

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



Fond Du Lac Band Member Kelly Hanson is surrounded by a sea of quilts as she sits near her home on Island Lake on a sunny end-of-October day. See related story on page four.

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Housing developments

Modular homes completed; supportive housing plans approved and fully funded

FDL Housing has completed construction of six new Ideal modular homes on the Reservation. Two homes are in Brookston, three in Sawyer, and one in Cloquet, said Rob Abramowski, FDL housing construction supervisor.

For the three-bedroom units, the average square footage is 1,400; for the four-bedroom, 1,570. The homes come with Energy Star stoves and refrigerators, forced air heat, energy efficient windows, fluorescent lighting, two egress basement windows, two bathrooms, carpet, vinyl flooring, insulation, and on-demand hot water heaters.

Cooling coils were installed for future central air conditioning. The homes all have insulated concrete foundations, wells, driveways, septic, and two-acre lots.

Fond du Lac began building homes in 1968, said Barb Perttu, FDL housing director. Since then, the Reservation has built 371 homes for Band Members. Currently, there are approximately 100 families on the waiting list.



Shown is a new modular home located on Blacketter Road.

Supportive housing units

Final capital funding was awarded and RBC approval was given Oct. 7 for the \$5 million, 24-unit supportive housing project that is scheduled to be built off Whispering Pines next spring and will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2009, said Amy Wicklund, FDL Economic Development Planner.

D.W. Jones has been selected as facility manager and operator for

the project, which will include a 12-unit apartment building, two six-unit town home buildings, playground and a community building with a meeting room, laundry, and offices.

The development will provide housing to single people and families. Priority will be given to those who are homeless, formerly homeless, those living in abandoned housing, facing eviction, living in shelters, and leaving institutional settings. Along with assistance with rent, FDL Human Services will provide tenants with chemical dependency services, mental health assessment and services, life-skill and wellness services, and cultural activities.



Here a Reservation Road modular home is being assembled.

FDL Housing Committee

The FDL Housing Committee encourages all residents living in Reservation housing to attend their monthly meetings, held the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Housing office. The housing office is located across from the Min no aya win Clinic on Trettel Lane.

“We’re here, we want people to come,” said Sherry LaFave, vice chair of the housing committee. The purpose of the committee is to assist in creating housing policy, inform people of regulations related to their lease agreements, and provide information on maintaining their homes.

Below are some suggestions the housing committee has to get your house ready for winter.

- Have septic pumped
 - Change the batteries in smoke detectors
 - Place straw over septic fields
 - Change furnace filters
 - Put plastic on windows
 - Check weather stripping on exterior doors
 - Look for leaks with a lit candle and plug them with steel wool before caulking
 - Remove obstructions to air vents
 - Turn off outdoor water sources, and drain water from exterior faucets
- For further information, call FDL housing at (218)878-8050.

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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.
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Coming back a new person

Joyce LaPorte gathers from woods in the creation of "Odaminwaagan" -- the Ojibwe faceless doll

By Jane Skalisky

Life sometimes imitates art and art imitates life. In the faces of FDL Elder, Joyce LaPorte's dolls, one can see the life that creates them.

Joyce "Kiiwedin Nong Kwe" LaPorte is a soft spoken, unassuming woman, much like her description of her grandmother, Catherine Cadotte Smith, the first to teach Joyce how to sew dolls at the age of five. Joyce recalled her grandmother as a small woman with hair down to her knees that she wore wound in a braid at the back of her neck.

One time, as Joyce watched Catherine comb her hair, she asked her why her hair was so long. Catherine explained it this way. If a person was going to the next world and didn't hear their native name, they could grab onto the hair of the person ahead of them, and get across.

Art, said Joyce, is another essential way that Ojibwe people pass on legends.

"It is a part of our tradition, a way to transmit important skills to the next generation and a way of connecting with our ancestors," she said.

It wasn't until Joyce became a grandmother 22 years ago that she began to make the dolls in earnest, because grandmothers are the makers of the dolls, Joyce said. This time her teacher was her late husband, artist John "Maheengun" Losh.

"He taught me the importance of making an offering of tobacco and a

small prayer from the heart.

"After the offering and prayer, simply walk in the woods until you see what you can use," he told me. In sewing the dolls, he told me to just let the needle work for me. Once I did that, it all just came to me."

When Joyce first began making dolls, she followed the traditional method, preparing the deer hides by rolling them around a rock, tying them with twine and then leaving them in a creek or river for three days.

Next, the hair was pulled off the hide and the flesh was scraped. After that, the brains were cooked on a woodstove and used to soften the hide that was stretched to dry and sewn together in a cone shape and placed over a small ash fire.

Then the sewing began. Joyce has discontinued the two-week hide preparation time and buys her hides from a tanner. It now takes, on average, a full day to make one doll.

Joyce makes it a priority to use only natural materials for her dolls, covering their heads with either horse or buffalo hair. She once

stuffed them with cattail, but due to a recent pacemaker implant, can no longer get out in the winter on snowshoes to collect the cattail.

What Joyce likes about making her dolls is the peace of mind it brings her.

"It brings me back to the old people," she said. "They did the same thing I'm doing. It's about bringing beauty to your life."

Other than creating her dolls, Joyce likes spending time in the woods, collecting red willow for the dream catchers she makes and sumac berries for tea. In a walk the last day of October in the ditchbanks, she pointed out the smell of the poplar trees, scent of a bear, and burrow of a coyote.

As she walked along, she talked about her late husband, whose oil paintings, quivers, long bows, rattles and drum are on display at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. On a visit there in 2004, she recalled closing her eyes, hoping to see his turtle drum. Upon opening them, she said, there before her was his drum.

Joyce's dolls can also be seen at

the National Museum of the American Indian, the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, the Madeleine Island Museum, and the Fond du Lac Tribal Center.

Joyce and John lived in Leech Lake for 25 years, where John was a Band Member, and raised seven children. John passed in 2001 and Joyce moved back to the Fond du Lac Reservation the following year. She said she is happy to be back home and close to nature, believing that spending time in the natural world is what people need.

"I think that if people took a trip out in the woods, they'd come back a new person," she said. "Just live a simple life," she said. "You wouldn't believe the satisfaction of getting in touch with yourself--you don't have to search."

At the end of October, Joyce, along with FDLers Tempe Debe, Chairwoman Karen Diver, and Lonnie and Deb Susienka, attended the Minnesota Indian Business Conference Showcase 2008 at Prairie Island. Joyce recalled how Ron His Horse is Thunder, Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, spoke about the importance of using local artists and supporting local Native entrepreneurs.

"Art is important, as an elder, as an artist, as a 'Shinaab,'" she said.

"Native artists are the least recognized of all. Reservations should be endorsing them and proud of them carrying on their traditional art."

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Shown is a display of Joyce LaPorte's faceless dolls from a doll-making class at the FDL Cultural Museum. Above, Joyce gathers red willow from the FDL Ditchbanks late in October.

Quilts of hope

By Jane Skalisky

It is said that great art often comes from great pain. This can be seen in the art of FDL Band Member and quilter, Kelly Hanson of Island Lake.

Kelly has suffered from debilitating rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis for the past 14 years, which makes it difficult for her to get out of bed on certain days. She has found that quilting eases stress, and sewing helps alleviate her pain.

The pain that got her into quilting was not a physical one, but an emotional one. It began with the birth of her first grandchild, Jeremiah, five years ago, and her fear that she would not have the opportunity to see him often because of possible visitation restrictions.

Those fears proved groundless – Jeremiah now has his own bed in his Grandmother Kelly's home.

Still, that early fear led Hanson to create something tangible from her to her grandchild that would show how much she loved him. This began her journey into the world of quilt making.

Five years later, while simultaneously raising five of her own children and being a full-time caregiver to her 20-month-old grandchild, Gabriella, she has created 180 quilts. Hanson's husband, Dave, is an anesthesiologist at St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth.

"When people think about quilts, they don't often think about addiction," said Hanson.

But she fears she is addicted to quilt making. Hanson says it isn't uncommon for her to rise and begin sewing before dawn and to not leave her machine until early morning. If she works 20 hours a day, she can complete a quilt in three days. Typically, it takes close to a month.

