

# Nahgahchiwanong (Far end of the Great Lake) Dibahjimowinnan (Narrating of Story)



Secretary Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau speaks at this years' State of the Band Address which started with Chairwoman Karen Diver giving out an award to Joseph Bauer for his efforts to help raise money for a new police dog.

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# Local news

## State of the Band Address

At this year's State of the Band Address many topics were brought up about last year's accomplishments as well as this year's goals.

After Secretary Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau went through last year's financial numbers, Chairwoman Karen Diver spoke about the key points of last year for the Band.

First on the agenda was the passing of Mary Northrup. Attendants of the address were asked to give a moment of silence for their former friend and co-worker.

The biggest news that occurred in 2011 for the Band is the decision regarding the Fond du Lac casino. The Band won its court case with the City of Duluth. A federal district court ruled in Nov. that the Band didn't have to pay for the second part of the 25 year agreement, but that it disagreed with the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) on whether payments from 2009-11 had to be paid back. In March, those rulings are going back to court to be clarified as they contradict with one another. The NIGC states it's illegal to pay that

money, but the federal court claims it has to.

Also, the Band now has one radio station on the air as they work to purchase the last remaining for sale radio frequency in the area. In Sept. the Band had approximately a two week window where it had to have its public radio station on the air or face violations with their license. The station broadcasts public interest from the area so we can hear about programs and events going on. It's also nice to give some balance to main stream media that might not cover the issues accurately and the band is now able to get its voice out to the listeners.

The next major event of 2011 is that the Band secured funding for a veteran housing unit. Ten units are planned to be built which is good because statistics show that veterans suffer from homelessness at a greater rate than the general population. This will give us a chance to give back to those who gave so much for their country.

The purchase of Spirit Island was discussed next. It was purchased back by the Band and currently testing is taking place in the water around the island.



Chairwoman Karen Diver asks for a moment of silence for former Brookston Representative Mary Northrup, who passed away Dec. 6, 2011.

As of right now it is thought that this clean up will be even bigger than the Striker Bay clean up.

The remaining topics of the evening were to discuss future growth on the reservation with expansion to the assisted living facility, the housing project, and road construction which include a walking/biking path, turn lanes at the two biggest intersections and a waterline to protect the reservation from a

water main break. The Voight taskforce which will allow FDL Band Members to have treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather was also touched on in the meeting.

The remaining open RBC meetings for the 2012 calendar year are as follows:

- Mar. 16 1:30 at the Cloquet Community Center
- Apr. 19 1:30 at the Brookston Community Center

May 17 1:30 at the Sawyer Community Center

Jun. 21 5:30 at CAIR

Aug. 16 5:30 at the MN Chippewa Tribe Building

Sep. 20 1:30 at the Cloquet Community Center

Oct. 18 1:30 at the Brookston Community Center

Nov. 15 1:30 at the Sawyer Community Center

Dec. does not have a schedule open RBC meeting.

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Translation: Far End of the Great Lake; Narrating of Story

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

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

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

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

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# Local news

## Kans for Kaylee

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

The Fond du Lac Police force once again has a police dog, named Kaylee, thanks mostly to the help of Joseph Bauer.

In April 2011, Bauer got the idea to start collecting cans for the K9 program when he heard that current police dog Victor was retiring. It wasn't until July 29 when Victor was playing with his handler, Sgt. Casey Rennquist, when he hurt his back and couldn't work anymore. Originally Sgt. Rennquist was planning on having his dog for a full year before retirement. He later found that the police dog suffered from a genetic trait known as hip dysplasia and had to be put down.

"The cost that it would be to possibly do surgery and not knowing if he would be able to walk was just too great," Sgt. Rennquist said, saddened by the memory of his former dog and friend.

But since Bauer had already begun working hard to collect money for the next dog to replace him, they were already well on track.

"How I started was I was sitting around the Fond du Lac

police department. My mom and the chief of police Sam [Ojibway] who said that grants don't cover police dogs anymore. I asked him 'how much does a dog cost,' and he said, '\$7000.' I said 'maybe I can raise that for you.' That's when my mom and I started thinking about ways to raise money," Bauer recalled of how he got the program started. Bauer has impressed the community with his dedication and selflessness in helping the police department get their new dog.

That's when Paul Samuelson, K-9 Master Trainer, was hired to train in a new dog. Kaylee was imported from Holland where Samuelson had some of his dog training education, and really thought that Kaylee was exactly what they needed. He knew that they needed more than just a narcotics searching dog and not just because he's trained over 75 dogs.

"I was in law enforcement for 15 years, and I don't get to go out and catch bad guys anymore, but training dogs I think I do more than enough and just the satisfaction of knowing my dogs is out there catching bad guys," Samuelson said when asked what his favorite part of training in these dogs. He has trained all

over, including the United States, Holland, and Slovakia, but he credits his skill of training dogs to something more instinctive.

"I can't fix cars or build houses, but for some reason training dogs just came natural to me. I blended everything I learned together for my own unique style of training," Samuelson said.

Most of the dogs that Samuelson trained are for the police force, but he has also trained dogs for tracking and home protection. Kaylee is a dual purpose dog. As Samuelson explained she's not just for sniffing out narcotics, but she can also be used for tracking.

Sgt. Rennquist has been really appreciative to have a dog once again. Kaylee is now his third working dog. Sgt. Rennquist is impressed with Bauer's efforts and knows that without his help, he may not have Kaylee.

"When Joe and his family heard that we were going to retire Victor, Joe came in and spoke with the chief on his ideas to raise money. He immediately started bouncing ideas off of him on what he wanted to do and then ran with it. He started making a bunch of money. When Victor died he really stepped it up and made a lot of cash. He was able to keep this K-9 program going," Sgt. Rennquist said.

But talking to Bauer will show you how excited he is about the K-9 program and how he isn't done just yet. Bauer's plans take him far down the road but he also knows that his current collection has to stay with Kaylee and any equipment Sgt. Rennquist might need for Kaylee.

"We are going to continue our fund. My plan is that I want to raise money for other communities so that we don't just overwork our dog," Bauer said.



National award winning musician Keith Secola (Anishinaabe) was the featured performance act at the Storytelling/Silent Auction event with Jacob Vainio and musician Frank Montano.

## Sawyer's Dibaajimowini maawanji'idiwan

By Ivy Vainio and Pat Northrup

The 3rd annual storytelling and silent auction event took place in Sawyer on Feb. 18. The Dibaajimowini maawanji'idiwan featured Ojibwe storytellers who told traditional creation stories.

From registration and the other festivities Pat Northrup, who along with her husband, Jim, were in charge of coordinating the event, estimated that there were over 300 people in attendance at the Sawyer Center. District II Representative Sandra Shabash attended the storytelling festivities and even addressed the audience.

Traditional Ojibwe storytelling was presented in a play format that was performed by fluent speakers David "Niib" Aubid, his brother Mushkooub, and other family members. Rick Gresczyk, a fluent speaker and co-impler of the Sawyer 4-day Ojibwe language immersion camp, also told creation stories of his own.

Storytelling wasn't the only festivity that happened in

Sawyer that day. Music was also performed. The featured musicians were national award winning musician Keith Secola, Frank Montano, and 13 year old Duluth resident Jacob Vainio, along with others who came to perform.

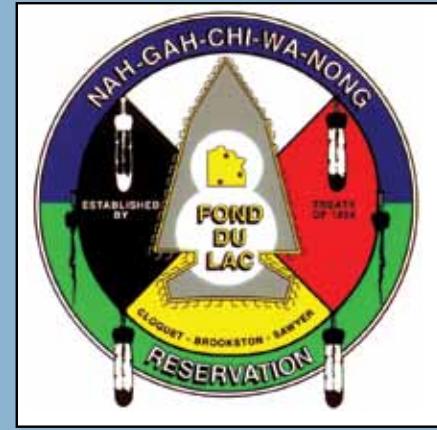
A few of the open microphone performers were the youth from the community who sang songs in Ojibwemowin to contemporary covers like Grammy winner Adele's "Someone Like You."

The silent auction took place during the other festivities and included Native American artwork, books, and other high-quality items. Northrup states that proceeds from the event will be used for the upcoming FDL language camp in Sawyer which will take place this June. The camp is four days long and begins on June 21.

The lunch and silent auction was a beautiful event that cemented the fact that the Ojibwe culture and language is thriving and is intertwined throughout our families. It was refreshing to see these traditions carried out and performed by the young and the old at this cultural event.



Paul Samuelson (Left) poses for a photo with handler Sgt. Casey Rennquist and the boy who raised the money for the new K9, Joseph Bauer



# A few thoughts from RBC members

## From Chairwoman Karen Diver

After much delay, the Nelson Act distribution bill finally had a hearing on Feb. 2 with the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Thank you to Senator Al Franken for continuing to help resolve this issue. On a positive note, Mike Black, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, offered testimony in support of the distribution. It is very helpful when a bill has the backing of administration. With the exception of Chairman Archie LaRose of the Leech Lake Band, who

spoke against the distribution, the other Minnesota Chippewa tribes offered support for the bill. Rep. Chip Cravaack is assisting in the next step to get a hearing on the House bill approving the settlement.

The hearing in the House Committee is scheduled for Mar. 1. After that it goes to a conference committee to work out any differences between the House and Senate bills. Once conference committee work is complete, the final



Karen Diver

bill can be approved. We are getting closer.

In early March I will have a series of meetings with federal agencies in Chicago. I will be meeting with Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Administrator Hedman to discuss mining activities on the Iron Range and about the EPA's duty to protect tribal ceded territories. There will also be at a training for Army Corp of Engineers staff regarding tribal consultations and the trust responsibility, and

I will serve on a panel to give direct information about tribal expectations. I will also be visiting the General Services Administration office to see what the delay is on the appraisal for Wisconsin Point.

Plans are underway for this summer's construction season. A new waterline extension along White Pine Trail and Airport Road will allow for more future growth on the reservation, as well as increase the ability to maintain a duplicate line for fire protection in the case of the failure of the main line. Moorhead and Davis roads in Sawyer will be completed. A

walking/biking trail along Big Lake Road will be accompanied by intersection improvements at Trettel Lane by the clinic. Twenty more units of housing will be started with the 10 unit Veteran's supportive housing project and a 10 unit rental apartment building. It looks like it will be another busy year.

*As always, please let me know if you have questions or comments at (218) 878-2612, karendiver@fdlrez.com.*

## From Ferdinand Martineau

Boozhoo niiji, Several years ago, I was approached by a band member and asked if we could exercise our treaty rights in Wisconsin. I was not sure of the answer, so I asked our attorney. He told me that we would have to file our request with the court and let them make a determination on the existence of our rights under the treaty. I figured that the tribes in Wisconsin had their rights affirmed through the courts as signatories to the treaty so, as a signatory also, it should be easy for Fond du Lac. I was told by my supervisors

that we were in a lawsuit over our treaty rights in Minnesota and we were not going to take on another treaty case until we finished this one. That seemed to be a good strategy, keep our resources focused on the fight at hand. I went back to work and put the Wisconsin issue aside for the time being. Then about two years ago I was discussing the possibility of hunting in Wisconsin with some of the bands from there as we have quite a few band members that reside there. They came up



Ferdinand Martineau

with an interesting proposal.

They asked FDL to join the Voight taskforce and adopt their codes. The taskforce oversees the exercise of treaty rights by member tribes in Wisconsin. I discussed this with our legal department and resource staff. I also discussed it with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) staff. We all came to an agreement what had to happen in order for this to take place. After we amended this and adopted that and changed this and added that we were ready

to proceed.

In Jan. 2012 we officially became charter members of the Voight taskforce and should be exercising our rights under the GLFWC code in the Wisconsin ceded territory shortly. So, the next time you see Reggie Defoe you might want to thank him for all the work he put into this to make it possible.

I am preparing my address for the state of the band that is rapidly approaching. It is very interesting to put these numbers down in one report to the band. I realize how big a business it is that we run here, how large an impact we have on the local economy. Our annual payroll alone last year topped 60 mil-

lion dollars with over 2,200 employees. After seeing a few new grays in my hair I understand why.

*If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me. My home number is (218)879-5074, Office (218)878-8158 or you can e-mail at ferdinandmartineau@fdlrez.com*

Gigawaabamin.

*RBC columns continued on next page.*

**From Sandra Shabiash**

**On the local Sawyer scene:**

The Sawyer Community Center was busy during the past month. Activities included a chili cooking contest with first through third place winners. The open pool tournaments are still a big hit. There were over thirty participants from Sawyer, Cloquet, and Brookston participating. In addition,

the regular 10,000 rummy tournaments are a favorite activity carried out monthly.

Community members went on a Chanhassen Dinner Theater trip. The group enjoyed a comedy performance and had a great dinner. There was nothing but positive comments on their return.

**On the area scene:**

We have heard that the Nelson Act hearing is going to be introduced either Mar. 1 or Mar. 15. Hopefully this will be passed during this session. We all have been waiting patiently for years and years. Again, don't spend it



Sandra Shabiash

until you have the check in your hands. Feb. 16 is the date of our

State of the Band Address. All aspects of the past year's activities will be discussed. I hope to see many of you there.

In closing we have enjoyed a remarkable warm January and February.

*For questions contact me at (218)878-7591 or e-mail me at sandrashabiash@fdlrez.com*

**Election Calendar**

The following is an updated schedule of the remaining important election dates. Keep an eye on these dates as the voting times near.

