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## Leech Lake and Cass County Board Meet

In an effort to not only continue the burgeoning relationship but to also foster and grow the partnership between the Leech Lake Band and Cass County leadership, a meeting between the two bodies was recently convened. A memorandum of understanding, from government to government, was signed in early 2014 and this most recent meeting was called to help tighten the relations between both parties. Leech Lake shares more land base with Cass County than any of the four counties where our borders cross. Therefore, having a solid mode of communication between the two can not only make service delivery more efficient but it can help us each to both save budget dollars and secure funding for ongoing and future projects. One very large part of this relationship will be bolstered by the new justice center that Leech Lake is currently building which will offer the ability to serve northern Cass County/Leech Lake Band members and save them a trip to Walker, MN—the seat of Cass County courts.



## Indigenous Elder Abuse Awareness Conference

Mystic Lake Casino and event center hosted a gathering to combat elder abuse in Indian country. Everything from financial scams and prescription theft have were covered at the event. Elders are one of our society's vulnerable populations, and unfortunately there are people who see them as an opportunity. On the other end of the spectrum, as people age they can tend to be seen as a population to be "dealt" with. Another problem for the rest of us. It's unfortunate that things can get away from a society and a culture that has revered and highly valued our older people. This gathering was formed to remind us that although our elders may have become a bit more vulnerable, they are the foundation from which we build our current lives. They are our link to the past, they were the first authority figures we knew, and they deserve our respect and admiration.

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## A Letter regarding the Squarehook Court Case

After considerable thought and consideration, I feel I must have a conversation with the good people of Leech Lake regarding the upcoming tribal court cases pertaining to the alleged sale of game-fish by some of our Leech Lake band members and other MCT Band members. The case is set to be heard on appeal in Leech Lake Tribal Court. If the defendants were to prevail on their argument that the Band does not have the authority to regulate the fishing of Leech Lake Band members and other MCT band members I fear the consequences. This could potentially open the door to a flood of misuse of resources; a misuse that could affect our children's and grandchildren's ability to hunt, fish, and gather. We need to preserve our resources for future generations.

I want to emphasize that these are my thoughts as both the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management Director, and also as a lifelong resident of the Leech Lake Reservation that has enjoyed the harvest and usage of our natural resources my entire life.

I also want to relay to the good people of Leech Lake that I, along with 95% of the people I have talked to over the past year or so about the selling of our game fish, feel that this is absolutely wrong and want these people punished for their abusing the privilege to utilize our resources.

Additionally, the Tribal law that prohibits the sale of game fish is not based solely on the Leech Lake Hunting and Fishing Agreement, but it's just as importantly based on the Leech Lake Band's sovereign governmental authority to create laws that not only look out for the welfare of our people, but also look out for our resources.

We must all look to the future to plan and protect our natural resources for us, our grandchildren, and their grandchildren. If every Leech Laker starting netting and selling game-fish, where would our fisheries be in a few years? We have only to look to Red Lake a few years ago to see where we could be in a few years from now if we allow the harvest and selling of game-fish by all our tribal members.

As of right now our band members can net as many fish as they want 11 months out of the year. They just cannot sell these fish.

I want to conclude by stating the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has fought for many, many years to get Federal, State and local governments to recognize that as a sovereign nation we retain the inherent authority to protect and manage the use of our lands, waters, and resources within the exterior boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

This means not only do we need programs that will restore, manage, and enhance these resources, but unfortunately we also need laws to ensure that these resources are not abused and will be here for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. I say "unfortunately", but we all know that there are individuals out there that are not looking to the future. They only see the here and now of the situation.

**Thank You,**

**Rich Robinson**  
**Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**  
**Division of Resource Management**

## Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home Remodeling Complete

Leech Lake – The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has named the homeless shelter in Leech Lake, Minnesota, the Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home. The Leech Lake RBC and District II Representative White have worked tirelessly on this project with Federal and State Agencies, as well as foundations. The RBC has been accessing all available funding sources and supporting this project with the Leech Lake programs and services to address the issue of homelessness on the Leech Lake Reservation.

In the summer of 2014, the Leech Lake Veteran's Memorial Powwow Grounds had 100 people living there. The Reservation Business Committee (RBC) had created a Homeless Committee to address the homeless issues at the Veteran's Memorial Grounds. The committee had concluded that 75 adults and 25 children were living in tents. Once cold weather commenced the homeless set up tents behind the Indian Health Service Hospital also in Cass Lake. Throughout the Reservation, people were camping in tents. This could be seen at the Ball Club powwow grounds and scattered throughout the region with people camped in their family's yards.

The Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home is taking a cultural and grassroots level approach in providing resources for its homeless population. The Leech Lake COC's 10 year Plan to End Homelessness is part of a broader Tribal effort. The shelter will be a major step as part of the COC's Ten Year Plan, Goal 3: Resource Development. The intent of this goal is to create collaborative partnerships that seek and develop new financial and housing resources to generate additional housing units and services at all points along the continuum for emergency shelter to permanent supportive housing to affordable home ownership. The Transitional Home has received funding from the following sources: \$20,000 Greater Minnesota Housing Fund; \$18,000 Mardag Foundation; \$10,000 Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless; and \$217,000 from Minnesota Chippewa Tribe for remodeling, in addition to start up funds provided by the RBC. The Department of Public Works' Community Services carpenters, plumbers, and electricians, along with workers from the Day Labor program, have worked several months to bring the 3400 square foot building to new life with a beautiful remodel. New walls, kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, and living spaces have been renovated to accommodate up to 30 residents and one handicapped accessible unit.

The Transitional Home has recently hired a shelter manager who will be managing the operations. The grand opening was held on May 8th, 2015. At this time, the shelter has hired enough shelter advocates to staff the shelter and with the final preparations families will be invited to stay at the shelter. The transitional home will provide a bed, meals, and other resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. Congressman Nolan said that, "The Leech Lake Band is to be congratulated for its visionary 10 year plan to end homelessness on and near the reservation - and in particular to provide for the children who will benefit so greatly from a better and safer start in life through this housing program. Hats off to the Band and to everyone involved!"



*The Grand Opening of the Homeless shelter was on May 8, 2015*

## Jingle Dress Fundraiser held at Sanford Center Powwow

Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht showed support for the Indigenous Elder Abuse Awareness Conference 2015 fundraising effort during the powwow at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN on April 4, 2014.

Our Jingle Dress Fundraiser was held and proceeds will benefit the upcoming Indigenous Elder Abuse Awareness Conference 2015 to be held at Mystic Lake Casino in Shakopee on April 29 & May 1, 2015. A pledge amount is made on a jingle which is then put on jingle dress display. For the afternoon session at the powwow, eighty seven (87) jingle pledges were made totaling \$370.00 to end elder abuse.

The conference planning committee would like to thank all those who pledged their support this year. The Jingle Dress will continue to be displayed in various locations in Minnesota throughout the year. Proceeds will benefit this year's conference and upcoming conferences. Also Miigwech to Daryl Northbird, Sanford Center Powwow coordinator for giving us space at no cost.



## Leech Lake Telecommunications Company LIC Now Serving In The Tribal Lands Of The Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe

In July of 2013, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's become the second wireless tribal telecommunications in the U.S. (second to Standing Rock Telecom). The company was chartered under the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Corporate Charter. There are currently three staff – Sally Fineday, Business Manager; Richard Schulman, Wireless Manager; and David DeVault, Installer and Technician.

The issue of lack of affordable broadband (internet) in tribal lands came to light in the early mid-2000s when some citizens require internet service in the home to work from home. Today, internet in the home is not only for work it is critical to have such a service so children may do homework from home and parents may interact with school officials and teachers to keep up to date on what's going on with a child's daily academics. Internet in the home is also useful for college student who can now do some of their coursework online versus traveling to a college or university on a daily basis. Elders may find it valuable to save time and may soon be able to talk to their nurse and/or physician online verses driving in for a visit.

Time will tell what citizens will find of value with access to internet in your homes. The services of the telecommunication company include high speed internet and telephone for \$50.00 per month. Currently, the cities of Cass Lake and Bena are being served. To find out more, please contact the office at 218-335-7217 or 218-851-8452.

## Chief Bemidji Statue Dedication (Honor and healing through art and truth)

The public is invited to attend the unveiling and dedication of the new bronze statue of Shaynowishkung – “Chief Bemidji”. The dedication event will take place Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the statue site in Library Park, followed by a walleye meal provided by Leech Lake Gaming and Catering.

The ceremony will include flute music by Windy Downwind and Jon Romer, a prayer by an Ojibwe elder, and an honor song by the Eyabay drum group. Elaine Fleming, history professor at Leech Lake Tribal College, will speak on ‘Healing through Truth: Shaynowishkung and the Time Period in which He Lived’. The dedication will also include remarks on ‘Honoring through Art’ from statue sculptor Gareth Curtiss. Tribal and local dignitaries as well as family of Shaynowishkung will address the audience.

