You hear a lot in the media about the benefits of the North Dakota oil boom. Low unemployment, higher wages, a state treasury with more money than neighboring states put together. But, there is a downside to the oil boom as well, especially for North Dakota’s elderly, disabled and those on fixed incomes (who don’t own mineral rights). Below are three summaries of features carried by North Dakota print media in 2011 that highlight some of the struggles generated by the energy boom.

FROM THE WILLISTON HERALD, September 29, 2011:
Rising rent raises anger: Senior citizens are not happy with rent jumping from $700 to $2,000.

- Tenants of Western Apartments got letters in their mailboxes last Friday saying, “Dear Tenant, We are giving you notice that the apartments will have a rent increase. We know that this will be a hardship for some of you so we are putting out this notice to give you some time to make other arrangements if you need to. It is going to raise the first of December 2011 to $1,000.00. It will raise on April 1st, 2012 to $2,000.00.”
- Mortensen, 92, who has lived in the apartment for 20 years, felt a shocking blow.
- The situation has left Mortensen and seven other senior citizens in a situation that has left them feeling panicked, furious, and “homeless.”
- The seniors are on a fixed income of monthly Social Security checks, there are no other apartments available in the area and coming up with $2,000 per month for rent will be impossible.
- Many seniors living at the apartments are former homeowners, opting years ago to sell their home because they could no longer keep up with the maintenance of yard work and shoveling snow.
- The Herald spoke to owner and manager of Western Apartments, Holly Naagard. She said “everybody else” is raising rental prices and that was the basis of why her rents are going up, too. “Why wouldn’t I?” she said before hanging up the phone.

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A View From the Top
By: Jim Fitzsimmons, Executive Director

“Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.” ~ Oprah Winfrey

I recall a song from my high school years (yeah, way back then), “It’s a strange, strange world we live in, Master Jack.” Although it was sung by a South African band 40 plus years ago, it could be the theme song for Northwestern North Dakota as we continue tumbling into the uncontrolled chaos sparked by an unbridled oil boom that none of our local governments have a remote clue about or control over.

I graduated from high school in Dickinson in the seventies. I lived in western North Dakota towns like Ray, Tioga and Williston during my college summers working highway construction for my Dad. After law school, I worked on Fort Berthold for many years living in little towns like New Sanish, New Town and Parshall. Eventually, I ended up on a few acres north of what was once Van Hook before the Garrison Diversion Project flooded it. It was a very peaceful, comfortable life. People were friendly and I rarely ever locked my house, or even knew where the key was for that matter. Everyone knew everyone, maybe too well.

Once, when I was dropping my daughter off at the grade school in 20 degree below zero weather, some guys on their way home from a night in the local jail took my car for a ride and caused damage to it. When I filed the insurance claim, I got a lecture from an out-of-state insurance adjustor, the likes of which I hadn’t heard since Sister Hugo wanted me to improve my penmanship so I wouldn’t turn out to be a derelict. “Are you nuts, no one leaves their car running and unlocked in today’s world. What is the matter with you?” Well, I did and I continued to do so for another half dozen years (still have the same insurance company – different agent).

I get back up that way now about 2-3 times a month and I don’t recognize the place. I walk in a local store and I don’t know anyone shopping there or the clerks. The traffic, particularly truck traffic, can’t be described – you have to actually see it. The animals I used to see play as I drove along gravel roads are now part of the roads. Once, it took me nine minutes to make a right turn onto Main Street in New Town (yeah, a right – don’t ask about a left). The traffic accidents and fatalities are off the map. Everyone up there knows someone who has been killed or seriously injured on the highways. I once saw a bumper sticker in Montana that said, “I drive Highway 90, pray for me.” We can say the same for Highways 22, 23 and 1804. There may be a lot of people making a lot of money and the state coffers are overflowing with the tax revenue it is producing, but I can tell you those listed below wish it were a bad dream and they could just wake up.

