOHNSON	ELAYNE J
HO-LLINGSWOR-TH	DALIAS M	JOHNSON	MELVIN F
HO-LLINGSWOR-TH	DALIAS M	JOHNSON JR	JOE L
HOLMBERG	SCOTT D	JONES	WILLIAM D
HOOKER	NICOLE D	JONES	FRANCES J
HOSHAL	CYNTHIA K	JONES	STEPHANIE A
HOWARD	DORIS M	JONES	CHRISTOPHER M
HOWARD	HARVEY	JONES	SUSAN
HUMPHREY	LINDA	JONES	BARBARA L
HUMPHREY	DEBORAH	JONES	CHRISTINE
HUMPHREY	GERALD E	JONES	DEBRA L
HURD	CHARLES E	JONES	JOSEPH S
JACKSON	JANICE E	JONES	THOMAS
JACKSON	JOSEPH	JONES	VERONICA
JACKSON	BENJAMIN E	JONES	SHANITA M
JACKSON	IDA C	JORDAN	RAYMOND
JACKSON	MERLYN E	JOURDAIN	CELESTA J
JACKSON	ALVIN E	JULIEN	JOSEPH
JACKSON	DEBRA L	JULIEN	MARK
JACKSON	STEVEN G	KAHOOMBAUSH	FRANK J
JACKSON JR	DAVID	KELLEY	DOROTHY M
JACOBS	PAMELA	KESICK	THERESA D
JAEGER	SUZANNE A	KETCHUM	JEAN N
JENKINS	TAMI J	KINGBIRD	STEWART E
JENKINS	JERROLD A	KLASEN	JUNE S
JENKINS	MICHAEL J	KNEIP	AMANDA L
JENKINS	SAMUEL Q	LAGRONE	DARREN G
JENKINS	SHANNON J	LAPRAIRIE	JENNIE M
JENKINS	RYANNE	LATUALA	JENNIFER L
JOHN	SHARON R	LAWRENCE JR	CLAYTON J
JOHNSON	DOROTHY M	LEDEAUX	MARY L
JOHNSON	ELSIE	LEGUIRE	BARBARA J
JOHNSON	ROBERT	LEITH	SYLVIA
JOHNSON	THOMAS	LEJEUNESSE	ELIZABETH
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
JOHNSON	NANCY A	LEWIS	CONNIE K
JOHNSON	RICHARD R	MICHAUD	BRUCE
LEWIS	GEORGIANNA	MICHAUD	MICHAEL
LEWIS	GEORGI A	MICHAUD JR	JOHN
LEWIS	GORDON D	MITCHELL	DANIEL
LEWIS	LANCE V	MITCHELL	DOUGLAS
LEWIS	ROBERT D	MITCHELL	FRANK