The seats up for re-election this term are Chairperson, District I (Cloquet) Representative and District III (Brookston) Representative. The candidate statements can be found for all the candidates who submitted their statements to the paper and a picture on pages 8 – 15.

- April 3: Primary
- April 4: General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results.
- April 5: General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.
- April 6: Deadline for Request for Recount.
- May 11: Notice of Regular Election (TEC provides ballots)
- June 12: General Election
- June 13: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election.
- June 14: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
- June 15: Deadline for Request for Recount.
- June 19 (4:30 P.M.): Deadline for Notice of Contest.

**From Wally Dupuis**

Hello all,

During the past month, we have been working on the planning and engineering of the 10 unit Veterans Assisted Living housing project, and the 10 unit apartment building project. These units will be located north of the Airport Road in the vicinity of the existing assisted living unit.

We are also working on the development of the hiking/biking trail, and intersection update project. This project will consist of a trail from the Ojibway School to the C-store, along both University Road and County Road

7. Our expected start date for these projects is spring 2012. Each of these projects is essential in providing both housing and public safety to our communities.

The Cloquet Community Center began the spring biggest looser contest on Feb. 12 and will run until May 12. They will be offering prizes such as Nike shoes, Nike shoe sensors, and iPod Nanos.

On Feb. 28, the Minn. Department of Agriculture will be holding an open house at the Cloquet Community Center to discuss treatment plans for the invasive Gypsy

Moths and this will be open to the public. Our Community Center staff also held a soup and bread making contest this month, the winners include Mace Fonoti, Mel Diver, Jeff Savage, and Tammy Nykanen. The Community Center staff



Wally Dupuis

is also holding a youth baseball player parent meeting on Mar. 9, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to attend and participate. This is a very good opportunity to involve your youth in a community based organized activity. A light dinner will be provided.

Another new project started

by our Human Services Division with the Native American Men's Group is the Digital Story Telling contest. This contest is an effort to motivate men both young and old to engage in the process of communicating something important in their lives. It offers a free trip to San Francisco California's Native American film festival as a grand prize. Please go to [www.fdlrez.com/digital-storytellingcontest](http://www.fdlrez.com/digital-storytellingcontest) for full details.

*As always, please feel free to call me at 878-8078 or 428-9828 or stop by.*

# Connor's Point and the Families of Ogasah Duchene LaPrairie and Thomas Patrick Connor

By Christine Carlson

There is confusion about who Connor's Point is named after. Some say Thomas Connor, some say Patrick Connor and some say Benjamin Connor. I can certainly understand the confusion. After much research, I must agree with Rev. Norris Dickey who wrote a story for a Works Progress Administration (WPA) Project in 1941. Dickey said the name was Thomas Patrick Connor.

## Thomas Patrick Connor

Here lies the confusion. His first name was Thomas and middle name Patrick and through the years people may have interchanged the names. Maybe Thomas liked his middle name of Patrick better. Thomas and Susan did name their first

born son Patrick. Like my friend Jeff Savage says, "Histories mysteries".

## Rice's Point

It was Thomas Patrick Connor who first wintered at Rice's Point in the year 1802. Rice's Point is on the opposite side of the St. Louis River from Connor's Point. Rice's Point is located at the end of Garfield Avenue in West Duluth. It is east of the Goodwill Store and way at the end is the United Parcel Store. The West Duluth entrance to the Blatnik Bridge towers above the end of the point. Rice's Point will be the subject of a future story.

## Connor Moves to the Opposite Point

After one winter on Rice's Point, Thomas Connor then

moved across the St. Louis River to the opposite point. The first non-Indian who settled on this historic point was Thomas Connor; therefore, it was named Connor's Point. Throughout history if you were a white male, places were named after you. No, it is not fair or right, but that was the reality back then and most often now.

## Hudson Bay Trader's License

Thomas Patrick Connor was from Northern Ireland and then went to the Hudson Bay Company and had a trader's license. When living here at the Head of the Lakes Thomas married an Ojibwe woman by the name of Ogasah or Susan.

## Susan Connor and the Treaty of 1826

The 1826 Treaty was signed at

the old Village of Fond du Lac in Western Duluth. One of the main stipulations of this treaty is that the government wanted mineral rights on the land.

In the appendix of the treaty it gave Susan Connor, wife of Thomas Connor and daughter of Pimegeeshigoqua and to each of her children one section of land. Pimegeeshigoqua's four children listed are Joseph Jr., Isabella, Susanne and Jean Baptiste.

## Susan Duchene LaPrairie Connor

Susan (Ogasah) Duchene LaPrairie was the daughter of an Ojibwe woman by the name of Pimegeizhigoqua or Bemigisigoque and Joseph Duchene LaPrairie also known as Mushkewinini or old blind Prairie man. Joseph was known to be an expert in roots and plants. Susan LaPrairie was listed in the 1840 Wisconsin Territorial Census in St. Croix, Wisc.

Joseph Duchene LaPrairie was born about 1755 in Canada and was a clerk with John Sawyer at Folle Avoine Trading Post. The name Duchene is also known as LaPrairie. Joseph was also associated with St. Croix and other Fond du Lac Fur Trading Departments. There is an internet site called Fur Trader Prairie Man-Duchene/LaPrairie posted by S. Dennis that is a good resource.

## Northwest Fur Company

Duluth News Tribune article by Collier of April 26, 1925

says, *During the winter of 1783-84 the Northwest Fur Company was organized to carry on the fur trade, and in the winter of 1784, they had a "wintering" house at the base of Connors Point, where their fort was built later and called "Fort Fond du Lac".*

## Stuntz the First Government Surveyor

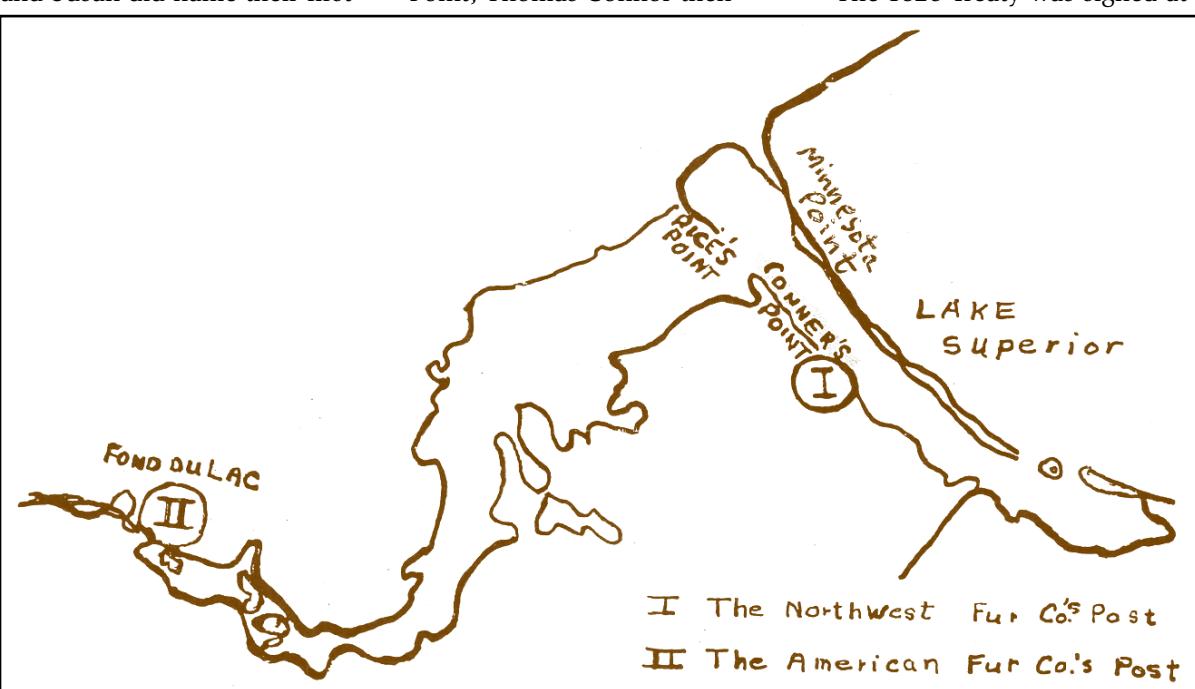
*George R. Stuntz, the first government surveyor in Superior (about 1852-3), found extensive evidence of ancient occupancy at the base of Connor's Point.*

## Edmund Ely's Diary - 1839

Ely's diary mentions Connor's Camp, Mr. Connor and a man named Fred Connor. This may or may not be the same person. Ely writes that his canoe was broken and their gum was almost gone. Bark was procured and six and one half pounds of tallow was purchased from Mr. Connor. Ely's flour was ruined by the rain so Mr. Connor lent them one bag or half a barrel of flour. The place Pokegema is mentioned. This was the Pine City and Snake River area where the Thomas and Susan Connor family lived.

## Comprehensive Guide Plan - Pine City, Minn.

There is a paragraph in this 1971 booklet noting that Thomas Connor was an employee of the British North West Company. He built a small wintering post there in 1804-05 consisting of a trading post and crude





stockade. The Minnesota Historical Society verified the site and excavations started in 1963. I have been to the post which is just off I-35 at Pine City. It is a tourist attraction that is open in the summer.

Some say that Thomas Connor wrote a diary during that time. This diary was used to help guide the excavators. The author of this diary was later proven to be James Sayer, not Thomas Connor.

### Connor's Point Burial Grounds

Bertrand's Recollections of Old Superior states, *Connors Point, like all other points forming the various boundaries of the bay, was a burial place for Indians; with Connor's and Wisconsin points as probably the most noted. Until the encroachments of industries and squatters, there was a notable cemetery in the neighborhood of the Connor residence—and there may have been others as well. Among the crumbling sand banks of the bay side, actually receding from the affects of wind and water—occasionally undermining trees and bushes where once had been terra firma, bones, skulls, and beads were often exposed. From these indications it may be inferred that the region was well populated with Indians in early or more remote times; and it is related that when the Chippewas were among the great Indian nations, large numbers of them inhabited this section which was the scene of their conflict with the Sioux.*

### Indian Mounds at the end of Connor's Point

Reminiscences of Early Days by Mr. Merritt says, *On the end of Connor's Point there was a mound perfectly round and 40 feet high, at least high enough so that from the top you would look at the tops of the trees. I always thought that it was an Indian mound and so perfect. It was standing in good shape in 1865. After that the waves washed it away.*

Duluth News Tribune article of Aug. 26, 1908 reports, *James Bardon of the East End, who is one of the best informed men in the city on matters relating to the early history of this section, said yesterday that the Chippewa Indians had unquestionably made use of the base of Connor's Point for a burying ground before the whites began to settle here in the early '50s; that skeletons had been washed out by storms from their resting place in the sands in the early days.*

### Fond du Lac Department Fur Post at Connor's Point

I need to make the distinction of all these different Fond du Lac's. There is the Fond du Lac Reservation in Cloquet which was created as part of the Treaty of 1854. There is the old Ojibwe village of Fond du Lac in the western end of Duluth and this is where I grew up. There is Fond du Lac, Wisc. which is the county seat of Fond du Lac County. It is located south of Oshkosh and Lake Winnebago. There was the Fond du Lac Department that encompassed

a huge fur trading area around and along Lake Superior.

Paragraph from Perrault in Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections:

*These trading expeditions to Fond du Lac between 1784 and 1792 were so profitable that the Northwest Company decided to establish permanent posts in this section. In the summer of 1793 John Sayer, a Northwest partner, engaged Perrault to go to Fond du Lac and build a fort which would serve as a depot for the whole region, Perrault and ten workmen arrived at Connor's Point, in what is now Superior, on August 16.*

### Ft. St. Louis also known as the Fond du Lac Fur Post #1 also known as Connor's Point

Throughout the years this one special place has been known as three different names: Ft. St. Louis, Fond du Lac Fur Post #1 and Connor's Point. I love researching these stories because I learn so much. I knew a lot about the fort in the old village of Fond du Lac in western Duluth but Connor's Point I did not know as much.

### St. Louis River Channel

Early explorers fishing in the area between Rice's and Connor's Point took great catches of fish such as sturgeons of a vast bigness and pycks which were seven feet long. Wow, those must have been the good old days.

### 1850 LaPointe Census

I often list names from the LaPointe Census. This does not mean that the folks mentioned lived at LaPointe. LaPointe was for many years the headquarters and important Ojibwe meeting place and trading center for Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Pokegama, Sandy Lake, Leech Lake, St. Croix and others.

The 1850 LaPointe Census shows that Thomas Connors, age 69 was born in Canada and was a laborer. His wife's name is Susan, age 56 and was born in Wisc. They had three children named Patrick age 26, Peter age 18 and Elizabeth age 15.

### Trip to Historic LaPointe

Last summer, I was so excited to be invited to tour historic LaPointe with LeRoy Defoe and Kristine Shotley. We went to the museum, the Ojibwe Cemetery and church cemetery. It was wonderful walking the grounds of this historic and significant place.

### The son Peter Connors and Kaygwaudubequay

Records copied years ago from Dan Anderson's office show that Peter Connors was born about 1810 and married Kaygway-dub-equay who was born about 1825 and died around 1908. They had a son called Peter Connors who was born about 1850 and married Catherine St. John who was born about 1860. Catherine St. John's dad is Frank St. John who was born in 1831 and died in 1896. Her mom is Catherine Wah-

bish-ke-jeence who was born about 1840 and died June of 1904.