- The people on fixed incomes who can’t afford the rising cost of housing.
- Elderly people who can’t drive in Williston because of the truck traffic.
- Farm families that are trying desperately to continue their second, third, and fourth generation family farms despite never-ending seismic and energy development activity.
- Tribal members in an old New Town trailer park being evicted because it was sold to develop apartments.

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- Families who have lost sons and daughters to traffic accidents with oil trucks.
- Small town employers and shopkeepers who can’t compete with oil field salaries to keep their help.
- Law enforcement agencies who are short-staffed, under-manned and criticized every time a new crime occurs because they didn’t prevent it.
- District Courts in Dunn, McKenzie and Mountrail counties who had their judgeships abolished not that long ago by a short-sighted state government.
- Hunters and fishermen who once called the area a sportsman’s paradise.
- The hundreds of North Dakotans who are asking, “Why not cap the number of new oil wells drilled annually? It’s not like the oil will go anywhere.”

The list goes on, but I think the point should be clear.

“It’s a strange, strange world we live in, Master Jack – no hard feelings if I never come back.”

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You can donate to Legal Services of North Dakota

As a nonprofit organization, Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND) relies on contributions to continue providing free legal services to low-income persons and our many advocacy projects. Any donation, large or small, supports the vital role we play in the struggle for equal justice.

LSND is a 501 (c)(3) organization, meaning that all contributions are fully tax deductible. You can make checks payable to Legal Services of North Dakota which can be sent to us at:

Legal Services of North Dakota
PO Box 1893
Bismarck, ND 58502

Your support will help LSND promote dignity, self-sufficiency and justice through civil legal aid for those with no place else to turn. Legal assistance stabilizes families and communities, saves taxpayers money, helps prevent legal problems that would otherwise further clog the courts, and helps people become self-sufficient and participate effectively in society. LSND works with other providers to remove the barriers that may prevent people from participation in programs designed to assist them. If you have any questions regarding donations, please contact Kim Kramer at kkramer@legalassist.org or call (701)222-2110.
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- Naagard’s daughter, Celinda Miller, said maintenance repair costs were increasing making it difficult to make a profit.
- The seniors said every apartment in town, including those exclusively for seniors, is occupied or has a long waiting list.
- Mary Lou Sundby said North Dakota lawmakers should have seen this coming, and passed a provision that would have prevented landlords from raising rents by such a drastic amount.
- The seniors all agree this boils down to greed.

FROM THE MINOT DAILY NEWS, October 10, 2011:
“Gouging” gripe - residents talk to aldermen about rent increases.

- On October 6, 2011, residents of The Manor Apartments, a 97-unit complex, received letters notifying them the complex was under new ownership and rent increases would range from $475 to $750, depending on the size of the unit.
- A one-bedroom that previously had a rent of $422 would be $900. A three bedroom that was $541 would be $1,300.
- Tenant Deral Ramsdell spoke with a representative from Costello Management, a South Dakota based company that manages the property, who told Ramsdell, “if you guys move out, we’ll just fill it with oil people.”
- Alderman Ron Boen said, “I think what they’re doing is criminal.”
- Belveron Real Estate Partners of San Francisco, California, recently purchased The Manor Apartments. When contacted, vice-president Grant Sisler explained the rent increase was to augment “major enhancements and improvements” that will be done on the units. “Hopefully the tenants will appreciate what we are doing,” he said.
- Section 8 or Section 236 tenants, who receive assistance on rent, will not be affected. However, most residents make too much money to qualify for assistance and Boen said they are being penalized for getting ahead. A family of three making over $27,000 does not qualify.
- Alderman Lisa Olson said rent control cannot be done at the city level. It would need to be done at a state level.
- Alderman Olson and Boen said they will look into talking with legislators before the Special Session.
- Another resident, Barbara Gomez, said, “I can’t afford to go someplace else.”
- Another resident said, “We work! We’re not slackers saying, ‘give us a handout.’ The only reason we stay here is because it beats being homeless.”
- Boen said, “This breaks my heart. It’s just not right. It shouldn’t happen in Minot, North Dakota.”