"I have to make time," she said, as ducks flew by in front of her home on Island Lake. "It's a time of meditation. I lose myself in it; the rest of the world is gone."

Hanson is a self-taught artist and credits her Ojibwe heritage for her ability to sew quilts.

"I just knew how to do it," she said,

"It's my gift from my heritage." Hanson's Ojibwe ancestors included grandfather, William Durfee St. John of Fond du Lac, and great-grandparents, Joseph St. John Durfee and Josette Susan LaVerge of Wisconsin Point.

Hanson says her quilts are like children.

"Quilts are like babies, because you put your heart into them and you want them to be cherished," she said. "They mean nothing unless they're owned by someone who loves them."

Sometimes she will begin a quilt for someone, but in the end, knows that it is intended for someone else. Such was the case with the quilt of hope that her granddaughter, Gabriella, now sleeps beneath. She began the quilt

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Kelly Hanson

for a friend who was ill, long before her granddaughter was born, but later realized it was meant for her grandchild.

"I knew it had to be hers," she said.

Hanson describes her work as solitary, but enjoys quilting gatherings. She recently attended a four-day quilting retreat in Little Falls,

Minn., where 90 women quilted in one room together, typically until 4 a.m. and then rose at 7 a.m. to begin again.

"If you had a problem, all you had to do was call out and someone would be there to help," she said.

In creating a quilt, Hanson's process begins with making a design or finding a pattern. Next, she buys the pallet, which can consist of as many as 30 different fabrics.

The fabric is ironed and cut, and precision is paramount. The pieces are sewn together in blocks and the border is attached. Batting and backing are assembled and the back is sewn on. For the final step in the process, Hanson sends the larger quilts out to be custom quilted. The fabric of a typical quilt the size of a double bed costs \$300. The custom quilting costs an additional \$300.

Hanson is happy to share her knowledge of quilts with others.

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Kelly's granddaughter, Gabriella, beneath the quilt of hope.



Kelly Hanson displays her house and garden quilt.

Important lessons that Dad teaches best

By **Lucy Carlson**

Someone told me today that she has to be both mother and a father to her children. Her children's father is not around, so she does solo parenting.

I began giving some thought to single parents who do it all. Carrying out the majority of the responsibility for bringing up children in a single parent household is often a daunting experience. Yet, everyday I see single dads and moms transporting their cherished children to and from school, appointments, and friends' houses.

All this is done while balancing their own education, work, and other obligations. They are all working hard to make life the best it can be for their children.

We all see that on the surface men, women, moms and dads are different. Each gender has differing voices, mannerisms, and interests. Research shows that not only are there physical differences between men and women, but that our brains are "wired" differently.

This different wiring shows up in how each gender interacts with their children. The way parents hold their babies gives an example of this. Dad will hold the baby like a football, with the baby's head supported out in front.

Mom will most likely hold a baby close to her body, in a nurturing posture. Watch a dad or grandfather playing with a child outside. Research shows that the male will encourage the child to take risks. You might hear a dad yelling, "Swing higher!" or "Try harder, come on bat that ball over the fence!" On the other hand, observe a mom outside with the same child and you'll hear "Not so high!" or "Be careful!"

Mothers and fathers parent differently, and this difference is a big benefit for children.

Single parents of either sex can certainly do a great job, but recent research shows that having a loving and nurturing father is as important for a child's happiness, well-being,

and school success as having a loving and nurturing mother.

Dad's influence

Let's look at how father-love is different than mother-love and why it matters. Fatherhood is just as important to healthy child development as motherhood, because fathers do not mother! Fathers parent differently. The mother/father difference gives children a variety of experiences. Fathers have a unique style in playing and communicating with their children.

By eight weeks of age, a baby can tell which parent is playing with them by interactions. In short, dads play differently. While mothers and fathers are both physical with their children, touching and holding them while playing, fathers are usually physical in different ways. Fathers tend to play with their children, and mothers tend to care for them.

See if you notice some of the following, the next time you see a father playing with his children!

- Fathers chase their children, sometimes as scary "monsters."
- Fathers are louder at play, while mothers are quieter
- Mothers cuddle babies, and fathers bounce them.
- Fathers roughhouse, while mothers are gentle.
- Fathers encourage competition; mothers encourage fairness.
- Fathers encourage independence, while mothers encourage security.
- Generally, fathers tickle more, they wrestle, and they throw their children in the air.

Children who roughhouse with their fathers learn that biting, kicking, and other forms of physical

violence are not acceptable. They learn self-control by being told when "enough is enough" and when to "settle down."

Fathers help children learn a healthy balance between being timid and aggressive. Children need mom's softness, as well as dad's roughhousing. Exposure to both provides a balance of experiences. Both provide security and confidence in their own ways by communicating love and intimacy.

So, even though as solo parents we strive to fill the roles of both father and mother, there are inherent differences that just can't

be duplicated. The knowledge that both fathers and

mothers have important and unique gifts to give their children provides us with a new appreciation for each.

Celebrating our unique parental role and appreciating that of our children's other parent can help to give us a healthy, new perspective on the meaning of our parenting.

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Boarding school, bonfires, and a whole lot of resiliency FDL elder recalls full and ‘interesting’ life

By Jane Skalisky

Throughout her life, Anna Thompson stood up to challenges and adversity while retaining a joy for life. Her Ojibwe name, “Mi Owa Biquay”, or “Woman Who Stands in Front” fits her well. In spite of separation, the death of loved ones and illness, she still shows a determination to embrace life and live it fully.

This is a story of love: love of life, love of place, love of people, and love of family that is captured in Anna Thompson’s spirit.

The early years at FDL

Anna was born in her auntie’s home on Aug. 25, 1919, and named Anna Josette Houle. Her parents were George and Nancy Houle.

When Anna was born, the family was living with relatives, as their home near the Cloquet Forestry Center had been destroyed the previous year by the 1918 fire. A few years later, the family moved to their new home on Reservation Road near Holy Family Catholic Church.

As a child, Anna enjoyed sliding, skating, and making snow angels

in the winter. She said her parents didn’t allow their 12 children to play outside in the snow much because they didn’t have many outfits to wear and it would take days to clean and dry their clothes if they got them wet.

She also recalled not being permitted outside or to start school until she was older because her diminutive size, never reaching five feet, prevented her from keeping up with the other kids. Her father feared she couldn’t walk the mile to the bus stop. Thus, winters were spent indoors, near her mother, making tea, washing dishes, and cooking.

In the winter evenings, Anna said her father, George, wove tales about hunting, friends, death, and disaster. “We could sit all night and listen to him tell stories,” Anna said.

One story Anna recalled was about goodtime Charlie. Charlie was a brother of her father’s who, she said, loved women and the fast life. Charlie got in trouble with the law once, was pursued into the woods and never returned.

Anna said that years later, Charlie’s boots were found inside a hollow log. His body had been placed

inside the log. Only a few bones remained. Inside the boots was a pocket containing a locket with a picture of Charlie and his girlfriend that Anna has kept since childhood.

Boarding school

Anna’s time at Fond du Lac ended abruptly when she was about eight years of age. At that time, the Catholic Church was pressuring Ojibwe people to send their children to boarding schools. Anna, her brother, Ambrose, and sister, Christine, left for the Odanah Boarding School in Odanah, Wis. for three years.

She recalled her time there as “pure torture.” The children could not speak Ojibwe, nor could they wear long hair.

“My mother had made my sister and I beautifully beaded Indian moccasins to wear as bedroom slippers,” said Anna.

Upon arrival, the nuns went

through their belongings, removing their moccasins. Anna never saw them again. She remembered the evenings her sister, Christine, would cry and crawl into bed with her after the nuns went to sleep.

Attendance at daily Mass was required, and helped Anna survive the years at boarding school. Today she carries on that tradition.

“Now I go to church everyday on TV,” she said.

Anna said her parents turned away from Catholicism, embittered by the way their children had been treated at Odanah. Because he wanted to protect his children from maltreat-

ment by outsiders moving into the area and to avoid pressure from the priest to send more of his children away, Anna’s father took the rest of the family and moved to Chicago.