### 1860 Federal Census for the Town of Oneota

Oneota was a river town located west of Rice's Point. Two Connor families were living there in 1860. Thomas Connor was 81 years old and a farmer. His wife Susan Connor was age 67. Their children are Elizabeth age 25, Peter age 28 and grandson Joseph age 4. The next family listed was Patrick Connor age 26 who was a trapper with wife Mary age 28. Their children are Elizabeth, Peter and Susan.

### Benjamin Connor

Some of the newspapers I found on microfilm say that Connor's Point was named after Benjamin Connor. I do not agree with this. I don't find his name with the fur trade until 1852 when a newspaper stated he was living on Connor's Point. Maybe because he was living there, people assumed it was named after him. Benjamin is probably a relative in some way but I did not look for the connection. I did come across a newspaper article that stated that the Benjamin Connor family lived in Knife River, Minn. in 1859.

I really found a lot of people with the name of Connor or Connors. It is a huge family in Minnesota and Wisconsin. With all these similar names, I can certainly see why there was confusion.

# Chairperson Candidates



Alan Abramowski

## Alan Abramowski

My name is Alan Abramowski and I'm announcing my candidacy for chairman of the Fond-du-Lac Reservation Business Committee.

I'm 55 years of age, a father of 3 sons, and I began working for FDL construction when I began building homes in 1981. If you drive on it, live in it, spend time around it, I probably had some hand in making it as a crewman, supervisor, or a foreman.

I have simple hopes and plans for all band members, including working toward solving problems we face with these solutions:

- provide livable wages
  - control spending
  - create full time jobs
  - improve education
  - upgrade health care & insurance
  - increase per cap payments
  - produce new businesses
- We need to immediately address unemployment. Being broke is no joke. Band members should be reasonably paid for contributing a part of their lives to making the reservation a better place. I believe a person is giving an employer more than his or her time. They are giving a piece of their life.

For education, we need to improve these subjects in our schools:

- economics
- cooking
- woodworking
- electronics
- welding
- auto maintenance

I am committed to creating businesses, which will in turn create jobs and provide valuable services for you:

- a mini golf course
- a rent a car service at the casino.
- convenience stores in Sawyer and Brookston

- a bowling alley
- fast foods
- a saw mill using renewable resources
- wood stove manufacturing
- ready mix plant in the gravel pits
- christmas tree farm
- livestock farm
- reinstating pull tabs

I've been a hard working man my entire life and I look forward to the work ahead to improve the reservation for all band members.

Alan Abramowski  
218-879-0084



Robert Ambramowski

## Robert Ambramowski

My name is Robert Abramowski and I'm a candidate for FDL Tribal Chairman. There are several key reasons why I decided seek election.

• **Accountability** – I believe that a Code of Ethics that the people create and vote on by referendum, will give us the protections that we need in order for us to live our lives the way we choose, and take away the potential abuse of power by our Tribal Council. The Current Code

of Ethics does not hold council members accountable for their actions that may violate ethical conduct. In fact, it allows council members to sue you in Tribal Court if you accuse them of a violation. Go to FDL Web Site and read it for yourself.

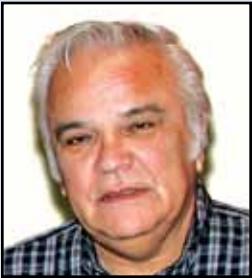
• **Election Reform** – The incumbent has an unfair advantage over the other candidates. They control Housing, Employment, Tribal Court, Tribal attorneys and Band Funds. They appoint the Election Judge, the Tribal

Court Judge and can terminate their employment at any time. So that if a candidate feels that the incumbent has violated the Election Ordinance, there is no real avenue for a candidate to prove a violation has occurred. Under this Election Ordinance, you are not allowed to subpoena witnesses or documentation that you may need in order to prove a violation of this ordinance. So when a candidate brings a violation into Tribal Court, the incumbent is protected by Tribal

Attorneys, an appointed Election Judge, is heard by an appointed Tribal Court Judge and is paid for with Band funds. **This is wrong** and as your next Chairman, I will work with the people in order to change it. I believe that a **True Leader** would recognize this unfairness and change it.

*If you would like to discuss these or other issues, please contact me.*

218-591-6312 or robabramowski5@gmail.com



Peter Defoe

## Peter Defoe

My name is Pete Defoe and I am running for the office of Chairman for the Fond du Lac Band. With over 20 years of experience in tribal government, I know what it takes to be an effective leader. First and foremost, it takes a person with integrity, reliability, strong leadership skills, and the ability to deal with all band members to help them be successful in the path he or she chooses.

My decisions and actions were

based on fairness, honesty, and above all accountability, and during my years in office, I was never once accused of malfeasance or other illegal activities. Band members deserve to be treated with respect, and they must have the knowledge and security that our children's and their children's futures will be preserved.

One area that I plan to focus on is getting qualified Fond du Lac members back in management positions. There are several

FDL people that are qualified for management and supervisory positions at our casinos and enterprises. Why are there people from out of Minnesota managing some of our business? We have the capability and loyalty in our own people, and who better to look out for our future than our own band members?

Also, we need to once again become a better partner. A better partner to all band members, a better partner and leader in our local community, statewide, and

nationally. There is no need for Fond du Lac to act in isolation from others!

Finally, it is so important to me to have band members be heard and feel welcome in our buildings. No one should be made to feel threatened by the RBC while walking the halls. We are all owners of the buildings and deserve to be there.

*Please vote Pete Defoe for Chairman. Thank you.*

# Chairperson Candidates



Ricky W.  
"Gwii wizens"  
DeFoe

## Ricky W. "Gwii wizens" DeFoe

First my Grandparents on my Fathers side are Frank DuFault Sr. and Katy Connor. On my Mothers side Joseph Peterson and Elizabeth Skunk. My Fathers name Leonard C. DeFoe Sr. and my Mothers name Edith M. Peterson. "Gwiiwizens" Ricky Wayne DeFoe is what I'm called.

Born in Cloquet in 1959, graduated Flandreau Indian School South Dakota 1976. Service in U.S. Army National Guard. Ironworkers member Local 512 Duluth.

As a Traditional Pipe Carrier,

Speaker of Anishinaabemowin my travels to Duluth Federal Prison Camp, Northeast Regional Correction Center and Arrowhead Juvenile Center.

Co-Founder of Anishinaabe O'de a 501c3 non-profit to reduce racial disparities in the Judicial systems.

Volunteer work includes Co-Chair of Duluth American Indian Commission. Co-Chair of St. Louis Counties Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative's Oversight Committee. Current member of DTFICPA, oversight of Law Enforcement. Board Member of Northern Bedrock Conservation Corp. current volunteer at

S.O.A.R. in Duluth, MN.

My message to Fellow Band Members in diaspora, those absent and scattered from our homeland called Fond-du-lac. Challenges are difficult but not insurmountable. Communication and relationships are the key. What is our role as contemporary Native Intellectuals in our struggle for Sovereignty? How can we increase lived experiences in our discourse in modern Native America? Your votes are extremely important in the direction we take for a strong future together. Call anytime (218) 340-4148.

My message to our Young Adults is vote! Currently our

young seem depoliticized. Last election only 26% of eligible voters did so. And 59% of those voted for the incumbent therefore no general election was needed! People feel marginalized! Communicate who you believe is looking out for your interests. Call anytime (218) 340-4148.

Ask our Elders, Ask Ourselves, Ask our Children then cast your ballot! I humbly ask for your consideration.

*Thank You All, Gwiiwizens  
Ricky W. DeFoe*



Karen Diver

## Karen Diver

I am grateful for the opportunity that I have had to be of service to the Fond du Lac Band for the last five years. Working with the RBC, dedicated staff and community, we've made tremendous progress.

- Added 8,000 acres to our land.
- Added 94 housing units since 2007, including 24 supportive housing units, Assisted Living, and \$5,000,000 in new funding. In 2012, building a 10 unit building and \$2 million in grants for a 10 unit veteran's supportive housing.
- Completed the Black Bear

project. Paid loan off averting a default during the financial crisis. A default on the loan could have resulted in bankruptcy.

- New Resource Management building and Tagwii treatment facility.
- Began the Band's public radio station.
- Started monthly open meetings, RBC columns in the newspaper, use of community meetings and band member advisory committees to increase openness. Instituted a RBC Code of Ethics.
- Increased efficiency of the RBC and staff using technology and

governance strategies to shorten RBC meetings from 24 hours a week to 3. The RBC now can meet with Band members and manage operations.

- Increased employment to 2,200 employees, an increase of 400.
- Completion the first strategic plan.
- New Tribal Court services included marriages, divorce, name changes and small claims court.
- Success with National Indian Gaming Commission and Federal District Court that agreements for the Fond-du-Luth Casino were not legal, subject

to appeals.

- Developed successful relationships in local, state and federal government. These efforts were accomplished with the support of the community, effective working relationships on the RBC, and teamwork with the Band's departments. I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming primary on April 3rd.

*Please let me know if you have questions 218 590-4887,  
kdiver2815@yahoo.com.  
Karen R. Diver*

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## Wayne Dupuis

Boozhoo, fellow Fond du Lac Band Members. I am Wayne Dupuis and I ask for your vote for the Chair position. I have worked for Fond du Lac in many capacities and have gained insight and experience from each position. I have witnessed the changes from tar paper shacks to multi-million dollar facilities. I have worked bingo setup, construction, social work, human resources, housing. I have continuously made efforts to contribute.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a

Bachelors degree in social work. My purpose for attending school was to assist our communities in development of healthy individuals, families and communities. I also served on the Fond du Luth commission in the early 90's and realized we needed knowledge and skills that would help us manage the operations that were providing us with these revenues, so I attended graduate school at St. Scholastica. I obtained a Master's degree in management, learning skills in finance, accounting, organization behavior, human resource development,

marketing, and strategic planning.

Fond du Lac operations pays out approximately \$185 million in revenues each year. We need to facilitate business opportunities for our community members to keep those dollars here.

Another concern we need to address is addiction. This disease affects every one of us. We need to approach this with love, compassion, support and commitment.

I would move to have a structural separation for the various boards and place more commu-

nity members into these decision points to assure equity in investment in our community. For example, a community board and elder advisory committee that oversees community centers, an economic development commission, a "civil service" board to hire and review personnel issues.

Let's diversify our economy, reward those invested in our community, and promote shared decision-making.

*Migwech, Bizindawiyeg*

# Chairperson Candidates



Peter Durfee

## Peter Durfee

Hello,

My name is Pete Durfee and I'm running to become the next Fond du Lac Chairperson. I have lived on the Fond du Lac Reservation for the past 20 years. My education experiences is a 2 year degree in electrical technology, 16 weeks training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Currently I am working as a

Fond du Lac Conservation Officer with 9 years of Law enforcement experience. My father was the 6th Judicial Judge in the State of Minnesota, Judge Jack (John Durfee). My mother was a nurse now retired, Gayle Durfee.

I have a passion for helping our band members in my community both on and off duty. As your chairperson I will listen to you ideas, and be your voice with

honesty. I will do whatever I can to assist you with your concerns & needs.

### The following issues need to be addressed:

- More quality jobs and better hourly wages for existing jobs.
- Education for K-12.
- Reduce crime by involving the community.
- Start involving the kids and

teens in the community.

- The neglect of elders and their programs that have been cut.

Respectfully,

Peter D. Durfee

Feel free to Call me on these matters (218) 451-0760



John Henry McMillen

## John Henry McMillen

I am John Henry McMillen. I've lived on the reservation for about 30 years, before that I lived in the Twin Cities, Proctor, and Duluth. I used to be the drum and dance coordinator for the Little Black Bear Elementary. In total I worked for the both schools for 13 years. I was a foster care provider for 15+ years. Here are my thoughts:

I believe we should continue in the direction we are headed in regards to the Fond du Luth case.

We need to address gang activity through working with our youth in a positive way. We need to instill culture and language immersion into the school and centers along with empowerment and leadership programs. We also need to create violence reduction programs, with more family happenings and parenting classes. Parent and elder involvement is key in combatting the cycle of violence. Elders need more help making ends meet; they should not have to live their

lives out in stress. We need to be working together with the other bands to protect our resources. With the Tribal Law & Order Act there are monies and resources available to construct our own court systems. We need to work with our people; keep them out of the mainstream system if we are to heal as a people and move forward in a good way. The banishment policy needs to be seriously revised; we need to work with addiction, not split up families and turn our backs on

our people. Our people cannot become healthy without healthy support systems. RBC shouldn't hold all the power; a new system needs to be created with lots of teamwork. RBC shouldn't be making all the money; the people need better wages. We need the traditions and culture back in our lives.

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## Russell Savage

Boozhoo,

Over the years I have seen many administration come and go with each one taking a little of the peoples power from them. Little by little the power of the people was diminished with nothing remaining. We the people have blindly followed the path others have chosen for us.

I have been a Fond Du Lac band member for 77 years and was born in the old Indian hospital.

After a tour in the Army, I

received a Small Business Loan and opened an auto parts store specializing in high performance parts. I also owned two other successful businesses's, raised my children and learned a great deal of business knowledge.

After 19 years I sold the automotive business to my brother Jerry on monthly payments. I moved back to the rez in 1978,

Being a candidate for the Chairman is my humble attempt to bring back the power of the people. We the people need to be

involved in major financial decisions and day to day operations of our tribe.

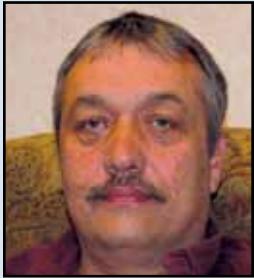
To add a little more independency for our band elders, I want to start a pension plan for those 62 years and older. Similar to the Mille Lacs fund, but NOT TO ABOLISH the present monthly per capita payment to adults. As there are established trust accounts designated to individual minors, these would NOT be changed unless by a referendum vote by the people.