LEWIS	GEORGIANA	MITCHELL	DANIEL
LIBBY	MARCELLA E	MITCHELL	JOSEPH
LIBERTY	ADRIAN R	MITCHELL	TERRANCE
LIBERTY	KIMBERLY A	MITCHELL	VICKY L
LIBERTY	MICHAEL S	MITCHELL	RONALD R
LINCOLN	MRS JOHN	MOLASH	DELBERT JULIAN
LINDBERG	DELORES J	MONROE	MICHAEL J
LINDEMAN	HELEN	MONROE	JOHN
LINDOM	PAUL E	MONROE	ROGER G
LITTLEWOLF	JIMMY D	MONROE	ADELIN E
LORENTZEN	LEISHA M	MOON	TIMOTHY C
LORENTZEN	LEISHA M	MOORE	WILLIAM E
LOSH	KENNETH C	MORGAN	ROBERT
LUCERO	KIM R	MORGAN-JOHNSON	ERNESTINE
LUCKEN	JAMES E	MORRIS	THOMAS
LUDGATE	ROBERT F	MORRIS	JAMIE L
LUNDSTROM	WILLIAM C	MORRIS	DANA R
LUNDSTROM	WILLIAM	MORRIS	MARGARET A
LUSSIER	LEEANN	MORRIS	MICHAEL P
LYDICK	MARK O	MORRIS	CHRISTOPHER H
LYDICK	NELLIE M	MORRISSETTE	MARJORIE E
LYONS	GEORGE	MORROW	JOHN
LYONS	STEVEN W	MORROW	KENNETH B
LYONS	GERALD F	MORROW	LAVERNE
LYONS	ALFRED	MORROW	ROBERTA J
LYONS	CHARLES T	MORROW	CHERYL L
LYONS	STEVEN W	MORROW	JACQUELYN K
LYONS	SARAH L	MORROW	MARLENE
MAAS	MELINDA L	MORROW JR	MAX
MAAS	PATRICK C	MUNNELL	KEN R
MAAS	PETER E	MUNNELL	JAMES
MAAS	PHILLIP L	MUNNELL	REBECCA A
MAAS	ANGELA	MUNNELL	KENNETH C
MADIGAN	LARRY E	MUNNELL	KEN R
MADIGAN	BRENDA L	MUNNELL	LEE R
MAINVILLE	WILFRED B	MUNNELL	LOIS E
MARTIN	JUSTIN L	MUNNELL	LYNN M
MARTINEZ	DEANN N	MUNNELL	MARGARET D
MATHISON	MICHAEL H	MUNNELL SR	JOSEPH
MATTILA	BETTY M	MURPHY	BARBARA J
MCAFFEE	DORIS M	MURPHY	DIANE M
MCCORMACK	BETTY J	NAJERA	LORI J
MCDUGALL	MILDRED C	NASON	DAVID W
MCFARLAND	DOUGLAS R	NASON	BETTY R
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
MCGRATH	IRIS	NASON	JULIA B
METTLER	NICOLE	NELSON	JACQUELYN M
MICHAUD	JAMES D	RODRIQUEZ	RONDA L
NELSON	JACQUELYN	ROWLAND	ELIZABETH
NELSON	RALPH B	ROY	HENRY
NORTHTRUP	RORY F	ROY	JOHN P
OAKS	DOROTHY	ROY	KELLY J
ODELL	BARBARA J	ROY	ROBERT K
OLSEN	DELORES	ROY	THEODORE R
OLSON	ROBERTA	ROY	THOMAS J
PAOLI	RUTH A	ROY	MICHAEL A
PAPASODORA	MARGARET S	ROY	RICHARD W

PARKHURST-REED	BARBARA A	RUPPELIUS	DOROTHY
PARTRIDGE	RONALD D	RUSSELL	RONALD G
PARTRIDGE	MARIAN	RYAN	LIANNE K
PAWLITS-CHEK	LEROY J	SAICE	JULIE A
PEQUETTE	MAXINE R	SANDERS	LISA M
PEQUETTE	CONSTANCE	SAYERS	CECILIA W
PEQUETTE	FRANCIS D	SAYERS	DALE R
PEQUETTE	GWENDOLYN	SAYERS	BYRON D
PEQUETTE	TRUMAN	SAYERS	CHRISTINA
PETERS	GERALDINE C	SAYERS	MICHELLE
PETERS	LORAIN E	SAYERS	JENNIFER L
PETERS	SHERYL A	SAYERS JR	ARNOLD S
PETERSON	RAYMOND	SAYERS JR	DALE R
PETERSON	ANDREW K	SCHAFFER	MYRTLE E
PETERSON	ALLEN D	SCHLINK	FAYE M
PETERSON	STEVEN A	SHAUGOBAY	LEONA M
PETERSON	JASON P	SHAW	MICHAEL W
PETERSON	RAYNARD	SHEEHAN	JEROME A
PETERSON	ANTHONY B	SHEFFIELD	CATHERINE L
PHERNETTON	FLOYD E	SHERMAN	BRUCE F
PHERNETTON	KEVIN J	SHERMAN	BARBARA J
POLLAR	OLIVE M	SHERMAN	BRENDA L
PURDY	DAWN L	SHERMAN	CYNTHIA A
PUTRZENSKI	ROSE A	SHERMAN	GENE W
RAINEY	CAROL M	SHERMAN	ROBERT L
RAISCH JR	FRANK	SHERMAN	IRENE A
RAISCHE JR	CHARLES J	SHERMAN	RONALD R
RANDOLPH	VICTORIA L	SHERMAN	LISA
REESE	RHONDA M	SHERMAN	MICHAEL L
REESE	RINA M	SHERMAN	ROBERT J
REESE	ROXANNE M	SHOTLEY	MARK A
REJHOLEC	DANIEL J	SKINAWAY	JANICE A
REJHOLEC	LOUISE A	SKINAWAY	RUSSINA J
REJHOLEC	RUSSELL L	SKOGEN	CARRIE L
REJHOLEC	STEVEN P	SMITH	GEORGE F
REYES	VALERIE	SMITH	GEORGE L
RIDLEY III	ROBERT J	SMITH	JOHN E
RIVET	CHARLOTTE A	SMITH	LEROY W
ROBER	CAROL E	SMITH	TERRANCE
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
ROBER	MARY H	SMITH	TINA M
ROBINSON	WILLIAM D	SMITH	ERIC J
ROBINSON	JOHN E	SMITH	BERNIE
ROCK	CASSANDRA K	VERANT	AGNES
SMITH	KATHY A	VOLK	RITA A
SMITH	ROSE M	WAKANABO	JEROME CURTIS
SMITH	NORMA J	WAKANABO	TERRI L
SMITH	DAVID	WAKANABO	JEROME CURTIS
SMITH	DONALD W	WAKEFIELD	SHARI L
SMITH	GEORGE F	WAKEFIELD	KEVIN E
SMITH	JOHN P	WAKEFIELD JR	JAMES R
SMITH	LAVERN A	WALDRON	GERALD G
SMITH	MELVIN R	WEBSTER	WILLIAM N
SMITH	TERRANCE	WELLS	SARAH L
SMITH	YOLANDA J	WEST	KAREN