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WATFORD CITY, August 22, 2011:
Oil boom is not benefitting all.

- Those who don’t make oilfield wages face the [oil] boom’s negative side effects - increased costs of rent, services, and goods.
- Holly Flatau of the Great Plains food Bank in Fargo said the oil boom has actually caused a greater gap in those who are wealthy and those who are not. It’s harder for those who aren’t wealthy to make it on their own.
- Watford City Mayor Brent Sanford said even those who do have oil jobs with good wages may struggle if they’re paying high rent in North Dakota and sending the remaining money to their families still living in other states.
- McKenzie County Social Services Director Amy Fast said the biggest challenge is housing - the lack of it and the cost. As workers flood into the rural areas with housing shortages, stories abound of landlords spiking prices on what is available. “It’s very common to be paying - I’m going to use the word outrageous - rent amounts. If you have a job not related to the oilfield - it could be very stable and obviously could be gainfully employed - but how do you afford the housing and what housing?”

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- Representative David Drovdal, R-Arnegard, said a house that cost $200 to $300 per month to rent before the boom now costs up to $2,500.
- Mayor Sanford said the excuses you hear from those who are raising rent are, “If it’s not me, the next guy’s going to do it.”
- Kildeer City Commission President Dan Dolecheck said he’s seen people living in cars and laundry hanging on trees to dry. “Not everyone is willing or able to work in an oil-related job, and everyday expenses have skyrocketed. You have people that are really taking advantage of a lot of the people.”
- “Establishing state or local rent control standards would be difficult because it raises questions about how to set them and about government interference with private enterprise,” said Sen. Rich Wardner, R-Dickinson, a former chamber of commerce director.
- One of the solutions to the housing crunch is getting companies to build rental properties with reasonable prices, Wardner said.

RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT
- Together with the USFS, industry has reclaimed 819 well sites and 239 road miles in the Little Missouri National Grasslands. This totals 3,538 acres returned to vegetation after oil and gas reserves were depleted.

CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION
*in millions of barrels*
- In March 2012, an average of 575,490 barrels of oil per day (bopd) was produced.
- The state’s average production in 2011 was 418,356 (bopd), totaling 153 million barrels for the year. This is a 35% increase over 2010 and a 233% increase over 2007.

ND OIL PATCH STATS
- North Dakota is the 2nd largest oil producing state in the U.S.
- Today there are 7,699 wells capable of producing oil and gas in North Dakota. The average well produced approximately 72 bopd in 2011.
- In 2011, 155 billion cubic feet of natural gas was produced and 97 billion cubic feet was processed in North Dakota.
- The average cost of completing an oil well in North Dakota was nearly $8.5 million during 2011, up from approximately $7.3 million in 2010.
- The surface impact from a well pad has decreased over time from 10 percent to only four-tenths of 1 percent of the field.
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WHERE THE OIL COMES FROM
- Oil and gas exploration has occurred in every county in the state except Traill County.
- 2011 top-producing counties: Mountrail (33.4% of state production), McKenzie, Dunn, Williams and Bowman.

Drilling Rig Count
*average number per day*
- Today there are 214 drilling rigs in North Dakota.
- The drilling rig count, which is a prime barometer for measuring new oil and gas activity, averaged 182 rigs per day in 2011. This broke the previous record of 126 rigs per day set in 2010.

Oil Patch Employment
- In 2011, the average wage in the oil and gas extraction industry was $89,020. That wage is 117.5% above the statewide average wage of $40,914.
- Each drilling rig results in roughly 120 direct and indirect jobs.
The first Law Day was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 to mark the nation’s commitment to the rule of law. Congress, in 1961, issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day. Every president since then has issued a Law Day proclamation on May 1 to celebrate our nation’s commitment to the rule of law.

The Big Muddy Bar Association, representing counties in the South Central Judicial District, observes Law Day every year on or around May 1. This year was no exception. Volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and court personnel eagerly signed up to visit local fifth-grade classrooms and assist sixth-grade students with mock trials.