“He knew what we needed. He resented Indians being downtrodden and mistreated by people in Cloquet,” she said. “He wasn’t going to take it. So, we weren’t mistreated because of his attitude. He never acted or behaved like he was downtrodden and he knew how to treat his wife and children.”

Chicago

During the years in Chicago, Anna’s five-year-old brother, Charles, died. Anna was in Wisconsin at boarding school.

On their way back to Chicago following the burial of their son, George and Nancy took Anna and her two siblings from the Odanah School. The brother and sister went to Chicago. Anna was taken to the



Anna’s college graduation picture



Anna in her Pontiac Sunfire convertible

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government boarding school in Tomah, Wis. for a year.

With her father's health failing, the family decided to return to the Reservation when Anna was in her early teens. They received an allotment of land on Lost Lake, where Anna's father pitched an army tent for the summer and built the family a home. Anna remembered this time as a period of enchantment, where they ate meals cooked over a fire and she learned to swim by riding on her father's back until he pushed her off and told her to swim.

"When I would tell people about those times, they would say, 'You really roughed it.' Roughed it? We enjoyed it. I wish I could go back there," she said.

In the fall, Anna's parents went to Duluth for flour, sugar, spices, and vegetables such as potatoes, beets, and turnips that they stored in their root cellar. The couple also bought and butchered chicken and sheep. Berries and apples were either dried or made into jam.

"Dad was a great hunter," said Anna, providing the family with venison, duck, and pheasant. During the summer, she and her siblings were often sent to the shores of Lost Lake to gather clams.

"You needed 100 just to make a meal!" she said.

Her father liked to be outdoors and

made snowshoes and skis. He cleared a side of a hill, hauled water, and made a ski jump. Anna recalled huge bonfires on the lake where they skated in the winter.

On Christmas Eve day, the family made the trek on foot from their home on Lost Lake to midnight Mass at Holy Family.

"We couldn't wait to get old enough to go with Dad," Anna said. She said when she was finally old enough, her dad pulled her on a sled, stopping along the way to visit, eat, or spend the night with friends. On Christmas Day, they made the return journey back home.

"It [boarding school] had driven my parents away from the church, but they still insisted we go," said Anna. On New Year's Day, the family went visiting to the homes of friends and family, eating pie, cake, and cookies, she said.

Loving parents

Anna recalled her parents' love for each other and for their children. She said that they never once raised their voices at each other or their children and didn't allow them to fight with each other, either.

"We enjoyed each other's company, and still do," said Anna. "Life was interesting. It was a fun day just to be alive, probably because there were so many kids."

Anna's father valued education and insisted that his daughter graduate from high school and receive a college education. He wanted Anna to go into teaching, but she wanted to become a nurse.

"He said, 'You're going to school to be a teacher,'" Anna said. "No daughter of mine is going to be a nurse and bring home germs." Following his wishes, Anna went to Bemidji State Teacher's College for two years.

"At 21, I told him, 'you were the boss, now I am,'" Anna said. She then left for Haskell Commercial Business College in Lawrence, Kansas. After receiving her commercial business certificate in 1940, she returned home to work as office manager for the FDL Indian Hospital.

"I ended up working in a hospital after all," she said. During World War II, male employees of the Cloquet paper mill went into military service. After reading advertisements about the chronic shortage of paper mill employees,

Anna felt compelled to leave her hospital job for the paper mill. Betty Trettel, a contemporary of Anna's from Fond du Lac, also became an employee of the paper mill.

In 1944, Anna married her husband, Henry Thompson, and after the war, moved to Duluth where she worked for Wholesale Liquors and raised three children, Leona, Nora, and Henry, Jr. Eight years ago, Henry passed away. Following his death, Anna discovered she had kidney cancer. No longer able to maintain the family home, she sold it and moved to her current residence in the FDL elder complex.

Anna said that her one wish is to be out at Lost Lake again with her family that, she says, is still close.

"I want to bring back the bonfires on the lake and listen to the wolves howl," she said.

When I would tell people about those times, they would say, 'You really roughed it.' Roughed it? We enjoyed it. I wish I could go back there.

— Anna Thompson



Anna and husband, Henry, and son, Henry, Jr.

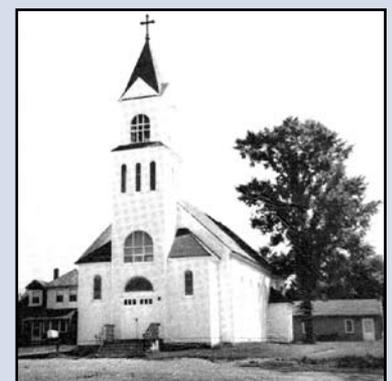


Houle family, early 1930's: at top, from left to right: George Jr., Anna, Priscilla, Christine, and Ambrose. Center: Nancy and George, Sr. In front: Fred, Richard, Bill, Georgeanne, and Jerome.



Above, Anna's sisters from left to right, Georgeanne and Priscilla, in front of their home on Lost Lake

At right, Holy Family Catholic Church



A few thoughts from RBC members

From Chairwoman Karen Diver

Great news about the supportive housing project! The Band received another grant from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) and fundraising is complete for construction, which will start in the spring. The Planning Division is still seeking funding for sewer and water upgrades.

This brings the total new funding into Housing for this project to \$5 million. The Planning, Housing and Human Service staff members deserve our thanks for making this project a priority.

MHFA also granted the Band an operating grant for the project of \$500,000. Operating funding will be used to provide rental subsidies.

The Elder Holiday party is sched-

uled for December 5, 2008 at Black Bear's Event Center. I will miss the party this year's because of a pre-scheduled meeting in the Twin Cities. I had a lot of fun visiting with everyone last year, so I am sad I will not be able to go to this year's party. This event is always so much fun, with lots of laughter and reminiscing about our elders' younger days. It always makes me remember how fortunate we are these days compared to the struggles that our elders lived through. I hope you enjoy your holiday party!

The RBC had a planning day last month. We reviewed board by-laws, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

constitution and the Band's Code of Ethics. The By-laws are quite out of date, and the RBC will work on updating them. The Code of Ethics has not been updated since the 1980's and will be getting updated as well to reflect current governance issues. Band Members will be informed of any changes. Keep an eye on the newspaper and the website for updates on these important documents.

The first State of the Band event is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Event Center at Black Bear. We are just now planning the event, but plan to include highlights from the last year, as well as goals for 2009. Please plan to attend.



Karen Diver

The Environmental Division hosted a conference for tribes around mining issues. I am consistently grateful for the quality of the Band's staff and their leadership on environmental issues. Not only do they implement Fond du Lac Treatment-as-a-State status around air and water quality, they work well with other tribes to build our joint capacity to be great environmental stewards.

That's it for this month. Best wishes to you and your families for the holiday season.

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 karendiver@fdlrez.com.

From Ferdinand Martineau

I was thinking about taking the afternoon off, but I realized that my column is due. I do not think much about how busy things are until I have to meet a deadline.

We have been discussing the structure that we operate under. There are some problems with it and we are considering several options. Each one carries some cost. With our current situation, we have to be sure that the expense is worth the change. I will keep you informed as we go along.

We just had our veteran's appreciation dinner. It was well attended, and George Himango did a wonderful job as the keynote speaker. Our veterans mimic the national population in that we do not have many WWII or Korean vets left. The few that were there had a glint

in their eye as their names were read. They were given blankets as a small token of our thanks for all they gave for us. The dinner was for all vets, but the WWII and Korean War vets were honored. It is nice to see our own honor guard march in with an Eagle staff out front. I could feel a sense of pride run through the room as our own people marched in to the sound of a flag song from the drum.

You could feel the healing that went on. I wanted to be able to announce then that we are going to designate parking spaces for our vets, but I was unable to bring a resolution before the council prior to the dinner. By the time you read this, the resolution should be passed

and the spaces should be provided.

The budget season has begun and all divisions are fair game for cuts. We again are asking directors to make the first cut keeping in mind that service provided to the community is important. Directors will have a chance to defend their budget before the Council for next year, and to answer questions. I think that this will improve our budget process for the future.

