

# Nahgahchiwanong

(Far end of the Great Lake)

# Dibahjimowinnan

(Narrating of Story)



*FDL's Kello Brown throws down a fast break dunk against Northland-Remer, scoring two of his team leading 33 points Jan. 31. The Ogichida boys and girls basketball teams are preparing for the playoffs. See pages 6-7 for Ojibwe School basketball and Honor Roll news.*

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# Local news

## Phenomenal growth, financial data, and Strategic Plan discussed at the State of the Band Address

"Manage what we have, but we're going to do it smarter, better." That was the message from Tribal Chairwoman Karen Diver at the annual State of the Band Address, Feb. 17, at the Otter Creek Event Center.

Despite the slow moving economy – widely viewed as the worst economic period since the Great Depression – the past year was significant for the Fond du Lac Band. "We actually saw some phenomenal growth for Fond du Lac," Chairwoman Karen Diver said.

Citing an investment strategy that was "fiscally prudent," Diver told the people in attendance that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds paid for most of the construction projects on the reservation.

"For lots of reasons, I think we have much to be grateful for," Diver said.

### Among the Band's accomplishments in 2010:

- Supportive Housing - opened July 2010; 24 units, all units are now occupied.
- Tagwii Treatment Facility – room to treat 40 patients, compared to 25 before the building was completed.
- Assisted Living – ARRA funded, construction was completed 4th quarter, 2010.
- Broadband internet access – secured ARRA funding for the project; all tribal buildings will be covered, with speeds 600 times faster than currently. Broadband is part of a partnership that includes all of northern Minnesota.
- The Resource Management Building, completed in May, is the new home for 60 employees. The building is currently being reviewed for gold status, the highest standard for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The Chair-

woman also acknowledged the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for a loan to finance part of the construction costs.

In other news, WGZS, the Fond du Lac FM radio station, was approved to increase its signal strength to 50 kilowatts last year. The on air date is expected to be August 2011.

The Environmental Division was designated as a cooperating agency with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Diver also discussed the Fond du Luth revenue dispute with the city of Duluth, mining in general and the proposed Polymet operation in particular at the event. "We were able to give them ongoing feedback about the inadequacies in the process. Tribal commentary was submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the vendor they used." According to Diver, "they pretty much dismissed it," regarding the local habitat and the wild rice production in the ceded territory as a result of mining related pollution north of the reservation.

One of the arguments currently being made by the Minn. Chamber of Commerce minimized the impact made by mining toward wild rice production. Referring to the Fond du Lac Resource Management Environmental group, the Chairwoman said, "This staff is so on top of their business that a year and a half ago they commissioned a (wild rice impact) study. I was proud and honored to be able to counteract the Minn. Chamber of Commerce argument that our precious manoomin wouldn't be affected."

Regarding the Fond du Luth dispute, Diver said: "it's a battle worth fighting for."

The Chairwoman also commented on the proposed changes to per capita payments for minors and said that the Reservation Business Committee members were still interested in receiving Band Member feedback. Implementation of the proposed changes is expected to occur at the beginning of next year.

Secretary-Treasurer Ferdinand

Martineau Jr. discussed per capita and financial information for the many programs and enterprises operated by the Band, as well as comments about the Band's impact on the local economy.

"Again council made the commitment to keep the per capita payments at the same level for Band Members," Martineau said.

"It is staggering when I look at the numbers. We put \$180 million into the local economy; about one-third, or about \$57 million, goes into the payroll for our employees."

Martineau continued: "We're not out of the woods yet. The recession is still there, still dodging us."

The Secretary-Treasurer ended his presentation with his thoughts that he sees indications that the economic recovery is beginning to gain momentum. "I don't think it is too far off," Martineau said.

Executive Director Chuck Walt followed the financial presentation with details about the FDL Strategic Plan.

"The Strategic Plan is a look into what we're doing in the future; in ten years. About a year ago we received some funding, hired a consultant, and set up some guidelines. We started out with a series of eight meetings." The meetings here held at each of the community centers, Human Services, and The Black Bear." Walt said.

Band Members submitted hundreds of suggestions for the Band to consider implementing in the Strategic Plan, such as addressing youth violence; promoting the arts and artists; and opening an animal shelter among the many suggestions.

The Executive Director's presentation ended by telling the audience that nothing is impossible for Fond du Lac Band Members; citing the recent trip to the White House by the Chairwoman to meet with President Obama and other tribal leaders as an example. "This is the first time a tribal leader from Fond du Lac has ever met face to face with the President of the United States."

"We have the right people, the

right resources, and the right connections to implement the Strategic Plan, Walt said. Feel free to call me or Jason (Hollinday). We'll keep you informed."

The evening ended with the Chairwoman thanking everybody for attending and said she hoped to be able to report more good news next year.

## Big crowd at Sawyer storytelling event

The Sawyer Center was extremely busy during the Thirteen Moons language and storytelling fundraiser Feb. 19. About 325 people attended the Ojibwe language fundraising event.

A Pipe Ceremony by Bryan Jon and Dennis Jones opened the afternoon. The schedule included the Anishinaabe Youth Singers, a language puppet show, storytelling by Butch Martineau, Leonard Moose, local author Jim Northrup, Rick Defoe, Jeff Savage, and several others. Due to the large number of participants, it was difficult to fit some of the guest speakers into a fifteen minute schedule.

Dave Wilsey and Nikki Crowe coordinated the event. Wilsey is an Assistant Professor through the University of Minnesota Extension Program and Thirteen Moons Extension Educator. Crowe began working with Wilsey last year and is writing much of the information seen on the 13 Moons page.

The silent auction raised money to fund the 3rd Annual Ojibwe Language Immersion Camp June 23-26, 2011 in Sawyer.

## FDL's Fairbanks takes first place at Annual Graduate Student Conference

Janis Angela Fairbanks, doctoral candidate at Michigan State University and a Fond du Lac Band Member, took first place Feb. 5 for her paper at the Twelfth Annual CIC-American Indian Studies Consortium Graduate Student Confer-

ence held Feb. 4-5, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Mich.

Fairbanks won the First Place Paper Award for her work titled, "Nagamowin: Significance of Ojibwe Hymn Singing at Ojibwe Funerals." She edged second place winner Sarah Dees, of Indiana University; and third place winner Elspeth Martini, from the University of Michigan.

Graduate students from the 12 participating universities in the consortium submitted a total of 27 papers during the competition. Each paper was evaluated and ranked by professors from those universities.

The universities that comprise the American Indian Studies Graduate Student Consortium are: University of Chicago, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue University, Ohio State University, and Michigan State University.

Fairbanks is in the final stage of earning her PhD degree, researching and writing her dissertation which centers on Ojibwe culture, history, literature and language.

"One of the greatest influences in my life was, and still is, my grandmother, Cecilia Robinson. I spent a lot of time with her in the peaceful quiet of Sawyer, and in my childhood days she instilled in me a deep sense of pride in our beautiful culture. Too much has been taken away, but what remains is worth preserving and sharing," Fairbanks said in a written statement.

Fairbanks preserves and shares culture as a creative writer, storyteller, jingle dress dancer, public speaker, and language activist who has served on the board of directors and elders senate for the international language organization Anishinaabemowin, Teg.

"I'd like to see all of our young people equipped with the same love of culture my grandmother gave me. It keeps a person strong," she said.

# Local news

## 38 Special to play at the Bear

Well known rock and roll act "38 Special" will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 25, 2011 at the Otter Creek Event Center.

The Jacksonville Fla. band, famous for its southern brand of rock, has 12 top ten hits on the Billboard charts, including "Rockin' into the Night," "Hold on Loosely," and "Second Chance."

Tickets are \$30, \$35, and \$42, and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. You can also purchase tickets at the cashier booth at the casino.

## Legal Notice Allotment 405-87

Annette Rennquist is interested in acquiring permission from the heirs to the property located in Government Lot 7, Section 33, Township 49 North; Range 18 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Carlton County, Minn. Annette would like to lease the land for a Recreational Lease. Please contact Annette at (218) 878-2613 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The names are: Atherton, Herold; Atherton, Martha; Braveheat, I. Theresa, Erickson; M. Lois.

## Open meeting scheduled for Cloquet Public Schools Indian Education Committee

The Title VII Indian Education 2011-2012 Public Hearing and Planning Meeting will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16 2011, at the Cloquet Community Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet.

The public hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.; followed by the planning meeting at 6:15 p.m. Goals and objectives for next year's program will be discussed. Parent input is needed, and the involvement of all parents of American Indian students is welcome.

For more information, call Tara Graves, Cloquet Public Schools Director of American Indian Education Programs at (218) 879-6721 ext. 6206.

## Reminder to dads: Fathers Forever returns to FDLTCC

The third annual Minnesota Fathers Forever will take place from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., March 5, 2011, at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, located at 2101 14th street, Cloquet.

Former Vikings legend and Minn. Supreme Court Justice Alan Page is the keynote speaker. Page, a 1988 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee,

is scheduled to appear at 12:30 p.m.

