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(L to R) Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Mike Bongo, Archie LaRose, U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison

Photo By Chris Haugene

## Leech Lake Tribal Leaders Lobby Congress on Capital Hill

By Chris Haugene

Washington DC – In early February a small but determined contingent of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe officials set out for our nation's capital in hopes of seeking out and meeting with Congressional Representatives from Minnesota on their own legislative turf at the epicenter of not only our nation's political hub, but what has become a fulcrum for the rest of the world to look to when seeking knowledge of how to grow, maintain, (and now) how to rebuild, support, and foster everything from infrastructure, micro/macro economic, and socioeconomic, issues that our nation-let alone our reservation-is dealing with in the aftermath of this falls economic deflation.

Arriving in Washington early on a Tuesday morning to a meeting with Congressman Jim Oberstar, who represents Minnesota's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, and who is not at all a stranger to the Leech Lake Tribal Council or Executive staff, our Leech Lake leadership sat down for some face-time with the Congressman to discuss a number of issues of concern for the reservation. Since the Congressman's recent rise to Chairman of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee the talking points revolved around the pertinent issues of our county road 33 project, and phase two of the track 33 water project, as well as how Leech Lake is collaborating with Beltrami County regarding the aforementioned. The discussion transpired to the Heartland/Paul Bunyan bike trail that is slated be linked up and travel right by Shingobee Island in Walker MN, and the Congressman was elated to hear of the possibility that a museum/interpretive center is one of the ideas on the table for discussion regarding the development of the island property.

Leech Lake is very fortunate and proud to have a Representative of Mr. Oberstar's ilk supporting and communicating with our leaders and members. "He cares about our issues, knows them inside and out, and we are absolutely confident in our relationship with the Congressman," said Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo. "I've felt all along that he has a special place in his heart for American Indian people, and this feeling was confirmed when I saw that he had been given a ceremonial pipe, and kept that pipe in his Washington D.C. office. You don't just get a pipe as a gift for no reason at all, and seeing that solidified a lot of my feelings for the Congressman as being a man of honor." The leadership meeting went well and ended just in time for

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## NCAI President pushes for a tribal leader summit with Obama Administration

WASHINGTON—In his final State of Indian Nations address as National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President, Joe A. Garcia, reached out to President Barack Obama's administration and federal agencies in hopes for a more improved nation-to-nation relationship.

President Garcia praised President Obama's knowledge of treaty obligations to Indian nations and his vision for government parity in his new Administration.

"We embrace the promised White House summit between tribal leaders

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**NCAI President Joe A. Garcia Focuses on Indian Country Agenda for the new Administration and Economic Recovery Plan in Annual State of Indian Nations Address**

## Gaming donates Doll Houses to LL Headstart



The Leech Lake Gaming Marketing Department has donated Three Cabin/Doll Houses to the Leech Lake Head Start Division. The cabins were recently purchased and used during the Tri-Casino “Cabin Fever” promotion. Upon completion of the promotion numerous suggestions were floated to determine the end result/user of the cabins. The decision was unanimous amongst the Marketing Staff that the houses be donated to the Leech Lake Head Start Programs. “We could not think of a more fitting organization than Leech Lake Head Start to receive these cabin/doll houses” states Thomas Buckanaga, Marketing Director of Leech Lake Gaming. The Marketing Department would also like to thank Don Henke and the Mechanical Maintenance Department for the construction of the cabins.



## Services for Families at the Nest Clinic

Services are provided at the Nest Clinic for families, women, and children. The Nest is open from 8:00am- 4:30pm. There is a Pediatric/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner who will see women for women health issues, pregnant or postpartum women, and children on Tuesdays and Wednesdays all day, and Thursday afternoons. We have walk-in clinic for immunizations on Wednesdays, and Child and Teen checkup clinics on Mondays and Thursdays.

Also available at the Nest is the WIC service which is a supplemental food program for pregnant or postpartum women and children to age 5. Contact WIC about setting up an appointment to see if you are eligible for their services.

The Nest provides visits with nurses in your home or in the offices at the nest. These nurses can provide support to women and their family during pregnancy, and can provide support and education on the growth and development of children. The Nest provides Doula services which is someone who can be with a pregnant woman as she is giving birth to provide comfort and support. A pregnant woman usually meets with a Doula before going into the hospital so that she is able to build a trusting relationship with her Doula.

The Nest provides educational classes on Wednesday afternoons. Families can earn points toward incentives by attending these classes as well as using most of the services provided by the Nest. The incentive program operates everyday now. Incentives may only be picked up one time per week, but incentives can be picked up Monday through Friday.

Cribs are available for those who need them. Call the Nest and to find out how a crib can be received by getting education on SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome. Car seats are also available for those who need car seats. Call Kim at the nest to set up an appointment to

receive a car seat.

Visit the Nest and talk with the staff about services and programs available to families, women, and children. The phone number for the Nest is 335-8315

## First Annual Tribal Nurses Meeting

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, White Earth Band, and the Minnesota Department of Health are sponsoring an historical event. On March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Northern Lights Casino and Hotel, tribal nurses from across the state are coming together for the first time to network and discuss tribal nursing. Breakout sessions for specific nursing disciplines will be offered so that nurses can network and share programming and health care delivery to better serve our communities. White Bison Wellbriety will also be at the conference to talk about Historical Trauma and to help the nurses explore team building and to look at what we can do to help with health care delivery in tribal settings so that our communities are receiving the best care we can offer. It is an exciting conference that will help improve tribal nursing programs across the state.

## Bena Clinic Reminder

The Tribal Health Clinic in Bena has been open for some time now. There are nurses there who can help you with your health care needs on a daily basis. Child and Teen Checkup appointments can be made with the RN who is on staff at the clinic. Immunizations can be done on a daily basis, as well as other basic health screenings. There is a Family Nurse Practitioner on staff 2-3 days per week. As the clinic gets busier, a provider will be there more often. Call the Bena Clinic for your health care appointments and needs at 218-665-5303.



## Environmental Department

Levi Brown, Environmental Director

Water Quality Program Jeff Harper	Air Quality Program Brandy Toft	Brownfield Program Diane Thompson	GAP Program John Persell
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With respect, to the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council (RTC):

The Leech Lake Division of Resource Management (LLDRM) share and revere, as do you, the Aniishinaabe world view that humans did not weave the web of life, rather we are merely a strand in it. We are in kinship with and among all other creations. We have a profound responsibility to protect this kinship so that we may all live harmoniously. These values form the foundation of LLDRM and its opinion that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) should do all it can to protect the land; its plants and animals; and its air, soils, and waters. This dedication requires commitment to a courageous and long-term vision--- one that is unclouded and uncolored by short-lived economic gain.

We respectfully address you today regarding the pipeline expansion project as proposed by Enbridge, Inc: the Alberta Clipper/ Southern Lights Project (Pipelines Project). The combination of direct and indirect impacts of the Pipelines Project, including the very real risks to environmental and natural resources from leaks and spills, are far too great---and they can never be adequately compensated nor mitigated. Please read the detailed points listed throughout this document with an open mind and heart.

### A Chance to Lead

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has a great opportunity to make a proactive difference! To leave a powerful and positive legacy!