Thanksgiving is almost here. I hope you and your family have a good one. My mom and dad are 72 and I am thankful that they are both here for me to tell them that. My wife and I are planning to have dinner at home with our families. I will invite my parents. I hope they can make it.



Ferdinand Martineau

Last, I was hoping to be able to provide you with more financial information from the Casino at this time. We are still working on some internal reporting systems that are not communicating with each other. Once that is rectified, we should have all information at our fingertips. The new Casino is doing okay, but we are going to have to keep our feet to the fire to ensure that customers keep coming.

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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 ferdinand-martineau@fdlrez.com .



From Sandy Shabiash

Boozhoo.

On the local scene: Moorhead and Davis Roads will be taking on a new look next spring. Our community will finally have these roads paved. The project covers Moorhead Road from Cary to Highway 210. Davis Road will be from Moorhead to Highway 210. There will be an open meeting scheduled in Sawyer in January to discuss the project in terms of width of road, speed limits, speed bumps, etc.

Of the three new modular homes

mentioned in last month's article, one family has moved in and the other two homes should be ready for occupancy by November 14, 2008.

This project is being completed ahead of schedule and a special thanks goes out to all those involved in the overall completion of the homes.

I have also been involved with the Sawyer Community Center's 2009 Budget preparation. They have done a good job and budgets are ready to present for approval.



Sandy Shabiash

On the Reservation level: as a member of the Fond du lac Reservation Business Committee, I am experiencing new roles. I have chaired

a variety of meetings since being appointed vice chair in July. I also sit on the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Education/Human Services Subcommittee, which meets quarterly. I also sit in on the Tribal Executive Committee meetings for discussion purposes, but carry no voting power when the chairwoman is unavailable.

In conclusion, again Miigwetch to fellow band members for allowing

me to be involved on a daily basis with community members, staff and fellow RBC members in making decisions that impact future generations. Also a note that the district representatives have decided to change their monthly news articles to quarterly. Chairwoman Karen Diver and Secretary Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau, Jr. will continue to have monthly articles.

Mii Gwetch.

Sandy's home telephone is (218) 879-3667; her office number is (218) 878-7591

From Mary Northrup

Boozhoo Brookston Community! I wanted to remind you about the upcoming Brookston Powwow and Feast that will be held on November 22, 2008, at our community center. We look forward to a large turnout, and hope to see you there, everyone is invited. The Grand Entry will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the feast will follow at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Dena Danielson or Karrie Smith at 218-878-8033.



Mary Northrup

year. The Tribal Council has also decided to designate parking places at our facilities as FDL Veterans Parking. We are hoping that this will benefit our Veterans that have medical issues, and make their access easier into our buildings. I am still operating as the Tribal

Veterans Service Officer, so if you have any concerns, please contact me.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday. You can contact me at 218-878-7583 (office), 218-393-2107(cell), or at my home, 218-453-5007. If you have any questions

or concerns, or suggestions please let me know, I am here to work for you.

Miigwetch!

From Wally Dupuis

The heating season is upon us and utility/heating bills are a large concern for a number of us. Fond du Lac Reservation offers assistance through programs such as state energy assistance and an energy crisis program. Also, local assistance programs are available. Please check with our energy assistance program for available services and the application processes.

Funding for the supportive housing project has been received and construction plans are underway. The property for this project is located south of Whispering Pines Drive and North of Airport Rd. This is a 24-unit facility with plans for construction to begin in the spring of 2009. Our radio station was approved for FCC licensure and the details for its location and implementation are being worked out with our planning division. A start up date has not been forecasted yet.

Veterans Day falls in the month of



Wally Dupuis

November. Please take time to honor and thank the men and woman who served our country in the armed forces. Their commitment and dedication should not go unrecognized. Thank you all.

I have now held the office of District 1 Representative for a few months. In this time, I have been confronted with many issues and concerns regarding individual Band Members and the Band in general. Overall, I feel that things are on the right track. I am learning something new each day. The diversity among council members is healthy and productive. I am looking forward to the many challenges ahead.

If you would like to discuss these or any other issues, please feel free to contact me. My home phone number is (218) 879-2492; Cell (218) 428-9828; Office (218) 878-8078.

Rez adventures with the Indian Scout



**Story and photos by
Deborah Locke**

Early this fall, the Indian Scout and I fell into a conversation about the City of Duluth-owned stained glass window that the Duluth mayor wanted to sell to ease the budget deficit. A Duluth artist created the 115-year-old window called “Minnehaha” that shows an Indian woman.



The window and its cash value had been the object of a flurry of newspaper and television stories that described the window Indian as a “princess.” After much hand-wringing, Duluth city officials decided against selling the window.

Still, I wanted to see the princess at the center of such contention. Let’s scoot to the big city and find her, I urged the Scout.

So off we hastened to the Duluth Depot by way of Skyline Drive that runs parallel to Interstate 35. We went that way because the Scout felt compelled to take an aesthetic break.

“There are places where you know people lived years ago, places as attractive to you today as they were to them,” Scout said as he drove.

Maybe you know the area. Spirit Mountain and a couple hills dominate the view with its thousands of sugar maples turned bright yellow. The Scout stopped the monster truck near large rocks for an upland view

so beautiful that it looked computer-generated. The usually acerbic, chatty Scout fell mysteriously silent when he saw all those leaves.

We spoke of our relatives from generations past who beheld the same sight, and we were glad to be alive. Long ago the Scout’s grandfather told stories of the area as a former destination for young Ojibwe men making vision quests.

With reluctance, we climbed into the monster truck that soon passed a Holiday gas station and a McDonald’s restaurant, buildings that presented a strong contrast to the earlier view.

The monster truck exited on Michigan Street toward the former Union Railroad Depot, built for railway traffic in 1892. The large Tiffany window is at the Depot Heritage & Arts Center entrance before you get to the admission desk.

The princess, standing before a waterfall, looks as though she just viewed some tragedy, or dreads the next one. Maybe the artist portrayed a sad Minnehaha because her fake fate included an early demise that had something to do with that waterfall.

The Scout stared back at the window, festering. “Minnehaha?” he sputtered, reading the title of the work.

“Ha ha?” he spit out. The Scout sizzles with resentment about the 1855 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem and any derivative of that poem, including the Indian in the window. Seems Longfellow made up a lot of stuff that still passes as authentic Chippewa Indian legend. You

remember the words: By the shores of Gitche Gumee, By the shining Big-Sea-Water, Stood the wigwam of Nokomis, Daughter of the Moon, Nokomis, blah, blah blah.

To cheer up the Scout, here’s an anonymous Internet version of the legend:

“He killed the noble Mudjokivis. Of the skin he made him mittens, Made them with the fur side inside, Made them with the skin side outside. He, to get the warm side inside, Put the inside skin side outside; He to get the cold side outside Put the warm side fur side inside.”

And so on.

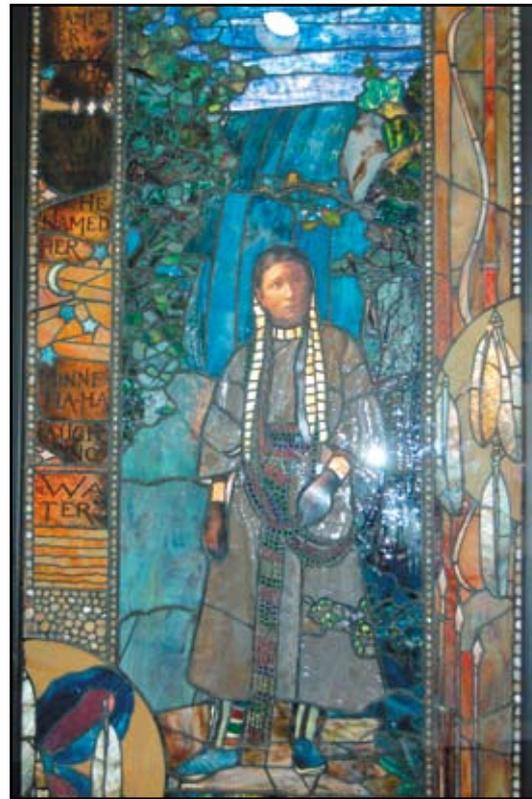
Dear reader, I digress horribly.