Fathers Forever is a multi-agency collaboration intended to encourage fathers to be positively involved in the lives of their children. With the many challenges facing families in today's tough economy, Fathers Forever offers free information and assistance to fathers.

The event is co-sponsored by Fathers And Children Together, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Carlton County Human Services, St. Louis County Human Services, Fond du Lac Human Services, and Fond du Lac Head Start Programs.

Some of the funding to host the event came from other sources as well. Brian Thorbjornsen, a Fond du Lac Human Services social worker and one of the coordinators said, "The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and Fathers and Children Together made generous financial donations."

Admission is free.

## Local "mad scientist" also works as a local doctor

Dr. Arne Vainio, M.D. from Min No Aya Win clinic stopped by Fond du Lac Head Start Programs for a visit Feb. 8.

Dr. Vainio shared his "Mad Scientist" program with children in the Makoons (Little Bear) and Migizi (Eagle) classrooms, and then later



Ramona Thompson of Cloquet looks on intently as Dr. Arne Vainio, M.D. from Min No Aya Win clinic shares his "Mad Scientist" presentation with children at Fond du Lac Head Start Feb. 8. (Photo by JP Rennquist, FDL Head Start).

traveled to Brookston Center to share the program with the Waa-washkeshi (Deer) classroom.

"I'm still just a big kid at heart; science and experiments are fun," Dr. Vainio said, when he spoke to a room full of wide eyed youngsters.

On his "Mad Scientist" role, he said: "I have a 12 year old son and we used to do that. He's smart and scientific. I like kids to be excited about science and math.

He said that he started doing exploring and experimenting because

it was fun, and that's part of what led him into a career in medicine.

Dr. Vainio has done many "Mad Scientist" presentations in his son's grade school and middle school classes, but this was his first attempt at bringing it into an early childhood setting.

"I have another one planned for the Head Start. Don't have the date set yet."

We'll keep you posted.

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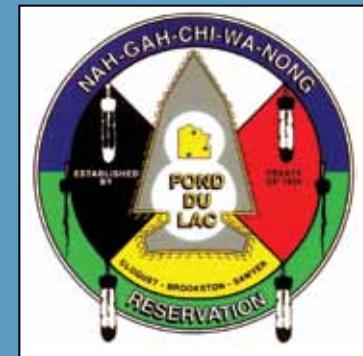
The mission of this publication is to provide the Anishinaabeg community of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Fond du Lac Reservation, with news and information that will be of help to them in their everyday lives. In addition, our goal will be to highlight many of the honors, accolades, 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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# A few thoughts from RBC members

## From Chairwoman Karen Diver

Congressman Cravaack has been fully briefed on the Nelson Act settlement. In a visit with him in his Washington D.C. office, the Congressman said that he believes the money should be distributed. His office also said that they would like to talk to Leech Lake elected officials to see what their position is at this time. There has not been legislation authored to release the funds.



Karen Diver

While in Washington, it was also time to drop in on officials

at the Department of Interior to see about the status of Wisconsin Point. I was disappointed to hear that the paperwork still wasn't complete. They said that it is really just a matter of getting all the required signatures, and there was no controversy, just bureaucratic process. There is a part of me that is so frustrated that both Wisconsin Point and the Nelson Act are taking so much time to complete. Then I remind myself that

the Nelson Act has been waiting for distribution for over two decades and Wisconsin Point for nearly ten years. I will con-

tinue to make these two items a priority during each visit to Washington.

It was fun to host Senator Al Franken at the Clinic in late January. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. He is a good advocate for tribes, and it was nice to show him our clinic as a model for successful tribal self-governance and program delivery. He was impressed with the services offered to Band members at our clinic. He asked for input on how to improve the Indian Health Service.

The second week of February was filled with state activities. There was the annual meeting between the Governor and tribal leaders. This was the

first one with Governor Mark Dayton. During his campaign for office, he had expressed that he was willing to build a state-run casino to fund the state's deficit. He has backed off that idea, calling the revenue too unstable. However, he is keeping the idea of a state casino on the table to specifically fund education in the state. That was very disappointing.

Concerted effort was made during a day-long series of meetings with the State House and Senate majority and minority leaders. With the legislature now Republican, we have to be sure that they understand tribal issues. There were two issues that were focused on during these meetings: 1) Opposition

to the expansion of gaming, both as a threat to tribal self-sufficiency and as having an impact on rural economies, and 2) follow state and federal law with all of the mining projects that are in the works.

As always we will diligently follow what is happening at a state and federal level and represent positions that protect or advance the interest of the Band.

*If you have any questions or comments, please call my office at (218) 878-2612, or email at [karendiver@fdlrez.com](mailto:karendiver@fdlrez.com).*

## From Ferdinand Martineau

Boozhoo niiji, I just completed the financials for the state of the Band on Thursday evening. Our expenditures for the past year were just over \$180 million. Even though this is similar to last year, when I see this number all together, it is quite large. That is the amount of money that we put into the local economy annually for payroll and to purchase goods and services. Nearly one third of the expenditures are for payroll; approximately \$57 million.

A few years ago the community said to the council, "We have had enough with the drugs and violence in our community! We want a safe place to live and to raise our children. What are you going to do about

it?" We responded to them by creating a task force to come up with some recommendations for us to consider. After several months and community meetings they presented their recommendations to us. It was a well thought out presentation with fair sanctions for anyone who violated it. We accepted their recommendations and implemented the ordinance. We have used it a few times to remove a person from a housing unit or to limit their access to one of our tribal facilities. Last month we used it for the first time to exclude the violators from all band land on the reservation. What was un-



Ferdinand Martineau

usual about this action was that it was the first time it was used against a Band Member. It was a hard decision to make, but it was one that had to be made to protect the safety of all Band Members.

We have a new general manager at the Bear. His name is Joseph Quiroli. He comes with many years of gaming experience in general, but the last ten years of experience with the Indian gaming market. There have been several positions eliminated in management, with most of the individuals whose positions were eliminated being placed where other positions had opened up.

There are three positions that have been advertised for. They are the Gaming Manager, Operations Manager and Marketing Manager. We wanted to wait for the new general manager before we screened for those positions. We will be screening and hiring these shortly and you should see improvements in the operations at the Bear.

My grandfather always told me that part of living was passing on to the spirit world. It is not a very pleasant part to think about and not very pleasant for those of us left behind to deal with the loss. As I have grown older and experienced this part of life more I thought it would get easier, but, it has not. Our community has lost another member. He was Bill Wise Sr. He was a friend but more

importantly as he put it, my brother. I will miss all the times that we used to spend together sharing a cup of coffee, or the phone calls about his garden or the big fish that he had caught. As my grandfather told me all his relatives that have gone before him will be waiting to greet him, I hope when I finally make that journey that Bill will be waiting to greet me.

*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](mailto:ferdinandmartineau@fdlrez.com).*

*Gigawaabamin.*

*RBC columns continued on next page.*



Mary Northrup

**From Mary Northrup**

**B**oozhoo Everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the warm weather we had recently. A person could walk without falling down, but it's back again, so be careful not to fall. I've already slipped twice this year on the ice and escaped serious injury; some have not been so lucky. So let's look out for each other and

keep our driveways sanded and our steps and sidewalks salted. We want to mention a few dates coming up for some of the summer events. The Annual Fond du Lac Veterans Powwow will be held July 9-11, 2011. If you would like vendor information or any other questions, contact Chuck Smith at (218) 878-2670, Brenda Rice at (218) 878-2698, or myself.

The 18th Annual Black Bear Golf Tournament will be held July 16 and 17, 2011. In addition, we will also be holding our Junior Tournament and our 2nd Annual Seniors Tournament on July 15, 2011. Please contact Corey Van Guilder at (218) 878-2330 with any questions. We also have the Veterans Golf Tournament on August 20. We will keep you posted later in the

summer.  
*In closing I would like to thank the communities for their participation in all events, you are what makes things happen! Contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, or homemade goods you may have at (218) 878-7583, (218) 464-8877, or email me at marynorthrup@fdlrez.com. Miig-wetch!*

**From Wally Dupuis**

**H**ello all: During the last few months we have been dealing with continued and extreme cold weather. As such, a number of folks have had frozen water and or sewer line problems. These types of problems are very disruptive to family's daily activities. The RBC,

through its programs, has been assisting folks where they can. The Cloquet Community Center has been busy with its programming, creating activities for both youth and adults. The Biggest Loser contest recently began and has a number of participants; so far 217 total pounds have been lost. Also, in conjunction with the Arthritis

Foundation, the Community Center offers water aerobics three nights a week. Another nice addition to the community center, in partnership with our Human Services Division, a kick boxing exercise machine will be



Wally Dupuis

installed soon. Our construction company is shut down for the most part, however, we still have some staff plowing snow, sanding roads and completing various tasks as needed. I am hoping they can start ramping up for this summer's projects soon. The

Black Bear Casino Resort and Fond du Luth Casino have been holding events regularly and are working hard keeping things going.  
*As always, please feel free to contact me. You can call me at (218) 878-8078 (work) or (218) 879-2492.*

## Legal Notices

### The Fond du Lac Reservation Traffic Code has been amended to adjust fines, to increase the maximum penalties for recurrent violations, to impose court costs, and to make traffic records available to the public.