- This legacy would be built upon the sound and correct understanding that now is the time to wean America off its dependency on foreign oil and fossil fuels in general.
- The dirty oil extracted from the Tar Sands in Alberta, CA (as part of the Pipelines Project) is more costly and more environmentally devastating to process than any other source of fossil fuel. Processing Tar Sands oil requires heating the material to 500 degrees Celsius---it takes fossil fuels to heat this oil and tons of fresh water to cool it, further degrading air quality and releasing even more carbon dioxide, which further contributes to global warming.
- The bottom line is: the Pipelines Project is a short-sighted and environmentally degrading "solution" to our energy and economic needs.
- This is a chance for the Leech Lake RTC to lead at a national level by bringing about real change in energy policies and consumption and the associated environmental damages by bringing these issues to the forefront of decision-making.

### Not All Environmental Impacts Are Created Equal

Not all environmental impacts are created equal! Especially--in areas where the people themselves rely heavily, or in-part, on native plant and animal resources for either their revenue or subsistence.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area Olympics

The race is on for Boys and Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area Olympics. The kids are excited about seeing which of their units (Cass Lake, Deer River, Eagle View or Walker) can receive the most sponsors and win the race and the Gold Medal. Each Boys and Girls Club Unit has their own U.S maps for state flags, and trees to put the names of honored ones on as well as compiling scrapbooks for the stories submitted. The stories the kids receive make them realize there is a bigger world out there and gives them people to have as role models in their lives.

Along with this race there are the many programs that the Boys and Girls Club offers that gives them much opportunity and desire to improve their lives and promote good health and life styles. Power Hour a program to help them with their homework assignments. Project Learn is designed to incorporate education and critical thinking skills into daily activities at the club. There Act Smart, Smart Moves, Smart Girls, and Passport to Manhood all programs to help young people make the right smart choices in life and realize the consequences if they don't.

There is also the Keystone Club, Torch Club for members 11-13 years of age that help kids with the transition from pre-teen to the teenage years. Leaders in Training and Meth S.M.A.R.T. to teach about the dangers of drugs, and T.R.A.I.L. a program designed to introduce healthy lifestyle choices to help prevent diabetes.

Help the kids by getting your family, relatives and friends involved - Olympics flyers will give you information on how to get involved and are available in boxes around the communities or at each Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs. The Boys and Girls Club is truly a great asset in the life of every child. Everyone that contributes to the Olympics is helping make sure these programs are available to the youth of the Leech Lake Area.

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and the Obama Administration," President Garcia told the some 200 audience members in the National Museum of the American Indian's Rasmuson Theater. "The President has given us good reason to believe he will include Indian Nations as he talks about a new spirit of hope and change."

President Garcia pointed out Indian Country's successes of 2008: NCAI helped lead the White House to a stronger anti-meth campaign; helped gain the President's signature on legislation honoring Native Code Talkers from World Wars I and II; made improvements in our tribal courts; advanced our agenda for children; found ways to use environmental initiatives to help tribes boost their economies while preserving mother earth; and Native Americans made history on Election Day by participating in the democratic process in record numbers.

*A Very  
Special Thank  
You*

To:

*Tera Wilson, Nissa  
Peltier, Mike Bongo,  
John Smith & Crew*

*Thank you for saving  
our lives and improving  
our living conditions.*

From:

*Connie Wheeler*

- The boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation (LLR) encompass the true headwaters of the Mississippi River (Cass Lake, Leech Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, and their associated watersheds).
- Contamination of LLR water resources, therefore, has the potential to devastate not just hundreds of wild rice beds used locally, but those used regionally by other tribes. Wild rice beds of the LLR also provide critical habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other wildlife of high value to Ojibwe people.
- Because gathering, harvesting, and sharing of resources are a vital part of cultural identity for Ojibwe people, threats to these resources on the LLR threaten the very culture of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.
- Environmental compromise that favors short-term economic gain over long-term protection and conservation may rob the Leech Lake people of their future cultural identity.
- **The loss of native plants and animals cannot be quantified.** The true value of these resources lies not in their potential economic benefit to local people but in the social and cultural well-being of Leech Lake Band Members.

#### Plants and Animal Habitat

Physical disturbance of the ground increases the chance of noxious weed establishment. Weeds are established along existing pipeline corridors on the LLR and will attempt to become established along any new corridors. This, in turn, will increase our long-term management costs beyond the scope of the current LLDRM budget.

- Ground disturbance from the Pipelines Project will directly impact native plant communities that provide habitat for traditionally important plants such as sugar maple, paper birch, sweet grass, leatherwood, serviceberries, columbine, and wild sarsaparilla.
- The spread of noxious weeds into native plant communities will further impact traditionally important plants by crowding them out or by otherwise degrading their habitat.
- One-flowered cancer-root (waabanojiibik) (*Orobanche uniflora*) is a state and tribally Endangered Species and a US Forest Service Sensitive Species. This plant has traditional-use properties and grows only in one location on the LLR. If pipelines are installed in the proposed Alternate corridor, the disturbance could result in extinction of this species from the LLR unless mitigation measures are conducted. However, there is never any guarantee that mitigation measures will be successful.

#### Fish and Wildlife

Another major issue with projects of this type are the indirect, cumulative, or unintentional consequences. The first of these concerns is climate change.

- Fish and wildlife can be affected by projects of this type in several ways. The first is direct loss of fish or wildlife due to project impacts that actually kill them or eliminate their habitat. Although this will happen to some species of wildlife or fish that live along the pipeline corridor, which are unable to move out of the way of the project, we could not identify any species of fish or wildlife that would be diminished enough that it would lead to loss of viability on the LLR, or trend towards future listing as a Sensitive, Threatened, or Endangered Species.
- Of greater concern are the cumulative or unintentional consequences. Climate

change is the first of these types of changes. Climate change is occurring and the planet is getting warmer; there is little debate about this any longer. The problem is that there is uncertainty about what this will mean for any particular location on the planet. Some locations will get warmer, but others colder, while some will get less precipitation, while others will get more. Being that the LLR is located near the center of the continent, far from the moderating effects of oceans, we will see some of the most dramatic changes. The best predictions for the LLR are that our climate will end up more like Kansas. Although we may get more precipitation, the increased heat will result in more evaporation and thus a drier climate. So what will this mean for our fish and wildlife?

- Warmer water and less water in our lakes will mean that fish populations will change and favor bass, panfish, bullheads and other species that can tolerate warmer water. There will be less suitable water for species like walleye, while tullibee and whitefish will no longer survive here.
- Wildlife will also experience changes, and we are probably already seeing some of these effects. Species like snowshoe hare appear to have already stopped cycling and are becoming hard to find. We have already lost caribou, moose, and due to the loss of hares, the Canadian lynx. Many of our songbirds are also in steep decline.
- These are but a few of the species that we have concerns about, and on a larger scale, it is predicted that about half the world's species will go extinct in the next 100 years due to climate change and other human-induced challenges like loss of habitat, and introduction of non-native species. The question for us in evaluating these and similar projects is how much the additional oil carried by this pipeline or coal burned by the power company will contribute to climate change, and if these projects were not to occur, will the outcome be different for the fish and wildlife and the way of life of the Ojibwe culture. These are difficult questions to evaluate, but if significant decreases in carbon additions to the atmosphere are not made very quickly we are going to experience these changes.
- The other issue is unintentional consequences of projects of this type such as a pipeline leak that contaminates habitat for fish and wildlife or directly kills them. Although the pipeline claims to have a good safety record they do have leaks and a leak in a sensitive spot like in or near one of the Reservation's lakes or streams could contaminate a significant amount of habitat and kill many fish and wildlife. The Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska occurred 20 years ago and still has not been completely cleaned up and ongoing environmental damage is still being observed. Although it is unlikely a spill of that size would occur here, we do not have the Pacific Ocean for the spill to be diluted out in or washed away, so damages here might also be pretty significant.