Local attorneys and paralegals visited fifth-grade classrooms to speak about a topic of their choice. Many spoke about this year’s Law Day theme, “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.” The American Bar Association designates each year’s theme, and this year’s theme was chosen in reaction to funding cuts many of our nation’s courts are currently facing. American Bar Association President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III wrote:

All of us must have and protect our right and our freedom to use courtrooms when we need to. That courtroom must be open to protect families. That courtroom must be open to validate and protect contracts for business. That courtroom must be open to keep the wheels of justice turning. That courtroom must be open to defend our individual rights to prove again and again that we continue to be a free society. All of that takes more money … not less and less money for our courts.

Sixth-graders from Bismarck and Mandan schools were invited to the Burleigh and Morton County courthouses to participate in the mock trial of City of Bismarck v. Gold E. Locks. Gold E. Locks was on trial for theft of porridge. She claimed she was invited to eat the porridge because the door to the Three Bears’ home was wide open; she also claimed she was innocent because no one saw her in the Bear home. The sixth-grade students played the roles of judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, witnesses and jury, all with a little guidance from local volunteers in legal professions.

Law Day 2012 was a great success. The students had an opportunity to learn through first-hand experiences and the legal professionals were given an opportunity to share messages about the importance of our courts and laws and their role in our society. As 2012 Law Day Chair for the Big Muddy Bar Association, I would like to express my gratitude to all who participated in making this year’s Law Day yet another meaningful experience for all involved.
Online safety starts with securing your computer and your connection to the internet.

1. Keep your computer’s operating system current. Install antivirus software and scan your computer frequently. Set your computer and your antivirus software to install updates automatically. There are lots of free antivirus programs, so there’s no need to buy one.

2. Make sure you secure your wireless internet connection with a password. If it’s not secured, anyone within range of your home can access the information stored on your computer. Use a strong password (use numbers and letters) and do not share it.

Now that your computer is safe and secure, these tips will make your online experience easier:

- To limit the risk of identity theft, don’t share personal information (SSN), bank account or credit card information unless you know how it will be used and protected.
- Before submitting any information to an Internet company, make sure it also has a physical business address. It is extremely difficult to deal with a “virtual” business if there are problems after the sale. Refund and return policies are decided by the business - it is up to you to find them out.
- Make sure the website is encrypted before providing payment information. The browser will show https in the address and the page will display a padlock symbol. If it is not encrypted, stop! Leave the site.
- Use your junk mail or spam filter to reduce email spam. Don’t open an email attachment unless you were expecting it or you know the sender. Don’t “unsubscribe” to unwanted emails, just delete them.
- Don’t sign up for “free” things - there is always a catch! If you are asked to input bank account or credit card information, expect to be charged at least a nominal fee. You may even be charged recurring monthly fees.
- Don’t click on banners or pop-ups - they may open the door to future contact from the company sponsoring the banner or pop-up. Set your computer to block pop-ups.
- Read all terms and conditions before agreeing to services; you may be e-signing a contract that will be extremely difficult to break in the future.
- Review your statements each month - it may be how you find you “signed up” for services you thought you were just reviewing.

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**Introducing the North Dakota Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN)**

By: Jennifer Weisgerber, Public Relations and Communications Coordinator  
North Dakota Council on Abused Women’s Services/Coalition Against Sexual Assault in ND

As advocates throughout the legal system in North Dakota, attorneys, judges, police, sheriffs, and victim witness coordinators helped initiate more than 2,200 petitions for protection and restraining orders for victims in 2011. More than half of the requested orders were issued. Navigating the sea of paperwork, court dates, and notifications can leave victims feeling even more overwhelmed.

The North Dakota Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) program offers a new service that will help victims, their many advocates, and the crisis intervention centers that assist them. The North Dakota Council on Abused Women’s Services (NDCAAWS) is forming a partnership with ND SAVIN to bring victim information and notification services to its crisis intervention centers that assist with the most protection and restraining orders across the state.