**New Fines:**

- Defacement or removal of signs: \$100
- Speeding – In posted school zone: \$75 surcharge
- Violation of headlight/rear lamp requirements: \$40
- Illegal muffler: \$50
- Failure to provide proof/carry liability insurance: \$250
- Driving without valid driver's license: \$150
- Driving after suspension, revocation or cancellation of driver's license: \$200

- Failure to use seat belts: \$75
- Failure to use child restraint devices: \$150
- Violation of school bus stop arm signal requirements: \$300
- Obstructed View: \$40

**Recurrent Violations:**

For recurrent violations by any individual within 1 year, the Tribal Court may increase fines up to three times the standard amount.

**Court Costs:**

In addition to the fine imposed, the Tribal Court shall impose court costs of \$25.

**Record Keeping:**

Traffic records will be maintained for a minimum of ten years. Traffic records are a matter of public record and shall be available to law enforcement agencies and courts of other jurisdictions.

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 (800) 365-1613, to assist the band in distributing the trust monies to the appropriate heirs.

- BEGAY**, Raymond Sr.; **BRIGAN**, Calvin; **CHRISTENSEN**, Terry; **CROWE**, Gary; **GANGSTAD**, Harold; **GLASGOW**, Edith; **HANDY**, Jonathon; **HERNANDEZ**, Sherry; **HUHN**, Cheryl; **JEFFERSON** (Drucker), Mary; **JONES**, William Sr.; **JOSEPHSON**, Charles; **KAST**, Cheryl; **LAFAVE**, John; **LEMIEUX**, Elvina; **LEMIEUX**, John; **LIVINGSTON**, Bruce; **MARTINEAU**, David; **OJIBWAY**, Steven; **OLSON**, Daniel G. Sr.; **SHARLOW**, Gerald D.; **SMITH**, Carl; **STANFORD**, Cathy.

# Ogichida defense triggers offense during recent hot streak

By Dan Huculak

It often looks like a high school version of “show-time,” mixed in with a workman-like defensive effort by the entire Ogichida team. The team is 5-1 in their past six games, and 11-13 overall with the state high school playoffs fast approaching, a significant improvement from the five games they won all of last year.

In an article last season, the team scheduled games against anybody they could face. This year’s schedule is every bit as difficult, with two games against Minnesota Transitions Charter School; Hopkins, Minneapolis Patrick Henry, Minneapolis Roosevelt, and Chisholm among the opponents.

Thanks to strong defensive performances by the Ogichida during the 5-1 streak, easy fast break opportunities are often the end result.

In an 86-58 victory over the Northland-Remer Eagles Jan. 31, Fond du Lac struggled to contain Northland-Remer’s talented center Chris Scheidt, who tallied 25 points in the game. After allowing Scheidt to score 15 of the team’s 26 points in the first half, FDL clamped down on defense with a 1-3-1 zone at halftime, effectively shutting down the Northland-Remer low post game the rest of the way.

Kello Brown led all Fond du Lac scorers with 33 points, including five electrifying dunks. The lanky junior forced several turnovers with his defense as the Eagles’ guards approached the time line. Senior center Travis Brown - Kello’s older brother - also scored in double figures with 19; and Cousin Trevor Brown scored 13, including three three point

buckets. Here’s a summary of the most recent results:

**Feb. 3 – At Lac Courte Oreilles** – The Ogichida played without Trevor, Travis, Lee “Bubba” St. John, or Dewey in the lineup, but they defeated LCO by a score of 69-49. Kello had 40 points, and Scott Abramowski 11 scored points.

**Feb. 4 – Mesabi Academy:** Relentless defense carried the Ogichida past the visiting Mesabi Academy. Head Coach Ken Fox pulled the starting five with more than nine minutes left before half-time and a 31 point lead. All the reserves did was to play pretty good defense themselves, extending the halftime lead to 41 points. Fond du Lac cruised to a 115-47 victory. Kello Brown led the way with 31 points. Bruce Martineau, a seventh grade student known for his intensity on defense, scored 23 points.

**Feb. 5 – Minnesota Transitions Charter Academy:** Nobody thought it was going to be easy, and it wasn’t. The Ogichida, playing three games in as many days, had to face the defending class “A” state champions, who beat the Ogichida by a 135-79 score. Kello Brown led the way with 27 points, while Travis Brown had 24, Bruce Martineau had 12 points.

**Feb. 15 – Cook:** Fond du Lac came off of a ten day break in the schedule with a win against the visiting Cook Little Gophers. Borrowing the slogan “what can Brown do for you?” The answer is plenty. Travis Brown scored 24 points, Kello Brown had 19, and Trevor Brown added 14; nearly matching the en-

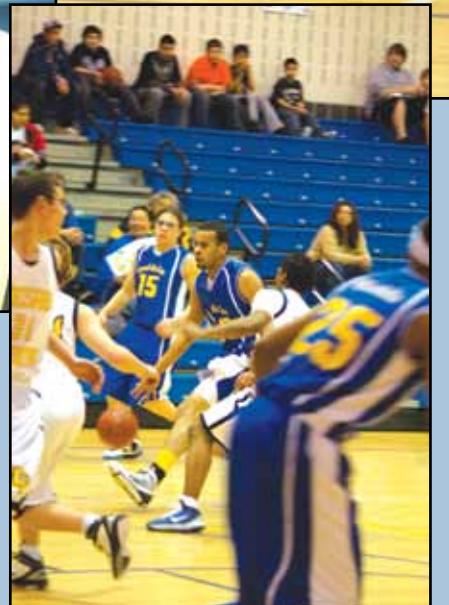
tire Cook team.

**Feb. 22 – At Bigfork:** In an easy 35 point win on the road, senior Travis Brown scored 30 points, and little brother Kello topped that by scoring 32. Lee St. John chipped in with 18 points. With nearly four minutes remaining, Coach Fox switched to a four corner or stall offense, used by teams trying to kill the remaining time by passing the ball around without trying to run up the score. Unfortunately, that didn’t stop opposing fans from accusing FDL of doing it anyway.

March madness is a two word term used to describe the NCAA basketball tournament. March is also the time of playoff excitement at the high school level. This year the Fond du Lac team expects to advance deeper into the state playoffs than it did last year.

“Our tough schedule is beginning to pay dividends, Head Basketball coach and school Athletic Director Ken Fox said.” But we’re struggling with our free throw shooting right now.”

“We appreciate the fan support. Come playoff time, it would be nice to see more fans in the gym at our last home game March 4 as it will be the last home game for our seniors,” Fox said. Dewey Dupuis, a senior who has already completed enough credits toward graduation, shared those same thoughts when he posted a message on Facebook, saying he hoped the team has better crowd support in the playoffs.



FDL senior Dewey Dupuis (top) finishing a fast break with a lay-up Feb. 4; Jennifer Jo Fox (above) cheering for her dad, Lee St. John on Jan. 31; Travis Brown (right) driving toward the basket Feb. 4.

# Ogichida Girls Team prepares for state playoffs



The Fond du Lac Ogichida Girl's basketball team enters the playoffs March 3. The team is very young overall; the entire team will return next year with the exception of Jennifer Abramowski.

Although they girls are nearly a lock to finish the regular season with a seventh seed in the state playoffs, The girls team has a 7-16 record with one regular season game remaining against Red Lake.

Jennifer Abramowski; Amber Fox, and Kasey Shabaiash lead the team in scoring. All are very capable shooters and handle the basketball well, according to assistant coach Jarvis Paro.

Look for the Boys and Girls playoff schedules to be posted on the Fond du Lac homepage.

## FDL Ojibwe School Honor Roll

The Fond du Lac Ojibwe School would like to congratulate the following students for their academic achievement during the 2nd term in the 2010-11 school year:

**High school (grade 7-12), "A" Honor Roll:**  
Dakota Barney

**High school "B" Honor Roll:**  
Scott Abramowski; Daezha Bird; Justice Bressette; Shadow Bressette; Jeroam DeFoe; Daniel Greensky; Dominic John-

son-Fuller; Francene LaDeaux; Daniel LaPrairie; Arrowanna Martin; Bruce Martineau; Janessa Martineau; Warren Mountain; Cody Ojibway; Natasha Reynolds; Miles Scharp; Johnathan Stolberg; Quintana White.

**Elementary "A" Honor Roll:**  
Mary Ammesmaki;  
Tekla Stolberg.

**Elementary "B" Honor Roll:**  
Jacob Ammesmaki; Ovaughn Boshey; Devin Brisbois; Olivia Davis; Edward DeFoe; Kaila Dufault; Naazhe Freeman-

Sutten; Muri Goseyun; Lakota Kedrowski; Sierra King; Izaiah Lightfeather; Jagger Lind; Jacob Reynolds; Michael Reynolds; Maraya Sandy; Dylan Savage; Starr Shabaiash; Brian Wichern.