If elected I would not know what to do with the Chairman's annual salary of 144K. I would place half of the salary into an emergency fund administered by one of our established volunteer groups based in Duluth, Cloquet and the Twin Cities. This would amount to \$6000 per month.

Sincerely

Russ Savage

## District I (Cloquet) Rep. Candidates:



Clayton (Jack, Bato) Bassett

### Clayton (Jack, Bato) Bassett

Boozhoo,

Here we are election time again, in the coming weeks you will be flooded with information about everyone seeking your vote. I will also be seeking your vote for District 1 Representative and if you elect me my main goal will be to listen to your ideas and use them as guidance in the decision making as your representative on the RBC. You can be assured

that my position will always be in what is in the best interest of FDL and all band members as a whole.

We all know the issues on Fond du Lac, among them are housing, jobs, education, drugs and of course per capita. Although these issues have gotten better over the years they still exist and it will take a continued effort to resolve. I feel with my years of experience in management at both casinos and my current

position at the Tribal Center will make me an asset in the continued resolution of these issues and in the current and future business ventures of FDL.

My parents are Jack and Mary Bassett, my sisters and brother are Kim, Scot and Rita. I am 52 years old and have always lived on Fond du Lac, most will know me by Jack or Bato. My wife's name is Penny and we have three grown children Jeremy, Brandon and Haley.

In closing I will be contacting as many of you as possible, unfortunately I do not know everyone especially those who live off the rez.

*If you would like to hear more about my ideas please feel free to contact me at (218-391-3539) or email at batobassett@yahoo.com. Remember you have to vote to make a difference, and I hope your vote will make me your difference. Thank you for your time.*



Kenneth L. DeFoe Jr.

### Kenneth L. DeFoe Jr.

Boozhoo, my name is Kenneth DeFoe Jr. I'm running for District 1 Representative. I'm 48 years young. Living and working on our reservation for the majority of my life has let me see many problems we face as a tribe. I don't want to make promises that I may not be able to fulfill within my term, but rather say what I will stand for.

Throughout my many years working on the reservation I have seen my employment opportunities given away. I believe in

keeping our employment within the reservation. If you're a band member wanting employment, as your representative I will stand up for you.

I want to expand the amount of our reservations businesses, creating a circular support system allowing the maximum amount of our money to stay within that circle.

I believe we need to involve elders in major decisions of our tribe. They're the key to our culture and identity. I would like to make sure they are treated as so.

I see youth as the future of our reservation. I've always believed education is important. I will support youth programs already in place. I want more programs created that teach honor, respect, and pride, but with youth input and opinions in mind.

I will always maintain an open door policy for listening to concerns and suggestions, because I believe open communication will improve focus on true concerns while developing our reservation into a more successful and cultural tribe.

Elect me as your representative. I've always been honest, fair, and up-front. I will never take myself into consideration before your own well-being. I don't believe in frivolous spending or cutting wages without starting at the top first.

Look for more campaign information, their word limit can't get an entire point across.

*Miigwech*



Kelly Diver

### Kelly Diver

Hello my name is Kelly Diver, I am asking for your support in the upcoming election for District 1. Most of you know me through FDL Housing, were I have been employed and serving FDL for 20 years. There are many issues that require attention that I am looking forward to discussing with voters during the duration of my campaign. Because our voices have been limited to 300 words I will start with this, I have

decided to run for this position because I believe our voices have been silenced to long. Band members deserve to be heard without the fear of losing employment, housing, or judged for voicing their opinions. I recall we use to have a referendum vote, were did that voice of the people go? We have been led to believe budget cuts were necessary yet there has been ongoing large spending. Cloquet is the largest of all three districts yet we

have the lowest budget funding were we've cut programs for the most important assets: youth and elders. Some of the things I will work for are:

- youth and elder programs
- infrastructure
- education

land purchase

My hope is to have this list grow with YOUR voice! I understand and agree that we need to prosper as a reservation but what are we if we stand alone? Every

election people demand change however it hasn't happened for the betterment of our people.

*It's time for UNITY! I would appreciate your support for Cloquet District 1. If you have any questioned or concerns, you would like to share please give me a call @ 218-269-9642.*

*Thank you*

# District I (Cloquet) Rep. Candidates:



William L. Dufault Sr.

## William L. Dufault Sr.

To Fond du Lac Band Members  
District I

My name is William L. Dufault Sr. I was born and raised here. I left for a while, and came back in 2001.

If anyone remembers how it was before the casinos came, you know how hard it was here. Now that the casinos are here, we are in better shape.

So we have to keep up the upgrade of our casinos. We are 20 years behind the other casinos.

I, personally think the business council is getting too much pay. They should be cut 20%. And start paying the employees at the casino more wages, with more hours and benefits. Our employees would work better, and feel like they are a part of it.

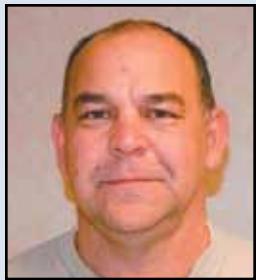
We also need to consider a fallout shelter for our tribe, in case of a disaster.

I think the members should be informed when the tribe is going to make big purchases. The members should have input on things that would affect us, like donating \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ to Cloquet Hospital. But you go try to get help. They tell you they

have no money. But even so, they could have donated the money to another tribe less fortunate than ours, and still get a tax write off.

If I get elected, my doors will be open to the members. Let my voice be your voice.

*Miigwech*



Wally Dupuis

## Wally Dupuis

Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your District #1 Representative over the past four years. My name, **Wally Dupuis**, will again be on the Fond du Lac Reservation primary election ballot for **Re-Election** as your Cloquet District #1 Representative. As such, I ask for your continued support. During the past four years, the Fond du Lac Band has successfully created short and long term employment opportunities, addressed our housing and

program needs, stream lined our service delivery systems, and created economic opportunities. Amongst a host of other accomplishments, Coquet District #1 has benefited from the development of the Supportive Housing complex, Assisted Living complex, the expansion to the Elder Housing unit and the construction of the Natural Resource building. We consolidated the Cloquet Community Center activities and added numerous programs and events. We are now providing organized activities and events which increased

participation to record numbers. We also started the youth little league Baseball program as well as the Lacrosse co-ed summer camp while partnering with professionals such as the Minnesota Swarm, and the US Marshalls Service. To address educational needs, we incorporated a mid-term grade incentive program for college students and have rewritten our scholarship policy. We have insured employment opportunities both within our programs as well as our enterprises. Currently, Black Bear Casino has a 62% band member

employment rate, significantly higher than just four years ago. We worked through a national recession without the need to lay off one employee. In 2012, projects such as Veteran's housing, an apartment building, a hiking biking trail, and a water line expansion are scheduled.

I look forward to discussing any issues or concerns you may have, please call or stop by.

Wally Dupuis (h) 218-879-2492  
(c) 218-428-9828



Carol Renee Jurek

## Carol Renee Jurek

Dear Fellow Band Members:

My name is Carol (Abramowski) Jurek and I am running for District 1 Representative (Cloquet). I am asking for your support in the upcoming primary election on April 3, 2012. I am the daughter of Bernadine (Defoe) and Walter Abramowski and I have two grown children. I currently work as an R.N. at St. Luke's Hospital. Although I love my job as an R.N., I felt the need to run for this position because I want to lead the Band in

a more positive direction that will reflect the changing needs of our future.

In my opinion the immediate concerns regarding the people of Fond du Lac are:

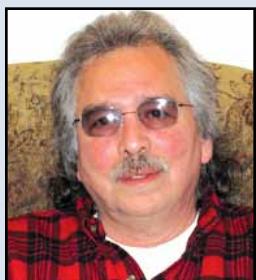
- the need for a detoxification center to address the growing number of chemically dependent members,
- the need for a more Band friendly health insurance policy that allows for all Band members and their families to be covered,
- and lastly, the need to deal with

our enrollment issues regarding acceptable documentation

If elected, I promise to listen to the people of Fond du Lac and address their questions and concerns. I will see to it that all issues get the necessary attention and respond appropriately. I believe that the people of Fond du Lac should have a voice in how their reservation is run. I urge you to consider your immediate concerns and share them with me. I am always open to your ideas concerning our reservation and our people.

Contact me if you would like to discuss any issues regarding our reservation that are of concern to you. I can be reached at 218.879.1818 in the evenings and by email at caroljurek@aol.com

*Thank you for your time and consideration. Please watch for an upcoming mailing and open house notice from me. Vote Carol Renee Jurek.*



Jerrold (Jerry) Ojibway

## Jerrold (Jerry) Ojibway

Boozhoo/ahneen  
My name is zhamaganish (Jerrold "Jerry" Ojibway), born in the Indian Hospital on Fond du Lac reservation in 1951. I have been married for 25 years, during this time our family engaged in being foster parents, Childcare providers and neighborhood house for our sons friends. I graduated from U.M.D., Duluth, 1995 with a B.A.S degree in Health Education and Minor in Indian Studies and began my employment with Fond du Lac right out of college. Currently, employed by the (FDL) Education di-

vision for seventeen years as a health teacher (k-12), Cultural Curriculum coordinator (k-12), Language coordinator (reservation-state-national levels) and presently working with and developing a Mentorship program to grades k-8th grade.

I am a Blandanite and received training for community organizing. I have acquired knowledge working for the reservation; employed as Language Coordinator four years and as a teacher. Asked by the Band to "lobby" for language monies at the State level, these efforts are fruitful for all Language programs within

an educational setting. Volunteer for the last seven years as member on board of directors for Wicoie Nandagikendan Language program located in Minneapolis; oversees four Ojibwe and Dakota Language sites within Minneapolis Public Schools educational facilities. My volunteerism is to numerous to state here, will provide more when appropriate.

Issues:

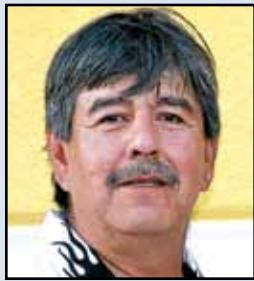
Education addressing current higher education procedures and practices that I view as blocking their (our children's) educational progress..

Education at all levels addressing the "need" for Language development and retention beginning with Child-Care facilities to the college level. Jobs and employment opportunities: developing a Mentorship program to help our People advance themselves within the reservation employment structure.

Create from existing and outside resources a "solid" plan that addresses our Peoples health and safety concerns.

Especially, all other issues District 1 constituents deem important are a priority.

# District I (Cloquet) Rep. Candidates:



Eugene (ENY) Reynolds

## Eugene(ENY)Reynolds

On April 3rd, 2012, the Fond du Lac voters will hold its primary elections. I am asking for your support. I have many years of experience in leadership and supervision including District 1 representative from 2004 – 2008, as vice-chairman I acted as chairman for three months after the chairman had resigned, Shipping Supervisor with Potlach, President of the Cloquet Alano Club, Fond du Lac's Representative on the NIGA & Mash Ka Wisen Board.

It was a tremendous honor for me to serve the wonderful people of the Fond du Lac as your District 1 Representative from 2004 to 2008. I am asking again for your valued support in the primary election on April 3rd, 2012. A vote for Eugene (ENY) Reynolds is a Vote for Honesty, Fairness, and Accountability on all levels.

- As District 1 Representative I developed, planned, and implemented the Fond du Lac Day Labor Program to fill a much needed gap in employment.

- Supported the \$120 million expansion of the Black Bear Casino.
- Initiated a new Customer Service Program at the Black Bear Casino
- United Fond du Lac Programs in promoting Healthy Lifestyles.
- Initiated Cultural Revival to bring back True Values of Anishinaabe people.

These are some of the programs I supported as your District 1 Representative. I believe there is much more we can do together to make Fond du Lac a better place to live,

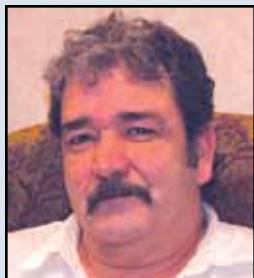
work, and raise a family. I will do my best to work toward those goals.

Although we live in the most prosperous time in the history of the Fond du Lac Reservation there are still people in need, together we can make a difference.

*Vote Eugene (ENY) Reynolds on April 3rd, 2012 Primary and Jun 12th, 2012 General*

*Miigwech*

*Eugene (ENY) Reynolds 218-451-1096*



Lonny Susienka

## Lonny Susienka

Hello Fond du Lac Band Members, My name is Lonny Susienka and I am a candidate for Cloquet District 1 Representative. For those of you who don't know me, I am 53 years old, a husband wife Deb, father, and grandparent. I have a class B commercial drivers license (CDL) and a two year Associate Degree.

For the last 14 years I have been the Tribal Employment Rights Officer (TERO) and during that time I have assisted many Band members

seeking employment and helping with employment related concerns. Politics and favoritism has never had a place in the TERO office since I've been there, all Band members get treated equal no matter what your last name may be.

Because of the newspapers constraints on article length I cannot touch on all issues too deeply but here is some of what I believe in and what I am committed to:

- 1.The Cloquet Elderly Building is a home for the elders not a minimum

security prison.

- 2.With the housing problem so severe, we cannot be waiting for grant money we need to act now.

- 3.Day labor program is great – needs more council support and a few tweaks.

- 4.Continue and expand training courses – CDL, flagging, equipment operators etc.