SMITH	NANCY L	WHIPPLE	DORA
SMITH	GREGORY W	WHIPPLE	ELISA
SMITH	LUCY G	WHIPPLE	JOHN L
SMITH	PATRICK T	WHIPPLE	WILLIAM W
SMITH JR	SAMUEL J	WHITE	LINDA J
SOLIS	NANCY	WHITE	AUTUM R
SOMMERS	DOROTHY M	WHITE	ISAAC L
STANGEL	CAROL	WHITE	DUANE J
STAPLES	PATRICK	WHITE	CALVIN
STAPLES	RICHARD A	WHITE	DAN C
STAPLES	MICHAEL W	WHITE	PAULA J
STAPLES SR	SAMUEL	WHITE	WILLIAM
STILLDAY	MARJORIE	WHITE	CLARICE
STIYER	SHIRLEY A	WHITE	AGNES
STRAND	TIMOTHY L	WHITE	BENJAMIN J
SWAN	RAE D	WHITE	CHERYL
SYSE	LINDA L	WHITE	FLORA J
TARBUCK	JOY	WHITE	LORA
TAYLOR	HATTIE L	WHITE	PATRICIA
TAYLOR	GARY D	WHITE	PETER J
TAYLOR	WILLIAM	WHITE	RHONDA
TAYLOR	BENJAMIN	WHITE	RICHARD A
THOMPSON	MARK J	WHITE	ROBERT D
THOMPSON	RYEN P	WHITE	WALTER J
THOMPSON JR	DALLAS E	WHITE	LEON
THREINEN	KEVIN	WHITE	ARDENE
THUNDER	JOAN B	WHITE BOBOLINK	IMA
TIBBETTS	KATHLEEN M	WHITEBIRD	JAMES R
TIBBETTS	PATRICIA R	WHITEFEATHER	CHEYENNE A
TIBBETTS	TODD C	WIESEHAN	VIRGINIA D
TIBBETTS	PATRICIA	WIGGINS	JAMES E
TIBBETTS	FRANKLIN R	WILLIAMS	MYRTLE
TIBBETTS SR	MICHAEL L	WILSON	MARGARET R
TIESSEN	DONALD A	WILSON	RICHARD D
TIESSEN	STEVEN J	WIND	PATRICIA
TIMMINS	BRENDA L	WIND JR	DANIEL
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
TRUJILLO	PATRICIA A	WINDOM	DOREEN E
TUBBS	DONNA	WINDOM	BARBARA A
TUBBS	DOUGLAS	WOLF	JAMES E
TYRRELL	WAYNE L	WOOSTER	MONA L
VANNETT	SHAWN		
WRIGHT	BRENDA F		
WRIGHT	DARLENE F		
WRIGHT	LIDA		
WRIGHT JR	JAY D		
YOUNG JR	ROY L		

RTC Quarterly Meeting

Oak Point Community Center
Friday, January 4, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Leech Lake Band Members encouraged and welcome to attend!