*Congratulations to all!*

# Area news

## Relief requested after winter fire destroys homes in Washington tribal community

A devastating fire in the White Swan community, on the Yakama Indian Reservation Feb. 12 has prompted a request to Indian Country for donations and relief supplies for the families living in the 18 homes destroyed by a wind-swept fire that hit the area.

Fire damages are expected to exceed \$4 million, including damage at a tribal wood chipping business. The American Red Cross opened a shelter for

community members impacted by the fire.

The Yakama Nation Council declared a State of Emergency and is requesting the state governor's office to declare a State of Emergency which may help in obtaining federal assistance. Damages likely will not reach the threshold for a federal disaster declaration which would make significant federal resources available.

Emergency relief can take time to obtain and rebuilding will be an even longer process.

Among the items needed: Non-perishable foods; clothing for men, women, children,

and babies; toiletry items, baby items, furniture items, etc. are needed. People interested in offering assistance to fire victims are asked to make a donation through the following organizations:

- Yakama Nation Homeland Security Emergency Management, (509)865-5121 ext.6036
- Monetary Donations: Bank of America is accepting donations in the account name: "CONFEDERATED TRIBES & BANDS OF THE YAKAMA NATION: WHITE SWAN FIRE RELIEF FUND"

## Racino project proposed for Hibbing

A group interested in opening a racetrack and casino in Hibbing has been given four years to buy the property.

According to the Duluth News Tribune, the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) voted Feb. 23 to grant an option on 615 acres of land, mostly used for previous mining operations.

The \$45 million project would include a track for snowmobile racing in the winter and motor-sports racing in the summer in addition to the horse races. The track would replace the Hibbing

Raceway at the old fairgrounds site.

Supporters of the project say the only way for it to be successful is if it gains legislative approval to include a casino.

Even if the legislature approves the casino, the proposed horse track still needs to be approved by the state Racing Commission. The other two horse tracks in the state have tried for years to gain Racing Commission approval without success.

**Editor's note: The following is from a Feb. 2, 2011 editorial by Terri Henry, a Councilwoman for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and co-chair of the National Congress of American Indians Task Force on Violence Against Women. She also serves on the board of the Indian Law Resource Center. The editorial is used with permission from the Indian Law Resource Center.**

## Commentary: Restoring respect for the first women of this land

It was with great honor that my nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee (N.C.) Indians, hosted the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Ms. Rashida Manjoo. Her visit to Cherokee was spurred by the concern that American Indian and Alaska Native women are victimized at more than double the rate of violence of any other population of women in the United States. Fortunately, there is a growing global awareness of the voices of Native women calling for safety and justice. With great pride we welcomed Ms. Manjoo to the Qualla Boundary to listen to our community: people that respond to the medical needs, to the 911 calls, those that investigate and prosecute, and to the Cherokee Court where women seek justice in the hope that the violence will end. While Cherokee does not have a perfect response to these crimes we are outraged by the rape or beating of any woman, and we are committed to increas-

ing the safety of all women who reside within our tribal community. Most importantly we understand Cherokee women have the right as citizens of the Eastern Band to the protection of their government.

Like all Indian tribes we face the daunting task of overcoming complex social barriers that allow violence against our women to continue. Yet unlike state and federal governments, we as a tribal government face legal barriers to the protection of women.

Since 1978, our tribal government, like all Indian nations, has been stripped of the authority to prosecute rapists and abusers that are non-Indians. Further, federal law prevents our tribal court from adequately sentencing offenders to the same extent as state courts. No matter how heinous the crime, tribal courts can only impose a maximum sentence of one year per offense, unless certain conditions are met, in which case the maximum sentence is three years. Rape in

the State of North Carolina carries a maximum penalty of 40 years, so for most tribal victims, a three year sentence is a far cry from equal justice under the law.

Ms. Manjoo's visit provided the setting for our community to talk openly about our desire to ensure that women can live lives free from violence. We came together to look deeper at its roots, and we understand that we must work harder – despite the legal obstacles – to create safety for women. While the vast majority of Native women will never receive justice under the current laws of the United States we can offer women respect and acknowledge that violence is wrong and is antithetical to our tribal beliefs. Legal reform often takes years, even decades, to occur and Native women do not have the luxury of time. While the United States debates the law, more Native women are being victimized. We, as Indian nations and tribal relatives, must find additional ways to protect

women and deal with the monsters amongst us.

In 1838, the United States forcibly rounded up thousands of Cherokees and marched them in the dead of winter from our homelands here in the east to Oklahoma. Thousands died on the trail due to lack of food, clothing, shelter, and other horrific conditions endured during the march. Like other federal statutes and policies toward Indians, the Removal Act legalized the deaths of thousands of Cherokee children, women, and men. As Cherokee people, we experience federal law and Supreme Court rulings differently than all other Americans. As Indian nations and women, we also experience this epidemic of violence differently than all other Americans.

It is our hope that Ms. Manjoo's visit will shine a spot light on this crisis—one that compels the United States to not only acknowledge the cycle of violence against Native women but use

its authority and resources to end it. While bad men commit these heinous acts, it is bad law that prevents good people from saving lives and stopping the violence. It is time for the United States to recognize that the violence will continue until it removes the legal barriers that tie the hands of tribal governments from protecting their women. While we applaud the recent advances made by President Obama and Attorney General Holder, removal of these barriers requires Congress to act.

Given the daily toll on the lives of Native women we call upon the good-hearted justice loving people of America to not be blind to the reality that one of every three American Indian women will be raped in their lifetime and that three out of four will be physically assaulted.

It is upon us all to act and extend a hand to restore respect and safety for the first women of this land.

# FDL Law Enforcement news

The following is a summary of about one month of select police reports.

