

# Nah gah chi wa nong (Far end of the Great Lake – Fond du Lac Reservation) Di bah ji mowin nan (Narrating of Story)



Cover girl Kalaya Diver, 6, takes the wheel during FDL Enrollee Days, 2008. Kalaya's mother, Rochelle Petite, said Enrollee Days were wonderful and even better than last year's. See related pictures on pages 6-7.

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From the left: Sandy Shabaiash, RBC District II Representative (Sawyer), Wally Dupuis, Karen Diver, Marcia Dupuis and baby Dupuis

# Chairwoman, District I Rep sworn into office on July 8 (Pssst – baby steals the show)

By Deborah Locke

About 120 people attended the July 8, 2008 swearing in ceremony of FDL Chairwoman Karen Diver and District I (Cloquet) Representative Wally Dupuis.

Diver and Dupuis were winners in the Reservation Business Committee General Election held in June. Diver was elected to her first full four-year term; this will be Dupuis's first turn as an RBC member.

Brookston voters will decide in a special Aug. 12 election between Primary Election finalists Anna Wait and Mary Sue Northrup. The winner of that election will take office on Aug. 22.

Well-wishers sat on bleachers in the Tribal Center gym. Diver recited the oath of office to her father, Chuck Diver. Family members including Diver's husband, Arne Selnes, were seated nearby.

Dupuis's wife, Marcia and his 10-month-old granddaughter, Correy Jo, joined Dupuis for the ceremony. As the former FDL police chief recited his oath to Diver, the baby crawled toward her grandfather's voice and in effect, stole the show up to that point.

After his oath, Dupuis returned to his seat, but it was the wrong one, back with the family members. Diver urged Dupuis to take his new rightful seat at the "Big Boy" table with

the Tribal Council. The audience laughed then applauded as Dupuis good-naturedly moved.

In her remarks, Diver said that serving the people of Fond du Lac was one of the most difficult jobs of her life, and simultaneously, the most fulfilling and a great honor.

"There is so much good in this community," she said, adding that she will be honest as a tribal official and will keep Band Members informed.

Dupuis thanked the crowd, and said he was honored to be elected to office.

Diver then invited everyone to a celebratory brunch at the ENP meeting rooms. As Diver spoke, Corrie

Jo crawled across the gym floor toward the audience. When Diver mentioned food, the baby laughed at some private joke, glanced at the front row of spectators, and crawled onward.

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### Oath of Office

I, Karen R. Diver/Wally Dupuis, do solemnly swear that, as Chairwoman/District I Representative of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, I shall preserve, support and protect the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and the laws of the Fond du Lac Band, and shall execute the duties of office to the best of ability, so help me God.

## Nah gah chi wa nong Di bah ji mowin nan

Translation: Far End of the Great Lake – Fond du Lac Reservation; Narrating of Story

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The mission of this publication is to provide the Anishinaabeg community of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Fond du Lac Reservation, with news and information that will be of help to them in their everyday lives. In addition, our goal will be to highlight many of the honors, accolades, accomplishments and awards that are earned by community members but are mostly overlooked by the mass mainstream media.

It is our hope that through greater information about the activities of our people, this publication can be an instrument of true community. It is not

our intention to be a vehicle of divisiveness. To that end, we do not publish editorials, opinion pieces or letters to the editor. There is an abundance of opportunity for the publishing, airing and dissemination of material of personal opinion in other communication vehicles available throughout the area, region and state.

Our mission is to provide for Fond du Lac Anishinaabeg a publication that will not dismiss their culture, heritage, hopes and dreams. We are striving to make this newspaper fill that role. *Member of the Native American Journalists Association*

Muzzoo-cum-ikwe, or Mother Earth, is the heart and soul of Ojibwe history and culture. The nationwide land grabs by non-Indians of past centuries proves the value of land and its multiple resources. This issue of our newspaper examines a few of the environmental initiatives at the Fond du Lac Reservation as this generation of Band Members work to preserve their natural resources for the generations to come.

Deborah Locke



Muzzoo-cum-ikwe

# How green is the Rez?

## FDL commits to follow and surpass provisions of Kyoto Protocol

**By Jane Skalisky and Deborah Locke**

In February 2007, the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) gave formal approval to the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty adopted in 1997 that sets concrete targets to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming, also known as climate change.

The Treaty calls for industrialized nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by five percent below 1990 levels.

Subsequent to the Kyoto Protocol, the Fond du Lac Reservation environmental program formed a climate change work group in 2007. Its purpose is to come up with ways the Reservation can reduce its contribution to global warming, said Shannon Judd, FDL Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator.

One significant contribution to reduce global warming that Fond du Lac made is the commitment to obtain 20 percent of its electricity from renewable energy resources by 2020. The renewable energy goal will be achieved through future installation of wind turbines, hydroelectric generation, geothermal heat pumps, biomass, solar hot water and photovoltaic systems.

“We believe we can be totally renewable by 2020 if some funds are dedicated to these projects,” said Bruno Zagar, FDL’s Environmental Specialist.

### Wind turbines

The idea for wind turbines was an outgrowth of a workshop coordinated

in 2004 at the Black Bear Resort and Casino by Zagar. Currently, there is one 50-meter anemometer tower on Maki Road in the Reservation’s north-western corner and another soon to be constructed near Duff Road and Highway 2 in the northeastern part of the Reservation.

The towers are measuring the feasibility of wind energy on the Reservation as part of a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, along with assistance from St. Louis County and Minnesota Power. Data will be collected until the end of this year, said Zagar, and then the RBC will decide whether it wants to invest in a wind project.

### Hydroelectric generation

Resource Management is now discussing the possibility of using low-head hydroelectric turbines on the FDL dam, which could produce all of the electric needs for the entire Reservation, Zagar said. The advantage of this type of technology is that it produces continuous power at low water levels, as opposed to the current high-head hydroelectric turbines currently employed by Minnesota Power. Low-head power allows water to flow at its normal level, rather than forcing it over a dam.

“This would be a good power investment for the future,” said Zagar. By combining wind with hydroelectric power, the Reservation would have a very reliable power source, Zagar said.

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*Photo by Lance Overland, Natural Resources Technician. Pictured is a sugar maple seedling in a Northern Hardwood stand near Ditchbank and Mission Roads on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Forests dominated by sugar maple, basswood and yellow birch are known as Northern Hardwoods, which make up about 13 percent of the Reservation’s wooded acres.*



### Geothermal heat pumps

Resource Management is also exploring the possibility of installing geothermal coils beneath the ground. The temperature underground remains a constant 50 to 60 degrees year 'round, so this energy could be used to heat in the winter and cool in the summer.

### Biomass

A new pilot project at Fond du Lac will provide enough electricity and heat to power the construction shop where it is housed.

If the project proves to be sustainable, it could lead to the creation of other fuel and energy sources for clusters of homes on the Reservation.

In July, a biomass gasifier was installed at a construction shop off Big Lake Road that burns wood chips that convert to a gas similar to propane that then fuels a generator. The generator produces 20 kilowatts of electricity, which is enough to provide electrical power to four or five homes.

The equipment burns clean and emits very little smoke said Bruno Zagar, Environmental Specialist.

Meanwhile, the ashes produced from the wood chips will be recycled back to the forest floor, which adds nitrogen to the soil.

One semi truckload of chips is about enough to power the gassifier for a full year, and will eventually save more than \$5,000 per year in energy costs, Zagar said. A Fond du Lac mechanic will start up the machinery in the morning and turn it off at night. Right now mechanics are being trained to take over the operation.

The total start-up costs are about \$177,300, and nearly all of the money came from grants. The project was funded with an \$80,000 Bureau of Indian Affairs mineral assessment grant, \$25,000 grant from Minnesota Power, and \$72,300 from the Band. Engineers from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks Energy & Environmental Research Center will provide training and technical assistance. The project was fully operable on July 21, 2008.

### Solar hot water

The possibility of installing solar panels to heat the Reservation's buildings is also a possibility, says Zagar. He sees an ideal combination

of solar and geothermal energy that could fulfill all of the summer energy demands.

### Photovoltaic systems

Eighteen 175-watt photovoltaic panels that were installed in April on the roof of the pow-wow grounds behind the Tribal Center are now up and running. These panels, constructed by Conservation Technologies of Duluth, are connected to the electric grid and will supply power to the grounds and FDL Ojibwe School, according to Mary Roe, Coordinator of the Clean Energy and Electric Utility Program at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC).

The panel construction was funded through a 2000 Federal Department of Education grant designated for technical programs for students of color, said Wade Gordon, former Director of Alternative and Renewable Energy at FDLTCC.

The purpose is to demonstrate alternative energy possibilities to K-12 and college students. Gordon also said that this grid-tied photovoltaic installation is the only one of its kind in the entire country to be installed on powwow grounds.

## Recycling on the Rez

A carbon footprint survey was conducted last year by the FDL Environmental Program of 166 FDL community members. A carbon footprint is a measure of the impact our activities have on the environment, and in particular climate change. It relates to the amount of greenhouse gases produced in our day-to-day lives through burning fossil fuels for electricity, heating, transportation, etc. It found that nearly half of the community members recycle everything they can, less than half recycle half of what they can, and five percent recycle sometimes or never.

"The impact of recycling is huge," said Shannon Judd, Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator. Judd explained that nearly a third of U.S. households now recycle, which is enough to save on having to build 50 power plants.



Natural Resource staff members install biomass gasifier in July



# FDL finalizes natural resources blueprint

By Jane Skalisky

After 11 years in the works, the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) officially approved Fond du Lac's Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) on June 12, 2008.

The purpose of the IRMP is to identify and resolve potential conflicts between resource management activities by creating goals for management to follow in planning for a specific project. For example, two timber sales were put on hold recently because of goshawks, a kind of bird, found in the area, said Steve Olson, FDL Forester. Any disturbance to the area also would have disturbed the goshawks' nest.

The 91-page document was developed through a cooperative effort between FDL wildlife, wild rice, water, fisheries, forestry, lands, environmental quality, energy, conservation/enforcement, and cultural resource managers. To create the IMRP, three public meetings were held last year to gather input from Tribal Members.

## Water

Fond du Lac is considering seeking authority over wetland dredging and filling from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This means that if someone on the Reservation wanted to dredge or fill wetlands, they would need to seek permission from FDL Resource Management, instead of going to the Army Corps of Engineers. If successful, Fond du Lac would be the first tribe in the country to exercise regulatory rights in this area, according to Rick Gitar, FDL Water Regulatory Specialist.

Nearly one-half of the Reservation is covered by water or wetlands, including 3,000 acres of lakes, 44,000 acres of wetlands, and 96 miles of

rivers.

The St. Louis River affects nearly all of the waters of the Reservation and is a concern because of industrial discharge allowed into it.