Event organizers suggest early arrival to obtain parking and event seating. A drop off area will be available on Bemidji Avenue just north of the Carnegie Building. Those attending should be aware that due to construction, parking will not be available in the Visitor Center's parking lot.

Contact Carolyn Jacobs 218-766-9880  
[cjacobs@paulbunyan.net](mailto:cjacobs@paulbunyan.net)

## LLBO WIC FOR June 2015 WIC CLINICS AT THE NEST

Nutrition Education Sessions and Certifications by appointment only  
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Monday- Thursdays are available for appointment in Cass Lake  
**WIC CLINICS AT OUTLYING CLINICS**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> - Onigum Community Center Appointments 10a.m.- 1p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> - Inger Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> - Ball Club Comm. Ctr. Appointments 10a.m. - 3p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> - Bena Clinic Appointments 10a.m. - 2p.m.

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

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## Start Your Own Fireworks Sales Business

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- Financing and Certification Course Application from the Leech Lake Financial Services. Complete loan application to seek approval of a prepackaged retail fireworks business including start-up cost, inventory, and capital. Contact Rob Aitken for more information.
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will be providing 4 Permits - 1 Permit for District I, 1 Permit for District II, 2 Permits for District III. Permit is valid for 1 year

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Leech Lake Financial Services/Rob Aitken (218)339-3940  
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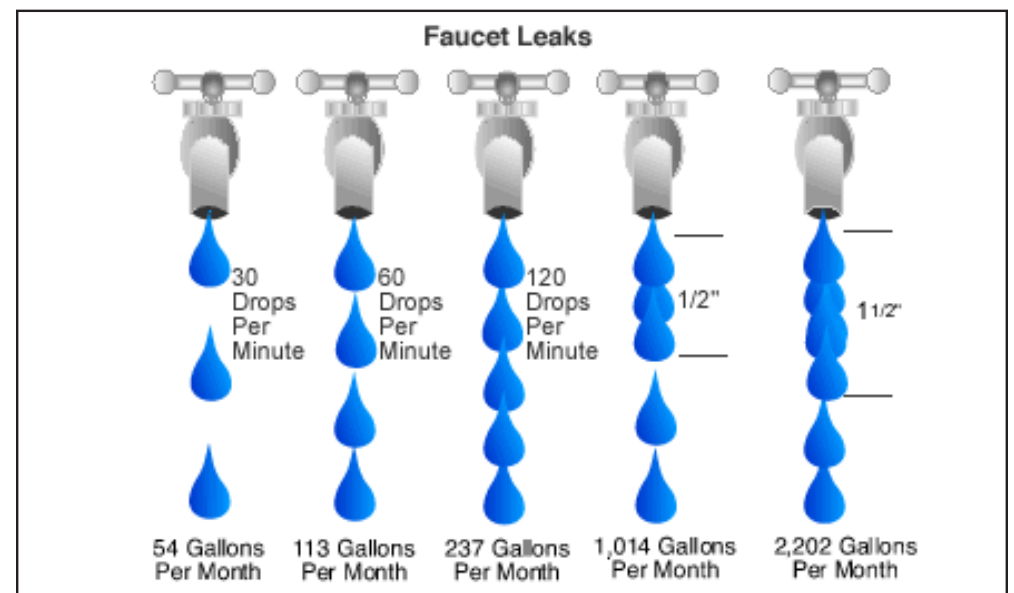
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To all homeowners connected to the Northside Water system:

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has collaborated with the Indian Health Service and the Environmental Protection Agency to fund a project to install water meters in all buildings and homes that are connected to the Northside Water system. The goal of the project is to be able to track all the water used in the community in order to locate and correct any water loss that may exist in the system. The homes that will be affected are in between Cass Lake and the Palace Casino and are connected to the community water system. The Band has hired Robinson Plumbing out of Cass Lake to complete this work. He will be starting to complete this work in the beginning of May, and plans to have the work completed by the end of July.



## FROM THE DISTRICT II OFFICE

If any District II Band members are unable to make it to our Cass Lake office or to any of the District II LIC meetings we can come to you for a meeting to discuss any issues that are of concern.