- 1/16/11 Report of intoxicated male in the snow bank near Gas and Grocery; located male and transported to CMH.
- 1/16/11 Report of unwanted male on Whispering Pine Dr.; located male and brought to jail for trespassing.
- 1/16/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver cited for driving after suspension (DAS) and warned for no brake lights.
- 1/17/11 Traffic stop on Cary Rd.; driver warned for speeding.
- 1/17/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver cited for speeding.
- 1/17/11 Report of unwanted people on Whispering Pine Dr.; parties separated for the night.
- 1/18/11 Traffic stop on Brevator Rd.; driver cited for DAS
- 1/18/11 Report of a tailgate in the middle of the road; located it and removed it from road.
- 1/18/11 Report of marijuana found at Black Bear Casino.
- 1/19/11 Report of items taken from a vehicle on Brevator Rd.
- 1/19/11 Traffic stop on Brookston Rd.; driver cited for DAR.
- 1/19/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver cited for speeding and no insurance.
- 1/20/11 Report of car in the ditch near Swenson Rd.; located car and removed it from ditch.
- 1/20/11 Report of 2 car accident on Cartwright Rd.; no injuries reported.
- 1/20/11 Report of gas drive off at Gas and Grocery.
- 1/21/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 31; driver warned for head light out.
- 1/21/11 Traffic stop on Twin Lakes Rd.; driver warned about rear sticker missing.
- 1/21/11 Report of bus stop arm violation, driver cited.
- 1/22/11 Report of threats on Mission Rd.; one arrested for probation violation.
- 1/22/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver warned about front license plate about to fall off.
- 1/22/11 Report of intoxicated person at Tribal Center; located male and brought to detox.
- 1/23/11 Assisted State Patrol at the scene of a car accident on Hwy. 210.
- 1/23/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver warned for speeding.
- 1/23/11 Report of gas drive off at Gas and Grocery.
- 1/24/11 Assisted Carlton County Deputies with accident on County Rd. 61.
- 1/24/11 Report of domestic assault; located male and arrested.
- 1/24/11 Report of house being entered on Church Rd.; located person that entered house and gave property back.
- 1/25/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver cited for speeding.
- 1/25/11 Traffic stop on Cary Rd.; driver cited for speeding.
- 1/25/11 Report of unwanted person on Belich Rd.; taken to another house for the night.
- 1/26/11 Traffic stop on Jarvi Rd.; driver advised 21 day temporary tag was obstructed.
- 1/26/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver cited to failure to transfer title.
- 1/26/11 Assisted Floodwood Police during a burglary in progress.
- 1/27/11 Traffic stop on Stevens Rd.; driver cited for no proof of insurance.
- 1/27/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 31; driver cited for failure to display current registration.
- 1/27/11 Assisted Cloquet Police with a slumper at Walmart who was staying at Black Bear Hotel, located child and brought to the shelter.
- 1/28/11 Located person with outstanding warrants and brought to jail.
- 1/28/11 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd.; driver cited for DAS.
- 1/28/11 Report of a car hitting a mailbox on Cary Rd.
- 1/29/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver cited for driving without valid Minn. license.
- 1/29/11 Traffic stop on Cary Rd.; driver cited for speeding and driving without a valid Minn. license.
- 1/29/11 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd.; driver cited for no insurance.
- 1/30/11 Report of gas drive off at Gas and Grocery.
- 1/30/11 Report of a car in the ditch near Belich Rd.
- 1/30/11 Traffic stop on Brevator Rd.; driver warned for poor driving conduct.
- 1/31/11 Report of truck hitting fire hydrant by B & B Market, car towed and city works crew notified.
- 1/31/11 Traffic stop at Tribal Center; driver and passenger arrested for controlled substance.
- 1/31/11 Report of semi truck lost its load of logs on the turns on Twin Lakes Rd.
- 2/1/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver warned for speeding.
- 2/1/11 Report of gas drive off at Gas and Grocery.
- 2/1/11 Report of male making threats; located male and it was a misunderstanding.
- 2/2/11 Report of loud music on White Spruce; owner advised to turn the music down.
- 2/2/11 Report of intoxicated male on Big Lake Rd.; located male and brought home.
- 2/2/11 Stood by while Cars Towing removed a car from a residence on Ridge Rd.
- 2/3/11 Report of intoxicated and unwanted male on Mahnomen Rd.; brought male to his residence.
- 2/3/11 Report of unwanted female on Whispering Pine; located female and brought home.
- 2/3/11 Report of unwanted intoxicated male on Ridge Rd.; brought male to detox.
- 2/4/11 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd.; driver cited for driving after revocation (DAR), and no proof of insurance.
- 2/4/11 Traffic stop on Reservation Rd.; driver warned for speeding.
- 2/4/11 traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver cited for speeding.
- 2/5/11 Report of unwanted male on Brevator Rd.; located male and brought to detox.
- 2/5/11 Assisted Cloquet Officers with sleepers at Walmart; brought one to jail on warrants; the others to Chum Center in Duluth.
- 2/5/11 Assisted motorist on Hwy. 33; driver had flat tire.
- 2/6/11 Report of disturbance in Brookston; brought one male to jail.
- 2/6/11 Assisted St. Louis Deputies with a civil process.
- 2/6/11 Report of an assault on Belich Rd.
- 2/7/11 Report of intoxicated person walking around the parking lot of Black Bear Casino; located male and brought home.
- 2/7/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 2; driver cited for DAS.
- 2/7/11 Traffic stop at Gas and Grocery; driver warned for failure to dim headlights.
- 2/8/11 Report of gas drive off at Gas and Grocery.
- 2/8/11 Report of horses in the road by Simon Rd.; could not locate horses.
- 2/8/11 Report of car in the ditch on Brookston Rd.
- 2/9/11 Report of unwanted person at the Tribal Center; located person and arrested.
- 2/9/11 Report of car and bobcat accident on Big Lake Rd.; animal was turned over to conservation dept.
- 2/9/11 Assisted Carlton County with DWI arrest at Sawyer Store.
- 2/10/11 Traffic stop on Cary Rd.; driver arrested for DWI, speeding and DAR.
- 2/10/11 Assisted Carlton County during a traffic stop.
- 2/10/11 Report of intoxicated person at supportive housing; person in question was not intoxicated.
- 2/11/11 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd.; driver warned for window tint.
- 2/11/11 Traffic stop on Hwy. 210; driver warned for speeding.
- 2/11/11 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd.; driver cited for no proof of insurance.
- 2/12/11 Report of intoxicated male passed out in snow bank; located male and brought to CMH.
- 2/12/11 Report of unwanted person on Migizi Rd.; person brought home.
- 2/12/11 Report of intoxicated male on Whispering Pine; male brought to detox.
- 2/13/11 Report of female causing problems at Black Bear Casino; officers stood by while waiting for her ride.
- 2/13/11 Report of a domestic assault on Tyler Dr.; one person taken to jail.
- 2/13/11 Report of car in the ditch; driver arrested for DWI
- 2/13/11 Report of assault on Ridge Rd.
- 2/14/11 Traffic stop on Moorhead Rd.; driver warned for speeding.
- 2/14/11 Traffic stop on Soukkala Drive; driver warned for speeding.
- 2/14/11 Traffic stop on Cologne Rd.; driver cited for speeding.

# Stephen Bonga and Family



*Photo of Stephen Bonga,  
courtesy of Northeast Minnesota Historical Center.*

**By Christine Carlson**

**M**uch has been written about this famous African American and Ojibwe family and many mistakes repeated. Sometimes the name was written as Bungo but I will use Bonga for this story. Stephen Bonga's grand-parents are Jean and Marie-Jeanne Bonga who were slaves from the West Indies and both were born in 1750. They were married on June 25, 1794 on Mackinac Island, then a prominent trading spot in northern Michigan. They belonged to or were servants of a British officer named Captain Daniel Robertson who commanded at Mackinac from 1782 to 1787. Jean and Jeanne were also the first hotel keepers on the island of Mackinac. They were freed in 1787. Jean and Marie Jean had three children. They were Rosalie, Charlotte and Pierre. Rosalie and Charlotte lived in the Montreal area. Marie-Jeanne died in 1794 and Jean Bonga died Jan. 20, 1795.

## **Pierre Chimakadewi-ash and Ojibwekwe**

Stephen Bonga's father is Pierre Bonga, also known as Mukdaweos and was born about 1771. He was the first African American to stay in the Lake Superior area. He later married an Ojibwe woman called Ojibwekwe Ikwe who was born in 1814. This woman can't be Stephen's biological mother because Stephen was born in 1799. Pierre worked for the fur trader John Sayer & Company in 1795. He also worked for the South West and the American Fur Company. All these places he worked were part of the Fond du Lac Department. Pierre was an interpreter for Alexander Henry, Jr. at the Red River area

in 1802-03. Pierre and an Ojibwe woman had several children. I will write about five of them. The first born was Marguerite or Margaret, Stephen, George, Elizabeth and Jack. Pierre died in 1831 and Ojibwekwe-Ikwe died in 1848.

## **Margaret Bonga Fahlstrom**

Pierre and his wife's first child was Margaret who was born about 1797 in the Lake Superior area. Margaret married a Swede by the name of Jacob Fahlstrom at Fond du Lac in 1823. In the 1850 Federal Census, Jacob and Margaret Falstrom were listed with their children Nancy, Cecelia, James, George, John and his family as all living in Stillwater, Minn. They settled in a town called Afton. Jacob died in 1859 and Margaret died Feb. 6, 1880.

## **Stephen Bonga**

I will write mostly about Stephen Bonga who was born around Superior in June of 1799. Stephen's father had two sisters living in Montreal. As a young man, this was where he was sent to be educated for the Presbyterian ministry but he was not ordained. In 1823-24 Stephen and brothers George and Jack were working for the American Fur Company up at Grand Portage. Stephen also traded in the border lakes regions of northern Minnesota and western Ontario in 1827 and 1833.

In 1837, Bonga was appointed a government interpreter for the treaty with the Ojibwe signed at St. Peters. Bonga was a trader with Roussain and Morrison in 1848. These are some of the items that were from the trader's manual under Stephen Bonga's name: several point blankets (heavy weight, striped and made of wool), one fathom (a unit

equal to six feet) of cloth, six yards cotton, one pair S.C. leggings, six yards Linsey Woolsey, three fathoms gartering figured, two balls gilling twine, four cups powder, one cup shot, two bars soap and four beaver traps.

Bonga's name is listed in the 1850 Census of the Fond du Lac band. While living at Pokegema in 1856 and 1857, Bonga was a guide and trusted friend of the famous painter Eastman Johnson. During the Sioux outbreak of 1862, Stephen was 63 years old and joined the Superior Home Guards which was a group like the militia to help protect the city. Stephen traveled around in his canoe a lot but stayed in the Head of the Lakes area for most of his life. He was also a frontier guide and interpreter.

Bonga was a good athlete and his favorite game was baseball. He was a pitcher with professional accuracy and considered a favorite player in Superior. Stephen also loved to dance and attended most of the dances in the early days of Superior. He was not a medicine man but took care of many people who were in need. In 1881 he was doing a thriving business by operating a fruit stand and selling photos of himself. In 1884, Bonga died in Superior and was buried at Wisconsin Point and later removed to the Nemadji Cemetery.

## **Early Stories about Stephen Bonga**

Alfred Merritt's Early Reminiscences of Stephen Bongo found in the Duluth Sunday News Tribune of March 8, 1925.

*A story is told about him while living at the mouth of the Brule. Some Superior fellows came down on a fishing trip. While*

# Stephen Bungo Born 1799

camping there some of the party stole all of Bungo's chickens. Bungo, who was noted for his politeness went to their camp, and said, "Excuse me, gentlemen, Chippewa is my native language, but some of you gentlemen have stolen all of my chickens." It is needless to say Bungo was well paid for his chickens.