You’d surely rather hear of the Indian in the window who many believe is based on a real Dakota woman whose name, translated, meant “Shooting Star.”

It’s Shooting Star that holds Band Member Vern “Wiggi” Zacher’s interest. That the Hiawatha legend er-

roneously blended Iroquois, Dakota and Chippewa legend bothers Wiggi not at all. Some Indians may see the window as classic “Indian Princess” art and sneer, Wiggi said.

Instead, the window is what it is, a beautiful portrait of a woman named Shooting Star. Wiggi, president of the St. Louis County Historical Society, appeared before the Duluth City Council in November when it passed a resolution to give Shooting Star to the Historical Society. The city is a long way from the completion of that act, but things are moving. Wiggi



“Minnehaha” window; at top of page, Duluth Skyline Drive

thinks that is good.

What’s not moving anytime soon is the window with the pensive Shooting Star, who still resides on Michigan Street by the shining Big Sea Water.

Deborah Locke can be reached at deborahlocke@fdlrez.com.

Lace around trees, Ma Perkins and the Thompson chili feed FDL elders recall winters past

By Jane Skalisky

The long days of winter offer a good time for reflection, to recall years gone by and relive childhood memories.

Several elders whose childhoods spanned the early decades of the past century recently shared their stories with us about growing up in and near the Reservation.

The 1920s and 30s

Snowball fights, sliding, making snowmen, and playing “eenie eenie over” with friends, Dolly Gerno, May Carrier, and Scoopy Bassett is what FDL Anna Marie Locke remembered about her childhood winters.



Anna

Anna was born in 1926, the youngest of Vincent and Anna Lemieux's five daughters. She grew up on Balsam Street off Big Lake Road in a home her dad built. Many winter evenings were spent lying on the davenport, listening to Ma Perkins on the radio.

“My dad would come and ask, ‘are you sleeping?’” Anna said. “If I said ‘no,’ he’d let me keep listening.”

Anna recalled watching her parents and their neighbors dance to the player piano that her Uncle Jack Bassett wheeled back and forth from house to house on their block.

She and her sisters walked two miles each day to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School on Ave. F in Cloquet. It was there that she met her husband, Fred Locke, who walked over from the nearby public school to smoke during recess, getting chased away by the nuns.

On Christmas Eve, Anna's family walked to midnight Mass and opened presents Christmas morning. The gifts that she remembered receiving were the homemade dark blue wool coat and hat from her mother and the doll that walked and turned its head.

Anna said that when she and her sisters got home from school each day, her mother was there to meet

them. She regrets that so many families today need to have both parents at work during the day to make ends meet. “When we got home, mother was there,” she said.

The 30s and 40s

As a child, Russ Savage remembered awakening in the winter to the sound of his father shaking the grates on the kitchen stove. That's where he and his brother got dressed.



Russ

Russ, the son of Lyzerne Savage and Katy Gerno, was born in 1934. The family home was on Reservation Road near the St. Louis River.

He recalled sliding down a long hill on a metal sled that passed the homes of two uncles. While sledding, Russ often stopped at his uncle's to “bum” a meal and warm up.

Russ remembered skating parties on the river. Indoor entertainment consisted of taking turns with his brothers on the one-ear phone radio, listening to “Hit Parade,” “Inner Sanctum,” and “The Shadow.”

There was no running water in his house, so during the winter, Russ' family had to pull a wagon full of 30-gallon milk jugs a mile to Holy Family Church or to Julie Loon's, as those were the only pump locations. Canned and dried venison, wild rice, canned squash, beans, and peas, along with cornmeal soup and mush that was prepared on the woodstove were the staple foods.

When Russ wasn't attending school in Cloquet, he was helping chop wood, shovel snow, or milk the family cow.

One of the first signs of winter said Russ, was getting invited, along with all the other children from the Reservation, to Riley and Josephine Thompson's chili feed.

“You walked into the kitchen and on the woodstove was a washtub of chili. By the end of the evening the washtub was empty,” he said.

On Christmas Eve, the Savage family tradition was to go to midnight



The Lemieux family, from the top, left. Lorraine, Gertrude, Rosemary, JoAnn. In front, Vincent, Anna Marie, Anna Marie

Mass and then to his Uncle Clement's. On New Year's Day, people went from house to house, eating and visiting.

What Russ misses about his childhood is how a person felt free to stop by any house on the Reservation.

The 1940s and 50s

Skating on the river and on their pond in the woods is what FDL Elder Dottie Pittman remembered, about her winter childhoods in Brookston. Dottie was born in 1945 to Eustace and Alverna Smith and grew up near the Artichoke River. She recalled nearly losing her then three-year-old sister, Cathy, who fell through the pond's ice.



Dottie

“I remember seeing her face surrounded by her cap and little brown coat through the ice,” said Dottie. Dottie pulled her sister out by her hair, and together with her other siblings, ran carrying her sister through the woods back to their house.

Dottie said she liked everything about winter, especially the first snow that she described as “lace around the trees.” She recalled making three-foot wide snowballs that she hoped her dad could lift atop a snowman, not realizing then what an impossible feat that was.

Water had to be hauled from a spring as her family did not have

indoor plumbing. Dottie recalled how cold the outdoor privy was in the winter.

“You had to learn to hold it,” she said. Breakfast in the winter was cooked oatmeal, cornmeal, or cream of wheat covered with butter, sugar, and cream, along with hot chocolate and her mother's homemade bread.

Indoors, Dottie and her eight siblings played cribbage, rummy, solitaire, tic tac toe, go fish, and hangman.

“Then we got a TV and my parents stopped having kids,” she said.

On Christmas Eve, Dottie said she and close to 100 relatives would gather at her Grandpa Edwin Peterson's, who sat in a big armchair next to a gigantic Christmas tree, dispensed gifts and entertained his guests by playing the harmonica, piano, and accordion.

Dottie said it was always a source of amazement to her how Santa would visit their house while they were at their grandpa's. She recalled how her parents had to scrimp and save to buy them Christmas gifts.

“They had so little, we were so poor,” she said. Dottie said one aspect of her childhood that she would like to see more of today was a strong sense of family that she had in her childhood.

“It's the simple things that you should treasure,” she said.

Ferdinand Martineau serves as judge in the three to five year old costume competition at the Brookston Community Center's Halloween party Oct. 25.



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

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.

Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday to **Allen DeFoe** on Nov. 15. Allen is now 3 years old.

Love from your mom and Delwyn and your brother and sister

Happy Birthday to **Josie Wichern** who on Nov. 25, turned 11.

Love from your sister, nephews, niece and your uncle Delwyn.

Happy 10th birthday on Dec. 2 to **Talyn Day**.

Love you with all my heart.
Auntie Macy

Happy 8th birthday on Dec. 3 to **Katrina Bosto**.

Hope you do good in school,
Love, Cousin Macy

Happy 29th birthday on Dec. 4 to **Bryan "Bear" Bosto**.

And you thought you'd never get old!
From Macy Day



Happy belated birthday on Nov. 15 to **Auntie "Woahie"**

From Macy Day

Births

Welcome to the world, **Olivia Marie Boshey**, who was born on Oct. 25, 2008 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth to Kateri Ojibway and Joel Boshey. Olivia weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long.



Her grandparents are Donald and Melissa Ojibway, Elizabeth LaPrairie and Lucy Boshey.

Thank you

We would like to thank the **Cloquet and Sawyer communities** for all their support, prayers, and generosity during our time of sorrow.

Also, thanks to the Cloquet and Sawyer Elder Nutrition Programs for the lunch after the wake and the dinner after the service. We would like to especially thank Sandy and Violet for being there for us during Leslie's illness and passing.

The family of Leslie Barney, Sr.

The FDL Cloquet Community Center staff would like to thank **Mary Howes** for donating her time in making cupcakes for our Kiddie Carnival on Nov. 9, 2008. They were delicious! It's always nice to have volunteers here in the community.