#### Environmental Considerations:

The environmental issues center on what impact operation and maintenance of the pipelines will have as well as the construction of the pipeline expansion. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being compiled by Entrix on behalf of the Department of State (DOS) goes into detail regarding the impact of pipeline construction for two additional pipelines to be run through the heart of the LLR without thoroughly addressing the material that is planned for transport in the lines. The exact composition of these materials is never disclosed; specific effects of these materials on plant, animal, fish and human health and life is therefore avoided. The economic impact these materials can have when inappropriately released or spilled is also not addressed.

- Material to be carried N—S in the Alberta Clipper line: dirty crude, called 'heavy sour crude', mined from the Alberta Tar Sands. This material is too thick and heavy,

more like grainy, gritty cold roofing tar than crude oil, to be “flowable”-deliverable through a pipeline-without being thinned by “dilutents”.

- Material to be carried S—N in the Southern Lights Diluent line: “light” hydrocarbon diluents—an uncontrolled mixture of the first draw off the dirty heavy crude, lighter sweet crude and liquid petroleum used to generate natural gas as they are being refined.

- The Leech Lake Reservation is 50% water—lakes, streams, ponds, rivers, and wetlands, has a shallow unconfined aquifer as its primary aquifer and two other aquifer zones below that. These aquifers are not completely separated from one another; they are said to be in “good communication” with one another, meaning that water readily exchanges back and forth between the different levels. Some areas under LLR have greater separation between the aquifers than others.

- The main aquifer that the people depend on is very near the ground surface and is easily compromised. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) determined that the majority of the ground water underlying LLR is highly susceptible to contamination (please see attached map); for LLR a little bit goes a long way—in the wrong way.

- The heavy sour crude that will be carried in the Alberta Clipper line is not your normal crude oil. It contains high levels of sulfur and heavy metals. Adding the uncontrolled mixture of diluents increases the impurities in what will be getting pumped across the heart of LLR.

- The “light” hydrocarbons are not cleaner, safer materials. They move easily on any water surface, including through aquifers; thus they very readily contaminate ground water and wild rice beds, which require non-contaminated waters to thrive.

- Enbridge has directly stated that one of the materials which will be found in the diluent mix will be benzene. Benzene is a known cancer causing agent; it gets stored in fatty tissues and in bone marrow where by-products from the body break it down, causing cancer, and leading to anemia.

- The heavy sour crude when leaked will not dissipate readily. It will sink whether to the bottom of a surface-water body or to the lower level of the upper unconfined aquifer. Given the right circumstance, this thick, viscous crude could reach the lower aquifers too.

- Heavy sour crude slowly biodegrades and is changed by naturally occurring microbes in soil and sediments into more mobile, easily spread “lighter” hydrocarbons—as well as potentially producing other contaminants (like sulfur dioxide and methyl mercury).

- Enbridge has a proven track record that includes leaks, spills, and pipeline breaches.

- Enbridge has an as yet un-remediated leak site west of Cass Lake at the pumping station. There are 48,000 gallons of crude oil left behind in the ground; the spread of the contaminant plume is being watched. The “lighter” metabolites have reached the top of the water table.

- And finally, there are already four Enbridge lines running through the heart of the LLR across wetlands, under the water off Stony Point and along an area declared by the MPCA to be a ground water area of highest contamination susceptibility.

- We already know it is not a matter of if there will be a leak, spill, pipeline break, or

discharge, it is a matter of when.

#### **Socioeconomic considerations:**

We are not financial experts here at the DRM but we are experts in weighing the value of the resources on Leech Lake; all we can say is to echo one of the youth from the meeting at the Tribal College when she asked the Enbridge representative “What is our land worth to you?” her response being “Priceless”.

The offer from Enbridge currently before the Council is way too little. When weighed against the risk Leech Lake would be taking by allowing a pipeline to pass through our lands. To illustrate this point, please consider the following:

Right now, in the 4 pipelines running across the Leech Lake, Enbridge can transport a combined total of 1,881,000 barrels per day (bpd) of product (3 lines carry crude oil, 1 carries the liquids use to produce natural gas). Enbridge has stated that they “only” get \$.02 per gallon (there are 42 gallons in 1 barrel). That means if those pipelines are carrying the above volume Enbridge gets:

$$\begin{aligned} 1,881,000\text{bpd} \times 42\text{gal} &= 79,002,000\text{gal} \\ 79,002,000\text{gal} \times \$.02 &= \$1,580,040.00 \text{ per day} \\ \$1,580,040.00 \times 365 &= \$576,714,600.00 \text{ per year} \end{aligned}$$

If the Band were to renegotiate the agreement with Enbridge and charge Enbridge per barrel of material crossing the land as little as 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a penny per gallon (or 1/10000<sup>th</sup> of a dollar), given the amounts listed above, the Band would get

$$\begin{aligned} 79,002,000\text{gal} \times \$.0001 &= \$ 7,900.20 \text{ per day} \\ \$7900.20 \times 365 &= \$2,883,573.00 \text{ per year} \end{aligned}$$

And that is without having to add any new lines across the land to carry yet more risks of contamination to LLR waters, wetlands, soil, wild rice, fish, animals or to the people of LLBO.

The Alberta Clipper has been cited as being planned for anywhere from 400,000bpd to 450,000bpd initially, with the capacity to carry up to 800,000bpd. The Southern Lights Diluent line has been cited as having a carrying capacity of 180,000bpd. If the two new lines are allowed and the calculations are set with the low end amounts for the Alberta Clipper, the formula used above will yield:

$$\begin{aligned} 400,000\text{bpd} + 180,000\text{bpd} &= 580,000\text{bpd} \\ 580,000\text{bpd} \times 42\text{gal} &= 24,360,000\text{gpd} \\ 24,360,000\text{gpd} \times \$.0001 &= \$2,436 \text{ per day} \\ \$2,436 \times 365 &= \$ 889,140 \text{ per year} \end{aligned}$$

Combine the two and:  $\$889,140 + \$2,883,573 = \$3,772,713$  per year

As you can see, this is far more than the \$600,000.00 Enbridge would like to give for their land lease for 10 years. There are many ways that such an annual income would be able to benefit the Band.

#### **Compensation for Risk**

Based on all of the information that we have been able to find on the heavy sour crude developed from the tar sands in Alberta, Canada; and based on the operational and maintenance track record that Enbridge has for the pipelines; and based on the persistent nature of the contamination possible from the materials proposed for the two new pipelines, speaking as environmental scientists with the responsibility to safeguard the Bands waters, air, plants, fish, wildlife and all other natural resources the only position our conscience will allow us to voice is to say no to these new

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the Leech Lake officials to catch a reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian following the National Congress of American Indians, State of Indian Nations address by President Joe A. Garcia.