DRHS Student Council Tackles Mascot Issue

It has been more than a decade since ISD #317, Deer River, has had a mascot to represent their Warrior nickname. As student council advisor for the past seven years, I have often heard students lament not having a school mascot. This year's student council has decided to do something about it. In the 2007 – 2008 school year, the student leaders on the council will facilitate the process of acquiring a district mascot. Student Council members Jens Heig and Kyle Box have already made a presentation to the school board at their October meeting at the North school.

This process includes community meetings at the high school, contacting stakeholder groups from the community and surveying students, parents and community members. A representative committee will be formed to research mascots and receive input from the community. This committee will be made up of students, parents and community members. This group will have the responsibility of sharing information with the groups they represent. The goal of the student council is that, by the end of year, this committee will be able to present three acceptable mascot options on which students will then vote.

The first community meeting was held in room 224 in the High School on Tuesday, November 13th prior to the Parent – Teacher conferences. Student Council will also have paper surveys available in the High School office for those who don't have children and would like to participate. In addition, computers were set up during conferences for parents to take the online survey about the mascot issue. The survey is short, only 5 questions. Members of the student council were on hand at conferences to take questions and comments about the mascot as well as helping with conferences. High school students took the survey during advisory the week of November 6th – 9th. Follow up opportunities were available the next week.

The second meeting was held on Monday, November 19th in the Commons at the High School.

Contact people are Matt Carlstrom 246-8241 extension 263 or mcarlstrom@deerriver.k12.mn.us or Jessica Felosi 246-8241 extension 249 or jfelosi@deerriver.k12.mn.us. In addition the following

students belong to the student council's Executive Committee and are more than willing to be contacted Allie Benham, Jessica Villeneuve, Leah Benham and Becca Rudquist. If you see them on the street or at a game, don't hesitate to contact them and share your opinion with them. The student council will be posting information and updates on their website: <http://isd317.org/council>.

It is vital that all those with an opinion have an opportunity to participate in this process because the mascot for the school district is also the mascot for the community as well. So please, let your voice be heard and be a part of the process.

Deer River High School Homecoming 2007



On Thursday, October 11th, Deer River High School crowned it's Homecoming King and Queen Neal Mainville and Maria Lavallie to thunderous applause from the students. The Queen Candidates were seniors' Allie Benham, Angeline Essig, Brianna Houtari, Maria Lavallie and Lulu Seelye. The King Candidates were seniors Colten Amy, Steven Boyer, Barret Issacs, Tyler Kane and Neal Mainville. The Homecoming Queen is the Daughter of Rodney and Deanna Lavallie. The Homecoming King is the son of Beth and Paul Mainville.

Neal is involved in football and track and supporting all Deer River events as well as hunting. Maria is involved in Choir and is a Link Crew Leader as well as working at Target.



Ernie Ryan and Max "Chief" Morrow are all smiles as the Daughters of Tradition girls from the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School deliver them Christmas gifts after lunch at the elderly nutrition program site in Cass Lake, Mn. In the background, are some of the girls that are members of the Daughters of Tradition program. Photo by Patsy Gordon

Daughters of Tradition Spread Christmas Cheer

By Patsy Gordon

Carol White and Cara Dahl, who are both employees of the Bug-O-nay-Ge-Shig School, and also a mother/daughter team themselves, are inspiring young Native girls to learn the feeling of how good it feels to give also, rather than just to receive. I could tell by the look on the young girls faces it was truly a blessing to them to give away the christmas baskets as they brought smiles to our Native elders faces, and joy to themselves.



Cara Dahl says, "It's kind of like a Native Girls Scouts program, and we're involved in all kinds of activities."

The program enlists girls at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School from the 3rd through the 5th grade. The Daughters of Tradition were also donating to Leech Lake elders at the Four Seasons Elderly Complex, the two Leech Lake elderly complexes and the elders at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Tribal School.

NOTICE:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for News Years Day and on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day. Also, in February the offices will be closed on February 18, 2008 for President's Day. Enjoy your new year!