Thanks so much, Mary.
CCC staff members

Memorial

In memory of **Harold "Hek" Knowlen**, May 9, 1973 - Nov. 17, 2007

Dear Son,
It's hard to believe you have been gone for two years. Although you are



not physically here, your spirit is all around.

Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day,

Unseen, unheard, but always near; Still loved, at all times missed, and very, very, dear.

We love you,
Mom, David, and families

To **Harold "Hek" Eugene Knowlen Sr.**

If we could have a lifetime wish, a dream that would come true,

We'd pray to God with all our hearts, for yesterday and you.

A thousand words can't bring you back,

We know because we've tried.

Neither will a thousand tears, we know because we've cried.

You left behind our broken hearts and happy memories, too,

But we never wanted memories. We only wanted you.

From your brothers and sisters, Christine, Dave, Dan, Jason and Sarah, and your children: Deseray, Harold Jr., Maria and Reggie

In memory of our wonderful and very much loved mother who passed away Dec. 4, 2005, **Beverly Ann Ammesmaki**.

A Mother's love is unconditional. Through the fights and the tears, the good times and the bad, it is always there.

A Mother's love is complete. It is more than the love of family. It's the love of friendship, too. It is giving, supportive, caring, and understanding.

A Mother's love is forever. It has been there for every yesterday and it will be there for every tomorrow.

A Mother's love is a special gift. There is nothing else like it in the entire world.

And there's no mother we could ever love more than you! Mom, there is never a day that goes by when we have not thought about you. We love you and miss you so much.

From your children who miss and love you now and forever,

Frank, Dawn, Sulo, Shawn, Joel, Jodi, Nick, Nicole & Marcus

Obituary

Leslie P. Barney Sr., 67, of

Brookston, passed away peacefully on Oct. 24, 2008 in his home. He was born Sept. 23, 1941 in Cloquet to Simon and Angeline (DeFoe) Barney. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Frankie and Warren.



Leslie was remembered by his son, Leon, as a hard working man who was employed all of his adult life as a carpenter at Fond du Lac, and in construction jobs in the Twin Cities.

Some of his favorite pastimes were hunting, fishing, ricing, working on cars, traveling, going to rummage sales, boxing, watching boxing, and playing the slots, especially at the casino on the hill in Colorado.

He also enjoyed listening to the music of George Jones. The song of Jones's "He Stopped Loving Her Today" was played at his funeral service. The lyrics tell the story of a great unrequited love.

"Leslie loved his children and grandchildren," said Bonita Barney, Leslie's wife. She added that Les was a generous family man.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonita, of Cloquet; children, Leslie Jr. (Mary Jane), Thornton, Colorado, Tracey Shabiash, Angela, Leon (Tenase) and Bradley (Windy), nine grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, all of Cloquet; brothers Robert (Shirley) Barney, Norman Barney and David Barney of Cloquet, sisters Loretta (Bill) Martineau, Cloquet, Joanne Barney, Minneapolis, and many nieces and nephews. Services were held Oct. 29, 2008 at Handevitd Funeral Home, Cloquet. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery.



The Fond du Lac Veterans Committee, along with the Tribal Council, honored all FDL Veterans with a dinner on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2008. World War II and Korean War Veterans were the guests of honor at this year's celebration. Chuck Smith, below, was the Master of Ceremonies and George Himango, at left, was the keynote speaker. In next month's FDL Newspaper, there will be full coverage of the event. Photos by Todd DeFoe.



Increased crime follows prescription drug abuse

The abuse of prescription drugs at Fond du Lac has led to an increase in related crimes, according to an Oct. 27 story from the Duluth News Tribune.

There have been 44 drug-related arrests on the Reservation and six reported burglaries for prescription drugs. The number of prescription drug thefts may be much higher, but often family members fail to notify law enforcement officers of the theft because they want to protect their relatives.

Law enforcement director Sam Ojibway said that some residents may be afraid of retaliation if they report the thefts, and said that was a poor reason for withholding information. Ojibway said in his six years of employment at FDL, he has never heard a report of retaliation.

The FDL Reservation law enforcement tipline, which is anonymous, is (218) 878-3789.

In a related October story, the Duluth paper reported that substance abuse levels for American Indians are higher than those for any other demographic group and the percentage of American Indians seeking treatment for abuse of pharmaceuticals increased from 3.6 percent to 5.8 percent between 2002 to 2006. These conclusions were made from a Dept. of Justice National Drug Intelligence Center study released in July.

The numbers have increased since then, according to Phil Norrgard, FDL director of

human services. Most commonly abused prescription drugs include Lortab, Oxycontin, Vicodin, Dilaudid, Klonopin, Dolophine, and Percocet.

The FDL meth, stimulant, and prescription drug abuse program is a year old and is currently treating 35 clients, with one graduating from the program. Enrolled American Indians and descendents living in the area are eligible to receive services. For further information, call Rick Colsen at (218)878-3875.

Tribal College cited for some procedural shortcomings by Legislative Auditor

An October report from the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor determined that the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College needed to improve the way it enforces some complex policies.

The agency audited records from 2005 to 2007 from nine colleges, including FDLTCC, Mesabi Range Community and Technical College, and Hibbing Community College.

FDLTCC was cited for allowing students who had not paid their tuition in full to register for subsequent terms. Also, the college practice of reimbursing employees for questionable travel expenses was mentioned, as well as the failure to resolve outstanding travel advances that were paid to two employees.

Larry Anderson, FDLTCC president said he was disappointed with the audit, but said the issues were correctable and not due to fraud.

Etc.

December Otter Creek Event Center Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Price
Nov. 29	8:00 p.m.	Vietnamese concert	\$15-\$20
Dec. 14	6:00 p.m.	Lorrie Morgan's Country Christmas Tour	\$20-\$30
Dec. 31	9:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve	Free

Tickets for all shows are available through Ticketmaster by phone at (218)727-2121 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. They can also be purchased at the Otter Creek Event Center ticket office. The Otter Creek Event Center is located at the Black Bear Casino Resort, at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 210 in Carlton.

Cobalt Nightclub December Schedule

Date	Time	Show	Type
Dec. 4-6	9 p.m.	Memphis	Variety
Dec. 7	7 p.m.	Memphis	Variety
Dec. 10	8 p.m.	Comedy	Comedy
Dec. 11-13	9 p.m.	Lip Service	Variety
Dec. 14	7 p.m.	Lip Service	Variety
Dec. 18-20	9 p.m.	The Larkins	Variety
Dec. 21	7 p.m.	The Larkins	Variety

The Cobalt Lounge is located in the Black Bear Casino Resort, located at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 210 in Carlton. Admission is free.

Frequent phone call list

(218) Area Code	
Tribal Center Switchboard	879-4593 1-800-365-1613
Black Bear Casino Resort	878-2327 1-888-771-0777
Black Bear Hotel	878-7400 1-800-553-0022
Brookston Community Center	878-8033
CAIR	726-1370
FDL Propane	879-4869
FDLTCC	879-0800
Food Distribution	878-7505
Head Start	878-8100
Housing	878-8050
Human Resources	878-2653
Law Enforcement	878-8040
Mash-Ka-Wisen	879-6731
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	1-218-335-8581 (admin.) 1-888-903-8582 (loans)
Min-No-Aya-Win Clinic	879-1227 1-888-888-6007
Natural Resources	878-8001
Ojibwe School	878-7559
Planning Department	878-2642
Sawyer Community Center	878-8185
Cloquet Community Center	878-7510

Briefs

Elder Christmas Party at Black Bear on Dec. 5

Band Members age 52 and up and their spouses are invited to the Elder Christmas Party on Dec. 5, 2008 at the Black Bear's Otter Creek Convention Center.

Same day registration begins at 10 a.m. with dinner and drawings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, contact Debra Topping at (218)878-8053.

FDL "State of the Band" address to take place on Jan. 15, 2009

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee will host the 2009 State of the Band address at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15, 2009. The address will replace the January open meeting, and will be given at the Otter Creek Event Center at the Black Bear Casino Hotel on Highway 33. Beverages and cookies will be served. All are invited to attend.

Artist wanted for logo production

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging is seeking an artist to design a logo to represent their agency and the elders and families they serve.