Later in the week our Leech Lake leadership met with Congressman Colin Peterson's Legislative Assistant Matt Forbes to discuss some issues that are affecting band member lives around the Leech Lake Reservation. Everything from a dilapidated hospital, to an aging Bug-O-Ney-Ge-Shig school, to Indian Health Service funding, and the possibility of a new Veteran's Hospital in the area were discussed. District III representative Eugene "Ribs" Whitbird brought up the topic of Leech Lake's wild rice harvest, and his concern

with how the water levels are maintained around the reservation, as many families around our reservation (and other local reservations too) rely on wild rice as a form of supplemental income and sustenance in the fall—as Congressman Peterson is the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Mr. Whitebird also mentioned that he advises the Mississippi Headwaters Board and spoke about how the Mississippi runs through almost seventy miles of the northern portion of the reservation, and how the great river is one of this continent's most important watershed conduits.



**Rob Aitken, heads up the discussion in Rep. Collin Peterson's Office with (L to R) Michael Bongo, Jerry Chezik, Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird, Tribal Attorney Frank Bibeau, and not pictured but present Arthur "Archie" LaRose**

Secretary Treasurer Michael Bongo picked up the conversation mentioning that the Cass Lake Hospital is slated for the capital improvements list in 2040, which he added—might be a little too far into the future. He also mentioned that Leech Lake needs new community center upgrades i.e. computers and communications equipment, and the ability to provide services to our local Indian communities (and should be staffed by the local community) so that the people who have to drive an hour or more (one way) to receive services would no longer have this mounting burden, what with gas prices and transportation alone being an issue of concern around the reservation for our drastically underserved population. "Decentralized services would aid our economic development initiative," Mr. Bongo added. "As we seek to acquire funding out of the economic stimulus package, we are bolstering every facet and angle of support, we are counting on all of our talent, skills, and abilities as leaders so we can best serve our fellow Leech Lake Band members. Therefore, we are respectfully asking for the Congressman's support so we can secure some of the funding that we so desperately require at Leech Lake, and we can then finally, begin to harness the power of our local communities' assets."

Chairman Arthur "Archie" LaRose continued the discussion mentioning the Tract 33 water main project/water treatment plant, and stated that Leech Lake has a

number of 'shovel ready' projects that only require funding to begin or finish in some cases. He mentioned our local community of Inger's water being polluted by arsenic that is five times the accepted standard for arsenic levels, and how we need to rebuild the infrastructure up there. "We have many things that need doing around here for the people's best interests," stated Chairman LaRose.

Our Leech Lake officials touted the focus of the previous half year in office, naming everything from solar panel manufacturing possibilities, our green bus initiative at the Bug-O-Ney-Ge-Shig School, adding to the Hospital staff—including a new CEO, and our Day Labor employment program, to things like giving back to our Band members over the holidays and bolstering elderly and early childhood initiatives that have been rippling across the reservation as of late.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum was also gracious enough to make some time for the Leech Lake lobbying contingent. Rep. McCollum, a Democrat who represents the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in St. Paul, is serving her fifth term in the House. Education and Health Care are her top priorities. Rep. McCollum is the Senior Democratic Whip, and sits on numerous Appropriations Subcommittees. Most recently, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has appointed Congresswoman

McCollum to a seat on the House Committee on the Budget that President Obama will unveil very soon. Bill Harper, the Congresswoman's Chief of Staff was very receptive to our discussion, and had many good things to say about how getting to Washington and taking the time and making the effort can really go a long way towards shoring up support, not only for our region, but for the People of the Leech Lake reservation and the issues that affect us here.

It was a busy week of picking our way through the throngs of people, moving like fish amongst the masses, to be able to sit down with our Federal Representatives, but our leadership did what they had to do so they could put our issues and needs in front of the people who wield the kind of power that, with a phone call, the ball not only gets rolling but travels far and fast in the direction of need. The DeBahJiMon will continue to cover how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act takes shape, and we will parallel this with how it will be positioned to help our people in the eyes of this lobbying effort. Stay tuned for further news and information regarding this hot button topic, and how it could trickle down from the offices and hallways of Washington D.C. to your living rooms right here on the Leech Lake Reservation.

## From the Office of Congresswoman Betty McCollum

Funding for Indian Tribes in H.R. 1,  
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act approved by Congress includes approximately \$2.5 billion to create jobs and economic opportunity for Indian Tribes. The provisions contain no “earmarks,” funding instead only previously authorized programs.

The legislation also includes significant new construction bonding authority, beyond the \$2.5 billion in job creating investments, to further help spur job creation.

A summary of provisions for Indian Tribes are as follows:

### INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Indian Health Facilities-\$415 million

Maintenance and improvements-\$100 million

Sanitation Facilities-\$68 million

Medical Equipment-\$20 million

Indian Health Services-Health Information Technology - \$85 million

### BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

BIA Office of Indian Programs - \$40 million (housing improvement and workforce & training)

BIA Construction - \$450 million (schools, roads, repair, jails, irrigation, dams)

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

Department of Justice Grant (DOJ) – Indian Jails construction - \$225 million

(coordinate with BIA, consider violent crime rates and detention space needs)

DOJ Violence Against Women Prosecution Grants - \$22.5 million (result of a 10% Tribal set-aside)

### TRIBAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

Indian Reservation Roads (DOT) - \$310 million

Tribal Transit Set Aside (DOT) - \$17.25 million

### INDIAN HOUSING

Indian Housing block grants (HUD) - \$510 million (conference not to use funding to rehabilitate and improve energy efficiency in houses maintained by Native American housing programs)

### EDUCATION

Head Start - \$10 million (tribal set-aside)

Early Head Start – tribes eligible for a portion of the \$12.2 billion program

Impact Aid – language urges targeted funding to military and Indian reservations from the \$100 million program

### ENERGY AND WATER

Bureau of Reclamation Tribal Water Projects - \$60 million for water intake and treatment facilities

Safe Drinking and Clean Water Revolving funds - \$120 million (permissive set-aside)

Tribal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants - \$56 million (result of a 2% tribal set-aside)

Weatherization Assistance Program – tribes are eligible to compete for competitive grants under the \$5 billion program

### OTHER PROGRAMS

Indian Reservation Food Distribution (USDA) - \$5 million

Native Elder Nutrition (DHHS) - \$3 million (Older Americans Act, Title IV)

BIA Indian Loan Guarantee Program - \$10 million

Tribal Community Development Financial Institutions (Treasury) - \$10 million

### BONDING AUTHORITY FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

Tribal economic development tax-exempt bonds - \$2 billion in bonding authority

Qualified Indian school construction bonds - \$400 million in bonding authority

### OTHER NOTES

Bill language permits Indian Tribes to contract and compact to build projects and create reservation jobs pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Self-Governance Acts

## LL Housing Announces receipt of housing repair grant funds

CASS LAKE MN-- Marlene Mitchell, Executive Director of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Housing Authority announced today the kick-off phase of repairing 24 tribal homes as part of the “Tribal Healthy Homes Indoor Air Quality Project” partnership with the American Lung Association in Minnesota (ALAMN). ALAMN, in partnership with Leech Lake, Bois Forte, and Grand Portage bands, has received a three-year Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The focus of the grant is to build capacity of tribal housing and environmental staff to identify and correct substandard housing conditions that impact indoor air quality and the lung health of occupants.