Job Skills Grant Supports Creation of Gaming Security Academy

-New Security Training for Northern Lights Casino and Hotel Staff-

St. Paul – Working among large crowds and tending to large amounts of cash, gaming industry professionals say it's becoming more difficult to ensure security for staff and the public. Training for security staff may only consist of an orientation and on-the-job training.

To address the need for higher level training, Leech Lake Tribal college will create a gaming security academy, and Leech Lake Reservation will become a nationwide resource for Indian gaming security. The academy will be funded by a Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grant recently awarded to Leech Lake Tribal College. This is the first Job Skills grant awarded to Leech Lake Tribal College and Northern Lights Casino and Hotel as a partnering business according to Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Director Paul D. Moe.

The \$121,468 grant will support a two-year training collaboration of MJSP, Leech Lake Tribal College, and Northern Lights Casino and Hotel, owned and operated by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. The Northern Lights Casino and Hotel will contribute more than \$165,000 to fund the security training project. About 77 security officers, supervisors and managers will receive training.

Depending on their rank as Security Officer I, II, III or Investigator, employee-trainees will participate in one to three levels of training in three areas: security and protection; investigation and enforcement; and documentation and supervision. Leech Lake Tribal College will provide onsite training at the casino. Employee-trainees will earn a certificate, recognition for their achievements, and a wage increase after successfully completing the tracks.

"This ground-breaking part-

nership will help Northern Lights Casino improve employee retention, and the security workforce will be encouraged to position themselves for higher-level, higher-compensated security work through continued education at Leech Lake Tribal College," said Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner and MJSP Board Chair Dan McElroy, "We also see the Leech Lake Reservation becoming an integral resource for the nation in the area of Indian gaming security."

The MJSP offers technical, financial and job training assistance to businesses, communities, educational institutions and workers. The board brings businesses with specific education needs together with educational institutions to design customized training programs.

Medicare Part B Registration Begins on January 1, 2008

Reminder, registration for Medicare Part B Starts on January 1st to the last day in March. It is important for elders who qualify for Medicare Part B to enroll into a plan so that the services the hospital and the tribal health clinics provide may be reimbursed by Medicare.

Reimbursement is necessary so we may continue to provide quality health services to our communities, and in some cases provide more services to those who need it. There is a cost for Plan B, however, there are state programs that will assist in paying your premiums for this plan, so there will be no cost to those who qualify. The process is relatively pain free and requires little effort on your part.

Please Contact Benay Fairbanks at the Health Division @ 218.335.4500 or Patti Gale at the Cass Lake Indian Health Service @ 218.335.3200 for more information about how you may gain a better health plan and contribute to your community health services.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT's) Native American Business Center (NABEC) provides management and technical assistance to Native Americans thinking about going into business or current business owners in Minnesota - business plan, market feasibility research and planning, financial package, loan package, and procurement.

Visit the NABEC's on-site Tribal Business Information Center, for access to computers, Microsoft software, business development and management software, internet access, and more than 200 business start-up manuals.

Business Loan Fund

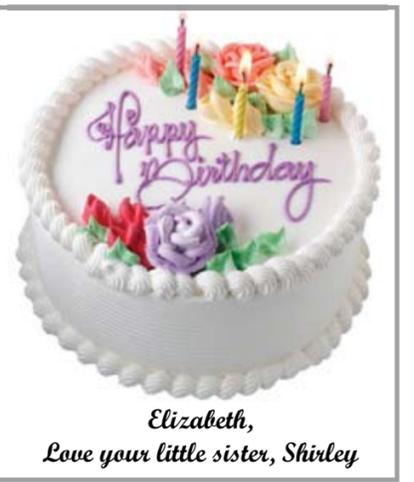
MCT provides financing for business loan, micro loans, and commercial real estate loans to MCT members for businesses within Minnesota. Call 1-888-322-7688 or (218) 339-3117. Visit our website at www.nabdc.org or www.mctfc.org/

Conserve Your Energy!

Most of us know how hard it is to keep our homes heated with the cost of fuel these days. If it is not necessary to crank your heat way up during these cold winter months, don't do it! Keep your thermostat turned down and dress yourself and your children in layers while at home to conserve on your heating bill. Cover with blankets while sitting around watching TV, etc.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



Elizabeth,
Love your little sister, Shirley



Happy Birthday, Dad,
and many more to come!