- 5.Review and possibly restore some program cuts from the last four years.

- 6.FDL Propane/FDL Gas and Grocery – needs to be two Band members for

two positions.

- 7.Black Bear Casino – machines too tight, variety poor. I strongly believe that looser slot machines combined with more of the newer games would increase the number of players and that would easily offset the revenue lost from having looser slots.

On April 3rd vote for someone who cares vote Lonny Susienka

*Feel free to call to talk at 218-879-1825*



Thomas Whitebird

## Thomas Whitebird

Boozhoo

My name is Thomas Whitebird and I am running for the position of District One Representative. For those of you who do not know me, I am the son of Frank and Alice Whitebird, grandson of Frank and Flora Whitebird. I was born in 1948 at the Cloquet Indian Hospital. I attended Cloquet schools. I also joined the military and served in Vietnam. I have worked for the FDL Reservation

in numerous jobs since 1970.

I am running for the position of District One Representative because I want to make certain that the Fond du Lac people's needs are being met – to assure you that as a Band Member you are respected and your needs are important.

If elected, I want to focus on housing, Jobs, retirement and pay issues, safety of the community, elder care, veteran care, preserving our language and culture. Most of all I would like to focus on education and programs

for our children and grandchildren.

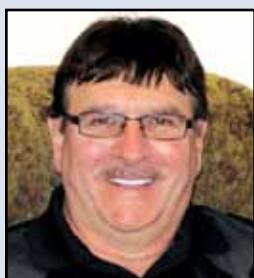
I would also setup community meetings to build a better relationship between the Band Members and the District One Representative.

Also, I would like to concentrate on creating businesses within the Reservation to keep us as a People self-sufficient. We cannot rely solely on gaming to keep us financially secure. We must make smart business decisions – decisions that will keep Fond du Lac people employed and ensure growth for our Reservation. When

major purchases are being considered – purchases that would ultimately affect Band Members – I want to make certain that these purchases are made with the best interest of Band Members in mind.

*I look forward to meeting with you and discussing your thoughts, issues, and concerns. I can be reached at (218) 213-7357 or twhitebird@gmail.com*

*Miigwech – and remember to VOTE.*



Donald Wiesen

## Donald Wiesen

Aaniin, my name is Donald "Don" Wiesen, I am asking you to consider me for your Cloquet District 1 representative on the RBC. I have resided in the Cloquet district since 1979 and during that time I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of you. Those of you who I have talked too know my position on services to band members and agree with your suggestions. I would like to put some of your ideas into action. In the past we have heard "we

need to take care of our elders". Once elected I would move forward in developing programs for elders that would help them live life a little better.

We have heard that "our band members are important to us". I believe the current RBC has demonstrated to us we are important. However, with this in mind we need to allow all band members to make a good living.

Financial assistance for Fond du Lac elders must be considered.

The welfare of our Police Officers must be taken into consideration, beneficial financial support must be provided

Continuous employment for band members who wish to work in band owned business is a must.

Salaries in our programs and businesses need to be assessed and adjusted if needed.

Small business loan program for band members developed.

Develop a Vocational Education Program for the reservation.

You have requested that community meeting be held monthly to provide direction for the reservation your request will be met. Your involvement is important and will be sought.

These are some of your ideas I would bring forward when you elect me as your Cloquet District 1 representative on the Fond du Lac RBC. *Please vote in the primary April 3, 2012. Miigwech dwiesen007@hotmail.com cell: 218-461-5362 home 218-879-5393*

## District III (Brookston) Rep. Candidates



Bryan Bosto

### Bryan Bosto

Dear Friends,

Hello, my name is Bryan "Bear" Bosto and I am seeking the office of the Brookston District Representative. I respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming elections on April 3, 2012 and June 12, 2012.

I was a participant in the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program in 2008 which includes extensive training in building healthy communities and I received the Native American Law Enforcement Summit

(NALES) Erica Blake Leadership Award for my work with the Lax-4-Life lacrosse camp.

During my term in office I will work tirelessly to help create a safe and healthy community. My managerial experience has led me to believe that I am best suited to hold public office. To be an elected official is to hold the trust of the people, to have a moral compass that guides decisions that are in the Band's best interests, and a work ethic that ensures issues are dealt with in a timely manner.

If elected to office it is my desire to reopen the Dottie Smith Center in Brookston. We have a need for it and the current center location does not serve the entire district effectively. I will continue to work on the lacrosse camp that incorporates leadership skills, promotes healthy decision making, and active citizenship. I'll work to reform our policies to get our youth working all year. This will give an opportunity to have a sense of financial management and responsibility of holding a job.

As you can see my passion for youth issues is one of the main reasons I made the decision to be at the Brookston Community Center. I grew up on Mahnomen as a teenager and I still consider it my home. I can be reached on my cell (218) 260-5593 by email [blbosto@yahoo.com](mailto:blbosto@yahoo.com) or facebook/[blbosto](https://www.facebook.com/blbosto).

Many thanks,  
Bryan



Debra Johnson-Fuller

### Debra Johnson-Fuller

Boozhoo,

My name is Debra Johnson-Fuller and I am running for Brookston District Representative. Brookston is where my heart has always called home. I was not raised on the reservation, but throughout my upbringing I visited my relatives every summer in Brookston. In fact, my fondest memories are of jumping off the old bridge into the St. Louis River. Dangerous yes, however, it sure was fun. Brookston offers adventure and

it helped me to discover who I am and how alive the Brookston community is. Each summer, my intention was always to follow my heart and come back home. I believe that Brookston is on the verge of providing great opportunities to make a difference within your family, community, and future. These opportunities make a community strong, independent, and proud. I bring a unique blend of leadership experience from my work within various communities; however, my roots are a di-

rect result from spending quality time with family in Brookston. Brookston has shown its strength and independence, which is a direct reflection of each person. I believe each person makes a difference in the path our District chooses to go. There are economic opportunities that have not been explored. This exploration will come in collaboration with all families and individuals in the community for their input on a Brookston District strategic plan. I believe through this planning

process, Brookston can look at economic development, self-sustainability, and entrepreneurship. Our investment in the community will support our future generations. Everyone has stories of the home we call Brookston and it is your stories, visions, and dreams that I want to hear. I would be honored to be your ear, your voice, and face for the Brookston District. **Take Ownership, Take Pride, Make a Difference.** You are always welcome to contact me at 218-251-6020.



Dawn LaPrairie

### Dawn LaPrairie

Dawn LaPrairie- Candidate District 3

Parents: Theresa Smith and George LaPrairie

Grandparents: Elizabeth Bear and Jay Smith,

Delma Couture and Henry LaPrairie

5 children/15 grandchildren Lived in District 3 since 1986. Born and raised FDL, Lived in St. Paul 8 years.

Education: Bachelors of Science, presently Masters degree candidate.

Employment: FDL Ojibwe School Elementary/Ojibwe Language Teacher since 2004

My priority is Education &

Ojibwe language preservation to make our reservation a good place, which includes ridding the drug abuse. Let's do this together ~ I need your support! I know first hand from my own family's struggles with addiction the epidemic that plagues our families and community. I want to work on ridding this epidemic that plagues our community. We need resources to support sustaining sobriety.

#### My Platform:

- I will work to be a strong voice that represents the diverse interests of our district and bringing those diverse perspectives and strengths of our district to the RBC to find REASONABLE solu-

tions.

- Strong voice/ and an advocate for our children, providing them with the resources they need to strengthen our communities. Healthy drug free communities.
- We need to be good stewards of our resources that ensure our children and future generations have continued resources. The blunders made in the past from previous RBC members need not be forgotten. Good stewards do not equal a give away mentality.
- Build self-reliance/sustainability of OUR natural resources.
- Commitment to Veterans and Elders.
- Address housing needs of single

people.

#### Characteristics

- Very patriotic
- Honest/Loyal
- Sense of humor
- Believe in the good in people
- Believe in Kindness
- Believe in hard-work

*"Building a strong community by sustaining healthy families through the use of Ojibwe language and being good stewards of our capital for future generations!"*

# District III (Brookston) Rep. Candidates



Mark Maciewski

## Mark Maciewski

Hello Band Members:

My name is Mark Maciewski. I'm writing to ask for your support in the upcoming election for District 3, Brookston Representative.

I was raised in the Brookston area. Our family moved to Duluth in 1973 where I graduated from Duluth Central High School. Upon discharge I traveled the country following the construction boom where I became

a carpenter, a skill I brought home in 1988. I have been back in the Brookston area since that time. My mother was Margaret (Peggy) Maciewski-Couture; my step dad is David W. Couture.

First off, I'm not a politician! I'm just an everyday guy that hopes to make a difference. If elected I want you to know I'm someone you can talk to and bring problems and concerns to and be confident, I will do

everything I can to help.

The only promise I'm making is I will do my very best to listen to the voice of the people and act as you want. While there are several problems and issues on the Reservation that need addressing, I will not insult anyone's intelligence by saying I can fix everything. Together, we can try.

I never have and never will think I'm better than anyone. I will not slander or step on anyone who op-

poses or stands up and disagrees with me. At the end of the day we are all the same and our focus is the advancement of the Fond du Lac Reservation and it's people. Thanks for your time and your support!

*Sincerely:*

Mark S. Maciewski  
218 590 0646 (Call after 5:30 PM)



Sonya Skoglund

## Sonya Skoglund

Boozhoo, I would like to introduce myself. I am Sonya Skoglund, my parents are Vern Skoglund and Clara Northrup Skoglund, who everyone called "dooksie". I am writing this article to ask for your support in the primary election on April 3, 2012. I have a Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Communication, as well as a second Bachelors Degree in Education with a minor in Ojibwe Language. I worked in the Education field for seven years. I currently am

working for Fond Du Lac Housing as a Resident Services Coordinator. Working for Housing has opened my eyes to our immense need for more available housing and supportive housing.

I believe Tribal Council Members should be fair to each band member, and have goals for the improvement of our reservation. If elected I will work diligently toward these goals:

- The great need for more housing and supportive housing.
- Reducing crime and violence on the reservation. We all should be

able to feel safe in our homes and community.

- Equality for each band member.
- Expanding the size of our reservation with further land purchases.
- New legal services for our reservation members.
- Improved services for our Brookston Community Center, such as tutoring, language table, and community nights are a few examples.
- Investing in the Education of our youth.
- The guarantee of our Per Capita

Payments.

- The continued expansion of our Clinics and services.
- Elder care and services.

These goals are only my top ten. I hope to work for the Brookston District to accomplish these goals and many others. I look forward to meeting you all and please look for my mailing in the near future. *Please feel free to contact me with any issue concerning you. I can be reached at 218-391-7632, or by email at sonyaskoglund@hotmail.com. Thank you.*



Clarence "Chuck" Smith

## Clarence "Chuck" Smith

Boozhoo to all Brookston voters! My description of myself begins with respect to my late father Ronald "Chic" Smith and my mother Geraldine "Beanie" (Diver) Savage.

I have been a resident of our reservation for 47 years with the past two and a half years in the Brookston district. I have worked as a Coordinator, Deputy Director, Director, Manager and Tribal Council Member.

I am a U.S. Marine Vietnam Veteran. Currently, I am the Veteran's Service Officer for our reservation.

I am respectfully asking for your support in this upcoming primary election. With my management experience and tribal council experience, I will ensure that our community has a strong support and a strong voice at the RBC level.

I will pay particular attention to the needs and wants of our Brookston Community Center and our community members. Your input as to

all our community activities will be heard and acted upon. Our culture, our traditions, our elders, our children and our families will always be my priority.

I strongly support our per capita payments, band member businesses, both existing and future business ventures, after-school work programs for our youth, and increased day labor program workdays. Our community also needs a C - Store in Brookston, a gas and propane subsidy so that band members pay a

more affordable amount per gallon, more home ownership houses, and community meetings on a weekly basis at the Brookston Community Center prior to quarterly RBC meetings to ensure that YOUR VOICE is heard!

*In closing, I humbly ask for your vote on April 3, 2012. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (218) 206-1568.*

Mii-gwech



Frances K. White

## Frances K. White

Boozhoo, Nindizhinikaaz Shkawaa Ogichidaa Ikwa (I am known as Strong Warrior Woman); my name is Fran White and I am asking for your support in the upcoming Primary Election on April 3rd for the position of your District III (Brookston) Representative.

Over the past ten years, I have held several positions on the Reservation which include two positions with the FDL Housing Division as Administrative Clerk and Housing Tenant

Councilor, Secretary on the Housing Board, Assistant Land Specialist in the Planning Division Administrative Assistant at our Clinic, Recreational Aide at the Brookston Center, and Security Guard at Black Bear Casino.

I am a veteran and Fond du Lac Honor Guard with the privilege of carrying the Fond du Lac Women's Eagle Staff. I am a firm believe that NO veteran should ever be forgotten. Our veterans have and still our defending and protecting our country and deserve our greatest respect. I will support our veterans by advocat-

ing for their issues.

My concerns are

- Segregation and discrimination amongst our people.
- Drugs: We are losing too many of our young people to drug use. I believe in the saying "Children learn what they live."
- Revitalization of our culture and language at our center
- Employing band members, our people should not have to go elsewhere for employment.
- Encourage education; I am a firm

believer that you are never too old to get an education.

*I would like to say Mii-gwech for the opportunity to run for office and if you have any questions or concerns you wish to share, please feel free to contact me at (218) 391-3505.*

A vote for Fran White is a vote for honesty, integrity, accountability, equality and fairness for all band members.