“The commitment and dedication of the Leech Lake staff has been extraordinary,” reports Pat McKone, Director Mission Programs - ALAMN. “Without the staff time that the Leech Lake Housing Authority and the Division of Resource Management provides as a match to this project, it would have been impossible for the program to succeed.” Ken Rice and Bob Johnson from Housing and Brandy Toft, Air Quality Specialist from the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management have been the lead tribal professionals working on this effort since the beginning of 2008. “We believe this partnership is the first of its kind in the country and that it could serve as a model for other Native American reservations to address the mold and other indoor air quality conditions found in tribal housing,” says Marlene Mitchell.

Through this project, the Leech Lake reservation will receive approximately \$168,000 during 2009 and 2010 to repair identified substandard conditions impacting indoor air quality in at least 24 units. The focus is on homes with children with asthma or elders with chronic lung disease. Improvements made in the homes will vary by unit, and could include mold removal and changes to prevent mold recurrence plus improvements to the heating and ventilation systems to improve the quality of the indoor air. During the first phase of this partnership in 2008, tribal professionals from the Leech Lake Housing Authority and from the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management’s Air Quality program had multiple opportunities to work with nationally known experts on housing as well as mold and moisture. Training related to asthma, indoor air triggers, and pest management was also provided by experts from the Minnesota Department Health and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. ALAMN served to coordinate the workshops and one-on-one learning opportunities on site, working together with housing authority professionals in the homes identified.

## AA/NA Meeting Schedule

### SUNDAY

TBA

Women's Sweat

AHNJI-BE-MAH-DIZ Halfway House 335-6880

7:00 PM

AA Basic Text Group

Calvary Free Church, Walker, MN

7:30 PM

AA-Cohasset Group 12x12(Closed No Smoking)

Post Office-Cohasset, MN

### MONDAY

9:30 AM

AA Monday Morning Meeting

Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, MN

5:30 PM

Overeaters Anonymous

Alano Club, Bemidji 444-2525

7:00 PM

Felon Support Group

People's Church, Bemidji 444-8240 Contact Rene P.

7:00 PM

AA-Big Book (Closed No-Smoking)

Bethany Lutheran Church, Deer River, MN

7:00 PM

AA Meeting

Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, MN

### TUESDAY

10:00 AM

Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Support Group

Eagle's Landing-Ball Club, MN

Contact Ed 335-8302

4:30-6:30 PM

Men/Women's Wellbriety Group

Opiate Annex, 110 Balsam Ave NW, Cass Lake, MN

7:00 PM

AA Meetings (OPEN)

AHNJI-BE-MAH-DIZ Halfway House

7:00 PM

Women's Talking Circle (except 2nd Tues. each month)

Community Ctr. 8826 Onigum RD NW. Pass Old Agency.

7:00 PM

S-Lake Step Study, St. Catherine's Catholic Church

S-Lake, MN

### WEDNESDAY

11AM-2PM

Women's Talking Circle (Open)

Women's Service Bldg. 113 Balsam Ave NW Cass Lake, MN

11:00 AM

AA Meeting (Open)

AHNJI-BE-MAH-DIZ Halfway House, Cass Lake, MN

5:00 PM

(Cancl'd til further notice) Grief Support Group

United Methodist Church Cass Lake. Info: 760-2116

6:30—7:30 PM

AA/NA (Open)

Opiate Annex, 110 Balsam Ave NW, Contact Kathy 368-

3171

7:00 PM

AA Meeting (Open)(see below for Speaker/Feast infor)

Winnie Dam Community Center

8:00 PM

AA Meeting (Open, No-Smoking)

Lutheran Church, Boy River, MN

8:00 PM

Pine Manor Topic Group (Closed)

Pine Manor Treatment Center

### THURSDAY

7:00 PM

AA Meeting (Open)

AHNJI-BE-MAH-DIZ Halfway House

7:00 PM

AA Walker 12x12 Study

Calvary Evangelical Free Church, Walker, MN

7:00 PM

AA LaPorte

Baptist Church, LaPorte

### FRIDAY

3:30 PM

Substance Abuse Relapse Prevention Support Group

LL Outpatient Bldg, 2nd Floor. Contact Ed at 335-8302.

5:30—6:30 PM

AA/NA Mtg.

Opiate Annex 110 Balsam Ave NW Contact Kathy

368-3171

7:30 PM

NA Meeting

Hope Lutheran Church, Walker, MN

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## 2ND ANNUAL

# MOVIN' ROUND THE RESERVATION

### Registration Begins March 2nd

Join us in the challenge of traveling around the Leech Lake Reservation. You will have 20 weeks starting March 2, 2009 to travel 245 miles around the reservation. Earn your miles on the Treadmill, Nu-Step, Fitness Classes or any of our cardio equipment and once you reach 245 miles you earn your choice of a pair of the Nike Air Native N7 shoes or a Nike pullover jacket.



All miles must be supervised and/or signed off by Leech Lake Fitness Staff or delegated personal. You must be registered as member of the Leech Lake Fitness Program to participate!!



**Sponsored by:  
Leech Lake Diabetes  
Fitness Program**

#### **Fitness Center Hours:**

**Monday 7am -7pm  
Tuesday 7am—7pm  
Wednesday 7am—7pm  
Thursday 7am—7pm  
Friday 7am—6pm  
Saturday 9am—12pm**

*Health . Community . Life . Longevity*

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. In Honor of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, the Bemidji State University Council of Indian Students will be hosting a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "If Teddy Bears Could Talk" fundraiser in the Beaux Arts Ballroom on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

The program will start with the reading of "If Teddy Bears Could Talk" and the ceremonial handing of the first bear to open the event. Don Day, American Indian Resource Center Executive Director will then welcome everyone and offer an invocation. An Honor song will be performed by a local Native American drum group for the children and those who work with child abuse and neglect on a daily basis. The Native American drum group and dancers will also be providing entertainment during the event. BSU students will be serving lunch in exchange for a Teddy Bear donation.

The fundraising event will conclude with the donated Teddy Bears being distributed by children to the representatives of the surrounding law enforcement, social services, battered women/children centers, hospitals, and school personal, with the message 'when you see a child scared and alone, here is a Teddy Bear in need of a home.'

We are currently seeking other Bemidji State University student organizations to cosponsor this fundraising effort. Any student organizations interested in participating, please send a student liaison and/or advisor from your organization to the initial meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the American Indian Resource Center Gathering Room.

Contact person:

James King Jr.  
Council of Indian Students Board of Directors member.  
Email: James.King@st.bemidjistate.edu  
AIRC: 218-755-2032  
Cell: 218-407-0118

#### **If Teddy Bears Could Talk**



If Teddy Bears could talk,  
What would they say;  
What would they tell you,  
About the children with whom  
they play?

They might tell you things  
You don't want to hear;  
Like Mommy hurt Tommy,  
Or Daddy is who we fear.

The Teddy Bears of children  
Are not just some toy;  
They're sometimes the only  
love felt,  
By some little girl or boy.

So when you see a child  
Scared and alone,  
Find him a Teddy Bear  
In need of a home.