Another area of concern is Big Lake, where the 180 homes and cabins along its shoreline have caused erosion, septic discharge, and lawn chemical runoff. To protect Big Lake, plans for a wastewater collection and treatment system are being developed, shoreline development guidelines are in place and FDL might also seek program approval from the EPA to issue permits for storm water and industrial discharge, Gitar said.

Other bodies of water of critical importance to Fond du Lac are its wild rice lakes. Efforts are currently underway to restore five of these: Rice Portage, Perch, Mud, Jaskari, and Deadfish Lakes.

## Fish consumption advisory

The level of mercury in the Reservation's fish has been found to be dangerously high, making consumption advisories necessary for fish caught in local waters necessary.

Thanks to FDL's Groundwater Protection Plan, which has included the sealing of over 90 abandoned wells, the Reservation's drinking water has been found to be high quality.

## Air

In January 2004, Fond du Lac was granted status as the air quality regulatory authority on the Reservation, under the EPA. Under this authority, the state Pollution Control Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has to give the Fond du Lac Band advance notice of any Clean Air Act operating permit applications it receives for sources within a 50-mile radius of Reservation boundaries.

The tribe then reviews and comments on certain aspects of these permits that the state may take into

consideration prior to issuing the final permits. FDL exercised this right recently during the assessment of the Polymet Mining project south of Babbitt, according to Mary Munn, FDL Air Program Coordinator.

The difficulty in regulating air

pollution comes from the fact that 90% of on-Reservation air pollution comes from off-Reservation sources. On-Reservation sources include four natural gas pipelines, one pumping station, dirt roads, gas stations, and construction equipment. Off-Res-



*Pink Heal-all growing behind the Tribal Center in July*



# Muzzoo-cum-ikwe

ervation sources are the pulp and paper mill, taconite mines, and a local ceiling tile manufacturer. One of Resource Management's goals in this area is to consider applying for a change in air quality status from Class II to Class I, whereby new industries would not be allowed to negatively effect air quality, said Munn.

## Fish

Plans are currently on hold for the development of a hatchery to raise lake sturgeon due to the outbreak of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) in Wisconsin, said Brian Borkholder, FDL Fisheries Biologist.

Borkholder said that a method for sterilizing the eggs to make them VHS free must be devised before they are introduced into the Cloquet River and reintroduced into the St. Louis River. Culverts and beaver dams have threatened key trout streams, including Big and Little Otter, Martin, Fond du Lac, and Stoney Brook. Walleye and northern pike are still relatively abundant, Borkholder said.

He added that one of the division's goals is to pursue off-Reservation spearing and netting in the 1854 Ceded Territory, including inland walleye and Lake Superior salmon, trout, herring and whitefish.

## Land

In the 1854 Treaty, Fond du Lac contained over 100,000 acres. Since the Allotment Act (see below), Indian owned land in the Reservation has dwindled. The major owners of Reservation land include the University of Minnesota, which owns 2,700 acres, Carlton County, St. Louis County, and Potlatch. Currently, less than one-third of the land within the Reservation is owned by Fond du Lac Band Members.

The RBC is in the process of acquiring additional land as it becomes available. According to a 2006 survey of Band Members, there is strong support for protecting cultural sites,

hunting and sugarbush land; land purchase; home construction throughout the Reservation; and for creating a commercial area near the Tribal Center.

## Allotment/Dawes Act

In 1887, the General Allotment Act, or Dawes Act, was signed into law. The Act gave each Indian a certain number of acres

of land based on head-of-household status, age, and intended land use. Allotments ranged from 40 to 160 acres per person.

The land could be sold by the allottee after 25 years or placed into taxable status. If the taxes were not paid, the land became tax-forfeit and defaulted to the county or state. The effect of the Act nationally was to remove nearly two-thirds of the land within reservation boundaries from Indian ownership. It also led to highly fractionalized ownership when land was divided between heirs.

## Indian Lands Consolidation Act

In the 1980s, the Indian Lands Consolidation Act was passed, whereby the federal government sought to buy small interests from allottees at fair market value on behalf of the band. As a result, FDL has controlling interest in 38 percent of the allotments.

## Forests and Wildlife

The Reservation has 22,000 acres



of commercial softwood forested land, primarily aspen, and an additional several thousand acres of mixed-wood forest. Prior to 1925, Fond du Lac possessed some of the richest white pine stands and was the most heavily forested region in the state.

Through its timber harvesting enterprise, Resource Management's goal is to manage the forest and make a profit, while considering forest diversity and wildlife habitat, said Olson. To achieve this, several alternatives are being considered, including maintaining the current program, creating no-harvest zones, and maximizing timber production.

The FDL forests and wetlands still maintain relatively abundant populations of deer, grouse, waterfowl, and snowshoe hare. Bear, mink, muskrat, beaver, otter, marten, and fisher are common. The moose population, however, is declining.

With the delisting of the bald eagle, there is no federally listed threatened or endangered wildlife species on the Reservation, said Mike Schrage, FDL Wildlife Biologist.

Fond du Lac currently protects cougar, lynx, wolf, loons, swans, bats, and pelicans. According to the IRMP, climate change is likely to have an impact on moose, lynx, marten, turkeys, and opossum.

Some goals in this area include implementing conservation strategies, protecting treaty rights, and encouraging young people to take part in hunting.

Nationally, hunting, fishing and trapping are down, according to Schrage. At Fond du Lac, the number of deer harvested has been stable over the past several years, with about 450 deer hunters participating in 2007.

"I hope young people will continue to participate in hunting, fishing, and gathering because without them, we're going to lose the constituency that has supported these activities," said Schrage.

"The hunters and anglers are the ones who speak up on behalf of wildlife, and are a very important source that may be lost."



## Choices narrowed to two

# Sanitary board to select Big Lake sewage treatment facility in August

By Deborah Locke

In July members of the Big Lake Area Sanitary District governing board narrowed their choices to two sewage plans, the “package treatment plant” or the “recirculating sand filter.”

The sewage facility will be located on about 10 acres on the north side of Big Lake. The property was donated by Carlton County.

The final recommendations will be made by the Fond du Lac and Perch Lake representatives to the sanitary district board, the community’s governing bodies, and the EPA. After those hurdles are cleared, the construction could begin a year from now, said Nancy Schuldt, FDL Water Quality Specialist. The total project cost is estimated to be \$8.5 million.

A package treatment plant is pre-assembled and can be hauled in on the bed of a truck to be installed on a concrete slab. It would take about three months to assemble. The package treatment plant uses chlorine and with some modification, cleans the water through an ultra violet disinfection process, which is the preferred method by the members of the sanitary district board.

The recirculating sand filter option would pump waste water into a facility, partially treat it, and then pipe the water into a large drain field of about 200 by 300 feet. The water is then returned to the plant and can be safely discharged.

The sanitary district board is expected to make its decision on the type of facility in August. The public will have an opportunity to learn more details and voice opinions at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the Church of St. Mary and Joseph on Mission Road. Please check the website for confirmation of that day and time.

The district is bounded by Mission Road, Cary Road, Big Lake Road and Moorhead Road. The wastewater facility options were selected to address an increasing number of failing septic systems located around Big Lake. Failing septic systems may have led to beach closings in 2004 due to unacceptable E. coli levels.

The challenges before the board include finding common ground and compromises between the township and Reservation. Federal deadlines must be met. The board must arrive at a long-term solution that is affordable to Big Lake residents whether they live on Reservation or fee land.

The steps taken today should protect the lake well into the future. It’s predicted that the number of connected users around the lake will increase by 30 percent by the year 2028. Today there are 240 households on Big Lake; one-third of them are seasonal users.

By 2028, it is estimated that the total flow of wastewater through the sewage facility will be 95,000 gallons per day.

## Managing our resources

### Water Quality Standards at FDL

Water is of great significance to the Ojibwe people. Fishing, wild rice, recreational use like swimming, ceremonies: all these uses and more make water one of the reservation’s most valuable natural resources.

More than a decade ago, FDL tribal officials agreed with FDL natural resource specialists that the water needed formal protection. To that end, water quality standards were developed that not only met the federal Environmental Protection Agency standards, but exceeded them.

What Fond du Lac had to prove was that it had the capacity to manage its own environmental program. That means it had to receive “Treatment as a State” status from the EPA so it could implement its water quality standards.

Sometimes the federal government makes it tough for reservations to achieve TAS status, which hap-

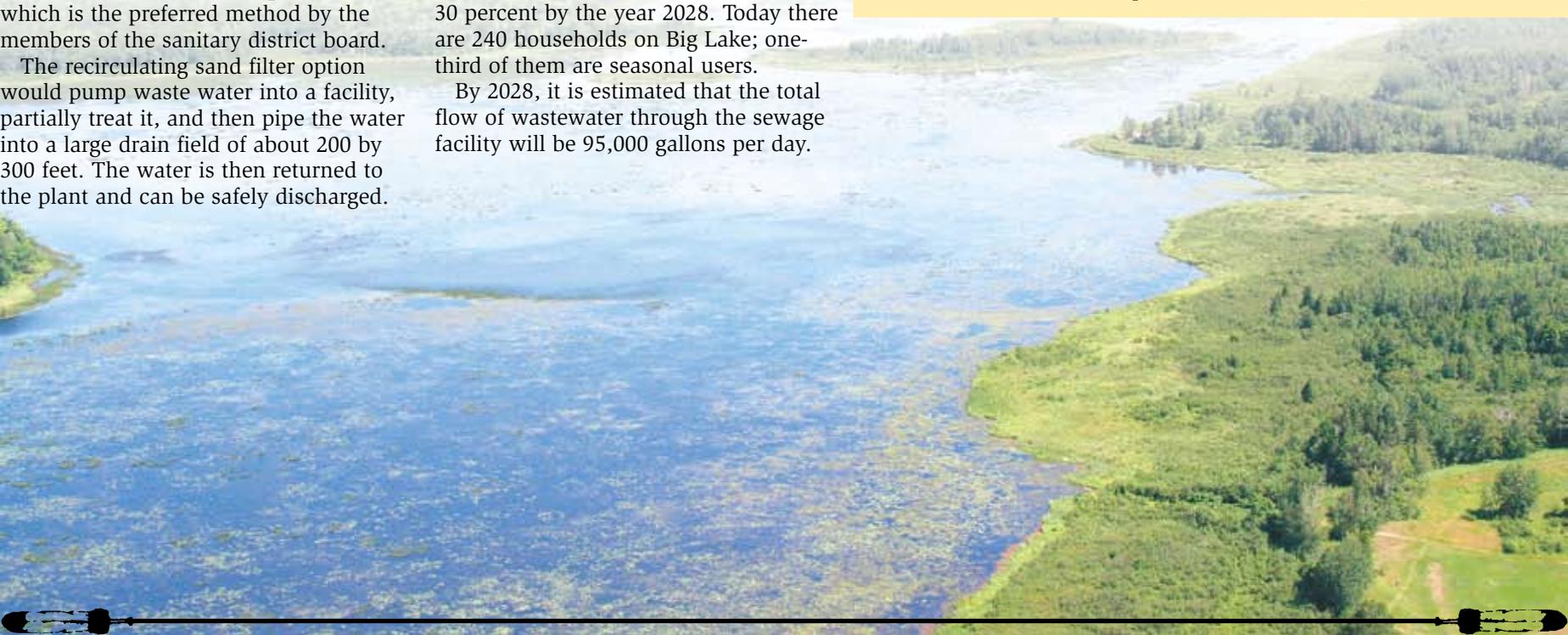
pened in Wisconsin. However, in 2001, the federal EPA granted TAS status to the reservation.