Love, Shirley, (the baby),
Melissa, Elizabeth and Sandy

NEWS FLASH— LOOK!

Thielen Motors CHEVROLET PONTIAC BUICK Cadillac

The GM Store with every make and model
Use your tax refund as down payment and drive home in the vehicle of your choice and receive \$500 worth of gas.
OVER 250 NEW AND USED CARS TO CHOOSE FROM.
*SELECT GM CERTIFIED VEHICLES AS LOW AS 4.9% APR.
**GUARANTEED CREDIT APPROVAL

\$500 GAS CARD
Pay to the order of: Valued Customer

\$500 WORTH OF GAS

Expires March 31, 2008
Non-Negotiable

Theo A. Thielen
Theo A. Thielen
Thielen Motors of Park Rapids

Toll Free 1-800-457-2438
Located across from the American Legion on Highway 34 in Park Rapids MN
www.thielenmotors.com

*Used vehicles above \$4000 only, not good on parts or service.
*One coupon per customer, cannot be combined with any other offers.
**May require down payment.

Lower East Winnie Vegetation Management Proposed Action

Deer River District - Chippewa National Forest

The Deer River Ranger (DR) District, Chippewa National Forest, is proposing the Lower East Winnie Vegetation Management Project. The area is centered on Highway 2 from Bena to Ball Club and extends to the north to Lake Winnibigoshish and south to the district boundary in the DR Ranger District. Ball Club, Bena and Winnie Dam are the closest LIC communities. The project area lies inside the boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation.

The project proposes harvesting about 2,967 acres consisting approximately 830 clear-cutting, 600 seed tree, 260 shelterwood, 1,100 commercial thinning, 37 single tree cut, and 140 group selection cut. Some temporary road may be built to access some of the cutting units. Planting or seeding is anticipated on about 710 acres. Approximately 270 acres would be converted from Red pine or aspen to Jack pine. Animal control and release would also occur to help seedlings survive browsing and competition from brush. Slash treatments to

reduce fire hazards would occur along portions of several roads. Road decommissioning is planned for approximately 15 miles of road.

Goals for the project include increasing jack pine; maintaining paper birch; decreasing the amount of aspen, increasing the oldest age classes in upland forest; increase the amount of upland forest acres in the 0-9 year old age class; and creating vegetation communities more representative of native communities.

Planning for this project is just beginning and is expected to be completed in May-June 2008.

The Forest Service is looking for information on how this project may affect berry picking, firewood and birch bark gathering, sugaring and other traditional uses. Your comments will be used to identify areas and activities of particular importance to you and will be considered in the design and development of alternatives.

For further information, maps, or to provide comments please contact Barbara Knight, Project Leader, Deer River Office, 1037 Division Street, P.O. Box 308, Deer River, MN 56636; email bknight@fs.fed.us or call 218-335-2362. Also feel free to contact Gina Lemon at 335-2940 or llthpo@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

- **North Country Regional Hospital Visiting Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- Each patient has the right to request no visitors.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Smoking is prohibited on all NCHS properties.
- All visitors must register at the west entrance to receive

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

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

About North Country Health Services

North Country Health Services is a community-owned, nonprofit healthcare organization. Nationally recognized for healthcare excellence, North Country Health Services is dedicated to providing healthcare services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care. NCHS is comprised of the following entities – North Country Regional Hospital, North Country Home Care & Hospice, North Country Peak Performance, Senior Behavioral Health Unit, Neilson Place, Baker Park Housing, Bemidji Medical Equipment, Northern Medical Clinic, and the NCHS Foundation.



The family of Brenda Hunt wishes to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for your love and support shown during the loss of our loved one. Your kindness will not be forgotten. She will live on in our hearts and memory.

Obituaries

Brenda June Hunt

Brenda June Hunt, 44, of Cass Lake, MN died at her home on Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

Brenda was born in Cass Lake on January 23, 1963 to Phyllis (Chief) and James Hunt, Sr. She grew up in Onigum and attended school in Walker. Brenda liked to swim, shop, and watch TV, especially CSI and Law & Order. She could be boisterous but was always very supportive of her brothers and sisters, and loved spending time with her grandkids. She appreciated traditional practices; particularly enjoyed shawl dancing; and loved nature. Brenda had a good sense of humor, which was demonstrated when she named her pet dog, "Ask-em."