Please contact the District II office to make arrangements at:

**218-335-8341 or at 218-335-8202.**



Wishing District II Elders a  
*Happy Birthday!*  
**May Birthdays**

Dianne Blakely  
Joe Chase  
Roger Doerr  
Josephine Sanders  
Donna White

Terrence "Chopper" White  
Dolly Boyd  
Marc Lyons  
Helen Smith  
Bonita Strong-Desjaslais

From District II  
Office Steve,  
Michelle, & Lori

## Office of the District I Representative Penny DeVault Monthly Report for March 2015

Representative/Asst: National Indian Gaming Conference-March 30-April 2,

All Staff: LLBO Quarterly Meeting at Sugar Point-April 3, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-April 3, 2015

Representative: Bemijigamaag Celebration at Sanford Center-April 4, 2015

Representative: T.E.P. Meeting-April 7, 2015

Representative: Bug School site visit w/ Dignitaries Kline, Rokita, Nolan-Apr 8

All Staff: C.D.A.P. Community Event at Winnie Dam-April 8, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-April 9, 2015

All Staff: District I Community Assembly at Winnie Dam-April 10, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-April 13, 2015

Representative: Medical Leave-April 17-23, 2015

Assistant: DRHS site visit with Chairwoman's Office (Internship)-April 17

Assistant: Bug School site visit with Chairwoman's Office (Intern)-April 17

Assistant: Leech Lake Legacy Surrender Event at Ball Club-April 18, 2015

Assistant: Groundbreaking Justice Center and Elders Care Facility-April 20

Assistant: S. Lake Regalia Class-April 20, 2015

Assistant: S. Lake Regular LIC Meeting-April 20, 2015

Assistant: Ball Club Regalia Class-April 21, 2015

Assistant: LLHA BOC Meeting-April 23, 2015

Representative: Cass County Joint Meeting at NLC-April 24, 2015

All Staff: D.A.R.E. Graduation at King School-April 24, 2015

Representative: Medical Leave-April 29-May 1, 2015

Assistant: Elder Abuse Awareness Conf at Mystic Lake-April 29-May 1, 2015

All staff at LLBO Tribal Office in Cass Lake, MN verifiable through Empower

Time System-all other days

- Tuesdays-Tribal Council Briefings
- Thursdays-Tribal Council Meetings

### Upcoming Events

- ✓ Monthly LIC Meetings, continuous
- ✓ 10th Annual Spiritual Run-May 2-3, 2015
- ✓ One Sight Eye Clinic Visit CLB School-May 4, 2015
- ✓ Lyman "DeDe" Losh Transitional Home Grand Opening-May 8, 2015
- ✓ S. Lake CPR Class-May 9, 2015
- ✓ S. Lake Water Raft Ceremony-May 10, 2015
- ✓ LLHA Elders Feast at NLC-May 16, 2015
- ✓ District I Strategic Planning Meeting at Winnie Dam-May 22, 2015

### DISTRICT I OFFICE

Penny, DeVault-District I Representative  
Sarah Wakanabo-District I Executive Assistant  
Sondra Dahl-District I Executive Assistant

## DISTRICT I YOUTH SPOTLIGHT MAY 2015

For the month of May, the District I Office is proud to present Natalie "Nan" Bebeau as our Youth Spotlight. Nan is a sophomore at Deer River High School and lives in Ball Club, the daughter of Duane Bebeau and Robbie Howe-Bebeau. Nan has already accumulated many accomplishments both academically and as a star athlete for the Deer River Warriors. She is a three sport athlete for the Warriors, playing Volleyball, Basketball and Softball, alongside her sister Nashel. Nan's true passion is on the basketball court, playing with her family. She has been a starter on the Varsity basketball team for 2 years. In 2014, she received Northern Lakes Conference Honorable Mention. This year she was named to both Northern Lakes All Conference and the Iron Range All Conference. Nan has always been a role model for the younger generation, off the court as well. She is an honor roll student at Deer River, participates in The Link Crew and The Movement. As part of The Movement, Nan was selected to attend CADCA in Florida last year. CADCA is a leadership program which stands for Community Anti-Drugs Coalitions of America. In her spare time, Nan enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends. College is definitely on the horizon for Nan, who dreams to secure athletic scholarships to a nationally ranked college. Nan hopes to have a career in Teaching, which she accredits to many teachers who pushed her to do her best in academics. To quote Nan "Teachers in the Deer River High School have been great role models for what good can come out of teaching and someday in my life I want to have that too." The Leech Lake Band would like to say congratulations Natalie Bebeau on all of your accomplishments and achievements. You are truly an inspiration and a wonderful young leader. Keep up the great work and we wish you all the best on your goals and dreams. You are definitely on the road to success!



## DISTRICT I ELDER SPOTLIGHT

This month we would like to thank Jim Humphrey for agreeing to let us share his story. Jim has lived in the District I area all his life, he lived in Deer River as a child and now resides in Ball Club. He grew up with two siblings who he has remained close with. He had three children of his own and now has two wonderful grandsons. Jim is especially close to his grandsons and tries to spend as much time as he can with them. Jim worked in the engineering field for the majority of his life and later drove shuttle for Leech Lake Gaming. He was a shuttle driver for ten years and now works as a security guard at White Oak Casino. Jim is an avid golfer and travels all over the state to play in tournaments, his favorite tourneys being Fortune Bay and Blackbear. He also likes to go to the casino, take walks, and attend powwows.