Since 1998 the reservation natural resource staff has monitored the water quality on FDL lakes and streams. Mercury levels are of concern nation-wide because mercury – a byproduct of burning coal as a power source -- enters bodies of water indiscriminately through rain.

The Natural Resource staff is doing research now to update the Reservation’s 2001 fish consumption guide; the new guidelines will be ready later this year. For now, it’s OK to eat unlimited amounts of pan fish like blue gill and croppie.

It’s recommended that people consume only one meal per week of walleye or northern, which are predatory fish that consume other fish. Fish eating other fish increases mercury levels.

Children under 12 and women of childbearing age should eat walleye or northern only once each month.





# Staring down a cougar

## Ojibwe School student applies classroom lessons to encounter with cat

By Jane Skalisky

For ten-year-old Alissa Bosto of Brookston, neighborhood walks have taken on a whole new meaning. At dusk one early June evening, Alissa walked home from a friend's house in Brookston near Mallard Drive and Pine.

She heard something in the woods, and thought at first it was a fox. Then Alissa realized that the animal's tail wasn't bushy. It would disappear and reappear.

After a third glimpse, Alissa identified the animal as a cougar. Thanks to her Ojibwe School fifth grade teacher, Jan Koivisto, she knew the appropriate reaction.

"I knew if I ran, it would chase me," she said. "So, I walked slowly, keeping my eye on the cougar like they taught me in school."

At that point, the cougar was about 30 feet from Alissa, growling, with its tail up and swishing back and forth.

Fortunately for Alissa, a car came

by and scared the animal back into the woods, so she could run for the safety of her home.

Alissa says that she doesn't go out much anymore, unless her parents or dog are with her.

There have been an increasing number of cougar (also known as mountain lion) reports across the State to warrant caution, said Mike Schrage, FDL Wildlife Biologist. While he urged caution, Schrage said the level of concern is no different from that of black bears, whom humans manage to coexist with in large numbers and are also known to attack humans.

Schrage emphasized that there haven't been any recorded incidents of cougars attacking people in Minnesota, with most of the attacks coming from mountainous states, like Colorado and California where joggers, hikers, and bikers have been targeted. Women are usually targeted because of their smaller size, he said. Cougar's more preferred prey are deer, Schrage said.



Cougars are solitary, wide-ranging, secretive animals whose preferred habitat is the mountains and forests, Schrage said. They originally were found throughout the entire western hemisphere, but now their habitat has been reduced by two-thirds.

They are brown, weigh close to 100 pounds when mature, and have

a three-foot tail and long legs.

What to do if you see one?

"Never turn and run or take your eyes off it," Schrage said. "Face it, back away, talk loudly, wave your arms, and yell."

# Outsmarting mosquitoes

The CBS television network website includes a blog from Dr. Dave Hnida, who recently explained what attracts mosquitoes to some people and not to others. To make yourself less vulnerable to the swarm of mosquitoes in northern Minnesota that seem more like dive bombers, consider these facts:

- A hungry mosquito will travel more than 30 miles for a good meal- so if you hear about cases

of your area, don't get too smug.

- Mosquitoes identify their meals by size, heat, and smell. Therefore, the better you smell, the better you taste. Fragrances, lotions, and luscious shampoos can make you a bug magnet.
- Bugs love people who wear dark solids, and pass on those who wear, say, a striped or floral shirts.
- Heat, moisture, and movement

also are powerful attractants, so if you're running around working up a sweat, prepare to start swatting. And if that running around made you work up a thirst, DO NOT reach for alcohol, especially a cold beer. When it pours out of your pores, it's like a bugle call to mosquitoes.

- Going out right after a meal makes you tastier. It is not the food but the heat generated by digestion.
- Dark hair is more attractive to light

(see above, under clothing).

- Size does matter. The bigger you are, the more likely a target you are. Put yourself in the mosquito's shoes -- why have a kid meal when you can super-size your victim?
- Finally, for women, mid-cycle is a bad time of the month. A surge in hormones may also make you a tastier treat to a mosquito.



*It's rare that Charlie Begay walks. However, an injury prevented him from his usual daily running regiment, as shown in this picture.*

## Running toward renewal

# Charlie Begay sheds old habits and 75 pounds

By Jane Skalisky

**N**ine months ago, Fond du Lac Band Member Charlie Begay thought his days were numbered.

At age 44, he was 5' 9", 275 pounds, and took seven medications a day with coma-level blood sugar. "Life was a drag," he said. "I was tired all the time, and felt like I was going to die."

His physician suggested gastro-bypass surgery, but, after learning what the surgery involved, Begay made a decision.

He was going to run.

Not just out of the doctor's office, but down the road.

And he's been on the run ever since.

Now, at a fit 200 pounds, Begay is a new man. He takes one medication for high blood pressure, and expects to discontinue that soon. He is virtually pain-free, and credits his FDL chiropractor, Terry Setterquist, for helping him get off Lortabs.

On June 21, Begay ran in Grandma's Marathon, completing 18 miles in the regular marathon.

His secret?

"You gotta run faithfully every day," he said. "I don't miss a day. I even run when

it's 50 below."

When Begay first started running, he made the mistake of running 11 miles and then discovered he couldn't move for a week. He then began again, this time more conservatively, with just a few miles a day, working his way up to 18 miles.

Diet-wise, Begay has cut out fried foods, animal fat, pop, and reduced his consumption of bread, which he feels was the main culprit behind his obesity.

"I feel like a teenager all over again," says Begay. "I don't feel 45."



He has newfound energy, going to bed at midnight and rising each morning at 5 a.m.

When Begay isn't running, he spends his time designing and making gold and silver Native-themed jewelry with turquoise, diamond, lapis, amethyst, onyx, and tiger's eye accents.

His goal is to run regular marathons, starting with local races and later moving up to national competitions.

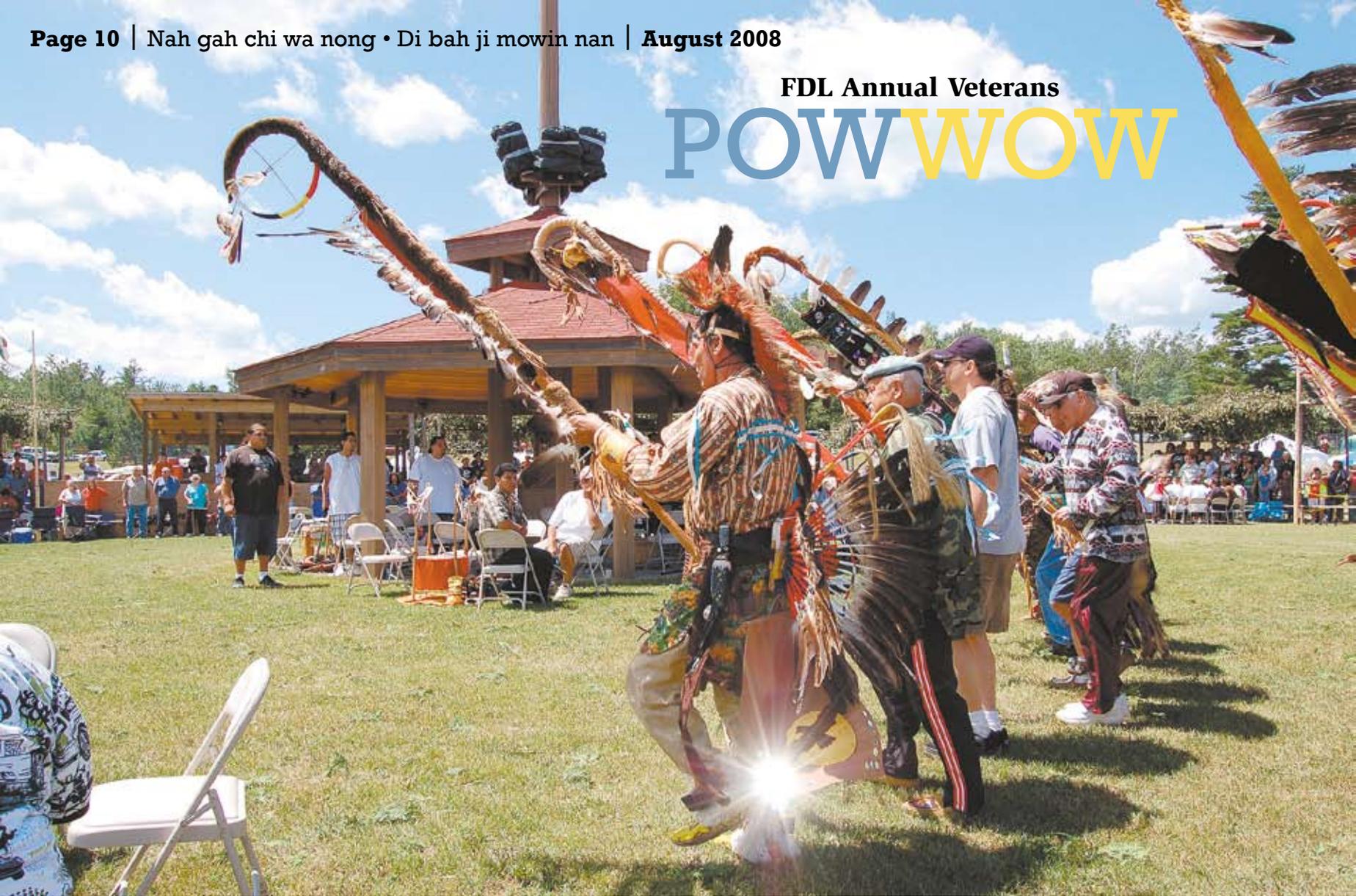
"Then, who knows?" he said with a smile.

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FDL Annual Veterans

# POWWOW



## 2008 Veteran's Powwow largest in FDL history

**Story by Jane Skalisky**  
**Photos by Jane Skalisky & Jeff Savage**

Seven hundred forty-two dancers, 31 drums, and 30 flagstaff carriers paid tribute to 235 veterans at the 14th Annual Fond du Lac Veteran's Day Powwow held July 11-13 in Sawyer.

The powwow marked the largest tribute of its kind at Fond du Lac, according to Chuck Smith, Powwow Chairman and Veteran.