A project of the Criminal Justice Information Sharing (CJIS) program, ND SAVIN is an innovative technology collaboration among criminal justice agencies that provides victims of crime and other concerned people in the community valuable information about offenders. ND SAVIN provides free, timely, and confidential notification and information about an offender’s status – anything from the release of an inmate, scheduled court event, issuance of a protection or restraining order, to sex offender status.

The true innovation in ND SAVIN is that it provides a valuable service to each role in the information system. Aside from attorneys assisting with protection and restraining orders, sheriff’s offices that use data entry service may find the system very helpful, as will county victim witnesses in rural areas – it provides another way to support both victims and witnesses. ND SAVIN is also used by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide planning services for offenders transitioning back into communities.

Through the underlying technology infrastructure called VINE, which stands for Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE), ND SAVIN is able to provide notification in five service areas including incarceration, probation and parole, criminal court cases, sex offender compliance, and protection/restraining order status. Data is updated with information that SAVIN pulls from the technology systems of the courts, county jails, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, law enforcement, Office of the Attorney General, and the CJIS Portal.

Molly Brooks, program manager of ND SAVIN, said the VINE Protection Order (VPO) module has the potential to be most valuable to victim advocates in their work with victims petitioning the court for protection or restraining orders. The automated service lets advocates and petitioners track the status of a protection order or restraining order over the phone.

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or online. Petitioners can also register to be notified by phone and email about changes in the status of an order.

“The VINE protection order module is best used as a complement to the wonderful victim support services we are fortunate to have in North Dakota,” Brooks said. “This tool is designed to support advocates in their work so that together we can better empower and protect victims of crime in our state.”

Petitioners who register will be notified about many events: when the order has been served on the respondent, when a scheduled court hearing is changed, when the case becomes “inactive,” or even if it is a day before the hearing and the order has not yet been served. They will also be provided with a 3-day hearing reminder and a 30-day expiration reminder.

**BENEFITS OF USING VINE**

For victims of many types of crime, including domestic and sexual violence, having an automated system to rely on provides many benefits. The reminder three days before court hearings provided by VPO allows victims time to find childcare or transportation and mentally prepare for the hearing. The reminder thirty days before expiration allows sufficient time for victims to petition for continued protection, if needed. Simply knowing they will be notified of changes to a protection order may relieve some victims’ anxiety and provide the comfort of being informed. Being informed also enables victims to fully participate in the legal process if they choose and adds another layer of support for safety planning.

According to Brooks, ND SAVIN and VPO can be used as tools to enhance direct services to victims. Partners in the legal system can save time and multiple phone calls with VPO – receiving automatic notifications means less time calling various offices to check if a protection or restraining order was served or to see if a court date is still scheduled. If an advocate’s extended team is great about calling with updates and changes, VPO can be used as a confirmation service. Advocates can also use VPO as a means of outreach – both in introducing victims to the VPO service as well as providing opportunities to re-establish contact when expiration dates are approaching.

Over time, using VPO will build partnerships across the many systems victims of crime find themselves working within, and allows staff to provide exceptional service and cutting-edge, convenient tools. Many customizable reports are available from the ND SAVIN network, which can be very helpful in compiling and preparing data for reporting.

**HOW TO GET STARTED**

Brooks said the easiest way for victim advocates to start using ND SAVIN would be to visit www.vineline.com.

For more information on ND SAVIN or VINE, contact program manager Molly Brooks at (701)328-1108 or email mbrooks@nd.gov.
Background:
The N.D. Department of Human Services Aging Services Division received federal funds to provide support and services to caregivers in the state. In 2002, each regional Human Service Center was allocated funds to implement the Family Caregiver Support Program statewide. Family Caregiver Support Program coordinators were hired to administer services to caregivers in their regions.

Program Purpose:
- To provide a system of support services to unpaid caregivers of older adults, as well as grandparents and relative caregivers who are caring for children to help them address caregiver challenges.
- To enable caregivers to continue to provide care in their homes and community for as long as they choose.
- To provide support and services that safeguards the caregiver’s own health and emotional well-being.