## Urgent message from the scholarship office

If you are a recipient of the scholarship program and a check was sent directly to you for transportation to short term training programs, registration fees, state exams, license application or renewals, book reimbursement, incentive reward or any other related school or training cost that was paid for by the Scholarship Office, Please sign, date, and return the confirmation roster we send with each check. We will not approve any future requests until these previous rosters are returned to our office.

The scholarship staff makes every effort to respond to your requests for assistance in a prompt courteous and professional manner but please keep in mind that accepting a scholarship from our program also means that you have responsibilities and the most important ones are making sure you read our program policies, procedures, guidelines, and instruc-

tions.

Also, carefully read your award letter and the confirmation roster. Just doing that will make a world of difference as you navigate yourself through the overall process of enrolling in classes and the complex area of financial aid. If you have misplaced the roster we keep copies here in our office so please call Bonnie or Veronica at (218) 878-2681 to let them know you'll be stopping by to sign it.

## MOB program to help seniors

The Matter of Balance (MOB) is an evidence based program to help seniors who are hoping to learn more about fall prevention. Falling is the number one cause for elders to be hospitalized or removed from their home.

Classes will begin Mar. 22 in CCC's ENP room and will run every Thursday for eight weeks. The training will be completed by four coaches who spent several months training and learning the information to pass it on to seniors.

The course will also consist of education as well as exercise

to help limit the potential to be hurt from a fall.

If you have any questions about the MOB program contact KaRee Lockling by calling (218) 878-2126 or e-mail at kareelockling@fdlrez.com.

## Low-income fuel program

CITGO, along with the Venezuelan Government, is again making funding for fuel available for low-income households on the reservation.

In order to receive a grant households must have received MN energy assistance, live within the boundaries of the reservation, and complete an application with CITGO. Forms are available at the community centers, Head Start, Ojibway School, food distribution, and clinic. Applications are due back to the FDL Energy Assistance Office no later than Mar. 30.

## Home loan program coming to FDL

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation will be at the Fond du Lac govern-

ment center in the library classroom from 8 to 10 a.m. on Mar. 29 to take mortgage application for their home loan program.

If you are interested in applying for a mortgage loan or have questions regarding our Home Loan Program, contact Cindy Beaulieu at (218) 335-8582 ext. 150 to schedule an appointment.

## Growth in transit

The Transit Department is announcing a new and exciting addition to its fleet and procedure. In October two new vehicles will become part of the aging fleet. The drivers and management are excited about these two new additions and look forward to the new expansion.

Also, scheduled for May 7 of this year, the transit department will incorporate a "Fixed Route System." There have been a series of planning meetings that will formulate this design. Members from each district as well as representatives from the elder's group will be present to provide their input into the plan. The Fixed Route is a process wherein (initially) one Transit vehicle will fol-

low a predesigned route daily. That route will include (but not limited to) RBC, Black Bear Casino, all community centers, clinic, college, Wal-Mart, elderly centers, and G&G store. Points in Duluth will include Fond du Luth Casino, C.A.I.R. and various other stops. The on-demand system will not be affected as community members will still be able to arrange door-to-door service. Interested community members who have opinions about this Fixed Route plan, feel free to contact Transit at (218) 878-7501.

## FDL community members "recommit" to healthy lifestyles

The Fond du Lac Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) held a dinner and educational program on Jan. 25. This event was held to honor recent graduates of the DPP 16 week class, as well as to encourage all participants of the program to "recommit" to the goals they set.

FDL community members from all 12 classes attended the program, some accompanied by

## Carlton student on the rise



By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Marita Jones-Yellowhammer is a senior at Carlton High School and has faced many challenges in her life with great composure.

Recently she was nominated for homecoming queen, but unfortunately didn't win. She still keeps her head up high though as she looks towards her future.

"I had a past that was really not going anywhere. Something clicked in my head, and I just wanted to go in a different path than where I was before," Jones-

Yellowhammer said of her change in life.

It was when she learned that her mom had diabetes that really jump started her change. Her aunt, trying to help get her back on track, asked her to move up to this area and go back to school. That's when she started going to school at Carlton.

"I just liked Carlton, because it was so open and everyone just comforted you right away. And it helped right away."

The new scenery was helpful for Jones-Yellowhammer,

but it wasn't new friends that helped her, it was a familiarity that kept her on the right path.

"My family has always been there for me. I don't have a lot of friends, but it's like they always say. Friends change, but your family stays the same. They're always there for you."

Trying to keep on the right path is a difficult struggle we all face, but Jones-Yellowhammer has found the school, sports, and thinking about the future keeps her on track.

Jones-Yellowhammer has plans to go to the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) to do something in science. Her biggest plan right now is to become a dentist. While there she wants to play volleyball while finishing her general classes.

"And hopefully go to a four year university, and then continue from there."

Marita Jones-Yellowhammer pictured with friend Nick Seefeldt after learning she wasn't voted as Homecoming Queen.

etc

their program support person. Presentations were given on pre-diabetes, healthy eating, physical activity, and improving sleep.

The event was held at Blackwoods in Proctor, Minn. and 87 people attended. Participants at the event were able to sign up for the DPP's "Calendar Challenge" in which they received points for healthy activities.

One participant's observation of the event included "The Diabetes Prevention Program continues to inspire me and has been instrumental in my life to maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle. Keep up your excellent work. God bless you all."

## Gypsy moth suppression for northeastern Minn.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and partner organizations are looking to tackle gypsy moth infestations in northeastern Minnesota this summer.

Ranked among America's most destructive tree pests, gypsy moth has caused millions of dollars in damage to forests as it has spread from New England to Wisconsin in recent decades. Gypsy moth caterpillars can defoliate large sections of forest, with oak, poplar, birch, and willow among their preferred hosts. The pests are common in Wisconsin and are now threatening eastern Minnesota.

Last year MDA found infestations covering 145,078 acres in St. Louis and Carlton counties. The department is now developing treatment plans for the affected areas, including sites near Cloquet, Carlton, Jay Cooke State Park, Fond du Lac Reservation, Boulder Lake and

Fairbanks.

Treatments help slow the spread of gypsy moth, saving communities and homeowners money and protecting the health of the state's forests. Unfortunately, the number and intensity of localized infestations continues to rise as the main population of gypsy moths moves closer to the state.

MDA and local officials are working together to develop plans for treating the northeastern Minnesota infestations this summer. The department will host four open houses to share information with citizens about the threat gypsy moths pose to the environment, and how officials plan to protect forests.

## Gitigaan-Gardening 2012 Class Schedule

**March 5 - 9** - Seed Packaging

**March 13** - Garden & seed preparation.

Meal provided by CCC.

**March 20** - Soil preparation and composting.

Meal provided by CCC.

**March 27** - Maple syrup.

Meal provided by CCC

**April 10** - Native plants sage, tobacco, sweet grass and cedar

Meal provided by CCC

**April 17** - Caring for herbs, drying, preserving, and storing and soap making

Meal provided by CCC.

**April 24** - Cole crops, root crops, and potatoes.

Meal provided by CCC.

**May 1** - Berries, nuts and fruit trees.

Meal provided by CCC

**May 8** - Plant diseases and organic pest control.

Meal provided by CCC.

**May 15** - Wild rice.

Meal provided by CCC

**May 22** - Medicinal and homeopathic plants

Meal provided by CCC.

**October 4** - Gitigaan fall feast

If anyone is interested in helping package seeds please contact Cassie Diver at (218) 878-7502 or email [cassiediver@fdlrez.com](mailto:cassiediver@fdlrez.com)

Seed Give Away is tentatively planned for March 13-17, based upon arrival of seed order.

Seeds and Plants will be given to all Gitigaan Members and Fond du Lac Community Members on first come first serve basis. Tribal ID required at pick up.

## Update from the police department

Currently an account has been set up at Wells Fargo so that money can be donated to help the Couture family as they fight off Juvenile Polyposis Syndrome Smad 4. If you would like to make a donation, you can stop in at any Wells Fargo.

The police department would also like to remind everyone of their medicine box for unwanted, unused, or old prescription drugs. If you have old drugs, please don't just throw them away, stop in at the police department and properly dispose of them.

## Correction

I would like to make a correction for last month's story about Patti Dufault. I said that she was "the first female, the first Native American female, and the youngest student ever to be accepted into the Master of Business Administration."

She is not the first female to enter the MBA program at Augsburg College, a seemingly obvious fact that I misinterpreted. She is however the first Native American, the first Native American female, and the youngest student to be accepted in the MBA program. I apologize for the error.



Some of the participants enjoying a night at the drum and dance in the Head Start gym.

## Ojibwe Dewei'igan & Niimi'idiwag

By Nikki Crowe

13 Moons and the age to age program are hosting a drum and dance practice from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Fond du Lac Headstart Gym.

This event will bring together singers and dancers to teach us the songs, dances and powwow etiquette. There is a potluck dinner and then the fun begins. This workshop is for beginners all the way to the seasoned powwow trailblazers. Many of our FDL community members are responsible for our success including our volunteer instructors: Vanessa Northrup, Tony Fish, Julian Kitto, Joe Bruce,

Dan Houle, Dustin Solis, Mike Munnell, John Morrow and many more. Miigwech.

Drum and Dance started Jan. 3 and it continues to grow each week. Don't miss out; powwow season is right around the corner. This workshop will be running every Tuesday until May 22.

Everyone is welcome, so bring your enthusiasm and have fun learning new songs and steps. Gigawaabimin. For more information contact Nikki Crowe at (218) 878-7148 or email [thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com](mailto:thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com)

## NEED A MORTGAGE? STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?



Let the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation help! Low interest home and business loans are available to enrolled members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Call (218) 335-8582 to find out more about our mortgage and economic development programs, or to set up an appointment with a loan officer today!

Visit our website for additional information about our loan products, download an application or view homes for sale at [www.mnchippewatribe.org](http://www.mnchippewatribe.org) or [www.mctfc.org](http://www.mctfc.org)

# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Onaabani-giizis

The new Onaabani-giizis begins March 22. This is the Hard Crust on the Snow moon. Other names for this moon are Bebookwedaagime-giizis, the Snowshoe Breaking Moon; Aandego-giizis, Crow moon; Niki-giizis, the Goose Moon and Ziinsibaakwadooke-giizis, the Sugar Making Moon.



Curly-leaf pondweed



Eurasian watermilfoil



Spiny waterflea



Zebra mussel

(Photo Courtesy MN DNR)

## Aquatic Invasive Species in Mille Lacs Lake

By Courtney Kowalczak

As we all wait for the ice to break up on our frozen lakes it is time to remind ourselves that many lakes in Minnesota have unwanted guests, aquatic invasive species (AIS), living in their depths. What are AIS? Aquatic Invasive Species can be a plant, an animal, or a pathogen. These species are non-native meaning that they are introduced into our waters by humans, either purposefully or by accident. These species are considered

invasive because they thrive in their new environment and can cause major problems. This means where we once had a lake with a variety of lake plants we now have a lake that has only Eurasian watermilfoil or Curly-leaf pondweed. Or we have a lake where once kids could walk barefoot in the shallows but now have to wear shoes to protect their feet from sharp-shelled Zebra mussels.

Because Mille Lacs Lake is such a popular fishing destination it has been infested with quite a few invasive species.

Eurasian watermilfoil, Curly-leaf pondweed, Spiny water flea, and Zebra mussels have all found a home in Mille Lacs.

The best thing that you can do to help prevent the spread of AIS is to be aware. Don't be part of the problem by transporting them. There are some simple yet vital steps that you can take to make sure that fishing and recreational activities don't include giving AIS hitchhikers a ride to their next home.

Remove any visible plants, fish or animals from your boat and trailer. It is illegal to trans-

port any vegetation on public roads.

Remove mud and dirt since it too may contain mussels or small larvae that can establish themselves in the next lake where you launch.

Remove even plant fragments as some AIS can root from even these small fragments.

Remove water from motors, live wells, boat hulls, boots, waders, and bait buckets

You must pull the drain plug on your boat before leaving the boat launch area or risk getting a ticket.

If you want to take your bait with you then you must use freshwater from a tap or store to replace the water in your bait bucket

Allow your boat, fishing equipment, nets, and other recreational equipment to dry for at least 5 days before using them at the next fun spot.

You can learn more about AIS from Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission's Mazina'igan Supplement at [www.glifwc.org/publications/pdf/AIS\\_Supplement.pdf](http://www.glifwc.org/publications/pdf/AIS_Supplement.pdf)

## An excerpt from the Mishomis book on Ma-en'-gun

In his travels, Original Man began to notice that all the animals came in pairs and they reproduced. And yet, he was alone.

He spoke to his Grandfather the Creator and asked, "Why am I alone?" "Why are there no other ones like me?" Gitche Manito answered, "I will send someone to walk, talk and play with you." He sent Ma-en'-gun (the wolf).

With Ma-en'-gun by his side, Original Man again spoke to Gitche Manito, "I have finished what you asked me to do. I

have visited and named all the plants, animals, and places of this Earth. What would you now have me to do?" Gitche Manito answered Original Man and Ma-en'-gun, "Each of you are to be a brother to the other. Now, both of you are to walk the Earth and visit all its places."

So, Original Man and Ma-en'-gun walked the Earth and came to know all of her. In this journey they became very close to each other. They became like brothers. In their closeness they realized that they were brothers

to all of the Creation.

When they had completed the task that Gitche Manito asked them to do, they talked with the Creator once again. The Creator said, "From this day on, you are to separate your paths. You must go your different ways."