Along with Smith, members of the Powwow committee included Mary Northrup, Tom Whitebird, Charlin Diver, Dave Danielson, Mary Howes, Brenda Rice, and Dan Houle. Head dancers were Mike Diver and Diana Fairbanks. Pete Gahbow and Jeff Savage served as masters of ceremonies and arena directors were Dan Houle, Jaimie Petite, Charlie Smith, and Steven Smith. Cedar Creek was the host drum group.

The contest portion of the Pow-

wow featured hand drum, jingle dress and grass dance competitions. Taking first place in the hand drum contest was the P-town Boyz; in jingle dress, top honors went to Ann Isham; Keenan Sayers won in the grass dance category.

At the end of ceremonies on Sunday, Smith played taps on his trumpet to remember the 80 FDL veterans who had passed on.

### War and remembrance

When discussing the importance of the Powwow, Smith described his own experience as a Vietnam Vet.

"I remember my grandma crying when I left," he said, "I also remember telling my ma that I would never go to Vietnam, but I did. I would al-

ways say, 'I'm all right, I'm all right,' even though I wasn't," he said.

The nightmare of war didn't end upon returning home, either.

"We didn't feel welcome coming home. People didn't appreciate the Vet; we were reviled. We never got the ticker-tape parade or any recognition," said Smith. For him and other Veterans, the purpose of the Veteran's Powwow is the opportunity for healing, respect and appreciation, he said.



Chuck Smith

"We say to each other, 'Welcome back, brother, welcome back, sister,'" said Smith.

He recalled that it wasn't until 1985 that his children even knew he had

ever served in the war, as he never talked about it. They were doing a show-and-tell for school on the war, so Smith took them to an old trunk in his basement that his war memorabilia was stored in and gave them his ribbons to take to school.

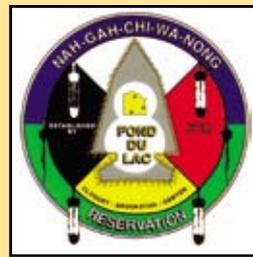
"When I came home from work that day, I found the two of them crying," Smith said. "When I asked why they were crying, they said, 'We lost your ribbons on the playground.' I never went to find them," he said, "I thought they were buried in the right place, just like the innocence lost by a young man who went to war at 18."

Taking out a black hat in his office that had 'Vietnam Vet' embroidered on the front, Smith said that it wasn't until the Gulf War in 1991 that he bought the hat, finally coming to terms with the war and feeling pride in how he served his country.



Photo upper left: Ernie Diver. Lower left, Lannesse Baker; above, lead dancers Diana Fairbanks and Mike Diver.





# A few thoughts from RBC members

## From Chairwoman Karen Diver

The Reservation Business Committee has scheduled a community meeting to discuss violence in the community, and what the community's expectations are regarding consequences for this type of behavior.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on August 19, 2008 in the Cloquet Community Center Elderly Nutrition Program meeting room.

In a recent column I wrote about the Reservation's Declaration of Policy Against Violence, and about how the policy does not provide guidance about what kind of acts of violence the policy addresses, and what the community believes the

consequences should be for violent behavior. Please plan on attending the meeting in order to provide the RBC with the ideas of the community regarding policies that address violence in our community. We need your direction, and more importantly, your support, to move forward.

The Casino project will be complete in mid-August. The first celebrity to perform in the new convention center will be Wayne Newton. An Executive



Karen Diver

Chef was just hired to continue to improve our food service. A host program will be starting soon to help attract and retain our customers. The new ad campaign commercials are being filmed. Please help us spread the word about the completion of the casino/resort complex. We need you to help us spread the excitement about our new facility!

After the election in the Brookston District this month, the entire RBC will have been elected to their current positions within the last two

and one-half years. This will bring challenges and opportunities. It will be important for the new RBC to spend some time on planning and training. Building stability among the council, for the benefit of our members and our staff, will be vital to our success going forward. We will begin the process of reservation-wide strategic planning. The community will be included along the way.

*That's it for this month. Please feel to call me if you have questions or comments. I can be reached at the office at (218) 878-2612, or by cell at (218) 590-4887, or by email at arendiver@fdlrez.com.*

## From Ferdinand Martineau

I have been concerned about the increasing level of violence in our community and what we as a council can do about it. I know that passing another resolution will have little or no effect on the problem, so, we have a meeting scheduled with the community to discuss what some of our options are and to see how far you would like us to go to correct this problem. This is our community and we deserve to be safe on the streets and in our homes.



Ferdinand Martineau

The Veteran's Powwow was a huge success. There were 30 drums and 600 dancers in attendance. Even with the inclement weather, everyone had a good time. The only complaint that has been registered with me is that the grounds may not be large enough to host this event next year.

The annual Black Bear golf tournament was held after the deadline for filing this column. The tournament is one of the

largest Native tournaments in the upper Midwest and may be the largest in the country. We were host to over 600 golfers again this year. This tournament has a big impact on the local economy and usually is one of the bigger weekends for the casino.

I have been working with several band members on higher education and trying to figure out what the council would have to do to keep students pursuing their goals of higher education. The one thing that is certain is the program we currently offer does not meet the

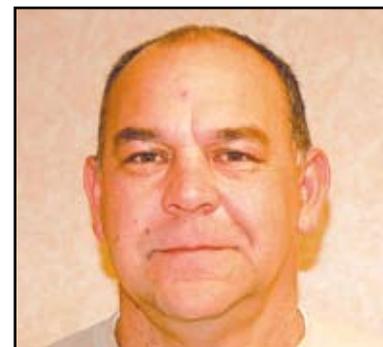
needs of the students; otherwise, the graduation rates would be much higher. If you have tried to obtain any type of higher education whether it was a degree or a certificate, let me know what prevented you from completing it or what would have made it easier to complete. I am working with our scholarship program to try to put together something that will help and encourage our students not only to go to school but to ac-

complish their educational goals.

At the last open meeting there were several questions and comments about the high cost of energy these days. We discussed the problem last year and were not able to come with anything concrete that we could do at that time. Now, as was relayed by the meeting, the problem is going to be even worse this year. We have started to work on some things that will eventually be put into use for our community in the future but, that will not address the immediate situation. If you have any suggestions please feel free to let us know what they may be.

Last, we have lost yet another member of our community. A high spirited young lady that I knew for the past 25 years was laid to rest. She will be missed by her family, her friends and this community. Gi-ga-wa-ba-min Angel.

*Again, I am always interested in hearing any new ideas, so please feel free to call me. My home number is (218)879-5074, Office (218)878-8158 or you can e-mail at ferdinandmartineau@fdlrez.com. Miigwich !*



Wally Dupuis

## From Wally Dupuis

I am extremely honored to have been chosen to represent you in all of our tribal efforts. On July 8, I took the oath of office and was sworn in as your District 1 Representative by Chairwoman Karen Diver. As of this writing, I have been in office for eight days. During that time, I have already been confronted with many issues and concerns.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with many of our directors, managers and employees. I have felt well received by all I have spoken with, as well as the other RBC members.

I am confident that as I continue down this path, I will learn more and become a productive member of the board. As always, I look forward to the challenges ahead.

*If you have questions or concerns, please contact me anytime. I look forward to hearing from you. My home phone number is (218) 879-2492; my cell number is (218) 428-9828.*

# (Off) Rez adventures with the Indian Scout/s



Postcard view of Moniwunakauning (Madeline Island) on the left.

By Deborah Locke

Months ago the Indian Scout started to talk about Moniwunakauning, known to some as Madeline Island. We'll go there, he promised.

After a few false starts we went to the island north of Bayfield, Wisconsin – the Scout, Marilyn and me.



We went because the Indian Scout is drawn to the earliest settlements of the Ojibwe people and whoever preceded them. On a beautiful July day after a drive and a ferry ride, the Scout caught up with me as we explored an old missionary-established Ojibwe graveyard near the island marina. Several small wooden house-like structures covered the graves (see photo).

"Look around," Scout said quietly with dramatic flair. "These are the people who gave us *life*. They are the reason we are here today."

Then he walked away quickly, toward the trees and sunken unmarked graves and water.

People lived on the island after the last Ice Age, between 8,000 and 12,000 years ago. Today when you walk the sidewalks of Moniwunakauning Miniss (home of the yellow-breasted woodpecker) and admire the scenic cove, when you listen to the wind and feel the sun bake your skin, you feel the company of thousands of souls who went before. The earliest Ojibwe used birchbark

canoes to travel from the mainland to the island; we enjoyed the 20-minute ferry trip across the water to the island in the Chequamegon Bay, 2.6 miles off shore.

Our people came from the East, Scout said two hours earlier as we drove north on Interstate 35 toward Duluth. The Scout coughed and sneezed en route to the Wisconsin exit. From the back seat Marilyn Carpenter piped up with her story of driving around the day before to take in the sights.

Months earlier Marilyn caught wind of our tentative trip to Wisconsin, and offered to come along. Consequently, I had two Indian Scouts. You know, you can never have too many Indian Scouts along for the ride.

We zipped down Belknap Street in Superior, Wis. and headed for Highway 2 East. Marilyn noted the huge "jelly roll" bundles of hay in fields surrounded by dense woods. We passed Moccasin Mike Road, Wisconsin Point, Amnicon Falls State Park, and finally stopped at the Red Cliff Reservation to add Ron DePerry to the scouting party. Ron had lived in the area his whole life.

Once across the bay with its steely green water we headed for the museum and viewed typical displays of arrowheads, kitchen utensils, beadwork, broken pottery, weapons, tools, a stove, a birchbark canoe hanging from the ceiling, and more.

All that discovery worked up appetites, so we drove to "Grampa Tony's" restaurant for sandwiches, followed by the visit to the cemetery established in about 1836.

The Cadotte family was well rep-

resented at the cemetery, who were among the first white settlers. Michel Cadotte married Equaysayway, "Traveling Woman," the daughter of Chief White Crane. Equaysayway was given the baptismal name of "Madeleine" after which the island was renamed. A 1980s headstone of a Cadotte family member is in the old cemetery among the 1800s stones and little house frames.

As we drove from the graveyard, I thought I spotted a sign that said "Non-Indian trail." Wrong. It said "Old Indian Trail."

After a walk through stores and a ferry ride back, we returned Ron to his place of work and headed for the language camp in the deep woods where Marvin awaited us. Meanwhile, Marilyn entertained us with stories set at Red Cliff. We didn't find Marvin, and worked our way back to Highway 13.

The Scout and Marilyn exchanged comments on the drive home as I

thought about the day. About 30 to 35 years ago my aunties and parents took us to Madeline Island. Auntie JoAnn said the Lemieux family had a family tie to Chief White Crane and his daughter, which I like to think is true.

But maybe every Ojibwe person has a family tie to Chief White Crane and his daughter, and to the lovely piece of land surrounded by the big lake.

The Scout spotted a deer as we drove. He was in a chatty mood, cheered by the trip that took us into our past. Marilyn asked what the "B" in the "B&B" market on Big Lake Road stood for.