She is survived by her daughters, Crystal Hunt, Lavonne Hunt, and Phyllis "Chocie" Hunt; her grandchildren, Brenda & Bitty Hunt, and Osmond Hunt-Fairbanks; brothers, Eli Hunt, Ernest Hunt, Matthew Hunt, Melvin Hunt, Ronald "Andy" Hunt; sisters, Janice Hunt, Peggy Hunt, and Judy Littlewolf; and special friend, Tim Norton.

Preceding her in death were her parents; son, Duane Hanks, Jr.; sister, Donna Hunt; brothers, James Hunt, Jr., and Roland Hunt, Sr.

Pallbearers included Eddy Fairbanks, III, Lyman White, Jr., Justin Moshier, Michael Jackson, Roger "Teets" Butcher, Kyle Jacobs, and alternate, David Jackson, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Pammy and Chuck Goehring, Harriet Martin, Rosie Howard, and Tina Smith.

A traditional wake began on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at the Onigum Community Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Onigum. Interment followed in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Dennis Funeral Home.

Lorene Beaulieu

Lorene Marie Beaulieu (Gaugude Mindimaye), 78, of Walker, MN died Thursday, December 13, 2007 at the United Hospital in St. Paul, MN.

Funeral Services were held on December 18, 2007 at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum, MN with Rev. Harold Eaglebull officiating. A wake began on the previous Sunday afternoon and continued until the time of services on Tuesday. Interment followed at the Episcopal Cemetery in Old Agency, MN under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

Lorene was born March 16, 1929 in Onigum, MN the daughter of Emerson and Sophie (Bongo) Smith. She attended school in Pipestone and graduated from Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, SD. She raised her family in Minneapolis with her husband, John Beaulieu. She was a member of the Ojibwe singers. She was active in the Indian community in many ways. She enjoyed knitting and reading. She loved people and was a very kind woman.

She is survived by her children: John (Patsy) of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Jill (Russ) Wilkie of Columbia Heights, MN; Janet of St. Paul, MN, Renee (Greg) Banks of Minneapolis, MN; James (Laurie) of Richfield, MN; Guy of Walker, MN, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Greg, 2 infant daughters, 1 sister and 1 adopted sister.

Honorary casket bearers were Jeb, Adrian, Jim, Samuel and Guy Beaulieu, Leo and Jay Rusterholz, Russell Wilkie, Eli Hunt, Bill Butcher, George E. Thompson, Esq. and Dave Holk.

Active casket bearers were Alexander and Brian Beaulieu, Peter and Jon Rusterholz, Greg Banks and Ryan Wilkie.

Delbert Charles Matthews

Delbert "Diddy" Matthews, 73, of Bena, died on December 11, 2007 in Deer River, Mn.

The funeral was held on December 14, 2007 at the Bena Alliance Church. Visitation started on December 10, 2007 at the Bena Community Center. The Carroll Funeral Home of Deer River assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

He was born on May 28, 1934, to Harris and Isobel Matthews in Bena. He was raised in Bena. He attended school in Bena, Federal Damn, Boy River and Pipestone. Before entering the service, he worked as a laborer for L Hine of Minneapolis. On Dec., 14, 1951, he entered the Air Force Reserves. He was stationed at the Lincoln Air Force Base in Nebraska. He was also stationed in Camp Polk, La., where he met and worked with Country Singer, Mel Tillis. He was the cook and Mel was the baker. He was in the Korean War Conflict and received three medals: the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Medal. He was discharged from the Air Force on March 13, 1959. He married Shirley Stangel, and they had five children. They moved to Minneapolis for a short period of time. While there, he was employed with a lawn service company. After returning to Bena, he worked for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as an activities counselor. He also worked for the Forest Service planting trees. He always bragged about the trees he planted. Later he worked for Casper Construction of Grand Rapids, Minn. His hobbies included picking wild rice, bough picking, hunting, fishing, playing blackjack and pulltabs, socializing and ice fishing. He also enjoyed Mel Tillis concerts, cribbage, being with family and friends and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Del (Tracy) Matthews of Bena; daughters, Joy Matthews of Bena, Denise Matthews of Cass Lake, Janie Matthews of Cass Lake, and Rhoda (Dan) Michaud of Walker; sisters, Luella Seelye of Bena and Joan (Oliver) Canty of Cass Lake; 17 grandchildren; several great grand children, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sons, Thomas and Tony Matthews; one grandson; brothers, Buddy, Tommy, Vernie, Bumsy, Howard and Stan Matthews; and sister Mildred MacAdams.