The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2008.

For more information, contact Shauna Jenkins, MCT, P.O. Box 217, Cass Lake, Minn. 56633. The phone number is (218) 335-8585, Ext. 121 or toll free at (888) 231-7886.

A safe way to dispose of your unused medication

The Min no aya win Clinic pharmacy staff in Cloquet and Duluth's CAIR pharmacy staff urge patients to bring unused or expired medications to the pharmacies for disposal. A company that manages the pharmacy's medical waste would then incinerate the meds. When unused and outdated medication is burned, it is prevented from entering water supplies or leaching into a landfill.

Often patients dispose of their medicine by flushing it down a toilet, or they pour it down a drain. While that method prevents acci-

dental ingestion or theft, it can also cause pollution in wastewater and harm aquatic life and humans.

For more information, call the Min no aya win Pharmacy at (218) 879-2159.

2008 Tullibee Netting in the 1854 Ceded Territory

Netting season for tullibee, otherwise known as inland cisco (whitefish), will run through Dec. 23, 2008. Fond du Lac Band Members can pick up a permit and angler diary from the FDL Resource Management Division.

Band Members may declare up to three lakes for netting. Lakes available for declaration include the following: Lake Vermillion, St. Louis County; Brule Lake, Cook County; Caribou Lake, Cook County; Silver Island Lake, Cook County; Hanging Horn Lake, Carlton County; Lake Isabella, Lake County; and Prairie Lake, St. Louis County.

Lakes other than those listed above must be approved in advance by the FDL resource management director. FDL conservation officers request that they be informed of tullibee netting activities, so that if nets are vandalized, tampered with, or simply found, they will know how to respond.

For further information, contact the Resource Management office at (218)878-8001.

Fond du Lac wins grants for energy efficiency project

Creation of an energy management plan for the Reservation is part of a \$140,000 grant recently received from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the energy management plan will be to assist in making Reservation buildings and homes more energy efficient and sustainable, said Bruno Zagar, FDL environmental specialist. The energy plan is related to the fulfillment of a commitment FDL made last year to obtain 20 percent of its electricity from renewable resources by 2020 as part of the Kyoto Protocol.

"At a time when the world is fac-

ing environmental and economic destruction, we're looking at possibilities," said Wayne Dupuis, environmental program manager.

"The Chinese say 'In chaos, there is opportunity.' This goes along with Ojibwe teachings about taking the green road. We need to go back to our roots," he said.

Resource Management hopes to partner with Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College's renewable energy program for the provision of home energy audits on the Reservation.

Dec. 1 deadline for distribution forms

The 2009 distribution forms have been mailed to Band Members who must decide on their choice for per cap distribution (annually or monthly). The forms have to be returned on time in order to get a Jan. 2009 payment.

If you have questions, call Patti at (218) 878-2674.

Legal Notice

The following is a list of deceased Band Members who have monies in trust with the Fond du Lac Band. We are requesting the heirs of these deceased band members contact the Fond du Lac Legal Affairs Office at (218)878-2632 or toll-free at 1-800-365-1613, to assist the Band in distributing the trust monies to the appropriate heirs.

Brigan, Calvin; Christensen, Terry; Defoe, Charles; Depoe, David; Gangstad, Harold; Glasgow, Edith; Greensky, Faye; Hernandex, Phyllis; Huhn, Cheryl; Jefferson (Drucker), Mary; Johnson, Shelly; Josephson, Charles; Kast, Cheryl; Laduke, Sylvester; Lafave, John; Lemieux, Elvina; Lussier, Pamela; Northrup, Jeff A.; Olson, Daniel G. Sr.; Olson, Katherine; Ostrowski, Lorraine; Smith, Carl; Stanford, Cathy; Starr, Neil; Trotterchaude, Rex; Wright, Frances.

Super One gift certificates to be distributed in Dec.

Once again at the holiday season, the FDL Reservation Business

Committee will give Super One gift certificates to enrollees and employees who are age 18 and over. The certificates are in the amount of \$25, and may be picked up from Linda Nelson at the Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet.

Fond du Luth and Black Bear Casino Resort employees are excluded from receiving the certificates, as well as employees of the Black Bear Golf Course.

The certificates are available at the Tribal Center from Dec. 1, 2008 to Dec. 23, 2008. They may be picked up between 8 a.m. and 4:30 on Monday through Friday. Weekend hours for pickup will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 6-7, 2008.

Again, recipients must be age 18 and older. Everyone must pick up their own certificate.

Cloquet Middle School kids learn recycling first hand

Middle School students in the Cloquet School District realized that they recycle trash at home. Why not do the same at school?

So this year, Environmental Club members spearheaded a campaign to start a recycle program at the school that started with fund raising for large recycle bins. It wasn't long before the kids realized the amount of work involved in collecting and moving the large amounts of plastic bottles they collected. And it wasn't long before school administrators noticed that less waste was collected by garbage collectors because the kids were doing a large share of the disposals.

Before long, 100 bins were placed in individual classrooms and substations throughout the school. Each week one home room class transports the recyclables to a loading dock where they are picked up. The story was reported in the Cloquet Pine Journal.

December open meeting

The next open meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2008. It will be held at the Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet.

Area News Briefs

Sentencing panel considers alternatives to prison

The U.S. Sentencing Commission is considering alternatives to prison for some offenders, including treatment programs for drug users and employment training for minor parole violators, according to a Duluth News Tribune story.

Nearly 2.5 million, or one in 100 adults, are incarcerated in the U.S.

“People should be aware that every tough-on-crime act comes with a price,” said Beryl Howell, a member of the commission. The average cost of incarceration, said Howell, is \$24,000 a year per inmate.

Annually, there are 1.5 million nonviolent drug offenders arrested in the U.S. at a cost of \$1,500 to \$11,000 per offender, according to the National Drug Court Institute.

Wild game consumption elevates blood lead levels

The first study to find a link between game killed with lead bullets and elevated blood lead levels was released this spring by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, resulting in an advisory for pregnant women and children under the age of six.

According to a story in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources concluded that hunters could reduce their exposure to lead by using copper bullets and lead bullets encased in copper. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture, in reaction to the CDC study, barred ground venison from being donated to food shelves, as it contains the highest levels of lead.

White Earth writes new criminal code

The White Earth Band is writing a new criminal code that would give the Band jurisdiction over tribal members. According to a story in the Duluth News-Tribune, the new code would overturn the 1953 Congressio-

nal Act, known as Public Law 280, which imposes state law on tribal members. P.L. 280 is in force on all reservations in Minnesota, except Red Lake.

In order for White Earth to negate P.L. 280, Gov. Pawlenty must request it from the federal government.

White Earth officials say they plan to implement the code without waiting for federal approval.

Video game created for American Indian languages

Rezworld, the first fully immersive 3-D interactive video game, has been created to teach young American Indians their own language. According to a story in Indian Country Today, the video incorporates speech recognition technology developed by the military to teach soldiers Arabic.

Currently, the game is only available in Cherokee. Thornton Media, creators of the game, are seeking tribes to create their own video. A finished game takes eight months to produce and costs approximately \$1 million.

Great Lakes water agreement signed

President Bush signed the Great Lakes water agreement in early October, banning the exportation of water from the Great Lakes to other regions of the country.

According to an article in the Duluth News-Tribune, the deal was negotiated by governors and ratified by legislatures in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Great Lakes contain 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water. The U.N. estimates that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will lack access to clean water.

The pact requires the Great Lakes states to set up programs to manage and conserve water within the next two years.

Democrats win 5 U.S. Senate Seats; also gain in House

Democrats increased their majority control in the U.S. Senate in November, winning seats previously held by Republicans in North Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New Mexico, and Colorado. They fell shy of the 60 seats needed to prevent Republicans from blocking bills and judicial nominees, however.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrats retained control, gaining eight open Republican seats and won decisive victories in Connecticut, New York, and New Mexico.

In 2006, Democrats took control of Congress in a backlash against the war in Iraq, according to a story in the Duluth News Tribune. This year, the economy and anti-Bush sentiment helped to create more wins for the Democrats.