The Scout knew.

"Bread and baloney," he said. Ojibwe meal staples.

We laughed. The SUV pointed west, back to where we most immediately came from.



# Sand and water: nature provides summertime learning tools for children

By Lucy Carlson

Children are almost instinctively drawn to sand and water. Exploring the properties of these natural materials can be soothing and relaxing activities. The refreshing coolness of water against their skin and the sensation of sifting sand through their fingers is hard to resist. As a liquid, water can be splashed, poured, and frozen. As a dry solid, sand can be sifted, raked, and shoveled.

This open ended play also provides an exciting forum for children to build language, skills, and competencies. In short, children discover new worlds of their own making, which have personal meaning. This personal meaning creates motivation to learn. These experiences are the foundation and building blocks for the formal learning of science, reading, and math.

Children's explorations with sand and water naturally help build many skills.

### Social and Emotional Skills

- Children learn to play cooperatively with each other
- Children explore social roles (washing dolls and dishes)
- Children experience seeing a task through to completion

### Cognitive Development (Thinking)

- Children observe materials to see how they compare and contrast (add water to dry sand to see how it changes; explore why certain objects sink in water and others float)
- Children experience understanding of cause and effect relationships (predicting what will happen when soap is added to water)
- Children observe conservation of volume – science

& math - (pouring sand or water into differently shaped containers and comparing them)

- Children develop problem-solving skills
- Children develop creativity (molding wet sand into a variety of shapes)

### Physical Development

- Children's fine motor control strengthens (these are the muscles used for turning pages in a book and writing)
- Children's eye-hand movements are developed
- Children's coordination skills and physical dexterity is improved (filling measuring cups and spoons)

Play and learning fit together. When it comes to play materials, children don't mind getting wet and messy. Water play is both educational and fun. It cools kids off in the summer time and can continue inside all year long. Water play helps children develop eye-hand coordination, math and science concepts.

Here are some ideas taken from the article, "Waterplay: A Key to Children's Living-Learning Environment," from the National Association for the Education of Young Children at <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1997/03.asp>

- Individual water tubs at a table make great activity centers. Begin with water only, then add playthings as children's interest wanes. Begin with spoons and shovels, then move on to sponges and measuring tools. Sand and shells are great for children to touch and explore.
- Children will love to "paint" water on outdoor pavement with buckets and paint brushes. Older children may paint the letters of their names. Younger children will be content making back-and-forth strokes. Either way, a

few minutes in the sunlight, and watch it evaporate!

- Squeeze bottles of water offer a variety of play opportunities, and help children develop eye-hand coordination. Children may look for the best way to squirt long or short distances. Or, they may create designs on the water's surface. Washed catsup or mustard squeeze bottles work well.
- Assorted containers, funnels, and plastic tubes will help children learn to measure, and are key for the early development of math and science skills. Curiosity leads to experimentation: Which objects will float? Which ones hold the most liquid? Gradually, children build their vocabularies (empty/full, shallow/deep) and learn how to categorize.

We can build on our children's natural interest in sand and water by responding to their play in ways that will encourage them to develop further. One of the simplest, yet most effective ways is to talk to our children about what they are doing.

First, ask them to describe what they are doing. We might ask questions such as these: Do your two pitchers of water hold the same amount? How does the sand feel? What did you find out when you used the water wheel? Does the sand feel different when it is wet?

These questions help children become aware of what they are doing and why, and give children the message that their activities are important and valued.

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# Gifted athletes wrap season with 13-2 record; Learn conditioning, confidence, 'how to have fun'

Members of the Sawyer girl's community softball team completed a successful season on July 17, losing a championship playoff game 5-3 to a Wisconsin team. Throughout the summer, the Sawyer girls played teams from communities including Esko, Carlton, Barnum, Cloquet, Moose Lake and Hermantown.

The team formed in the summer of 2007 after parents in Sawyer became involved and found team sponsors. In addition, the girls did a lot of their own fundraising. The coaches were Vern Northrup, Gordon Ojibway and Naomi Mohr.

Below are comments from the girls just before a game against Esko in July.

I've learned about good sportsmanship.

*Amber Fox, 11, outfield*

Playing keeps me in shape for the summer. Otherwise, I'd be sitting at home doing nothing.

I've developed a better arm and hand-to-arm coordination. And I'm not as shy any more - we play in front of a lot of our friends and we don't want to mess up. We've learned how to be a team and work together.

*Namiah Hindsley, 13, outfield*

Playing keeps you in shape. And you're not off by yourself, you're with your friends all the time. I knew all the team members before we started playing. That's an advantage, because you can trust the people you know.

*Kayla Jackson, 13, first base*

The best part of playing is winning, because then you feel relief. I've done sports all my life: volleyball, track, softball, basketball.

I don't use a computer at home or watch TV. It's good to be involved.

*Jeelisa Northrup, 12 catcher*



Top row from the left: Kayla Jackson, Nikki Ojibway, Prairie Northrup, Kasey Shabaiash; Middle row from the left: Jeelisa Northrup, Shawna Peacock, Manuella Sandoval, Namiah Hindsley; Bottom row from the left, Faryn Wilson, Alissa Wakefield, Cedar Savage. Not pictured is Amber Fox. Photos by Deborah Locke.

I like being outside during the summer - I wouldn't want to just stay inside.

We've learned to be more aggressive as a team.

*Prairie Northrup, 12, second base*

If the ball is coming down at you, step toward it. I used to just stick my glove out to catch it. Now I lean into it.

We could win every game if we really wanted to. I know that's true, if we tried as hard as we could. I've learned something about confidence, yeah. And I've learned that playing ball is good conditioning for other sports.

*Nikki Ojibway, 11, outfield*

We've learned skills like how to get along with other players, how to become a better player. We've learned from other teams. At the

start of the game, we see how good the other team is. Then we make adjustments like how fast to pitch, and which players should be moved around.

*Shana Peacock, 13, pitcher/third base*

I've learned how to get along with people, like when they are down, to bring them back up. If someone strikes out,

I tell them it is just a game and you are supposed to have fun.

*Manuela "Meny" Sandoval, 13, shortstop*

Playing on a team teaches you to work with other people.

*Cedar Savage, 13, catcher*

We've been taught to get along with others and we're been taught sportsmanship, that it is ok to lose. It's ok to lose because people aren't that perfect and should not expect to win all the time.

When we do win, though, I feel excited. It's fun to play.

*Kasey Shabaiash, 11, outfield*

I've just started to play with the team. Before this, I played catch with my brother.

I've made friends and have more fun now. *Alissa Wakefield, 12, outfield*

I've learned how to pitch straight to the glove, that means throwing to the pitcher's glove. I've learned aim and technique like how to balance throwing and catching.

*Faryn Wilson, 12, pitcher/third base*



# FDL Enrollee Days, 2008



**M**ore than 2,300 Fond du Lac Band Members attended Enrollee Days held June 26-29 at the Tribal Center.

At lunch on the last day, 5,640 pounds of hot dogs, brat-wurst, and pulled pork sandwiches were consumed, along with 480 pounds of baked beans and 416 pounds of potato salad.

Some of the changes this year were having the carnival on grass instead of concrete and expanding the number of days and rides offered. Discussions are ongoing about improvements to the four-day extravaganza, and recommendations that will be made to the Reservation Business Committee.

The outcome of those discussions will be reported on in a later edition of this newspaper. Bryan Bosto, this year's Enrollee Days planner, has been reappointed to organize the event in 2009.



*"I'm gonna puke!" said Valerie Ross, on the right, above. From left to right on the Tilt-a-Whirl, a ride that originated in Minnesota, are Wiingahsh Ross, 6, Komi Ross, 4, Daisha Bosto, 6, and Valerie Ross, 17.*

*On the left, above, Trisha McMillen, 14, takes aim during Enrollee Days at one of the midway attractions.*

*"Mmm-mmm good," said Jeroam Defoe, 12, as he ate his snow cone on the first day of Enrollee Days 2008. Jeroam said that he attends the carnival every year.*

# FDL Enrollee Days, 2008



On the left, Marvin Defoe, Red Cliff enrollee, is shown near the FDL Cultural Museum during a demonstration of birch bark canoe construction during Enrollee Days. Defoe worked with FDL Museum Director Jeff Savage.

Leah Savage, below, shows the birch bark bird house that she created during Enrollee Days. Leah was an assistant to Brandon Topping who taught the class.

Winnie LaPrairie, bottom right, teaches a class on how to make baby moccasins during the Enrollee Days celebration at Fond du Lac in June. The class was held at the FDL Museum.

On the bottom, left, Norman Sutton, a former student of basket maker Jeff Savage, prepares bark to be used to make winnowing



# Community news

*These community pages are yours, the members of the Fond du Lac Band. We welcome family news. Please send us information about births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and deaths.*

*Also, we will include news of graduations (high school and post-high school) and military service. Memorials to loved ones or notes of appreciation are also welcomed.*

*Please submit materials during the first two weeks of the month. Information may be sent by U.S. mail to the editor, Deborah Locke, FDL News, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, Minn. 55720, or by email to [deborahlocke@fdlrez.com](mailto:deborahlocke@fdlrez.com)*

*The telephone number is (218)878-2628. You may also drop off items at our office at the Cloquet Tribal Center. Always include your daytime phone number and name with anything you submit. Materials will be edited for clarity and length.*

## For Sale

Home on Big Lake in Sawyer, Minn. Located within 15 miles of three golf courses, 30 miles from Duluth. Built in 1990.

Two bdrm, 1.5 baths, sauna, fireplace, open floor plan. Attached 2-car garage and detached 2-car insulated pole building. On private lot with 93 ft. of lakeshore; driveway and septic tank on 56 feet of FDL leased land. Asking \$270,000. Call (218) 879-5617 for more info.



Three bedroom, one bath home in Brookston. Full basement. New windows, siding and roof, newer energy efficient furnace. Two car garage, all on one acre of leased land. \$130,000 or will entertain any offers. (218) 393-5379 or (218) 987-2100

## Retirement

FDL Band Member and former FDL Executive Director, **George Himango**, retired June 30 as Director of the Duluth Public School's Desegregation and Homebound program.

"George is a leader that I have relied on heavily for wisdom and insight," said Keith Dixon, Superintendent of Duluth Public Schools. "I value his judgment and thoughtfulness. He has made a real difference in the district for students, staff and for all our leadership."

Himango's many honors include the Award of Gratitude for Outstanding Performance from the Duluth American Indian Community, Bulldog Leadership Award from UMD, Outstanding Educational Program of the Year from the Minnesota Education Association and Outstanding Indian Leaders Award from the College of St. Scholastica.

George's retirement celebration will be at 5 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Black Bear Casino in Carlton. For tickets, contact Sandra Coyle at (218)336-8714.