Who qualifies for services?
- Individuals who are caring for an adult age 60 or older.
- Grandparents or other relative caregivers who are 55 years of age or older and who are caring for a child age 18 or younger.
- Grandparents or other relative caregivers who are 55 years of age or older caring for an adult child with a disability between age 19 to 59.
- Individuals who are caring for a person with Alzheimer’s or a related dementia regardless of their age.

What services are provided?
- Information about local services and supports in the community.
- Assistance from a trained caregiver coordinator to help caregivers assess needs and access support services.
- Counseling, Support Groups and Training services to meet caregiver individual needs for assistance.
- Respite Care for temporary relief to caregivers who provide 24-hour care.
- Supplemental Services to assist with the cost of incontinence supplies and assistive devices such as a shower bench or safety rails.

What is the cost for services?
- Services are provided at no cost to qualifying people and are federally-funded under the Older Americans Act.
- Caregivers have the opportunity to contribute toward the cost of services.

Who is not eligible for services?
- Individuals who are being paid privately to provide care.
- Caregivers or the person receiving the care who participates in other federal, state or county-funded programs.

How to access program services:
- Contact a human service center to arrange for a personal visit with a Family Caregiver Support Program coordinator.

For more information:
N.D. Department of Human Services Aging Services Division
ND Aging and Disability Resource-LINK
1-855-GO2LINK (1-855-462-5465)
ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888
E-mail carechoice@nd.gov
Website: www.carechoice.nd.gov

OR
A Regional Human Service Center
Bismarck 701-328-8888 / 888-328-2662
Devils Lake 701-665-2200 / 888-607-8610
Dickinson 701-227-7500 / 888-227-7525
Fargo 701-298-4500 / 888-342-4900
Grand Forks 701-795-3000 / 888-256-6742
Jamestown 701-253-6300 / 800-260-1310
Minot 701-857-8500 / 888-470-6968
Williston 701-774-4600 / 800-231-7724
Legal Services of North Dakota (LSND) is a non-profit organization which provides legal help to disadvantaged seniors and low-income North Dakotans.

**What Does LSND Do?**
- Provides free legal advice by telephone or in person;
- Provides representation to disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals on a case-by-case basis;
- Provides speakers and educational materials;
- Acts as a resource to groups that help disadvantaged seniors and low-income individuals.

**How to Contact LSND**
1. Call our general Toll-Free number at 1-800-634-5263 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you must wait, please be patient, you will be helped. People 60 and over may call our Senior Legal Hotline Toll-Free number at 1-866-621-9886 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. When you call on legal matters, an intake worker will ask you a few questions to find out if you are eligible for LSND’s help. Everything you say is strictly confidential.

2. Website applications may be made by going to www.legalassist.org

**Legal Representation and Preparing Documents**
In addition to providing legal advice on our toll-free telephone lines, LSND provides legal representation in certain cases involving family law, public benefit appeals, housing rights, elder law, consumer law, health benefits and Native American law. LSND also assists with the preparation of numerous legal documents.

**Visit Our Website**
At www.legalassist.org you can find:
- Legal information and links to other sites;
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs);
- Information about our offices and our staff;
- Easily printable legal education brochures; and
- Self-help forms.
Over the past decade, the State Bar Association of North Dakota (SBAND) has worked very hard to develop and promote their Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP). Through this program, North Dakota attorneys are encouraged to provide some legal help to low-income North Dakotans at no charge or at reduced rates.

Below is a transcript of a memo every newly-admitted lawyer receives from SBAND when they are licensed. Our sincere thanks to SBAND’s Executive Director, Bill Neumann, and the SBAND leadership for their commitment and efforts in this project.

**North Dakota Volunteer Lawyers Program**

On behalf of the North Dakota Volunteer Lawyers Program of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, we would like to congratulate you on this very auspicious occasion. We would also like to introduce you to the North Dakota Volunteer Lawyers Program. The Volunteer Lawyers Program is offered through SBAND’s Civil Legal Assistance (CLA) division, and consists of two separate entities: the Reduced Fee and the Pro Bono Programs.