"What shall happen to one of you will also happen to the other. Each of you will be feared, respected and misunderstood by the people that will later join you on this Earth."

And so Ma-en'-gun and Original Man set off on their different journeys.

This last teaching about the wolf is important for us today. What the Grandfather said to them has come true. Both the Indian and the wolf have come to be alike and have experienced the same thing. Both of them mate for life. Both have a Clan System and a tribe. Both have had their land taken from them. Both have been hunted for their wee-nes'-si-see' (hair). And both have been pushed very close to destruction.

We can tell about our future as Indian people by looking at the wolf. It seems as though the

wolf is beginning to come back to this land. Will this prove that Indian people will cease to be the "Vanishing Americans?" Will Indian people emerge to lead the way back to natural living and respect for our Earth Mother?

The Mishomis book can be ordered from Indian Country Communications Inc. 8558 N. County Road K Hayward, WI 54843 or by phone (715) 634-5226.

### Upcoming Events:

Sign up to the 13 Moons listserv for the latest information on workshops and events by emailing [thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com](mailto:thirteenmoons@fdlrez.com) Don't forget to check us out on Facebook! 13 Moons Ashi niswi giizisoog

This page addresses culture, ecology, and natural resource management. Thirteen Moons is the Fond du Lac Tribal College Extension Program and is a collaboration of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Fond du Lac Resource Management, and University of Minnesota Extension.

# FDL Law Enforcement news

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

- Jan 16 Report of gas-drive-off for \$10.01, driver cited
- Jan 16 Report of out of control male, male was brought to jail for disorderly conduct and damage to property
- Jan 17 Report of gas-drive-off for \$26.30
- Jan 17 Report of truck all over the road on Hwy 210, stopped the driver and warned him for driving and talking on a cell phone
- Jan 18 Assisted Carlton County Deputies with a bar fight
- Jan 18 Traffic stop on University Rd, driver cited for cancelled immitigable to public safety (IPS)
- Jan 19 Traffic stop on Brookston Rd, driver arrested for warrants
- Jan 19 Traffic stop on McCamus Rd, driver arrested for DWI
- Jan 20 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver cited for no MN driver's license
- Jan 20 Report of gas-drive-off for \$7.01
- Jan 21 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver cited for driving after revocation (DAR) and no driver's license in possession
- Jan 21 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver arrested for DWI
- Jan 22 Assisted Cloquet with traffic control during fire on Cloquet Ave
- Jan 22 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver cited for DAR and no insurance
- Jan 23 Reported damage to Brookston Center, driver cited for Careless driving, failure to report accident, and no MN driver's license
- Jan 23 Report of SUV parked in middle of the road and no one around, vehicle towed due to the fact that it was a hazard
- Jan 24 Report of gas-drive-off for \$15.85
- Jan 24 Report of unwanted person on Drake Dr, transported to Detox
- Jan 25 Traffic stop on Brevator Rd, driver cited for driving after suspension (DAS) and no proof of insurance
- Jan 25 Traffic stop on Reservation Rd, driver cited for DAS
- Jan 26 Traffic stop on Brookston Rd, driver warned for failure to dim lights
- Jan 26 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver cited for speeding
- Jan 27 Traffic stop on Moorhead Rd, driver cited for speeding
- Jan 27 Traffic stop on Hwy 2, driver cited for DAR
- Jan 28 Traffic stop on Hwy 31, driver cited for no proof of insurance and speeding
- Jan 29 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver warned for speeding
- Jan 29 Assisted Cloquet Officers with domestic disturbance in town
- Jan 30 Traffic stop on Twin Lake Rd, driver arrested for numerous charges
- Jan 30 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver cited for no insurance
- Jan 31 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver cited for DAR
- Jan 31 Traffic stop on Cary Rd, driver warned for driving habits
- Feb 1 Report of gas-drive-off for \$35.03
- Feb 1 Traffic stop on Brookston Rd, driver warned for equipment
- Feb 2 Report of intoxicated person walking on the road, located person and brought to detoxification
- Feb 2 Traffic stop on Trettel Lane, driver cited for speeding
- Feb 3 Traffic stop on Brevator Rd, driver arrested for DWI, passenger arrested on warrants
- Feb 3 Assisted Cloquet Officers with car accident and injuries
- Feb 4 Traffic stop on Twin Lakes Rd, driver warned for faulty brake lights
- Feb 4 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, driver was warned not to urinate on the side of the road
- Feb 5 Assisted Cloquet Officers in domestic dispute
- Feb 5 Report of gas-drive-off for \$6.40
- Feb 6 Located vehicle in the ditch on Hwy 31, driver arrested for DWI
- Feb 6 Traffic stop on Maple Dr, driver cited for DAS, no insurance, and speed of 80 in 55
- Feb 7 Assisted Cloquet Officers with unknown troubles in town
- Feb 7 Report of unwanted people on property cutting trees, parties arrested and one turned over to border patrol
- Feb 8 Traffic stop on Hwy 210, warned for faulty headlight
- Feb 8 Traffic stop on Hwy 2, warned for faulty taillight
- Feb 9 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver cited for speeding
- Feb 9 Traffic stop on Cary Rd, driver warned for driving habits
- Feb 10 Report of gas-drive-off for \$30.00
- Feb 10 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver warned for speeding
- Feb 11 Report of gas-drive-off for \$40.00
- Feb 11 Traffic stop on Reservation Rd, driver cited for no MN driver's license
- Feb 12 Traffic stop on Big Lake Rd, driver cited for no child restraints and no MN driver's license
- Feb 12 Traffic stop on Brookston Rd, driver cited for speeding and no insurance
- Feb 13 Traffic stop on Twin Lakes Rd, driver warned for driving conduct and speeding
- Feb 13 Traffic stop on Brevator Rd, driver cited for speeding

## Legal notice

The following is a list of Band members who have monies in trust with the Fond du Lac Band. We are requesting the Band member, or his/her heirs, if the Band member is deceased, 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. Unless a personal data form or heirship application has been filed with this office within one year of this notice, the identified funds will revert back to the Fond du Lac Band. The one year period commences with the first publication.

### BAND MEMBERS WITH UNCLAIMED PER CAPITA ACCOUNTS:

AMMESMAKI, Beverly  
 BANKS, Robert  
 BARNEY, Derrick Sr.  
 BARNEY, Frances  
 BEGAY, Raymond Sr.  
 BIMBERG, Gloria  
 BOYER, John  
 BRIGAN, Calvin  
 CAMPBELL, Patricia  
 CICHY, Gerard  
 CICHY, Leslie  
 COPA, Hope  
 CROWE, Gary  
 DAHL, Richard  
 DEFOE, Charles  
 DEFOE, Richard  
 GLASGOW, Edith

GREENSKY, Charles  
 GREENSKY, Florence  
 HEENEY, Mary  
 HERNANDEZ, Phyllis  
 HERNANDEZ, Sherry  
 HILTON, Lois  
 HOULE, Jamey  
 HUHNS, Cheryl  
 HYLTON, Tina  
 JEFFERSON (Drucker), Mary  
 JONES, William Sr.  
 JOSEPHSON, Charles  
 KAST, Cheryl  
 LAFAVE, John  
 LAPRAIRIE, Robert  
 LIVINGSTON, Bruce  
 MARTINEAU, David  
 MARZINSKE, Larry  
 NORD, Marjorie  
 NORTHRUP, Mary  
 OLSON, Daniel G. Sr.

OLSON, Evelyn  
 OSTROWSKI, Lorraine  
 PALMER, Agnes (aka Agnes Rock)  
 PERALES, Benjamin Jr.  
 PITOSCIA, Donna  
 RAISCH-DAY, David  
 RAISCH, Sharon  
 RITZ, Warren  
 SAVAGE, Maxine  
 SCHULTZ, Charles Michael  
 SCHULTZ, Nicole Diane  
 SHARLOW, Gerald D.  
 SHOFNER, Daniel  
 SMITH, Benjamin W.  
 SMITH, Carl E.  
 STANFORD, Cathy  
 THOMPSON, Mary  
 TROTTERCHAUDE, Rex  
 WINOWIECKI, Audrey  
 WISE, William Sr.



# Health News

## Understanding Postpartum Depression

Celeste Nelson, RN PHN,  
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Division

Postpartum depression (PPD) is a term used to describe a variety of emotional problems affecting childbearing women. The symptoms of postpartum depression can negatively affect a woman's behavior and personality. PPD can begin during pregnancy, right after birth, or anytime during the entire first year. Symptoms can range from mild blues to despair.

Depression and anxiety around childbirth can affect any childbearing woman, regardless of race, income, culture, age, or education. PPD can strike without warning. At a time when you thought you would feel happy and confident, feelings of guilt and helplessness may overwhelm you.

Serious depression is defined as a constant, intense, sad feeling that lasts two weeks

or longer. This is a problem that requires medical help. All forms of postpartum depression are real illnesses that can be treated.

There is no single cause of postpartum depression. None of the symptoms of PPD are the mother's fault.

These are some of the many factors that can contribute to PPD:

- Changes in hormones
  - A birthing experience that did not go as planned
  - Sleep deprivation
  - A colicky baby
  - Medical problems for you or your baby
  - Being alone
  - Changes in your lifestyle
  - The need to feel in control at all times
  - Expectations- yours or your partner's
  - Lack of support
  - History of PPD or depression
  - Loss of freedom, identity or self-esteem
- Some of the more common

symptoms of postpartum depression are sadness, feeling weepy, guilty, angry, resentful, exhausted, and tense. Other symptoms include feeling ashamed, overwhelmed, "not yourself", confused, having mood swings, and appetite changes. Severe symptoms, which are rare, can include loss of control, thoughts of hurting yourself, thoughts of hurting the baby, and hallucinations. With any of the severe symptoms, seek help immediately, such as the Mental Health Crisis Line (218) 723-0099. If you think you may have postpartum depression, contact your health care provider or Fond du Lac Behavioral Health (218) 878-3729.

The first step in feeling better is to admit that you don't feel well. Some other things that you can do are:

- Get as much sleep as possible (sleep when your baby sleeps)
- Accept help from others
- Know that sometimes life is less than perfect

- Accept your feelings as normal
- Find time for yourself
- Express your feelings (writing, talking them out)
- Find a caring listener
- Join a group of new mothers or a parenting class
- Avoid being all alone
- Exercise, it will give you more energy and is good for you
- Eat a good, healthy diet
- Solve the problems you can and accept the rest

Ask for help for your own health and your baby's well-being. You can ask for help from your partner, your family and friends, your health care provider, your public health nurse, or a counselor.

Most people who suffer from depression can be helped with treatment. There are two types of treatment: psychotherapy and medication. Often people with depression need both types of treatment.

Psychotherapy (counseling or "talk therapy") involves talking

to a healthcare specialist who understands your condition. It is a helpful treatment for depression. You and the therapist meet regularly and discuss the causes of depression. The therapist works with you on how to cope with depression.

Medication prescribed to treat depression is called an anti-depressant. If your doctor recommends it, do not feel ashamed to take it. It may greatly reduce your symptoms. If you are breastfeeding, you can take medications that are prescribed for you.

Postpartum depression can affect any woman of childbearing age. There are resources available to assist women who may be having symptoms of PPD. Treatment of this illness can help the woman to enjoy her new role as a mother to the fullest and allow the mother-child bond to flourish.

## Healthy Eating at a Restaurant

Kara Stoneburner RDLT,  
Public Health Dietitian, Fond  
du Lac Human Services Division

Eating out at a restaurant can pile on the pounds. Foods tend to be higher in fat, calories and added sugars at a restaurant. But, you don't have to ban them completely. There are ways to eat out occasionally and still remain within your body's dietary needs.

Beverages can add unwanted calories or sugars. A 20 ounce glass of regular soda has 16-18 teaspoons of sugar. Whole milk outweighs fat-free milk in calories. Whole milk has 150

calories while fat-free contains only 90 calories and all the same vitamins and minerals.

Tips to control your beverages at a restaurant:

- Order water
- Ask for fat-free or low-fat milk
- Order unsweetened tea
- If ordering pop, order a diet pop

Restaurant portions are more than enough for one person. You can easily consume several hundred extra calories at a restaurant by eating all of what is served. Below are some tips to help with portion sizes.

- Order an appetizer size or a half-size portion
- Order a side dish instead

- Share with a friend
- Box half the plate right away

Other important things to keep in mind at the restaurant:

- Try to keep your meal moderate in calories, fats and sugars
- Order off the menu instead of going to the all-you-can-eat buffet
- Avoid cream sauces and gravies; go light on the butter
- Choose fruit for dessert most often
- Order steamed, grilled, or broiled meat
- Choose meals with vegetables
- Order a salad with dressing on the side
- Avoid the bread basket;

request whole wheat bread, if having any bread. Plan ahead when going out to eat. Try to view the menu ahead of time to make healthier choices without being rushed. To avoid unplanned trips to a restaurant, pack fresh fruit, cut vegetables, low-fat string cheese, trail mix or unsalted nuts in your bag to hold you over until you can get home to make a healthy meal.

### Cereal Snack Mix

- 1 box Life cereal
- 1 box Quaker Oat Squares OR your favorite cereal
- 1 jar dry roasted peanuts\*
- 1 bag (6oz) craisins OR 1 cup raisins

- 1 bag mini pretzels
- Optional: 2 cups chocolate chips

Put all ingredients in a large bowl. Stir gently to mix. Store in an airtight container.

\*Be Careful! Peanuts are not safe for children 3 years old and younger as they may cause choking.