## Notes of gratitude

Thank you to all of the department heads and clean-up crew who made this year's Enrollee Days a success. I look forward to working with you next year.

*Bryan Bosto, Event Planner*

We appreciate everything that everyone, the Reservation Business Committee, Resource Management, and the community, did to make the Veteran's Powwow such a tremendous success.

We did our job, we honored our veterans.

*With 10,000 Miigwech, Veteran's Powwow Committee*

## Milestones

In April 2008, **Stephanie Price** and **Cheri Rissanen**, Pharmacy Technicians, took and passed the National Pharmacy Technician Certification test. The test requires many hours of self-study and help from other technicians and pharmacist. Stephanie and Cheri work at the Center for American Indian Resource pharmacy in Duluth.

Congratulations to both of them!

Three Elderly Nutrition Program staff members passed the Minnesota Food Manager's Certification exam. They are: **Mace Fonoti**, Cloquet; **Anna Wait**, Brookston; and **Janelle Barney**, Sawyer. The State requires a

Certified Food Manager in most food establishments. The Minnesota Department of Health administers food manager certification.

## Birthdays

Happy 93rd Birthday to **Agnes C. Sheehy** of Clinton, Indiana.

*Dick and Judy*



Happy 3rd birthday, **Raelynn Charlotte DeFoe**. I love you, honey!

*Love always, Mom*



Happy birthday, **Raelynn!**

*Love, Grandma Karen, Auntie Kaley, Uncle Jerome, Victoria and Randell*

Happy Birthday to little **Randell DeFoe**, who is one year old on August 22.

*Love from Mom*



Happy Birthday on August 20 to **Ronda Erickson**.

*Love from your Auntie*

Happy 88th Birthday to our mom, **Rosemary Blanchard**, on Aug. 23. We love you!

*Your kids, Dianne, John, Ellen and Rosemary; and your grandkids and great-grandkids*

## Memorials

In Memory of our dad, **Donald Louis Savage**, Jan. 12, 1941 - Aug. 9, 2005

Your eyes we see no more/ But our hearts hold your smile/We feel a gentle breeze/And know you're here with us for a while/Our arms cannot touch you/But our reach is sent up above/On your journey Dad, we're sending/along a daughters love.

We had to say good-bye to you/and that was so very sad/For you were not only our/father, you were the

best/friend we ever had/We'll see you in our dreams/that way we'll never let you go/And the tears that fall on our pillows/are because we want you to know/"Dad, did you ever know you were our hero?"

*Missing you and loving you always,*

*Dannell and Darci*

In memory of **Delia Moreland**, beloved Mother, June 7, 1921 - July 8, 2006

Those we love/don't go away/They walk beside us every day/Unseen, unheard/but always near/so loved, so missed, so very dear.

*Love from your daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie Wallace and Ron Hagland*



## Obituaries

**Nicholas, 'Nick', James Hagadorn**, age 11, of Shakopee, was killed by a hit-and-run driver while riding his bike on July 11, 2008. He was born April 18, 1997 in Duluth to James and Pamela Hagadorn. James is a Fond du Lac Reservation Band Member.

Nick is survived by his parents, James and Pamela Hagadorn of Shakopee; brother, Alex of Shakopee; grandmothers Kate Martin of Shakopee and Linda Hagadorn of Superior; aunts Megan Martin and Jessica Hagadorn of Duluth; and many cousins and friends. The funeral service was held July 15 at the Church of St. Mark in Shakopee.

**Faye Ann Greensky**, 53, of Sawyer, died on June 24, 2008 in her home. Faye was born in Cloquet on Aug. 18, 1954 to Jacob and Katherine Greensky. She grew up and attended school in the Cloquet area.

Faye enjoyed going to the casino, pottery, card playing, dice, reading, baking, cooking, cleaning house and attending traditional events in the area. She always wished for a garden.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters; Hope and Elsie, and a brother Daniel.

Faye is survived by five children;



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Shane Martin Greensky, Christina Lee Hochin, Denise Rae Beck, Beverly Jean Taylor, and Carl James Taylor Jr; brothers and sisters, Myrtle Soukkala, Joanne Olson, Jacob Greensky Jr., Jackie Pedersen, Gil Greensky, Bobby Olson, and Tina Sadler. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on June 26 at the Sawyer Center; a funeral service followed on June 27 at 10 a.m., also at the Sawyer Center. Burial was in the Sawyer Cemetery.

**Angelina “Angel” Diver**, 41, of Cloquet, passed away June 25, 2008 at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Duluth. She was born June 20, 1967 in Chicago to Richard and Flora (Mullen) Diver.



Angel was employed as a Lead Recreational Aide at the Cloquet Community Center. She loved shopping, going to the casino, working in her yard, camping, reality

TV, taking pictures, and spending time with her family and friends.

Angel was preceded in death by her father, Dick Diver, and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

She is survived by her mother, Flora Diver of Cloquet; her fiancée, Dean Crawley of Cloquet; five brothers, Michael (Tara) Diver, Adam Thompson, Melvin (Janelle) Barney, Joey (Rachel) Barney, and Danny (Patti) Barney all of Cloquet; two sisters, Toni Branley and Randi Rose Nikko both of Cloquet; three nieces,

Samantha, Addison and Allison; four nephews, Davis, Dannin, Levi and Sterling; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, special friends; and three special dogs, “Cody”, “Bryan” and “Harley”.

Visitation was held on June 29 and resumed on June 30, the day of the funeral service at Nelson Funeral Care in Cloquet. Burial was at the New Holy Family Cemetery.

# Honoring Biauswah Bridge named for courageous Ojibwe war chief

By Jane Skalisky

An 11-year effort to rename the Highway 23 Bridge over the St. Louis River in the Fond du Lac neighborhood of Duluth came to a culmination on June 28 with an intertribal dedication ceremony in Duluth’s Chamber’s Grove Park.

Veterans traveled from as far as Maryland and represented Canadian First Nation Ojibwe, Lakota, and Minnesota Ojibwe people.

The bridge is named after Biauswah I (pronounced ‘bee-ah-swa’), a late 17th century Ojibwe war chief from the Bayfield Peninsula.

Biauswah had left his village to go hunting. He returned to discover that except for Biauswah’s son and one other village member, an invading Fox tribe had killed all village members.

Biauswah pleaded with the Fox to spare his son, offering his life in exchange. Biauswah was killed. His son later left Bayfield for Fond du Lac, taking his father’s name. When Biauswah II was middle-aged, he

began attacks against the Dakota at Sandy Lake, St. Croix, and Mille Lacs.

He was reknowned for being the first person on this continent to advocate against the torture of captives, said FDL Member Rick DeFoe, organizer of the day’s events and a member of the Duluth American Indian Commission.

“It’s been a long time coming that the City of Duluth recognizes Native American Veterans,” said DeFoe. “This [naming] shows that the City is making headway in their relationships with Anishinaabe people.”

The significance of the site, explained DeFoe, is that it was where the 1826 Treaty was signed, was the site of an Ojibwe Village, and is within the original boundaries of the Reservation.

DeFoe hopes that additional funds will be raised so that the current sign, 20” x 24”, is replaced with something large enough to be seen by everyone traveling over Biauswah Bridge.

In 1875, all tribal ceremonies were



UMD Professor Emeritus Bob Powless addresses veterans at the bridge naming ceremony in June

banned, especially the Warrior Path. It took nearly 100 hundred years before American Indians had the right to conduct ceremonies again, said Al Kitto, a member of the Santee Sioux Tribe.

“I thought there should be a ceremony for the sign and for the veterans,” said Bob Powless, Profes-

sor Emeritus from UMD’s Center for American Indian Studies. “This is fitting and proper that we have done this on behalf of Indian veterans here and everywhere.”

The dedication of the bridge ended with a pipe ceremony. West of the gathering, a bald eagle flew over the river.

# Etc.

## Editor commended for environmental reporting

Deborah Locke, editor of Nah gah chi wa nong Di bah ji mow in nan, received a first place award in environmental reporting for monthly and bi-monthly publications from the Native American Journalists Association. The award ceremony was held at the American Indian Center in Chicago on July 25, 2008.

Locke wrote in September, 2007 about the challenges before the Reservation and Perch Lake Township to keep Big Lake clean and free of E.coli.

The Native American Journalists Association is made up of 700 members and is headquartered in Norman, Oklahoma. The Fond du Lac Reservation is a corporate member of NAJA.

### Thank you

The family of Angel Diver would like to express our thanks to the numerous people who were there for us during our difficult time. It meant so much to us knowing your thoughts were with us in our loss. Your generosity has helped ease our burden.

*Flora Diver and family*

### Enrollee Days, 2008 --

*Jared King, 13, and Brianna Reynolds, 7, on the big slide.*



### Wayne Newton performs Aug. 17

Wayne Newton will perform at 6 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the Otter Creek Event Center as part of the New Bear Celebration at the Black Bear Casino Resort. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$35.

Blake Shelton and Bucky Covington are appearing at 6 p.m. on Aug. 31. Seats are \$30 to \$40. Tickets for both events are now available through Ticketmaster, by phone at (218)727-2121, or on-line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). They can also be purchased at the Black Bear Casino.

### Cobalt Nightclub August schedule

Nightly entertainment in the new Cobalt Lounge will also be offered as part of the celebration. Below is the line-up for August.

Aug. 1,2,3	Bobby Cutshaw	country variety
Aug. 6	Matthew Lumpkin & Patrick Jolle	comedy
Aug. 7	Rock-a-billy Revue	classic rock
Aug. 8-10	Telluride	country
Aug. 14-17	Jacob Rice	country
Aug. 20	Scott Novotny	comedy
Aug. 21-24	Geoff Landon	variety
Aug. 28-31	Kid & Nic Show	variety

### Two convertibles to be given away

During the celebration, two 2008 Chrysler Sebring hardtop convertibles will be given away, along with four \$1,000 cash prizes. The poker high hand of the day will win \$500 and on Aug. 27 a blackjack tournament will be held with top winner receiving \$5,000.

## Modular homes to be built at Fond du lac Reservation

Deal Homes of Barnum has been selected to build six homes on the Reservation this year and will deliver them by Sept. 1, 2008, said Rob Abramowski, FDL Housing Construction Supervisor.

Two of the homes will be located on Pine and Brookston Roads, two on West Moorhead Road, one on Mission Road, and one on a yet to be determined site. Bids are being accepted for the subcontracting work. The Housing Division's goal is to finish construction by the end of October.

Abramowski said that in decid-

ing how to spend the \$1.3 million annual housing grant, there were three basic home construction options: stick built, sub-contracted, or modular. The Reservation Business Committee chose the later, due to the savings: in 2008, the total cost for a four-bedroom, 1,570 square foot home was \$225,000, as opposed to \$180,000 for a modular home of the same size.

"We had to consider the homeowner when making the decision to go modular," said Abramowski, "The savings were significant." He added that every attempt was and will be

made to hire FDL subcontractors for the heating, wiring, flooring, and plumbing. FDL employees will be doing the foundation and site work.