By participating in the Volunteer Lawyers Program, you will gain experience in a variety of areas ranging from consumer protection and landlord/tenant rights to family law. We encourage you to volunteer at least 20 hours per year to help North Dakota’s indigent population. Your choice to participate may be driven by personal and professional commitments, or by a commitment to professional responsibility. Whatever the reason, your contribution will make a tremendous difference in the lives of the people you represent. Serving as a volunteer lawyer is a great way to celebrate the reason you became a lawyer!

Please complete the enclosed form and return to the State Bar Association of North Dakota office. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us.

I thank you in advance for your commitment, generosity and dedication to those less fortunate, and to your profession.
Keith and Jan Engbrecht

Keith retired April 30, 2012, after serving as LSND’s Fiscal Administrator for a number of years. In addition to his fiscal responsibilities, he supervised the administrative office staff. He was very thorough and organized in his ability to provide leadership, listen to individual concerns and provide suggestions for solutions to questions. He led by example and was respected by staff and other individuals with whom he had contact.

Keith and Jan will be enjoying their retirement years at their lake home in Minnesota.

_Vaya Con Dios_
LSND is fortunate to be working with three UND School of Law students this summer. Jonathan Murphy (Fargo office), Rebecca Flanders (Bismarck office), and Andria Pinkerton (Minot office) will be working as Summer Law Clerks. Funding for these positions was made available through the Judge John Kelly Endowment Fund (North Dakota Community Foundation), Maring Williams Law Office, Vogel Law Firm, Public Interest Students Association and the State Bar Association of North Dakota. Our sincere gratitude to all of these organizations for making the project work this year.

Leah Carlson will be working with Ed Reinhardt and our Native American Law Offices this summer. Leah is from Minot and attends Drake University Law School. The position is funded by NARF.

Most attorneys recall Linda Catalano as the long-time Executive Director of Legal Assistance of North Dakota (LAND). Linda was actually the second Executive Director of LAND. Roger Gette was the first Executive Director of LAND and served in that role from January 1977 until May 1979. Roger passed away in April of this year in Irving, Texas, where he resided and worked in recent years. Our condolences to his wife, Marilyn, and family.

LSND hired a recent UND School of Law graduate, Breezy Schmidt, to work in our Minot office. Breezy will be working primarily on issues involving folks being impacted and displaced by the oil boom and 2011 flooding in northwestern North Dakota. Welcome, Breezy!

We wish Fargo Supervising Attorney Kelsee Macintosh-Ellig and her husband Joe all the best with the birth of their first child, Kinsee Nola, born April 26, 2012. The same best wishes go to Fargo Legal Assistant Kiley Hermanson and her husband Shawn on the birth of their second child, Lane Arthur, born January 11, 2012.

Our Turtle Mountain Spirit Lake Tribal Advocate Rhonda Belgarde was one of 150 individuals participating in the Child Abuse Prevention Walk sponsored by Turtle Mountain Outreach on April 30th.

Our New Town and Belcourt offices served as VITA sites again this year, working in close cooperation with the IRS. Together our staff and their volunteers obtained $1,276,000 in tax refunds and earned income credits at no charge to the taxpayer. Our thanks to the Turtle Mountain Tribe and Three Affiliated Tribes for providing us volunteers to help with this project.

LSND said goodbye to our Fiscal Administrator Keith Engbrecht on April 30th. Keith and his wife Jan are retiring this spring and heading east in search of some quiet fishing spots.

Kimberly Kramer assumed the Fiscal Officer position at LSND on May 1st. Kim previously worked for the City of Lincoln and the Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC). Welcome aboard, Kim!
Listed below are the cities and locations where Legal Services of ND conducts legal outreach. The dates and times vary; however, if you check our web site at www.legalassist.org, under the Legal Outreach Calendar you will find a current schedule complete with dates and times.

*Outreach involves our attorneys and paralegals going into the rural areas of our state to provide needed legal help and community education.

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