THANKS AGAIN, JIM AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



*Pictured from L to R are: LLBO D2 Rep. Steve White, LLBO Executive Director Pete White, Cass County Chairman Neal Gaalswyk, LLBO Chairwoman Carrie Jones, BugONayGeShig School Board Chair Rocky Papasodora, Itasca County District Court Judge Korey Wahwassuck, Cass County Administrator Robert Yochum, Cass County Commissioner Dick Downham, LLBO Police Chief Kenneth Washington, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar's Outreach Director Adrew Martin, U.S. Senator Al Franken's Rep. Valerie Gravseth, LLBO D3 LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks III, and LLBO Secretary/Treasurer Archie LaRose.*

## Leech Lake RBC Approves Construction of New Tribal Justice Center

Leech Lake – Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee Members have approved the new construction for the Tribal Justice Center. The Tribal Justice Center has a budget of \$6.2 million for construction and the project will be approximately 30,000 square feet. Leech Lake had received a Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant from the Department of Justice for \$4 million dollars. “With funding from the Department of Justice, Leech Lake is able to consolidate our tribal justice programs into one building which will provide research-based practices and Ojibwe culture and values, protecting the rights of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe people and resources on the Leech Lake Reservation,” said Chairwoman Carri Jones.

The RBC had selected and awarded the construction contract to Shingobee Builders that had the lowest bid. Construction on the new project will begin by May 2015. The project will be located between the new RBC building and Early Childhood.

In 2008, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded funding under a U.S. Department of Justice FY ‘08 Planning Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands grant to conduct a needs assessment and create a Master Plan for a Regional Justice and Public Safety Center with adequate space to house not only the Tribal Court and Tribal Police, but with the ability to host visiting judges from other Tribal, State and Federal jurisdictions.

This grant opportunity allowed the Band to engage outside organizations and community members to work toward common goals and, most importantly, to implement practical solutions to real-life issues; solutions that would not only allow the Band to exercise its sovereignty by expanding its justice system and take more responsibility for criminal matters, but would also help to alleviate the fiscal challenges faced by local justice and corrections systems.

The Band had been examining the need for infrastructure improvements and government facilities for several years, as the Tribal administration offices and many of the other divisions are not centrally located, making access to services challenging. A broad based community planning process has been in place since 2006 that involves the various departments and divisions of the Tribal government, Tribal Council leadership, and Local Indian Councils (LIC) Representatives on this project.



The ceremonial ground-breaking for the Assisted Care facility that will be located near IHS took place on the same day.



# Leech Lake Community Spring Events



The DRM staff and Executive staff and LLBO leadership helped hand out sapling trees during this spring event to help develop greater natural resources



**Community Drug Awareness and Prevention** committee helping educate everyone about the problems and possible solutions to the epidemic of dependence. The group pictured below are participants of the District I CDAP gathering held at the George Johnson community center in Winnie Dam.



District I Community assembly brought band members together to discuss issues that affect everyone in District I from housing and public safety to elders and education.



An event in Bena was recently held, to show appreciation for **District II** band members as the seasons progress



Sugar Point Community Center held **Get Out the Vote** for Remer School District's new facility



Participants of the **Spirit Walk** enjoying the weather as spring has finally sprung and brought warmer days to the area. "No winter last forever; No spring skips its turn!"



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Contact the School Nurse or Indian Education office at below area schools for more information

Bug O Nay Ge Shig,  
Cass Lake Bena School,  
Bemidji, Remer,  
Deer River, Walker,  
Laporte, Grand Rapids

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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# OneSight

## Giving the gift of sight

One Sight Eye Clinic  
September 14-18, 2015  
Cass Lake Bena High School  
15314 State Hwy 371  
Cass Lake, MN 56633

### Free Eye Exams and New Glasses

Glasses will be produced on-site, and dispensed during the week.

- 800-1000 Kids 1st-12th grade for the 2015-2016 school year
- 150-200 Elders and Veterans
- Students need Parental Consent forms filled out this school year. Students cannot be seen if they don't have a consent form.

## Regional Native Public Defense Corporation

Regional Native Public Defense Corporation was established in 2007 to provide criminal defense services to Native people who have been charged with crimes. Our organization's goals are to help Native people achieve justice and fair treatment in the courts, to advise them of their rights and the options available to them if they have been accused of a crime, and to provide high-quality, professional legal representation at all times.