Abramowski said that energy savings was also a consideration in construction and that Energy Star products are being used, including windows, lightbulbs, refrigerators, stoves, furnaces, and "heat on demand" hot water heaters.

Next year, he hopes to construct the same number of homes with ground source heat, a relatively new technology that incorporates underground tubes similar to air condition-

ers. Ground source heat incorporates the process of compression, utilizing the ground heat, which remains near a constant 50 to 58 degrees year 'round.

This technology costs \$15,000 to \$20,000 to install, but, with an average monthly heating and cooling cost of \$45, pays for itself in less than six years. In 2009, Abramowski would like to incorporate insulated concrete forms for the exterior walls.

"With the rising price of fuel these days, being environmentally conscious has to be a priority," he said.

# Area News Briefs

## American Indian B.A. degree to focus on Wisconsin tribes

The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents approved the establishment of a bachelor's degree in American Indian studies at UW-Green Bay. The First Nation program will focus on the tribes of Northeastern Wisconsin, including the Oneida, Menominee and Mohican/Stockbridge-Munsee and will emphasize the oral history tradition as it is preserved and shared by Wisconsin's tribal elders.

The university offered American Indian studies courses since the school opened in 1968 and created an American Indian studies minor, then changed the name to First Nations studies in 2005.

"It offers a new option both in terms of course content and teaching philosophy," Fergus Hughes, UWGB's interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said in an announcement of the program. "It allows us to create a learning partnership with the community and an educational exchange in which the university and community work as a team."

## Wisconsin compacts dispute continues in federal court

Wisconsin officials claim that the Ho-Chunk Nation owes the state almost \$100 million from casino operations in accordance with the 2003 compact between the state and nation. However, the Ho-Chunk say that the compact terms were weakened following a court ruling in 2004. The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Doyle could not unilaterally make perpetual agreements, nor could the governor waive the state's immunity from lawsuits.

Gov. Jim Doyle has said that the state will continue to argue its point of view in federal court. He said that other Wisconsin tribes with compacts have paid in accordance with the 2003 compacts, except for the Ho-Chunk.

In 2006, the Ho-Chunk made a one-time \$30 million payment as a gesture of negotiating in good faith. The 2003 compact stated that the Ho-Chunk were to pay \$30 million in 2004 and 2005, and six to eight percent of its gross revenue each year starting in 2006.

The July story was reported in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

## Pequot reduce workforce by 170 casino employees

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal

Nation cut its Connecticut work force through buyouts and a few layoffs, according to a story in The Day of New London, Conn. About 170 employees lost jobs late in May; 90 percent took the buyout package and 10 percent were laid off. The laid off staff will get two weeks severance pay for each year they were employed, up to 13 years, and health benefits.

The tribe owns the Foxwoods Resorts Casino. The trims cut \$40 million from the budget. A spokesperson for the Pequot said that the layoffs of middle managers and some hourly employees are part of an organizational review that began in January because of rising gas and food prices.

Foxwoods is the largest gambling complex in the world, with 340,000 square feet of gambling space. In May, Foxwoods opened the new MGM Grand Hotel, a \$700 million development project.

## Shakopee Mdewakanton convert farmland to natural plantings

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in southern Minnesota bought about 125 acres of former farmland outside of Minneapolis and has converted parts of it to plant life more likely to be found on prairies prior to the 1800s.

Indian Country Today reported that now about 30 acres are devoted to Canada wild rye, big bluestem, Golden Alexander and compass plant.

The Community plans to restore additional farming acres also located close to the Twin Cities. The Mdewakanton own a total of about 2,400 acres.

The conversion to more natural plants is labor intensive and expensive – studies are done of old maps to determine what plant mix will restore a parcel to its original character. Crops are then destroyed, soil is overturned and grass and flower seeds are planted.

Many of the seeds are rare and consequently, expensive. If the seeds take to the soil, crews must then spray for weeds, mow the grass and do controlled burns to rejuvenate the land. In addition to restoration of plantings, wetlands, have been replaced. The wetlands had been drained for farming purposes.

As the native plants take root, native animal species have also returned including meadowlarks, wild turkeys and pheasants.

## Protesters question Minnesota 150th birthday celebration

Indian activists and supporters have protested some of the state celebrations to commemorate Minnesota's 150th birthday. In May, nooses appeared at the state Capitol, letter-writing campaigns sprang up, and some people have been arrested.

An Upper Sioux Dakota woman, Waziyatawin, asked what good it did to celebrate what was gained by non-Indians as a consequence of genocide, ethnic cleansing, extermination policies, forced removal, mass hangings and bounties.

## Apology to Canadian residential school survivors offered by PM

In June the Canadian Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, apologized to 80,000 residential school survivors for the damage the schools had on Indian culture, heritage and language. For more than 100 years, the residential school system in Canada tried to eliminate aboriginal identity.

"The government of Canada sincerely apologizes and asks the forgiveness of the aboriginal peoples of this country for failing them so profoundly," Harper said.

He added that it was wrong to separate children from rich and vibrant cultures and traditions; that it created a void in many lives and communities.

"We now recognize that, in separating children from their families, we undermined the ability of many to adequately parent their own children and sowed the seeds for generations to follow, and we apologize for having done this," he said.

A Truth and Reconciliation Commission is holding hearings across Canada for residential school survivors. Last year the Canadian government began to make compensation payments to survivors.

## How to pay the grocery bill and eat well at the same time

Grocery shoppers know that prices are up. How do consumers buy less yet eat well? Nutrition and high prices aren't always linked, according to a June story in the Duluth News Tribune. Shoppers pay a premium for convenience. For example, cut baby carrots cost \$1.93 more per pound than the uncut variety. Frozen strawberries are as nutritious as fresh strawberries, and cost less.

Shoppers should cook meat like turkey breasts and slice the meat for sandwiches, rather than buy expensive deli meat,

for a savings of \$6.50 per pound. Also, it makes sense to buy multipacks of meat when possible, because the larger packages give a better deal.

Vegetables sold at farmer's markets are often less expensive than super market vegetables, and they last longer. For most grocery items, shoppers need to drop brand loyalty and buy in bulk, if they can. Coupons and shopping tips can be found on Coupons.com, afulcup.com, and Freebies4Mom.com.

## Big Island to be known now as Strand's State

The St. Louis County Board voted 5-2 to change the name of Big Island on Pelican Lake to Strand's State Island, over the objections of the deceased donor's family and the Bois Forte Band.

Bois Forte testified that the Ojibwe have ties to the island going back hundreds of years and that if the name was changed, it should be changed to Gitchi-Miniss, which means "big island".

At least 40 species of birds are found on the island, along with rare old growth aspen and birch. The story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

## Rosebud officials declare "war" on suicide; summit held late in June

Members of the South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation are taking steps to halt what is viewed as an epidemic of suicides on the reservation. So far this year, seven young people have killed themselves.

A two-day summit was held late in June to find solutions to the problem. Discussions centered on unemployment, alcoholism and family dysfunction where children miss school to look after their siblings or incapacitated parents.

The tribe created a suicide task force to address the issue that includes an informational video and book. However, officials said they wanted the federal government to step forward with more financial resources as a way to curb the trend.

Tribal Chairman Rodney Bordeaux asked state, federal and tribal officials to help fight the epidemic.

"We need to put a stop to this," he said. "We need to begin to do something to get our youth to declare a war on suicide." The story was reported in the Argus Leader.

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## **Only Brookston Community Center to close for August 12 election**

In a move to reduce costs, only the Brookston Community Center will close for that district's Special Election on Aug. 12. In the past, all community centers and reservation offices were closed for primary and general elections.

The Reservation Business Committee made the decision as a cost savings measure. The closing of all reservation offices costs upwards of \$100,000 for each day that offices are closed.

Offices will remain open for the 2010 election. Band Members will be urged to vote at their reservation polling places from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the day of the election.

## **FDL birch bark canoe to be built at Smithsonian in Aug.**

Fond Du Lac Reservation Museum Director Jeff Savage, along with Marvin DeFoe, Jr., of Red Cliff, are leaving for Washington, D.C., in early August to build a birch bark canoe in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The work will take place from Aug. 9 to Aug. 20.

The invitation to build a canoe came from Smithsonian officials who want a canoe as part of their permanent boat collection. The FDL Band will donate the canoe to the Museum, which is paying for Savage and DeFoe's travel expenses.

The two canoe builders demonstrated the art and craft of birch bark canoe construction in June at the FDL Museum during Enrollee Days. A professional canoe maker by trade, DeFoe says his product is better than any similar type of watercraft, citing its superior buoyancy, how quietly it goes through water, greater weight capacity, aesthetics, and the fact that it is organic and sustainable.

"It's a green machine," Savage said. "It leaves no carbon footprint."

"My ancestors used to say, 'one tree, one canoe'," DeFoe said, adding that he has only been able to achieve this twice in his 35 years of experi-

ence. Birch bark trees simply aren't as large as they used to be.

DeFoe was at FDL in 2007 to prepare the parts for a canoe put together by Savage and a group of FDL young people in Russia.

## **Notice to all Fond du Lac Band Members**

Please keep your address and your children's addresses current so you receive future correspondence from FDL Enterprise Accounting. If you and/or your children have changed residences or plan to change residences, contact Patti at (218) 878-2674 or call toll free, (800) 365-1613, Ext. 2674.

## **Diabetes support group cancelled for now**

The Diabetes Support group has been cancelled because of poor attendance. However, a behavior health specialist is available at the Min No Aya Win Clinic for those who want to talk about the stress and daily challenges of living with diabetes. Call the Clinic at (218) 879-1227 and request an appointment with Julie Howard.

## **New Behavioral Health employees hired in July**

In July, three new employees joined the Fond du Lac Reservation Behavioral Health department. They are: Patti Baker-Dupuis (Aftercare Counselor); Deb Palonis (Chemical Dependency assessments and counseling); Virginia Lord (Alcohol and Other Drug Addiction/AODA Technician).

## **UMD offers Ojibwe language immersion curriculum this fall for five-year-old children**

The Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Language Revitalization at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) is currently taking applications for a new Ojibwe language immersion school opening this fall, according to Thomas Peacock, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at UMD. The school is not traditional but rather is based on the language

learning curriculum of the Maori (New Zealand) and Hawaiian models of learning.

"Our goal is to bring the language back to a younger generation," said Peacock. The class will be offered to five-year-olds this year and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, following the UMD academic calendar. The school/classroom will be located in the former Chester Park School next to UMD. Only Ojibwe will be spoken.

Peacock said that the Maori and Hawaiian models of language immersion rescued those languages from near extinction. Next year, Peacock hopes to include four-year-olds and the following year, three-year-olds. For further information or to register, call (218) 726-8445.