Bungo was a great bear hunter. He once told me about his exploits, and went on to say how he had killed more bear than anybody else, but said he, "Bungo's dog died and Bungo did not kill any more bear."

Duluth-Superior Harbor Incident as Written by John Bardon  
Captain George L. Brooks of Superior owned and commanded the Superior and Duluth passenger ferry "Minnie Lemont." John A., Bardon, Engineer. The Nemadji Boom Supt., a passenger on the ferry, wished to be transferred to the tug. Usual and proper whistles were exchanged. Both boats approached each other cautiously. The "Minnie" backed up strongly and the tug apparently likewise, but they bumped smartly, head on. Capt. Merritt held a rope fender over the tug's bow to ease the impact.

Stephen Bungo, the aged Chippewa and negro half-breed, Superior's "first white child," was a passenger standing on the ferry's stern, leaning against the canopy. Because the Engineer saw they were going to collide, and the re-bounce of the canopy would likely throw Bungo overboard, he made a dash to grab

him. They were both thrown overboard, Capt. Merritt likewise. There they were—Captain of one craft and Engineer of the other, trying their best to save Bungo—and keep away from the reversed uncontrolled propeller of the Lemont! All were duly picked up by the "Martin" and then she had to chase the "Minnie" as no one seemed to stop the backing engine.

"Old Bungo" had proved the best swimmer of the lot. He had shinnied up the Martin's "Fender" like a cat and lent a hand in hauling the other two "mariners" aboard.

## Stephen's Marriages

Information on a site in Ancestry.com states Stephen's marriage in 1833 was to Charlotte Susan Bongo and she died in 1860. In the 1857 Minnesota Territorial and State Census for St. Louis County, Stephen is listed with Charlotte age 45 who was born in Minnesota. The children listed are John, Samuele, James, Charlotte and Battese. The 1870 Census for Superior lists Stephen a fisherman and Susan Bongo age 60 with four children and that Susan was born in Minnesota. The children listed are Joseph, Susan, Margaret and Paul. The 1880 Census for Superior lists Stephen and Mary age 65 with five children and that Mary also known as Bahbewahbequay was born in Wisconsin. The children listed are Maggie, Sarah, James and John. Mary, a child, and another Bonga family

member were recorded as being removed from Wisconsin Point to the Nemadji Cemetery.

## Sugar Bush Time in the Hills of Western Duluth

I have found several stories about Stephen Bonga but little has been written about his sugar bush activities. The western part of Duluth to the old village of Fond du Lac was known as a great sugar bush area. Two sugar bush areas are even shown on an old map of western Duluth provided by my friend Tom Hallenhorst from UMD. Stephan Bonga and his family lived in Wisconsin at Pokegema Bay. Pokegema means a bay at one side of the river. This

bay is across the St. Louis River from Smithville and Riverside.

Bonga's family came across the St. Louis River to set up their spring camp. Each family had its own part of the grove and went back there year after year. At the camp was their hidden cache of supplies and their pole framed wigwam was waiting for their return. Women brought the birch bark sheets, woven mats and supplies they carried from home. Sumac taps were made as well as birch bark containers called makuks to col-

lect the sap. Trees were tapped and wood was cut to keep the cooking fires going. There was work, friendships renewed and socializing for family and friends.

It seems I have a connection to some of the stories I write. It is interesting that the first time my family collected sap was up in the woods behind Smithville and Riverside. In 1996 my brother-in-law Don Anderson first introduced our family to tapping trees and collecting the sweet sap. I wonder

if we walked the same ground that the Bonga family walked. My 19 year old son Keane and I have been collecting maple sap near Net Lake for 7 years. Last year we tapped 100 trees, so we can appreciate the dedication it takes to do this each spring.

## George Bonga

George was born around the head of the lakes on Aug. 20, 1802. Bonga was educated in Montreal, Canada. He married two Ojibwe women. The first was named Nahgahnashequay and the second Baybahmaush-eak Ashwewin. They had five children: Peter, William, Jack, Susan and George. In 1836, George was a trader in the old village of Fond du Lac. He is also mentioned a few times in the Ely Diary during that time.

George was listed in the 1860 Federal Census from Leech Lake.

## Elizabeth Bonga

Elizabeth Bonga from Gull Lake was noted as being George Bonga's sister in the Half-Breed Scrip of Chippewas of Lake Superior. Gull Lake is located near Brainerd.

## Jack Bonga also known as Ahnodahgun, Mahkahquay and his wife Taydahcumahbequay

Jack Bonga was born in 1820. Taydahcumahbequay was born in 1827. Jack was also noted in the Ely Diary as being in Fond du Lac in the mid-1830's and was a fisherman. He was listed as a voyager in the 1860 Federal Census from Leech Lake.

## Grave of Stephen's Mother

In 1884, an Indian grave was opened up by the railroaders in preparation for the first railroad bridge being built between Duluth and Superior. It was called the Short Line road. This grave was that of the mother of Stephen Bonga of Superior. She was buried there in 1862 by Joe Lavierge and Louis Sky who also lived in Superior. The skull, a pipe, and beaded leggings were all that was left of this full-blood Ojibwe woman who was well along toward a hundred years old.

"Old Bungo had proved the best swimmer of the lot."

# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Onaabani Giizis

The new moon that occurs on March 15 is Onaabani giizis, or the "Hard crust on snow moon." The sap of the aninaatig begins to flow under this moon, also known as Ziinsibaakwadooke giizis, or the sugar coming out moon. Another name for this moon is Aandego-giizis (Crow moon).

### Timber Cruising at Fond du Lac

By Nikki Crowe

Anne Dunn tells a story of how the Tamarack, mashkiigwaatig, lost her needles because she was vain, our old stories teach about responsibility and kindness being rewarded. In some ways our Fond du Lac foresters are rewarded for their responsibility and kindness when they go out timber cruising. Scott Grover (pictured at right) pinches himself to remind himself that cruising through the forest on cold winter days is a job. He says being out in the forest is more spiritual in the winter when everything is asleep.



Scott Grover

gobaandag, so that the snow lands right on my head. I usually put tobacco asemaa down in respect to those spirits and explain aloud who I am and why I am there. I love seeing all the different animal spirits too! Sometimes

I really concentrate on my hike to the plot and when I get there I realize I'm in the territory of a family of porcupines. The porcupines are way up in different trees staring at me, as if to say, "Who's this?" I laugh to myself and say to the porcupine "Boozhoo gaag! I'm just going to cruise timber and be outta here shortly!"

Ileana Henry tells me that FDL foresters go out timber cruising whenever they can, but the winter biboon months are nice because they are able to have some fun navigating to remote forested areas (often inaccessible in summer months) via horseless sled, better known as snowmobiles. In the winter they are able to see the trunks of the trees better because there are no leaves to

block your sight. Hiking from plot to plot with snowshoes on helps keep excess winter weight off and gets timber cruisers ready for fire season as well as the dreaded pack test.

Fond du Lac reservation has over 18,000 acres of forested tribal lands. The majority of this forested land is dominated by aspen due to past land use and/or disturbance patterns (like fires, floods, insect outbreaks, logging), our climate, and our soil type. We also have several thousand acres each of northern hardwoods (species like sugar maple, basswood, and yellow birch) and swamp conifers (black spruce, northern white cedar, or tamarack). According to Steve Olson, FDL Forester, the cruising Scott & Ileana do is for FDL's forest inventory which is used to determine sustainable harvest levels & where we might carry out management activities, like blueberry, miinan, restoration. For more info go to: <http://www.fdlrez.com/newnr/forestry/management.htm>

*Mitigwech to Steve Olson, Ileana Henry and Scott Grover for their contributions to this article.*

Photos credit: <http://www.fdlrez.com/newnr/forestry.htm>.

### Birch Tapping

by David Wilsey

Last month we profiled several FDL sugarbushers. This month, we want to make sure that another local resource is not overlooked. Like aniinatig (maple), wiigwaas (birch) can be tapped for sap in the spring. Birch trees are tapped in the same way as maple. The birch-tapping season typically starts in April and continues until buds appear. To test readiness, break a small twig: if sap drips out of the break the tree is ready to tap.

Neither birch sap nor syrup is traditionally consumed in the Americas, yet millions of gallons are gathered in Europe and bottled as a natural drink. It contains important vitamins and minerals, like vitamin C, potassium, manganese, and calcium. In the Americas, most birch sapping is in Alaska and Canada. Birch sap is used to make candies, salad dressings, marinades, and any other products that can be "enhanced" with some birch syrup. (Nonalcoholic) birch beer is also produced in the US.

One notable difference between

the sap of aniinatig and wiigwaas is sugar concentration. Maple sap's sugar is typically around 2% or higher. Birch sap typically is around 1% sugar. Where it takes about 45 gallons of maple sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup (45:1), birch sap to syrup proportions are typically 100:1.

Another notable difference between the sap of aniinatig and wiigwaas is that maple's sugar is sucrose while birch's sugars are simple, glucose and fructose. For this reason, birch sugars (sap) melt at



Ileana Henry

lower temperatures and can caramelize, giving syrup a darker and stronger taste.