RNPDC currently represents adult and juvenile Leech Lake and White Earth members in Cass, Mahnommen, Beltrami, Itasca, Clearwater, Hubbard and Becker Counties. We average over 2,000 cases per year in our 7 county service area. Our attorneys often collaborate with mental health professionals, chemical dependency treatment providers and other critical service providers to provide complete representation to our clients.

Generally, a person is eligible for representation if he or she has been charged with a crime that could result in jail time, and if he or she is financially eligible. Financial eligibility can be shown if the applicant receives means-tested benefits (including food stamps, Minnesota Care, MFIP, SSI, Medical Assistance or others) or can be shown based on household income and household size. RNPDC is an alternative to the State Public Defender's office and Leech Lake and White Earth members have the right to choose who represents them (though in some situations, legal ethics rules prevent RNPDC from accepting a case from an otherwise eligible individual)

Our attorneys and primary coverage areas are:

- Cass County - James Hughes – Executive Director & Attorney
- Beltrami and Clearwater County – Karin Wentzel – Attorney
- Itasca County - Corey Bakken – Attorney
- Mahnommen County - Rachel Kowarski – Attorney
- Becker County - Princess Gaye – Attorney
- Hubbard County – Call the Cass Lake office to inquire.

Some attorneys handle cases in more than one county – we will advise individuals who receive services who their attorney will be.

Individuals seeking representation in Cass, Beltrami, Itasca or Clearwater Counties may contact our Leech Lake office at 218-339-5680, or visit the office at 232 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW in Cass Lake. Individuals seeking representation in Becker or Mahnommen Counties may contact our office at the White Earth RTC at 218-983-3285 to apply. RNPDC is only able to accept criminal and juvenile delinquency cases at this time.

*Regional Native Public Defense Corporation is on Facebook. Our website, [www.rnpdc.org](http://www.rnpdc.org) is currently under construction.*

If I can provide any added information, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

James Hughes  
Executive Director  
Regional Native Public Defense Corporation  
(218) 339-5680  
James.hughes@rnpdc.org



## PAPER JANITORIAL OFFICE SUPPLIES

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# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

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## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
Stephanie Suzanne Cloud and  
Jess Simon Day, Parents.  
**Court File No. CP-14-41**

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on April 18, 2014, as amended by the Court on December 15, 2014, a **Child/Family Protection Petition** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
Angela Budreau (Deceased), and  
Terry Moore, Parents.  
**Court File No. CP-14-32**

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on March 23, 2015, a **Petition for Long-Term Foster Care** and a **Petition to Suspend Parental Rights** were filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

## LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE IN TRIBAL COURT

**Debra A. Rambo,**  
**Co-Petitioners,**  
**vs.**  
**Michael S. Rambo,**  
**Respondent.**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION  
CASE NO. FA-14-95**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that on **July 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**, the Initial Hearing will commence in the Leech Lake Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, upper level, Cass Lake, Minnesota, to address the **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If respondent fails to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for Default Judgment against you. If petitioner fails to appear, this matter will be dismissed by this court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 16th day of April, 2015.

Hon. Megan E. Treuer Associate Judge of Tribal Court

## -LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

### Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of:  
Regina M. White and  
Darrell Goodman, Parents.  
**Court File No. CP-14-04**

#### NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on January 8, 2015, a **Petition for Alternative Relief** was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the children of the above-named parent. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

## Anishinabe Legal Services

**A**nishinabe Legal Services(ALS) is a Legal Services Corporation (LSC) grantee and independent 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals living on or near the Leech Lake, Red Lake, & White Earth Reservations in Northwestern Minnesota. ALS represents clients before tribal courts, state courts, and agencies to help them protect their rights. Anishinabe Legal Services has offices in Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth. You do not have to be an enrolled band member to receive services, but you must meet the eligibility guidelines below.

ALS has income and eligibility guidelines which can be found on our website, or generally, we go by 125% of the federal poverty guideline. Because of limited resources, ALS must prioritize case types for acceptance. Priorities are updated yearly by our board of directors.

At the present time, we have received special funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to provide civil legal assistance to

domestic violence victims in several different areas of civil law, including housing, family law matters, and debt collection. See attached for more information.

In addition to representation in court or administrative forums, ALS also provides outreach services to the nearby communities by participating in community events and gatherings. From time to time, ALS offers trainings for agency providers or community members. Also ALS staff publish a free newsletter twice a year with helpful updates, legal information, and other resources.