Know that you've done good  
By the deed in your heart,  
You've given this child  
A place for love to start.

~ Penny Vaughan ~

**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 19th day of February 2009.

**APPEARANCE DATE: April 14, 2009, at 2:00 PM**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Kelly L. Anderson	TR-08-101	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 10/11/2008
Tracy L. Anderson	TR-08-123	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 12/05/2008
Sandra M. Armstrong	TR-08-100	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 10/02/2008
Darlene G. Bellanger	TR-08-115	No Driver's License Occurring On: 10/31/2008
Cecelia M. Benaise	TR-08-098	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 10/12/2008
Benjamin G. Fairbanks	TR-08-095	No Driver's License Occurring On: 10/02/2008
Robert J. Gotchie	TR-08-118	Driving After Revocation Occurring On: 09/18/2008
Elise A. Howard	TR-08-106	Owner Permitting Unlicensed Person to Drive Occurring On: 10/08/2008
Willow L. Howard	TR-08-105	Driving After Revocation/Suspension No Proof of Insurance Failure to use Child Restraint Devices Occurring On: 10/08/2008
Suzanna M. Michaud	TR-08-110	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 10/13/2008
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-093	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Rochelle L. Roper	TR-08-094	Failure to Report an Accident involving Substantial property damage or human injury. Occurring On: 09/26/2008
Terrance J. Wilson, Jr.	TR-08-111	Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Speeding in Excess of 10 mph Over the Limit Occurring On: 10/04/2008

**APPEARANCE DATE: April 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Morris I. Beaulieu, Sr.	CN-08-08-RI	Harvesting During Closed Season or After Hours Occurring On: 08/28/2008

**APPEARANCE DATE: April 28, 2009 at 2:00 PM**

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Charge and Date</u>
Heidi A. Fairbanks	TR-03-653	Failure to provide Proof of Insurance Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Occurring On: 09/16/2003
Robert J. Gotchie, Jr.	TR-06-058	Failure to use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Occurring On: 05/25/2006

Myron J. Ellis	TR-07-215	Failure to provide Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 05/02/2007
Mary A. Cross Drive	TR-08-048	Owner Permitting Unlicensed Driver to Occurring On: 04/09/2008
Melissa M. Baird	TR-08-066	No Driver's License Motor Vehicle Insurance-Owner Occurring On: 06/9/2008
Jeff S. Donnell (Minor) Jeff S. Donnell, Sr. (Parent)	TR-08-071	No Driver's License Failure to Stop for Stop Sign/Red Traffic Light Occurring On: 05/25/2008
Jolyn Donnell (Parent) Jeanne L. Goose	TR-08-076	Driving after Revocation No Insurance Occurring On: 06/26/2008
Mark L. Fairbanks	TR-08-077	Failure to Use Seatbelt/Child Restraint Device Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 07/01/2008
Gordan L. Dunn	TR-08-083	Driving After Revocation/Suspension Motor Vehicle Registration-Owner Failure to Show Proof of Insurance Occurring On: 09/08/2008
Jeffrey M. Jackson	TR-08-078	Failure to remain at the scene of an Accident not resulting in injury Occurring On: 07/29/2008

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT**

6530 Highway 2 NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/4418  
Civil Division

Leech Lake Reservation Housing  
Authority,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Beverly Guernsey,  
Defendant.

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
PUBLICATION

CASE NO. CV-06-32

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 11, 2008, a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Default Judgment was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court in the above-referenced matter. A judgment by default was entered against defendant, Beverly Guernsey, and in favor of the plaintiff, Leech Lake Reservation Housing Authority, on November 11, 2008, in the amount of \$4,370.48.

You are served with this notice via legal publication in the DeBahJiMon in two consecutive issues because you are a party to this proceeding. If you have questions, you may contact the Leech Lake Tribal Court at the above address or by telephone at 218-335-3682.

DATED: February 4, 2009.

/s/ Patricia L. Pizzala, Court Administrator

LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE  
IN TRIBAL COURT

6530 Hwy 2 NW  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
218-335-3682/3586/4418  
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 not to exceed \$500.00, said penalty for contempt shall be in addition to any fines or other penalties previously assessed by this Court.

2. You may also be subject to one or more of the following enforcement actions without further notice:

- a. Report violation to the State of Minnesota for entry on defendant's driving record;
- b. Add the fine to the amount defendant must pay to renew or obtain Leech Lake vehicle registration or plates;
- c. Seize defendant's vehicle registration plates;
- d. Seize the vehicle driven by defendant at the time of the violation;
- e. Suspend defendant's fishing, hunting, trapping, ricing or other treaty rights within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band until defendant pays the fine in full.
- f. Garnish wages by the Leech Lake Band.

/s/ Korey Wahwassuck, Judge of Tribal Court.

APPEARANCE DATE: March 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Barney, Derrick Gordon	TR-05-57	McClimek, Leslie Paul	TR-01-342
Fairbanks, Larry Wayne	TR-01-309	Mitchell, Charlene Ann	TR-04-709
Howard, Douglas Charles	TR-01-340	Moose, Luvette Lee	TR-02-472
Jones, Corey J. Walter	TR-04-688	Roy, Todd Raymond	TR-01-325
Losh, Tonya AnnaMae	TR-03-567	Standing Cloud, Gina Rose	TR-07-61

APPEARANCE DATE: March 24, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Anderson, Jerome Wm. Lee	TR-05-121	Lindgren, Nathan Joel	TR-05-114
Anderson, Jerome Wm. Lee	TR-06-29	Lindgren Timothy Scott	TR-08-45
Day, Justin Craig	TR-05-71	Lindgren, Timothy Scott	TR-05-108
Gale, Travis John	TR-05-76	Locke, Kevin Lawrence	TR-05-125
Johnson, Ronald James	TR-05-115	Pacheco, Juanita Marie	TR-05-92
Lindgren, Nathan Joel	TR-06-37	Wright, Cassandra Jaye	TR-05-86

APPEARANCE DATE: April 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Rogers, Gordon, Jr.	CN-04-149

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

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Case No.</u>
Busse, Dennis Lee	TR-06-14	Morgan, Kerry Justin	TR-07-151
Fineday, Melissa Kay	TR-06-16	Roybal, Robert Elliot	TR-08-88
Goggleye, George James III	TR-08-24	White, Adrian William, Sr.	TR-07-181
Howard, Derek Alan	TR-07-229	White, Billy Joe	TR-05-91
Hvezda, Matthew James	TR-07-22	White, Billy Joe	TR-00-236
Isham, Tyrone Lee	TR-07-169		

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lines—unless Leech Lake receives an amount of compensation that would benefit and make real impact for future generations because it is future generations who will have to be dealing with unforeseen problems from this pipeline.

So if it is determined that the two new pipelines will be allowed across LLR, then, we must advocate for a new agreement to be negotiated on behalf of the LLBO. This new agreement needs to address the existing lines as well as the new ones. In order to safeguard the people as best as possible, there needs to be language in the agreement that:

- Just includes compensation for the Band
- Requires Enbridge to establish an account, perhaps like an escrow account, which will have a letter of credit of sufficient funds amount to cover the expenses of removal, clean up of the lines, and restoration of the land whenever the Band shall decide to terminate their agreement with Enbridge or whenever Enbridge stops using the lines. This fund will be wholly contributed to by Enbridge and not part of what the Band will be paid for the pipelines
- Includes a resolution from the Tribal Council mandating inclusion of the entire carbon footprint for the whole Alberta project recognizing the effect it has on climate and the global environment. At this point in time, Enbridge and the Department of State do not acknowledge the need to recognize and acknowledge the global impact this project has.