Sources include [www.ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://www.ChooseMyPlate.gov) and *Healthy Families- food, fun & facts recipe book from Minnesota Dept. of Health*



## A WIC program reminder

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is a supplemental nutrition program that offers tips and advice to help families eat well and stay healthy. It does not provide all of your food needs for the month. The WIC program provides:

- Nutrition education
- One-on-one counseling about nutrition
- Vouchers to buy food (Range between \$35.00 - \$190.00/month)
- Support and help with breastfeeding
- Referrals to health care, immunizations, and other

programs

### Who is WIC for?

- Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or who recently had a baby
- Infants from birth to 1 year of age
- Children from 1 year of age to their 5th birthday

To get WIC you need to have a nutritional and/or medical need and meet the WIC income guidelines. All WIC participants must have an initial appointment to determine eligibility for WIC.

If you have questions contact the WIC office for further information Laura Garza, PHN, CLC MNAW (218) 878-2147 or CAIR (218) 279-4135 or Kara

Stoneburner, RDLD, CLS MNAW (218) 878-2183 or CAIR (218) 279-4060.

## Nonprofit Leaders Urge Tobacco Price Increase

The Raise it for Health coalition applauds Senator Carla Nelson (R) and Representative Mike Benson (R), for unveiling legislation that would raise the price of cigarettes by \$1.29 per pack and increase the tax on non-cigarette tobacco products by 95 percent. Estimates show that this price increase will prevent over 35,000 Minnesota kids from becoming addicted adult smokers and help more

than 26,000 Minnesota adults quit tobacco.

Increasing the price of cigarettes by \$1.29 would bring the total tax to \$2.52. The increase would also raise an estimated \$320 million in new state revenue over the next two years.

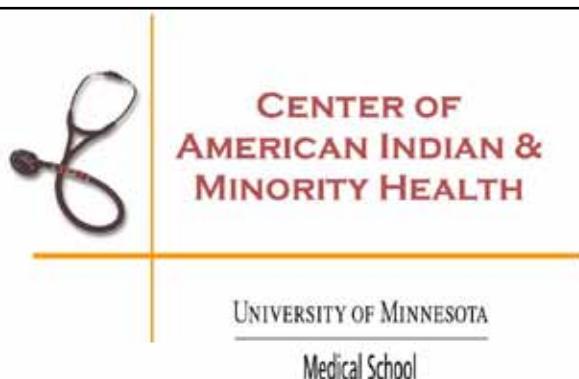
Each year in Minnesota, the tobacco industry spends more than \$150 million on advertising and marketing and continues to disproportionately target youth and ethnic populations. However, tobacco use is impacted by price, which is a reason why many states have increased their tobacco taxes in recent years as part of comprehensive strategies to reduce tobacco's harm. Minnesota's current tax on cigarette packs is \$1.23 and

ranks 27th among all states, which is a seemingly low rank.

Smoking continues to be a leading cause of preventable death and disease in Minnesota, taking the lives of more than 5,100 Minnesotans each year. Smoking alone costs Minnesotans nearly \$3 billion a year in excess health care costs.

For more information about the Raise it for Health coalition, go to [www.raiseitforhealth.org](http://www.raiseitforhealth.org).

*Cooking class is going to be March 2nd at noon at ENP and Gift of Health class is March 6 at noon in classroom.*



## What are YOU doing this summer?

*Apply now for a Center of American Indian and Minority Health Summer Program at UMD!*

*Check us out on Facebook!*



### Stepping Stones to Health Careers (SSHC)

University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth  
Week 1: July 8-13, 2012 - Week 2: July 15-20, 2012

- Two individual one-week residential programs for Native American/Alaskan Native students entering grade 10, 11, or 12 in fall of 2012. Students may participate in week one, week two or both.
- On-campus student housing and meals are provided for each week. Students arrive on Sunday evening and leave Friday afternoon.
- Participants will explore health-related sciences, healthy living, research, and college preparation. Each week will have different topics and activities.
- Students will participate in fun evening activities such as visiting Duluth attractions, rock climbing at the UMD fitness center, movie night and more.

**For information on eligibility and how to apply, visit our website at [www.caimh.umn.edu](http://www.caimh.umn.edu), email [caimh@d.umn.edu](mailto:caimh@d.umn.edu), or call (218)726-7235.**

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### Native Americans into Medicine (NAM)

University of Minnesota Medical School Duluth  
June 18, 2012– July 27, 2012

- A six-week summer program for Native American/Alaskan Native high school graduates and college undergraduates who are interested in exploring or pursuing health careers.
- Provides students with experience and support to help them become more informed and better prepared for careers in health professions.
- Participants meet Native American health professionals, community members, and medical school students and faculty at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Duluth.
- Curriculum focuses on math and science coursework resembling health professions school content, as well as writing and computer skills.

# 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. Please include the full names of the individuals in the greeting announcement, as well as the date of the occasion. Full names, including individual last names are required.

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, 2012 for the April 2012 issue. Information may be sent by U.S. mail to FDL News, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, Minn. 55720, or by email to zacharydunaiski@fdlrez.com.

The telephone number is (218)878-2682. You may also drop off items at our office at the Cloquet Tribal Center. Please remember to include the date of the birthday, anniversary, etc. in your greeting. Always include your daytime phone number and your name with anything you submit. Materials may be edited for clarity and length.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday my little **Valentine Cherokee Smith** (Feb. 14)  
*Love, Grandma Gale*

Happy Belated Birthday **Wanda Northrup** (Feb. 23)  
*Love Mom and Dad*



Happy Birthday **Herb Fineday** (Mar. 28).  
To my son, I would sing to you and say I love my baby boy my baby boy my baby boy and you would have the biggest smile on your face, now you show me the work you and your wife Ann have done. I see your biggest smile again. Herb my boy I know how hard you work I tell you that because I'm so proud of you in so many ways in the things you have done with your life and your family. Herb always be happy and be good to everybody. I say this to all my kids and grandkids.  
*Love Mom and Family*

Happy 36th Birthday to **Herb Fineday** (Mar. 28). We love you Daddy.  
*Love, Molly and Greenlee*



Happy Birthday to our Favorite Uncle **Phil Savage** (Mar. 7)  
*Love Dannin and Daicin*

Happy Birthday to **Carissa Diver** (Mar. 9)  
*Love, Mom, Dad, Beau, Mikey, Damien, and Cass*

Happy Birthday to **Tom Mcftridge** (Mar. 29)  
*Love, Kim, Beau, Mikey, Damien, and your princess Cassie*

Margaret Needham at CAIR would like to wish the following staff a happy birthday: **Patrick Boyle**, Adult Nurse Practitioner (Mar. 2); **Judy Harper**, Medical Records (Mar. 10); **Mike Jenkins**, PHN (Mar. 15); **Mary Gronseth**, LPN (Mar. 27); and **Renee Gibbs**, LPN (Mar. 30). *May all of you have a wonderful birthday.*

Happy Birthday to **Ed Misquadace** (Mar. 5). Happy Birthday Bro, have a good one.  
*Love Always, Maria, Makayla, Callie, and Janice*

Happy Birthday to **Ed Misquadace**. Happy Birthday son, I love you.  
*Love Mom*

Happy 4th Birthday to our little Love Bug, **Janessa Thompson** (Mar. 16)  
*Love Mommy, Daddy, and Takota*



Happy Birthday to **Carol Jaakola** (Mar. 3) We Love You Mom.  
*Love, Lorri & Chris*

Happy 8th Birthday to our Grandson **Champ Zacher** (Mar. 3) You are #1.  
*Love, Grandpa & Grandma Antus*



Happy 1st birthday to my beloved nephew **Sewell Tibbetts** (Mar. 8), you are the light of our lives, and I love you so much.  
*Love, Allie*

Happy 1st Birthday to my baby boy **Sewell Tibbetts** (Mar. 8), I love you so much and can't believe you are already a year old. You are the best baby ever.  
*Love, Mom*

Happy 40th Birthday to my little sister **Michelle Verley** (Mar. 15)  
*From your big sister Kathy King*

Happy 4th Birthday **Mathew Whitebird Jr.** (Mar. 23)  
*Love Dad, Mom, and all your brothers and sisters*

Happy Birthday Mom, **Bonnie DeFoe** (Mar. 16), we wish you the best for your birthday & this year and many more to come.  
*With Love, from your daughters*

Happy birthday to our beautiful **Samantha Mountain** (Mar. 11)  
*With lots of love from Warren, Cory, Carter, Mom & Gene*

Happy Birthday to my son **Jonathan Wright** (Mar. 17) and daughter Cassandra Wright (Mar. 4)  
*Love, Mom*

Happy 12th Birthday **Skylar Rogge** (Mar. 1), you're a great daughter and we love you very much.  
*Love, Mom, Steve, Elijah, Grandma, Grandpa and Family*

Happy 36th Birthday to my sister **Julie Reynolds** (Mar. 13)  
*Love, Nikki & Family*



Happy 16th Birthday **Alexis Kay Kettelhut** (Mar. 22)  
*Love you bunches, mom and Trey*

Renee Sutherland, Black Bear Slot Administrative Supervisor would like to wish the following employees a Happy Birthday: **Sherri Zagar** (Mar. 20) and **William Stelman** (Mar. 26).



Happy 60th Birthday to **Vincent Frank Porter** (Mar. 13), happy 60th and many more.  
*Love from your wife*

Happy 2nd Birthday **Princess Rylie Diver** (Mar. 18)  
*Love you tons, Grama, Tayden and Fhenix*

Happy 56th Birthday to Ole' man **John Henry McMillen** (Mar. 30) Love you bunches.  
*From Munch, Vic, Cilas, Maya, and Lil' John III*

Happy Birthday **Joseph Bruce** (Mar. 7), Much appreciation for all you do, have a good one.  
*B*

## Thank you

I would like to thank my family and friends for celebrating my 60th birthday with me (Feb. 7).  
*Love Chick*

## Memorial

This is a memorial for **Doris “the mayor” Smith** who passed away 3 years ago on Mar. 9.

Gone but not forgotten, **Randy Barney Jr.** (Mar. 20).  
*Love from your family*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to my big brother **John Blanchard Sr.** on his recent retirement from the University of Minnesota’s Cloquet Forestry Center, after serving 30 years as the Forest Management and Research Plot Technician.

*I love you Bro, Ellen*

## Obituaries

**Michael Joseph Bosto**, 31, of Minneapolis passed away on Feb. 5. Michael is survived by his mother Bobbi; father Glenn Foote; brothers, Wayne, Sequoyah, Kenneth; sisters, Dawnis, Marilyn, Larissa; four nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.



**Diana Gail Huculak-Vogel**, 51 of Sarasota Fla., formerly of Canton Michigan, died in her home

Feb. 15, 2012.

She was born June 1, 1960 in Pontiac, Mich. to Alex and Barbara Mary (Christenson) Huculak. She is a member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Diana was a 1978 graduate of Waterford Township High School and she attended Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Timothy Vogel; and sister-in-law, Crystal (Daniel) Huculak.

She is survived by daughter, Devian and son Andrew; and granddaughter Audrianna, due within a matter of days; brothers, Daniel Huculak and Christopher (Mandy) Huculak; and sister, Jacquelyn Huculak; one niece and five nephews.

Visitation and memorial service will be held March 9 at Faith Baptist Church in Waterford, Mich. A private burial will take place at a later date.

## Home 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 lake-shore; driveway and septic tank on 56 feet of FDL leased land. Asking \$235,000. Call (218) 879-5617 for more info.



*The FDL Polar Plunge team jumps into an icy Lake Superior to help raise money for the Special Olympics.*



*The line stretched out the door at the luncheon to raise money for the Language camp in Brookston this summer (Article on Page 3)*

# Onaabani-giizi – Hard Crust on the Snow Moon March 2012

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;

FDLM: Fond du Lac Museum; CPT: Cloquet Premier Theatre; OJS: Ojibwe school; RMD: Resource Management Division; TCC: Tribal Center Classroom

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC GED 4 p.m. CCC Water Aerobics 5 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language Table 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA Support mtg 6 p.m. TRC <b>Retirement Party Ruth Reynolds 2-6 p.m. BBCR</b> 1	Water Aerobics 8:15 a.m. CCC Cooking Class 12 p.m. CCC 2	Movies at Premier Theatres 10 a.m. Adult indoor golf 1 p.m. CCC <b>Rick Springfield 7 p.m. BBCR</b> 3
Volleyball net up 12:30 p.m. CCC 4	Water Aerobics 8:15 a.m. CCC Elder Exercise 9 a.m. CCC <b>Gift of Health class 12 p.m. CCC</b> GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS Cribbage 5 p.m. CCC 5	Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC WIC 12 p.m. CAIR GED 4 p.m. CCC Water Aerobics 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA Support mtg 6 p.m. TRC 6	Water Aerobics 8:15 p.m. CCC Elder Exercise 9 a.m. CCC Elder Concern mtr 10 a.m. CCC GED 4:30 p.m. SCC Zumba 4:45 p.m. OJSHS Beading 5 p.m. FDLM 7	Get Fit 12 p.m. CCC GED 4 p.m. CCC Water Aerobics 5 p.m. CCC Ojibwe Language Table 5 p.m. CCC AA/NA Support mtg 6 p.m. TRC 8	Water Aerobics 5 p.m. CCC <b>Youth Baseball Parent &amp; Player Dinner mtg 5:30 p.m. CCC</b> 9	Open Basketball CCC <b>Spring Fling Big Band Dance 7:30 p.m. BBCR</b> 10
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