A final note: birch sap is also perishable and will only last a few days once drawn. However, sap can be frozen.

Sources: *Birch and birch bark - J. Zasada; Celebrating Birch North House Folk School*

## Important Scholarship information

By **Bonnie Wallace**  
FDL Scholarship Program  
Director

On January 20, 2011 the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) approved a Revised Version of the Fond du Lac Scholarship Program's policies, procedures, guidelines and instructions (hereafter referred to as "guidelines").

We have completed a mass mailing to all of our current students and handed out several copies at our table at the State of the Band Address. We have also mailed several copies to all the financial aid staff at the colleges, universities, technical and private career schools associated with our scholarship program.

We are currently in the process of planning three financial aid / tribal scholarship workshops at the three community centers during the month of March, so watch for flyers and other announcements. This is open to the entire community but our

main focus will be on current and future students.

Know how much the scholarship staff appreciates your patience as we implement these revised guidelines. We know change can be difficult, but after 15 years not only did the staff feel changes to the scholarship program were necessary, but the RBC did so as well.

Because we work closely with federal, state and institutional financial aid programs, we have to make sure our programs remain current and up to date on their policies and procedures because these federal and state programs are critical to your eligibility for grants and scholarships.

These programs serve as the base or building block of each financial aid award and our program cannot determine a scholarship award unless we have confirmation of what federal, state and institutional aid is going to be offered to you first. Our scholarship money is only supplemental to all other sources of financial aid.

Upon the completion of fall term funding and implementing

our new guidelines, we felt the reception was overwhelmingly positive. However, we remained very open to student ideas, suggestions, or recommendations to perhaps modify some areas.

The RBC offered some suggestions in addition to some by our local financial aid folks. We listened carefully and compiled all of these suggestions, both positive and not so positive, and the final modifications were approved in January by the Tribal Council.

The key to being successful in the college enrollment process is to:

- Read everything regarding your scholarship;
- Watch for important deadlines;
- Keep a student file for yourself;
- Stay in touch with your academic advisor, the school financial aid staff, and the FDL scholarship staff on a regular basis.

There will be times when you feel the process is simply overwhelming, but if you follow the above suggestions, it will be easier and you will get the help you need.

Our role is to ensure that our limited scholarship dollars are disbursed in a fair and equitable manner to all eligible Band Members who seriously seek a post secondary degree, diploma or certificate. The RBC continues to promote education as one of their ongoing priorities and this generous scholarship program is an extraordinary gift, an opportunity for band members to enter that college classroom with pride and determination.

Now is the time to begin the application process for the 2011-12 year and our scholarship packets are ready. Meeting our July 1 deadline means you will receive priority funding so don't delay! For questions or

help please contact the scholarship staff at (218) 879-4593 ext. 2681.

*Remember, there's nothing incompatible about being both Indian and educated.*

## Head Start Spring Round-up on April 13

Applications for the 2011-2012 Fond du Lac Head Start programs are now available. The FDL Head Start will hold its annual Spring Round-up from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. April 13, 2011, at the Head Start gymnasium, 33 University Rd., Cloquet.

Parents will need to show proof of income by providing a pay stub, taxes, per cap, etc.

Returning Head Start and Early Head Start children do not have to reapply. Early Head Start children transitioning to Head Start programs will need to apply.

Early Head Start programs are for children 6 weeks to 3 years of age. Head Start children must be 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 2011.

For more information call (218) 878-8100 or stop by the Head Start office at 33 University Rd.

## Wisdom Steps meeting information

Attention Elders age 55 & over: We'll be having our monthly Wisdom Steps meeting at 5:30 p.m., March 8, at the CAIR building in Duluth.

A bus will be provided from the Cloquet Community center at 4:30 to & from the meeting. Please contact Patti at (218) 878-2606, Deb (218) 878-8053 or Char (218) 279-4119 to sign up for the bus.

## Please plan ahead – special hours for Food Distribution week of March 20-26.

The Fond du Lac Food Distribution building will be closed March 23. Food distribution will be open March 21, 22, and March 24. Normal hours of operation resume on March 28.

## Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation to hold homebuyer education class in March

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation will offer a first-time homebuyer education class from 8:30 – 4:30, March 26 at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Building, 15542 State 371 NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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

Please reserve your spot in this class by calling (218) 335-8582 ext. 150 or email [cbeaulieu@mnchippewatribe.org](mailto:cbeaulieu@mnchippewatribe.org). Child-care is not provided during the class, so please make other arrangements.

## New septic pumping prices for Band Members

The Fond du Lac Construction Company has released new prices for pumping waste from holding tanks and septic tanks.

Elders will pay \$13 per 1,000 gallons for holding tanks, and \$43 per 1,000 gallons for septic tanks. The price for Band Members is now \$125 per 1,000 gallons for holding tanks, and \$150 per 1,000 gallons for septic.



*Homecoming King James Northrup IV and Queen Annabel Morrisoe Jan. 29 at the Cloquet Senior High School. James was one of three Cloquet Indian Education students elected to the Homecoming Court (Mariah Smith and Kierra Johnson are the others). James is the son of Jim and Lisa Northrup.*

# Community News

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

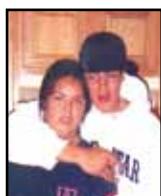
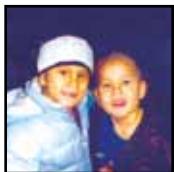
Also, we will include news of graduations (high school and post-high school) and military service. Memorials to loved ones or notes of appreciation are also welcomed.

Please submit materials during the first two weeks of the month preceding the next issue. For example, send notices to us by or on Mar. 15, 2011 for the April issue. Information may be sent by U.S. mail to FDL News, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, Minn. 55720, or by email to [danielhuculak@fdlrez.com](mailto:danielhuculak@fdlrez.com)

The telephone number is (218)878-2682. You may also drop off items at our office at the Cloquet Tribal Center. Always include your daytime phone number and your name with anything you submit. Materials will be edited for clarity and length.

## Birthdays

Happy 12th Birthday **Alisia Rubio** (March 28)  
*Love you, from Grandma Lori*



Happy 25th Birthday **Lorene Bosto** (March 16)  
*Love you, from Mom.*

Margaret Needham of CAIR would like to wish the following staff a Happy Birthday for the month of March: **Patrick Boyle**, Adult Nurse Practitioner CAIR/MNAW (March 2); **Judy Harper**, Medical Records Clerk, (March 3); **Mike Jenkins**, Public Health Nurse Supervisor (March 15); **Mary Gronseth**, Licensed Practical Nurse (March 27); and **Renee Gibbs**, Licensed Practical Nurse, March 30. Happy Birthday to all!



Happy 15th Birthday to our beautiful daughter **Amber Robinson** (March 9). *LOVE YOU. Kendra, dad, Destiny, Bailey, & Sophija*

Happy belated Birthday **Ruth Phipps** (Feb.12).  
*Love, your family*

Happy belated anniversary to **Ruth and Tim Phipps** (Feb. 10).  
*Love, your family*

Happy Birthday to the most wonderful daughter! **Brennin Skoglund** (Feb 25).  
*Love, mom and dad*

Happy birthday **Brennin Skoglund** to the greatest sister!  
*Love, Mikey*

Happy Birthday **Alexis Kay Kettelhut** (March 22)  
*Love you, Mom and Trey*



Happy Birthday **Tracey Shabash** (March 18).  
*Love, John-John*

Happy 1st Birthday **Rylie Irene Diver** (March 18)  
You have captured our hearts in a way never thought possible. We love you very much Precious Girl!  
*G-ma Darci, Dad and Uncles Tayden and Fhenix*



Wishing **Jaimie Petite Sr.** a very Happy 29th Birthday (March 23) *Love, your big sister Janelle and brother-in-law Mel*

Happy 7th Birthday to our beautiful niece **Jezlyn Marie Abramowski** (March 27)  
*Love, Nell & Uncle Mel*

Happy 3rd Birthday to my **baby, J.J. Ammesmaki** (March 11).  
*Love, Mom*

Happy Birthday to **Carol Jaakola** (March 3).  
*Love, Lorri and Chris*

Happy Birthday to my grandson **Champ Zacher** (March 3)  
*Love, Grandma Lorri and Grandpa Chris*

Happy Birthday **Lori Jaakola** (March 5)  
*Love, Lorri and family*

Renee Sutherland, Black Bear Casino Resort Slot Administrative Supervisor, would like to wish the following employee a Happy Birthday: **Sherri Zagar** (March 20)



Wishing my beautiful mother **Diana Reynolds** a very Happy Birthday (March 30)  
*Love, your daughter Janelle*

Happy birthday to my baby brother **Jeff Tibbetts** (March 20)  
I love you!  
*Your sister Beth*

Happy birthday to my niece **Jennifer Humphreys** (March 7)  
*I love you! Auntie Beth*