A TRIBUTE TO NANCY HART FROM HER SON, LARRY

"My Mom"

My Mom is the sweetest mom a son could ask for. If a person outside of our family needed somewhere to sleep for the night she made it known that our door was open. Or when the kids from down the street would come over hungry, she would invite them to have dinner with us. I know my mom worries about me every time I step out the door. Because of the attitude I had when I would leave to go hang with "the boys". At that time in my life, the thought that my Mom loved me never ran through my mind. I treated her badly all the time for things she could not change. Back when I did not care about anything but myself, I used to make Mom cry by saying evil things and I am sad to say it made me feel good to see my Mom cry. Now that I am a totally different person, it tears me up inside to see her cry.

I just want you to know Mom, that I am sorry for all the pain that I have put you through over the years. The moment I will never forget is when times were hard for you, you never gave up on me like most people. You saw something in me that no one else has seen and that was leadership.

I want to thank you Mom! Thanks for being the backbone in my life. I love you Mom! NO ONE could be better!

Love you Mom, Larry

Subscribe to DeBahJiMon
This is a FREE subscription

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check One:
 New Subscription
 New Address: Include previous zip code _____
 Remove from mailing List

Mail to:
DeBahJiMon
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
115 6th Street NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

DeBahJiMon
A monthly publication of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
4,300 published monthly.

George Goggleye, Jr., Chairman
Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer
Robbie Howe, District I
Lyman Losh, District II
Donald "Mick" Finn, District III

Patsy Gordon, Managing Editor & Graphic Designer

E-mail: patsy@llojibwe.com
Phone: (218) 335-8225 • Fax: (218) 335-3668
Deadline for February issue is January 22, 2008

Website: www.llojibwe.com

WANTED

Miss Indian World Contestants

Gathering of Nations Powwow &
Miss Indian World Pageant
Albuquerque, NM USA

April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2008

Qualifications:

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

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

- **Traditional Talent Presentation** representative of your Tribe
- **Public Speaking and Private Interview** with Judges
- **Dance Competition** (expression through powwow music)
- **Raffle Ticket Sales** - Special awards given for number of tickets sold:

1000 – Portable CD Player
2000 – Portable color TV
3000 – Four Day Ocean Cruise

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

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

For More Information:

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 20, 2008

The crown and Title of Miss Indian World are registered under the Gathering of Nations Ltd. A 501 C-3, Non-Profit Organization Proceeds from the sale of tickets help meet the expenses of the Miss Indian World Program.

Grief Support Group

Every Wednesday night
5:00 p.m.
Cass Lake Family Center
MEAL PROVIDED

The group is not sponsored by any program or religious organization and will offer grief support services.

You need not feel obligated to talk, but come and listen! Take consolation with other people who know what you're going through.

For More Information
Please call 760-2116

Community Sweat Lodge

Every Thursday - 6:00 p.m.
Halfway House (Building located to the south of the Palace Casino & Hotel.
EVERYONE WELCOME
For more information contact:
Ejay at 335-6880

Native Youth Crisis Hotline

1-877-209-1266

RTC Quarterly Meeting

Oak Point
Community Center

Friday, January 4, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Leech Lake Band Members encouraged and welcome to attend!

NOTICE:

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1 for News Years Day and on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day. Also, in February the offices will be closed on February 18, 2008 for President's Day. Enjoy your new year!

Buy Leech Lake Products

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe offers several different products/amenities available for purchase. Why not put your hard earned dollar back into the Leech Lake economy? Leech Lake businesses include:

Che-We Mini Mart in Cass Lake offers: gas, c-store, wild rice, bait, and gift shop.
218-335-8827

Che-We Supply in Cass Lake offers business and office products.
218-335-6101

Northern Lights Express in Walker offers: gas and a c-store
218-335-3181

Leech Lake Casinos, Hotels, Restaurants & Gift Shops
218-335-7500 or
1-800-442-3910