In conclusion, we return to the declared position of the LLDRM that the answer to new pipelines needs to be “No”. The only reason to possibly consider otherwise would be a guarantee of a tremendous monetary windfall for LLBO that would adequately “pay for” the loss of land, plants, and animals so highly valued by our people. Knowing not only what will be transported in the proposed pipelines and the potential for local environmental damage, but knowing also the amount of damage that will be done to the atmosphere, the Earth, and people of First Nations in Canada our collective conscience simply will not allow us any other position.

Thank you for your time and considerations of our thoughts.

Sincerely,  
LLDRM Staff/Authors:

Becky Knowles Ph.D., Plant Ecologist/Planner LLBO

Brandy Toft, Air Quality Specialist LLBO

Levi Brown, Environmental Director LLBO

Sam Malloy, Water Resource Technician LLBO

Steve Mortensen, Biologist LLBO

Susan Kedzie, Invasive Species Coordinator/Botanist LLBO

## Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Stephanie and Gary Wickner of Wilkinson, MN.  
They were married on Valentines Day Feb 14th, 2009.*

*Good Luck Newlyweds  
Love,  
Gahshi & Family*

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE

Summary of Job Openings, updated weekly and posted on  
www.llojibwe.com

Leech Lake Band Member preference, MCT,  
and other Native American preference applies

You may request a complete job description  
for any position listed

**\*\*ALL position requires a valid MN driver's license, current  
insurance or is insurable (Unless otherwise stated)**

BILLING SPECIALIST ~ HEALTH ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-030 Closes: March 06, 2009

MAINTENANCE ~ EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT  
~ \$9.00/hr ~ JOB CODE: 09-029 Closes: March 06, 2009

WIC DIRECTOR ~ HEALTH ~ DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 09-028  
Closes: March 06, 2009

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR ~ TRIBAL POLICE ~ \$20.00/hr  
~ JOB CODE: 08-119 Closes: March 6, 2009

FOSTER CARE SPECIALIST ~ HUMAN SERVICES ~ DOQ ~  
JOB CODE: 08-113 Closes: March 06, 2009

SOCIAL WORKER (WAIVER PROGRAM) ~ HEALTH ~  
DOQ ~ JOB CODE: 08-112 Closes: March 06, 2009

FT/PT CASHIER(s) ~ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ~ \$8.25/hr  
~ JOB CODE: 09-009 Open Continuous

Two locations: **SPECIFY ON APPLICATION:** Che-We  
Convenience Store, Cass Lake and/or Northern Lights Express  
Convenience Store, Walker

How to apply: Interested parties may come into the Human Resources office to pick up an application and disclaimer or they can download an application and disclaimer from our website at www.llojibwe.org. Interested parties may also send a letter of application, resume, credentials, and transcripts to: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources – 115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633. You may also FAX your documents to Human Resources, our FAX number is; #218-335-3697, or Email your documents to LLhumanresources@Llojibwe.com. **Policy:** Human Resources must receive your application documents before or no later than 4:30pm on the date the position is scheduled to close. Late applications received after 4:30pm on closing date will not be accepted. Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.

## Bemidji Area Arts Endowment (BAAE) Grant Opportunity for 2009

The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, is pleased to announce the 2009 grant opportunity. This grant program supports the mission of the BAAE which is to “create a community in which the arts flourish and enhance our lives.”

Several BAAE Arts Project Grants totaling \$4,429 will be awarded through the BAAE Endowment Fund, the H.B. and Ina T. Roholt Family Fund for the Arts and the Richard and Pam Nelson Family Fund for the Visual Arts. Schools, nonprofit groups or arts organizations in the Bemidji area may request a grant up to \$1,000 to produce an arts event, put on a workshop, develop its arts organization, sponsor touring arts events, sponsor an artist in residence, etc. Applicants that are not schools or 501©3 organizations must use a fiscal agent.

Applications for the BAAE Grant are available at Bemidji Community Art Center and Region 2 Arts Council (Carnegie Library), Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, and Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Applications may be mailed to BAAE c/o Northwest Minnesota Foundation, 4225 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji, Mn. 56601. Hand delivered applications will also be accepted. **All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2009.**

For further information about this scholarship you may contact Patt Rall at 751-0672 or [prall@charter.net](mailto:prall@charter.net).

## Plan for an Evening of Country Music with Faith in Action

An Evening of Country Music is planned for **Thursday, April 16, 2009, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Northern Lights Casino, east of Walker.** The concert will feature country music entertainers Country Jim Allen, Richard Schulman, and the Red Cedar Lake Band. All are Minnesota entertainers who enjoy the country music sound and yet play with their own style, putting on a great show.

The event is a fundraiser for Faith in Action for Cass County, a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides transportation, home & core services, visitation, respite and ramp building to people in need in Cass County.

Faith in Action Volunteers often provide a lifeline for seniors and others who struggle to remain independent and in their own homes. The Evening of Country Music is sponsored by the Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council, the Northern Lights Hotel and Convention Center, and the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School. A freewill donation to Faith in Action can be given at the door.

For more information on Faith in Action or the Evening of Country Music, contact the Faith in Action office at 218-675-5435 or 866-675-5435 or Eli Hunt, Board of Directors for Faith in Action, at 218-760-2116.

# Kids Perch Jerk: Winners & Grinners

## Boys Age Class 0-5yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Braydon Goggleye

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jack Parrington

3<sup>rd</sup> Place George Goggleye Jr.

## Girls Age Class 0-5yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sophia Finn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Aylah Stangle

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Krisalyn Seele

## Boys Age Class 6-11yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Kellam Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Troy Finn

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Keen Sergeant

## Girls Age Class 6-11yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Avery Mathews

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mya Goodfellow

## Boys Age Class 12-16yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Cameron Seelye

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Steven Nelson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Randall Johnson

## Girls Age Class 12-16yrs

1<sup>st</sup> Place Becca Tibbetts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Taylor Finn