Happy 3rd Birthday to our Love bug! We love you **Janessa Thompson** (March 16)  
*Love Mommy, Daddy, and Takota*



**Congratulations** Congratulations to **Jason Goward** on graduating and earning A.A. degree from FDLTCC. Best wishes continuing your education at UWS. We



love you and are very proud of you!  
*With love, from all of your family and friends.*

Congratulations **Christopher Zacher** on honorably completing eight years active duty in the United States Marine Corps, Dec. 2002 – Jan. 2010. I appreciate all that you do, I am so proud of you and I love you very much!  
*Semper fidelis, from your wife, Sarah*



Congrats to our Marine daddy, **Christopher Zacher** upon completion of eight years in the Marine Corps. We love you very much and you will always be our hero! Oorah!  
*Love, your kids Breea and Kingslee*

Congratulations to the **Cloquet Community Center Biggest Loser participants**, who have lost a total of 217.8 pounds so far! What a great job!  
*Roberta Welper, Cloquet Community Center Manager*

**In loving memory** In memory of my dad **Sewell Tibbetts**, Who passed away March 12, 2009. We think of you all of the time, especially when one of the grandkids do something goofy. We know you would get a kick out of it. You

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are with mom now and no more suffering. We miss you both!  
*Beth, Jeff, and Lee*

In loving memory of **Randy Barney Jr.** Three years ago, March 20, 2008, God called you home. You're not alone daddy, son, brother, nephew and friend. A part of us went with you. We miss everything about you, mostly your smile and crazy humor. Forever thinking of you, Randy; you're still our # 1. RIP.  
*Love, from your family.*

Daddy, it's been 3 years since I got to see you, but you're with me all the time. I am growing up and I'm into sports and lots of other things. I miss you Daddy, but I want you to know that I'll always be your "Ray Ray," a drop of Golden Sun! Hugs and kisses Daddy. *Love, your daughter Reaann "Ray Ray" Barney*

## Obituary

**Frances Opal Barney**, age 30, of Bemidji, journeyed to the Spirit World on Feb. 1, 2011 at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1980 in Bemidji, the daughter of Francis Barney and Barbara Mitchell. Frances liked going to church, loved her children, attending school, arts and crafts, traveling at night and picnics.

Frances is survived by her mother Barbara; sons Isaiah and Noah Delapaz and their father Phil Delapaz; Jesus Johnson and Conner Barney; a daughter Megan Ryan Barney; other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father Francis Barney and a sister, Stephanie Barney.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Building; Cass Lake, Minn. Father Richard Cutbank officiated.

**William "Bill" Joseph Wise Sr.**, 62, of Sawyer, died Feb. 9, 2011, in Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth surrounded by his family.

Bill was born Dec. 16, 1948, in Cloquet, to Herman and June Wise. He graduated from Carlton High School. He served in the Army during the Vietnam era. Bill was a carpenter working in construction for many years for area construction companies.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and canning, cooking and spending time with his grandchildren. Bill was a creative artist and enjoyed painting in oil and water colors. He enjoyed telling stories and teaching the youth about the Native traditional customs that have been passed down to him by his Elders.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Emil and Gertrude Wise; brother Doug Wise; nephew John Bahen; uncle Forrest Wise; and two grandsons, Gabriel and Stephen Wise.

He is survived by his fiancé and best friend of 20 years, Sandy Topping; children Amy June (Aron Didio) Wise of Cloquet, Jenn Ward of Duluth, William (Maureen Rivera) Wise Jr. of Sawyer, Brandon Topping of Sawyer, Clayton (Brittney) Topping of Sawyer, Josh Wise of Cloquet, and Charlie Wise of Sawyer; brothers Louis Wise, Randy (Janice) Wise, and Dave (Sherri) Wise all of Sawyer;

sisters Ruth Wise-Bahen and Susan Wise-Christenson, both of Cloquet; 12 grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Erie, Pa., and Southern California.

Visitation was held Feb. 11; and 12:30 until the 1:30 p.m. funeral service Feb. 12, in Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. Burial was held at Sts. Mary and Joseph Cemetery in Sawyer.

**Leland Debe, "Awsawdum,"** 76, of Cloquet, Minn., died Feb. 14, 2011, in his home.

Lee was born in Sawyer, Minn. He demonstrated a sincere appreciation for those things of the Creator's hand and then nurtured by Sacred Mother Earth. Lee worked for the benefit of Indian people in many capacities; most recently by his tireless contribution to the Fond du Lac Gitigaan gardening program.

In the warrior tradition, Lee entered the United States Army as a teenager and proudly gave 22 years of distinguished service. Holding positions of service as 1st Sergeant of several

combat units in Vietnam, Lee contributed that unique expertise which won him meritorious recognition and the respect of his men, and he retired as a Master Sergeant.

Lee was preceded in death by sisters Christina Holliday, Alvina, Bonnie Lou and Jenny.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; children, Mark Debe of Duluth, Minn., Richard McMillan of Esko, Minn., James McMillan of Esko, Guy Tanskanen of Duluth, and Frank Kutzler of Cloquet; daughter, Linda (Graham) Hodges of North Carolina; sister, Temprance Debe of the Fond du Lac Reservation; and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A gathering of friends and family was held from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service Feb. 18, at Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. Military honors will be accorded by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard. Spring burial will be in Oneota Cemetery in Duluth.

**Richard Leonard Houle Sr.**, 77, of Superior, Wis., died Feb. 19, 2011, in St. Francis Nursing Home in Superior.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Nancy (Laundry) Houle; four brothers; and three sisters.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jean of Superior; sons, Richard Jr. of Superior and David (Sharon) Peters of Ontario, Canada; daughter, Nancy Carlson of Cloquet, Minn.; brothers, Fred (Pearl) and William, both of Cloquet; sisters, Anna Thompson of Cloquet and Georgiann (Gerald) DeRoche of Aurora, Colo.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 24, in Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, Cloquet. Visitation continued Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service, also at the funeral home. A time of lunch and fellowship followed at the Fond du Lac ENP.

## 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 \$245,900. Call (218) 879-5617 for more info.



# Onaabani Giizis – Crust on the Snow Moon March 2011

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; OJS: FDL Ojibwe School;

CFC: Cloquet Forestry Center; NRG: Natural Resource Garage; BBGC: Black Bear Golf Course; MKW: Mash-Ka-Wisen Powwow Grounds; DC: Damiano Center;

FDLTCC: Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College; OJSHS: Ojibwe School Head Start; FDLGG: Fond du Lac Gas & Grocery; TRC: Tagwii Recovery Center

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>Remember Diabetes/ Disney World Contest</b></p>		<p>Blood Sugar screening 10 a.m. MNAW Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC WIC 12 p.m. CAIR Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC Elder Concerns 10 a.m. CCC Adult Game Day 12:30 p.m. CCC Beading 4:30 p.m. FDL Museum GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>WIC 9 a.m. CAIR Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Cooking class PHN 12 p.m. CCC Water Aerobics 5:30 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p><b>Fathers Forever 9 a.m. FDLTCC</b> Golf practice 10 a.m. CCC Volleyball net up 12:30 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC <b>Fearless Fighting Martial Arts 5 p.m. BBCR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	
	<p>Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC Biggest Loser Weighin Start Week CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS Cribbage 5 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC GED 4 p.m. CCC Wisdom Steps mtg 5:30 p.m. CAIR AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC Elder Concerns 10 a.m. CCC On the Move Incentive pickup 12 p.m. CCC Adult Game Day 12:30 p.m. CCC GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Beading 4:30 p.m. FDL Museum Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS 52+ Elders 5 p.m. CCC I CAN COPE 5 p.m. MNAW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p>Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Blood Sugar Screening 11 a.m. FDLGG Water Aerobics 5:30 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p>Golf Practice 10 a.m. CCC Volleyball nets up 12:30 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
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	<p>Adult pool 11 a.m. CCC Adult cribbage tourney 11 a.m. CCC Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS Cribbage 5 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	<p>Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC GED 4 p.m. CCC GITAGAAN Garden 5:30 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p><b>Food Distribution closed today</b> Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC Elder Concerns 10 a.m. CCC Adult Game day 12:30 p.m. CCC Beading 4:30 p.m. FDL Museum GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS 52+ Elders 5 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p>Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p>Blood Sugar Screening 11 a.m. CCC Water Aerobics 5:30 p.m. CCC <b>.38 Special 7:30 p.m. BBCR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p>Golf Practice 10 a.m. CCC Volleyball nets up 12:30 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC Painting class 10 a.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
	<p>Teen Workout time 4 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC Blood Sugar screening 2:30 p.m. BBCR GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS Cribbage 5 p.m. CCC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC GED 4 p.m. CCC GITAGAAN garden 5:30 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>	<p>Elder Exercise 8:30 a.m. CCC Elder Concerns 10 a.m. CCC Adult Game day 12:30 p.m. CCC Beading 4:30 p.m. FDL Museum GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS <b>Sobriety Feast 6 p.m. CCC</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>Teen Workout time 3:30 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA support 6 p.m. TRC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>		