## **New fees for extra-curricular activities at Ojibwe School**

On July 8 the FDL Ojibwe School Board decided that beginning with the 2008-'09 school year, students involved in extra-curricular activities must pay a fee.

The fee structure will be \$50 for high school volleyball, girl's basketball, golf, skiing, and bowling, and \$25 for elementary basketball and football. Field trips will be \$20 and the yearbook fee will be \$40.

The maximum annual individual student fee is \$100; the maximum for families with high school students will be \$200; the maximum for families with elementary school students will be \$150. Scholarships are available.

"Due to budget restrictions and a tough economy, we have found fees necessary," said Mike Rabideaux, FDL Ojibwe School Superintendent. "It's also an opportunity for parents and students to make an investment in their activities."

## **FDL Ojibwe School seeks help from community members**

The Fond du Lac Ojibwe School staff would like interested community members to assist the school in providing hands-on learning opportunities in wild ricing, sugar bushing,

drumming, dance instruction, dress making, powwow protocol, drum making, and singing.

"We are looking for ways to get the community involved in education," said FDL Ojibwe School Superintendent Mike Rabideaux, "and this seems like an ideal vehicle to accomplish that."

A stipend will be provided. If interested, contact Jennifer Trotterchaude at (218) 878-7547.

## **FDL school buses running cleaner**

The retrofitting of 18 Fond du Lac Ojibwe School buses is nearing completion, said Dan Lund, Transportation Supervisor. The retrofitting was made possible through a 2007 grant to reduce exhaust emissions. Lund said he is awaiting funding for the retrofitting of the transit buses.

## **Discussion of FDL Ojibwe School uniforms continues**

The proposal to adopt a school uniform policy will be discussed sometime in August by the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Board. The finalized date will be published on the FDL Website.

Mike Rabideaux, FDL Ojibwe School Superintendent, reported that school uniforms have been found to decrease violence and theft, instill discipline, help parents and students resist peer pressure, and easily identify intruders.

Families who qualify for free and reduced lunches would also qualify for financial assistance with uniforms. Colors being discussed are the school's color, royal blue, and the four direction colors of red, yellow, black and white. Uniforms being considered include pants, shorts, skirts, long and short sleeve knit shirts and vests.

Input is sought from all interested community members. Comments can also be submitted by regular mail, phone, or e-mail to: Jennifer Trotterchaude, FDL Ojibwe School, 49 University Road, Cloquet, MN. 55720, (218) 878-7547 or send an email to [jennifertrotterchaude@fdlrez.com](mailto:jennifertrotterchaude@fdlrez.com)

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## Special education program offered at UMD Fall 2008

Nadamaadiwin, the “helping one another,” special education licensure program will begin in fall 2008 at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. This two-year post baccalaureate program in emotional disorders and learning disabilities will focus on the unique needs of American Indian learners.

For further information, call (218)726-8373.

## Tribal College seeks new board member

The FDL Reservation established the Charter and Articles of Incorporation of the FDL Tribal College in 1993. The Tribal College Board is currently seeking applications for an open position on the Board. The term is four years. The FDL Reservation Business Committee will make the final appointment.

Selection will be based on one or more of the following requirements: the candidate will be an enrolled member of the FDL Band (a mandatory requirement; and the candidate will have a vision or knowledge in areas related to education.

Mail a letter of interest and resume by August 22, 2008 to: Vernon Zacher, Board Chair, 1781 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, Minn. 55720.

## New location for supportive housing facility approved

In July the FDL Reservation Business Committee agreed to a different location for the proposed supportive housing facility. The new location will be about seven acres of land south of homes on Whispering Pines Road. The site is close to the housing and human services divisions buildings.

The parcel to be used for the housing facility is part of a larger 21-acre parcel that was recently purchased by the Band.

The RBC also gave the directive to Planning Department housing staff members to seek a property management company for day-to-day operations. The management company would be responsible for

maintenance and rent collection. The FDL Human Services Division will be aiding the new tenants in areas that could include behavioral health, medical care, child care and budget management.

Finally, the RBC approved selection of DSGW Architects, a firm with offices in Duluth and St. Paul.

The \$4.5 million project is \$500,000 short of its fundraising goal. Once that money is secure, construction could begin as soon as Spring, 2009.

## Mostrom attends food distribution annual conference in Green Bay

The nation’s food distribution program to reservations celebrated a 30th anniversary in June at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs. In attendance was FDL Food Distribution Supervisor Darlene Mostrom.

A luncheon speaker, Nancy Montanez Johner, the U.S. Under Secretary of Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, received a package of FDL wild rice from Mostrom.



Mostrom & Montanez

Nation-wide more than 85,000 American Indians participate in the commodity food programs on their reservations. The FDL Food Distribution Program started in 1980 with Ferdinand Martineau serving as director.

## Public invited to attend conservation committee meetings

The FDL Conservation Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the Resource Management Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

The committee is an advisory committee to the RBC, and was formed in the late 1970s to give a layman’s perspective on conservation matters. Its responsibilities include the management, preservation, protection and regulation of fish, game, wild rice and

the natural and woodland resources of the Reservation.

Committee members review select plans developed by the Natural Resource Division.

## Conference scheduled for health care specialists at Black Bear

Health care specialists are invited to attend the “Combating Cancer in Your Community” conference to be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2008. The free training will be held at the Black Bear Casino Resort on Hwy. 33 in Carlton.

Community health representatives, home health care aides, home care nurses, health educators, outreach workers and social service staff are invited to attend.

Topics include the cancers that impact Minnesota and Wisconsin American Indians, non-ceremonial use of tobacco, cancer, and ways that outstate and urban Indians can share information about cancer education and services.

The conference is sponsored by the FDL Public Health Nursing Cancer Program, the American Cancer Society, Minnesota Community Health Workers Peer Network, and the Mayo Clinic.

For more information, contact DeAnna Finifrock at (218) 878-2125.

## How to sign up for the School Clothing Assistance Program

Beginning in August 2008, clothing assistance checks will be sent to enrolled children between the ages of six and sixteen. For those under age six and over sixteen, proof of school enrollment must be sent to the following address by Sept. 30: School Clothes Assistance Program, Attn: Rita, Fond du Lac Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Road, Cloquet, MN 55720.

For more information, call Rita at (218) 879-4593.

## Diabetes Prevention Walk/Run scheduled for Aug. 15 at the Drop

In celebration of FDL Diabetes Awareness Fitness Day, the Fourth Annual 2K Walk – 5K Run will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 15, 2008. A feast will follow the walk/run.

The route starts near the Drop In Center on University Road and extends to Airport Road and back. The walk is about 1.2 miles; the run is about 3.1 miles.

Pre-registration is encouraged by Aug. 13, or participants can register between 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on the date of the event. Registration forms are at the Drop In Center and Cloquet Community Center.

The Walk/Run is sponsored by the Public Health Nursing Dept. and the Diabetes Prevention Program. For more information, call (218) 878-3794.

## August golf tournaments at the Black Bear Golf Course

August 22, 2008: Wisdom Steps Tournament. To register, call (218)878-8053.

August 23, 2008: Fond du Lac Veterans Tournament. To register, call (218)878-7583.

## Open meeting to discuss violence on FDL Reservation set for 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 19

Community members are invited to attend a special open meeting hosted by the Reservation Business Committee concerning violence levels on the Reservation.

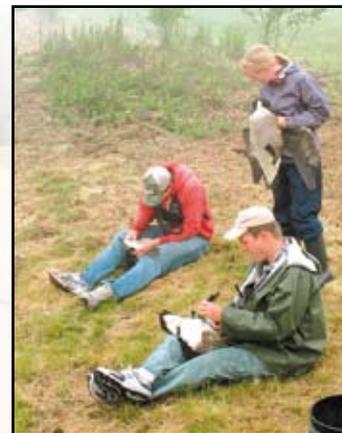
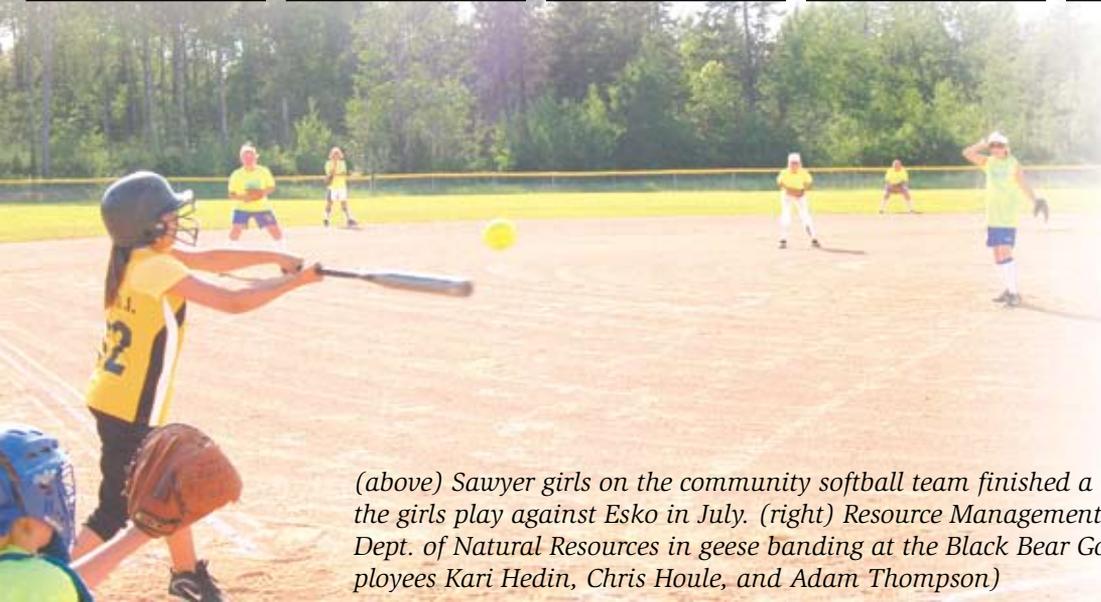
The discussion will review the current Policy Against Violence that was created to promote greater safety. The RBC would like to develop policies to help promote safety in the community and it needs your input.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2008 at the Cloquet Community Center, 1720 Big Lake Road, Cloquet.

# Miini Giizis (Blueberry Moon) August

Cloquet Community Center in black\* 218-878-7510 • Sawyer Community Center in blue 218-878-8185 • Brookston Community Center in red 218-878-8033 • Ojibwe School in brown  
 \*The information from the Cloquet Community Center was not available because the activities budget for 2008 had not received RBC approval as of our publication date.

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(above) Sawyer girls on the community softball team finished a successful 31-2 season. Here the girls play against Esko in July. (right) Resource Management employees assist the state Dept. of Natural Resources in geese banding at the Black Bear Golf Course. Pictured are employees Kari Hedin, Chris Houle, and Adam Thompson)

This beautiful purple iris bloomed in the yard of Bonnie Wallace, FDL Scholarship Director.