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Erin Finn

## Ugly Fish Category

0-5yrs Kourtney Dovmeir

6-11yrs Cole Fox

12-16yrs Logan Dovmeir

## Raffle Winners

50" Sanyo Plasma HDTV-Mellissa Perkins

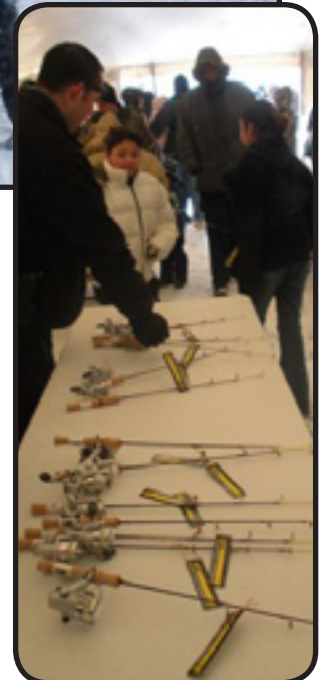
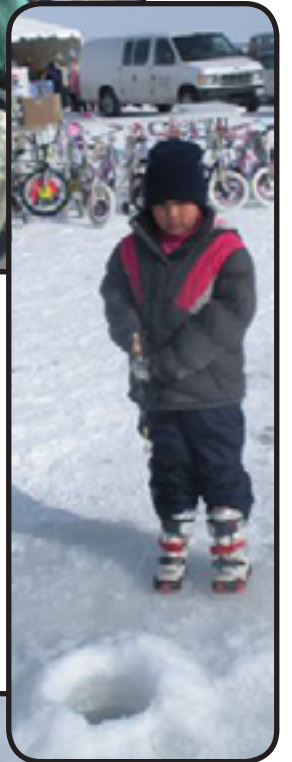
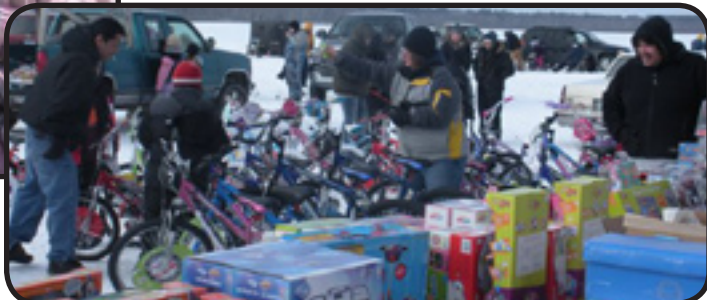
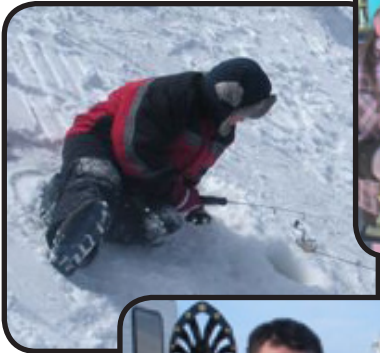
Sony Play Station 3-Evelyn Howard

Nintendo Wii-Devin Campbell

Home Surround Sound System- Scott Brown

Small Home Surround Sound System-

Tera Wilson



**ATTENTION LEECH LAKE ARTISTS!  
INTERESTED IN CREATING A NEW  
PRODUCT LINE?  
THIS MAY BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY!**

The Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Tribal Development Department is holding a workshop on:

**Friday, March 13th, 2009 From 1-4PM @ The Palace Casino (Birch Room)**

We are currently exploring the idea of product lines which would be produced from recyclable materials. If you have always wanted to design products and are willing to share your ideas, PLEASE attend this workshop.

For more Info Please call 218-335-3799

**LEECH LAKE YOUTHBUILD**

The Leech Lake Youth Build program is now accepting applications. This program is for young people who are interested in construction/carpentry. If you are 16 – 24 years old, and do not have a high school diploma or GED, please call us for an application. You may also come into the Youth Build office or the LL Education office located in the Facility Center in Cass Lake.

**The deadline for completed applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**If you have any questions or need more information, please call  
toll free 1-866-638-7738  
local 335-8250, 335-3775 or 335-3766.**

**Bruce Baird, Director  
Marlyce Bellanger, Coordinator  
Bev Beaulieu, Counselor**

**ENTERTAINMENT  
AT NORTHERN LIGHTS EVENT CENTER**



**March 21st & 22nd  
Miranda Lambert  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$42/\$49**



**April 19th  
Oak Ridge Boys  
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$19/\$26**



**April 25th & 26th  
STAIND  
with Special Guest  
Hoobastank  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$39/\$46**



**May 3rd  
Queensryche  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$15/\$22**



**May 17th  
Don McLean  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$19/\$26**



**June 27th & 28th  
Billy Squier  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$29/\$36**



**July 11th  
Kentucky Headhunters &  
Confederate Railroad  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$19/\$26**



**August 29th & 30th  
Randy Travis  
7:00 pm  
Tickets: \$36/\$43**

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# READ ACROSS THE REZ

Wanted: Leech Lake Early Childhood is looking for reader's March 2nd thru March 6th, 2009  
If interested in reading to some children in the Early Childhood Program,  
please call and schedule a time with the teachers.

This is in celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday, March 2nd



Teachers can be contacted at:

Kathy Faribanks Inger 659-2851

Karen Lind North School 832-3621 ext 319

Willa Howard or Shayla Gullickson Ball Club 246-8374

Sharon Howard or Janie Matthews Bena 665-5312

Wendy Whitebird Onigum 547-1420

Cass Lake Classrooms 335-8345 or 1-800-551-0969

Request your Classroom: Migizi- Shelly Masten, Muckwa- Dora Wind, Washkish- Yodi Blomgren, Amik- Mary Powers, Mahng- Clarinda Wabinaise, Mikinahk- Melody Robinson, Wabooz- Cheryl Masten or Dikinaagan- Ann Bradach

## TRADITIONAL GATHERING SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009 LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE

**SPIRITUAL ADVISORS:**  
**PAUL DAY**  
**ANNA GIBBS**

For more information contact  
Juanita 218.335.4279 or  
Amy 218.335.4244



Leech Lake Tribal College  
6945 Little Wolf Road  
Cass Lake, MN 56633 [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu)

7:30am Breakfast	
8:15am Pipe Ceremony & Drum	
8:30 Traditional Healing Talk	
9:30 Anisinaabe Nibikwe for Women	9:30am Storytelling
10:15 Suicide Prevention	
10:45 Deer Bone Game	10:45 Black Ash Basket Demo
11:15 Diabetes and Cancer	
Noon Lunch	
1:00 Language Preservation	
2:15 Lacrosse	2:15 Traditional Art Activities
3:30 Traditional Hand Games	3:00 Talking Circles
4:30 Storytelling	4:00 Healthy Cooking Class
5:00pm Dinner	
6:00 Educator, Gerald White	
7:00 Closing & Traveling Song	

**VENDORS WELCOME**  
PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE A TABLE

## MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE FINANCE CORPORATION

### First-Time Homebuyer Education Class

Dates: Saturday, March 28, 2009 & April 25, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Place: Minnesota Chippewa Tribe  
15542 State 371 NW  
Cass Lake, Minnesota

First-time Homebuyer Education is a requirement of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for qualified buyers.

Please reserve your spot in this class with Cindy Beaulieu at 218-335-8582 extension 150 or [cbeaulieu@mnchippewatribe.org](mailto:cbeaulieu@mnchippewatribe.org)

No Childcare is provided so please make other arrangements



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## LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE BEMIDJI INDIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT ART EXPO FOR 2009

LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE ART ROOM  
APRIL 24 - MAY 1, 2009

BSU POWWOW...MAY 1ST - 3RD, 2009

Open Reception 4:00p.m - 6:00p.m. April 24, 2009  
Artist Awards Reception May 1<sup>st</sup> - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Eligibility and Guidelines - Native American Artist and Students  
5 entries per artist, Original art only, Paintings and Drawings  
must be matted and framed/ready to hang. Artwork must have  
been created in the last 2 years from the date of entry

Deadline for ART Entry April 22, 2009 - drop off at Leech Lake Tribal College Art Room  
contact Ben at 755-3979 or Duane Goodwin 335-4265