The current intake schedule is: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00pm. We handle emergency requests anytime. Our website is [www.alslegal.org](http://www.alslegal.org). ALS also announces regular updates on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/anishinabelegalservices?ref=hl>. Our general email address is: [info@alslegal.org](mailto:info@alslegal.org). Most intake requests for assistance come through phone at the central office: 1-800-422-1335 or 218-335-2223. You may also walk-in to the office near you.

Please let me know if you need further information. Thanks for your interest in our program and services!



# Obituaries



## Nina Ann Roberts

**N**ina Ann Roberts, 28, of Minneapolis, went home March 4, 2015 at the North Memorial Medical Center in Minneapolis. She was born in Minneapolis on March 30, 1986, the daughter of



Benjamin Roberts, Sr. and Neva Mueller.

Nina was a devoted mother, who cherished every moment with her children. Her father was her strength, her best friend and she cherished every moment she had with him. Spending time with her family is what she loved to do the most. Nina was a kind hearted woman and always tried to help all her people anyway she could. She always had a big bright smile and sense of humor that touched everyone that met her.

Family she joins are her father Benjamin Roberts, Sr., her sister Deena Budreau, maternal grandmother Beverly Olson (Thompson), paternal grandfather Floyd Roberts, Sr., aunt Marilyn Roberts, uncle Jeffrey Roberts, special cousin John Roberts and ...

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children Devin, Jr., Derek and Eileen, her mother Neva Mueller, brothers; Robbie Budreau, Samuel and Anthony White and Benjamin "Baby Ben" Boswell, Jr., sister; Candace Rock, paternal grandmother Pearl Roberts, nieces; Drewrez, Shana, Jasmin, Cameron and Evette, nephews; Josyaah, Tyrel, Najeh, Darryl, Jr., Bryan, Shawn, Emanuel and Evan, great niece Arielle, great nephew Jeremiah and.....

An overnight wake for Nina will begin on Monday, March 9th and

continue until her service on Tuesday, March 10th all being held at The Church of Gichitwaa Kateri in Minneapolis. Father Mike and Deacon Joe Damiani will officiate. Nina's pallbearers will be Angel Pasillas, Benjamin Boswell, Jr., Floyd Roberts, C.T. Taylor, Robert Budreau, Jr. and Anthony White. Her honorary pallbearers will be Samuel White, Kyle Fairbanks, Sr., Louis Jones, Sr., Nicholas Botello-Roberts, Bryan Nerrick and...

Inurnment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Red Lake, with her father, at a later date.

Nina's care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Kevin Robert Litzau

Kevin Robert Litzau, 5 months old, "Mashkawi-gaabo" which means "Stands Strong" of Cass Lake, MN passed away unexpectedly at IHS in Cass Lake, on Friday, April



10, 2015. Kevin was born on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Bemidji, MN, the son of Kenneth and Teri (Littlewolf) Litzau.

Kevin was preceded in death by his grandfather Clarence E. Day, Sr., great grandparents; Earl Day, Sr., Steve (Marie) Littlewolf, Robert (Louise) Charwood, Ferdinand (Lillian) Litzau, great uncles; Darrell Charwood and Kenneth

## LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH OPEN UNTIL FILLED

### President Primary Responsibility:

Leech Lake Tribal College Board of Trustees seeks a visionary and strategic person who will be committed to the college's mission that provides quality higher education grounded in Anishinaabe values. The President serves as the chief executive officer of the college and provides leadership and direction for all college aspects. The ideal candidate should have the demonstrated ability to lead a complex organization. He or she must be an innovative thinker with the ability to develop, communicate and implement new ideas. The President implements policies and procedures set forth by a seven-member Board of Trustees, the governing body of the institution.

### Minimum Qualifications:

Ph.D. or Ed.D. in Education or related field preferred, and an ABD will be considered, with 3-5 years demonstrated leadership and effective administrative experience in higher education required.

Confidential review of applicant materials will begin on May 18, 2015 and will continue until the search process is completed. Visit our website at [www.lltc.edu](http://www.lltc.edu) for more information.

FOR COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE AT **(218) 335-4289**  
*See more at: <http://www.lltc.edu>*

Wayne Littlewolf, great aunts; Arlene Sweedman, Janice Nelson, Carol Jean Littlewolf, and one cousin, Deslynn Littlewolf.