Mille Lacs Band fraud claims increase

A \$1600 toilet and \$800 faucet paid for by the Mille Lacs Band and installed in the bathroom of chief executive Melanie Benjamin, was the basis for her ousting in October. Since then, additional fraud has been uncovered involving a million dollars of tribal and federal money used in building projects, according to a report in the Star Tribune.

Along with Benjamin, the commissioner of community development and five department employees have been fired.

Benjamin had just been reelected to her third term in June. She stated that she is the victim of “political maneuvering.” She also said that she plans to run in the special election.

“The truth has to come out,” Benjamin said. “If I don’t keep going, I’m afraid the truth will be buried.”

Book on American Indian women published

A 2007 updated biography of

American Indian women by Liz Son-nenborn has recently been published, including such contemporary leaders as Cecelia Fire-Thunder, Eloise Cobbell, and Valerie Red-Horse. Women from the past in the biography include Sacred White Buffalo, Mother Mary Catherine, and Ruby Modesto.

Additional tribal representation from the four directions is also provided, incorporating Aleut, Penobscot, Potawatomi, and Spokane women.

The story was reported in Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources.

Tribes work together to build homeless shelter

A \$1,070,000 grant to build a homeless shelter for six families in Bemidji has been received from the Minnesota House Finance Agency. According to a report in the Bemidji Pioneer, Red Lake and Leech Lake Bands have pledged funds and manpower to help raise the additional money necessary to begin construction.

The proposed structure will use energy efficient technology, including solar panels, ground source heating and cooling, super-insulated walls, and low-use water fixtures.

Award-winning tribal program continues

A program to create positive relationships between tribal people and other political and community members at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been recently recognized. The program received the 2008 Best Creative Noncredit Program award from the University Continuing Education Mid-America Regional Association, according to a story in U.S. Fed News.

The two-day, interactive workshop presents the history and culture of the 11 Wisconsin American Indian tribes. This year the course was held Oct. 28 and 29.

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CCC: Cloquet Community Center, (218)878-7504; BCC: Brookston Community Center, (218)878-8048; SCC: Sawyer Community Center, (218)878-8185;
CAIR: Center for American Indian Resources; MNAW: Min no aya win (218)879-1227; BBCR: Black Bear Casino Resort.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Adult cribbage - 1 pm (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) GED classes - 4 pm (CCC) Santa glove ornament - 6 pm (BCC)	Adult scrapbooking - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) Adult family sewing - 5 pm (CCC) Swimming - 5 pm (CCC) GED - 4:30 pm (SCC) Girls club - 6 pm (BCC) Youth swim - 6 pm (CCC)	Elder concerns mtg - 10 am (ENP) Adult board games - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) Hip hop - 4 pm (CCC) GED - 4:30 am (SCC) Girls connection - 5 pm (SCC) Book-it - 6 pm (BCC)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Ojibwe language - 5 pm (CCC) Drum group - 6 pm (SCC) Adult lingo - 6 pm (BCC) Women's night - 6 pm (CCC) Wii game day - 6 pm (CCC)	Elder Christmas party - 10 am (BBCR) Adult choice day - 10 am (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) Hip hop - 4 pm (CCC) Movie night & adult social - 6 pm (BCC) Adult movie - 6 pm (CCC) Youth gym day - 6 pm (CCC)	Youth craft - 10 am (CCC) Youth swim - 2 pm (CCC) Community birthday - 3 pm (BCC) Adult pool table - 4 pm (CCC) Video game night - 6 pm (SCC)
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Board games - 10 am (CCC) Football night - noon (CCC) World of Wheels - 1 pm (SCC) Scrapbooking - 2 pm (BCC) Youth movie - 3 pm (CCC)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Adult cribbage - 1 pm (CCC) Big Lake Resource Mgmt - 3 pm (SCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) GED - 4 pm (CCC) Magic color holiday ornmt - 6 pm (BCC)	Adult scrapbooking - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) GED - 4:30 pm (SCC) Adult family sewing - 5 pm (CCC) Swimming - 5 pm (CCC) Boys club - 6 pm (BCC) Youth swim - 6 pm (CCC)	Adult board games - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) Hip Hop - 4 pm (CCC) GED - 4:30 pm (SCC) Girls Connection - 5 pm (SCC) Book-it - 6 pm (BCC)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Ojibwe language - 5 pm (SCC) Drum group - 6 pm (SCC) Kids Lingo - 6 pm (BCC) Wii game day - 6 pm (CCC)	Adult choice day - 10 am (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) Hip hop - 4 pm (CCC) Movie night & Adult social - 6 pm (BCC) Adult movie - 6 pm (CCC) Youth gym day - 6 pm (CCC)	Adult basketball tourney - 9 am (CCC) Youth craft - 10 am (CCC) Youth swim - 2 pm (CCC) Adult pool table - 4 pm (CCC) Skyline Bowl - 5 pm (BCC)
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Board games - 10 am (CCC) Football night - noon (CCC) Adult Christmas Party - 2 pm (BCC) Youth movie - 3 pm (CCC)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Adult cribbage - 1 pm (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) GED - 4 pm (CCC) Candy cane ornam't - 6 pm (BCC)	Adult scrapbooking - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) Guthrie Theatre - 4:30 pm (SCC) GED - 4:30 (SCC) Adult family sewing - 5 pm (CCC) Girls club - 6 pm (BCC) Youth swim - 6 pm (CC)	Adult board games - 10:30 am (CCC) Native youth - 4 pm (CCC) Girls Connection - 5 pm (SCC) GED - 4:30 pm (SCC) Book-it - 6 pm (BCC) Sobriety feast - 7 pm (BBCR)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) On the move - 3 pm (SCC) Ojibwe language - 5 pm (CCC) Open meeting - 5 pm (CCC) Drum group - 5 pm (SCC) Adult lingo - 6 pm (BCC) Women's night - 6 pm (CCC) Wii game day - 6 pm (CCC)	Adult choice day - 10 am (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) Hip hop - 4 pm (CCC) Movie night & adult social - 6 pm (BCC) Adult movie - 6 pm (CCC) Youth gym day - 6 pm (CCC)	Sawyer, Brookston & Cloquet Christmas Party - 2 pm (BBCR)
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Premiere: "Tale of Despereaux" - 9:15 am (BCC) Football night - noon (CCC) Board games - 10 am (CCC) Youth movie - 3 pm (CCC)	Adult family sewing - 10:30 am (CCC) Adult cribbage - 1 pm (CCC) After school program - 3 pm (CCC) Photo frame water globes - 6 pm (BCC) Christmas break activities - 1 pm-6pm (CCC)	Adult scrapbooking - 10:30 am (CCC) Native Youth - 4 pm (CCC) Swimming - 5 pm (CCC) Adult family sewing - 5 pm (CCC) Boys' club - 6 pm (BCC) Youth swim - 6 pm (CCC) Christmas break activities - 1 pm-6pm (CCC)	Closed	Closed	Winter games (SCC) Adult choice day - 10 am (CCC) Christmas break activities - 1 pm-6pm (CCC) Hip hop - 4 pm (CCC) Movie night & adult social - 6 pm (BCC) Adult movie - 6 pm (CCC) Youth gym day - 6 pm (CCC)	Winter games (SCC) Family movie - 10 am (CCC) Youth craft - 10 am (CCC) Youth swim - 2 pm (CCC) Mont du Lac - 4 pm (BCC) Adult pool table - 4 pm (CCC)
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Halloween 2008 brought hundreds of children through the Tribal Center for treats. At left is Cheyenne ("Peanut") Olson, age two and one half from Cloquet, and her cousin, Ailie Peacock, 18 months, also from Cloquet. The girls wore costumes made by their creative Grandma, Lynn Olson. Cheyenne's parents are Jaimie Olson and Sheldon Thompson. Ailie's parents are Kailey Diver and Eddie Peacock.

Pictured on the far right are Josie Wichern, age 10, and Justice Paro, age five who attended the Brookston Halloween party on Oct. 25. Over 100 adults and children attended the party. The kids played games like ring toss, tic tac toe and cake walk. Costume judging took place from five age categories, and 24 children and adults won movie tickets or "bucks" from McDonald's.