He is survived by his parents; Kenneth and Teri (Littlewolf) Litzau of Cass Lake, brothers; Hershel "Jr" Crow Ghost, Evan Crow Ghost and sister; Rachel Crow Ghost all of Bullhead, SD, brothers; Jason Littlewolf, Ronin Cloud, Kenneth "Kenny Boy" Litzau, Kellan Litzau, sisters; Larenz Cloud, and Isabella Litzau all of Cass Lake, brothers; Tristan Litzau, Kael Litzau, sisters; Kayla Litzau, and Kendy Litzau, all of Los Banos, Philippines, aunts; Amanda (Aaron) Littlewolf of Bena, Mia (Brandon) Day of Cass Lake, Stephanie (Scott) Littlewolf of Minneapolis, Kerri Rousu of Cass Lake, Dawn (Donavon) Staples of Fort Lewis, uncles; Clarence "Busher" (Nikki) Day of Cass Lake, and Robert Charwood of Cass Lake, grandmothers; Cheryl (Randy) Littlewolf of Cass Lake, Muriel (Carl) Crawford of Cass Lake, and grandfather Kenneth Litzau, Sr. of Cass Lake, and many cousins.

A wake service for Kevin will begin Wednesday, April 15, 2015 and will continue until the traditional service on Friday at the Veterans Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Services will move to St. Catherine's Catholic Church in S. Lake, MN for Mass. Mark Kingbird will be the spiritual leader and Father Tom Galarneault will officiate the Funeral Mass. Pallbearers will be Kevin's loving parents, Kenneth and Teri Litzau. Honorary pallbearers are; Muriel Crawford, Cheryl Littlewolf, Kerri Rousu, Dawn Staples, Stephanie Littlewolf, Amanda Littlewolf, Karla Thompson, Mia Day, Nicole Day; Carl Crawford, Randy Beaulieu, Kenneth Litzau Sr., Robert Charwood, Donovan Staples, Aaron Wind Sr., Clarence "Busher" Day Jr., and Brandon Beaulieu. Interment will be at the Round Lake Cemetery in S. Lake, MN following the services.

Kevin's care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at [www.northernpeace.com](http://www.northernpeace.com)

## Initiative Foundation Notices Leech Lake Tribal College

As a participant in the Initiative Foundation's Financial Resiliency Through Social Enterprise program, the two year Anishinaabe college invested in its in house print shop and turned it into a profit center that provides educational and employment opportunities, while meeting the wider community's printing needs. "This worked perfectly into the mission and viability of our college," said Don Day, president at Leech Lake Tribal College. The Outstanding Nonprofit Award is cosponsored by Bremer Bank, Brainerd, and Bremer Bank, St. Cloud.

### LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE SUMMARY OF JOB OPENINGS

www.llojibwe.org and may: **drop off or mail documents to:**  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe – Human Resources  
115 Sixth St NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633;

**Fax documents to:** 1-218-335-3697;

**email documents to:** andrea.jones@llbo.org

*Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5528 for more information.*

Complete packet Includes: Application, Resume, Cover Letter, & References.

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 22nd, 2015

2 Compactor/Driver/Operators ~ Solid Waste ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-069

Transportation Supervisor ~ Opioid Treatment Program ~ Job Code: 15-068

Program Accountant ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-067

CHR ~ Health ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-066

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Accounts Payable Clerk ~ Finance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-035B

Facilities Maintenance Manager ~ Facilities Maintenance ~ Job Code: 15-037

Tribal Assistance Manager ~ Tribal Assistance ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 15-036

Cook ~ Early Childhood ~ DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-235B

3 Part-T Bena Homeless Shelter Advo. ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 15-028

Domestic Abuse Re-Education (DAR) Prg Coordinator ~ Human Services ~  
DOQ ~ Job Code: 14-208

3 Special Needs Teacher Assistants ~ Early Childhood ~ Job Code: 15-006

#### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN CONTINUOUS

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# Is your home making it hard for you to breathe?

**The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest may be able to help by making improvements to the inside of your home.**

## Who:

Elders, age 45 and older, who have lung disease, including:

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Emphysema
- Chronic Bronchitis

## What:

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe will go to your home, assess your breathing problems and see if there are things in your home that could be fixed to help make breathing easier. If there are problems in your home that can be fixed, updates may be made to the home at no charge to you.

Examples of problems with your home that may be fixed include:

- Updating heating units
- Removing mold
- Other maintenance

## Purpose:

To see if making improvements in your home will help you breathe better and keep you healthy



Deadline  
May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015



If you are interested in learning more or to see if you qualify for this study, contact

**Brandy Toft**  
Air Quality Specialist  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
218-760-1672 or 218-335-7429

**Janelle Thier**  
Manager of Respiratory Health  
American Lung Association in Minnesota  
651-268-7612

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