

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

FDL Head Start children listen to an explanation of how to collect maple sap during a sugar bush outing at the Savage family property in Sawyer. This year 180 three- and four-year-old children participated in this annual event. See a story on the maple sugar harvest on page 6.



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Primary Election results require new election in Brookston; Regular Election for Chair and District I to go ahead as scheduled on June 10

By Deborah Locke

The need for a new election in District III, Brookston, reveals the remarkable importance of a single vote, and the measures required to correct a miscast ballot.

The Brookston election was invalid, according to a legal opinion by Election Contest Judge Suzanne Ojibway Townsend. An enrolled Band Member who did not live in the Brookston District for 30 days prior to the primary election on April 1, 2008 voted in District III. In her opinion, Townsend wrote that the Band Member did not intentionally vote in the wrong district, and was confused about where she was supposed to go. She should have voted in District I.

The vote tally for District III showed only a single vote difference between the candidate who came in at second place (Anna Wait, 42 votes) and third place (Mary Northrup (41 votes). Incumbent Roger Smith received 45 votes.

Townsend wrote that a difference of one vote would make a difference regarding which top two candidates would advance to the Regular Election on June 10. She added "Although the ineligibility of a single voter in an election would not usually be assumed to affect the outcome of the election, *in this particular case*, it is reasonable to assume that one ineligible vote did affect the outcome of the election." (italics in original text)

The request for a ballot recount was filed by Roger "Bouda" Smith, incumbent, and by Mary Northrup. The hearing on the contested ballot was held April 11, 2008.

The new Brookston Primary Election date is tentatively scheduled for June 10, the same day that voters will go to the polls to vote for the Chair (a reservation-wide office). The Chair candidates advancing to the General Election are Incumbent Karen Diver and Patricia Petite. District I (Cloquet) voters will advance one of the two Primary Election finalists (Incumbent Eugene Reynolds and Wally Dupuis) to office.

The Regular Election for the Brookston Representative will be held sometime in August. Readers should refer to the FDL website for the finalized election plans. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Executive Committee set the new District III Primary Election date, as required by the MCT Constitution. The new Brookston Primary Election ballot will contain only the names of the candidates who qualified for the April 1 Primary Election. Only voters who were properly listed on the voter roll for District III as of the April 1, 2008 Primary Election will be eligible to vote in the new Primary Election, Townsend wrote.

The results of the April 1 Fond du Lac Reservation Primary Election were posted early in April. The results were as follows:

Chairman: Karen Diver: District I, Cloquet: 226; District II, Sawyer: 73; District III, Brookston: 71; absentee ballots: 178; total: 548 or 46.72 percent. Patricia Petite: District I: 142; District II: 31; District III: 25; absentee: 69; total: 267 or 22.76 percent. Robert Abramowski: District I: 90; District II: 21; District III: 31; absentee: 91; total: 233 or 19.86 percent. Ricky DeFoe: District I: 29; District II: 10; District III: 26; absentee: 16; total: 81 or 6.91 percent. William Dufault: District I: 20; District II: 2; District III: 8; absentee: 14; total: 44, or 3.75 percent.

The results for **District I (Cloquet) Representative** were: Eugene Reynolds: 117; absentee: 77; total: 194 or 25.39 percent. Wally Dupuis: 111; absentee: 64; total: 175 or 22.91 percent. Charlin Diver: 74; absentee: 35; total: 109 or 14.27 percent. Gerald Mrozik: 31; absentee: 6; total: 37 or 4.84 percent. Harold Diver: 33; absentee: 2; total: 35 or 4.58 percent. Kristine Shotley: 11; absentee: 16; total: 27 or 3.53 percent. Don Wisen: 44; absentee: 26; total: 70 or 9.16 percent. Shawn Ammesmaki: 38; absentee: 7; total: 45 or 5.89 percent. Elwin Benton: 48; absentee: 24; total: 72 or 9.42 percent.

The results for **District III (Brookston) Representative** were deemed invalid in April by Suzanne Ojibway Townsend, Election Contest

June 2008 FDL election procedures and dates

According to Fond du Lac Reservation's Election Ordinance No. 10, in order to be eligible to vote for a public official, voters must be 18 years of age, enrolled Band Members, and have resided in their District for at least 30 days prior to the election, unless they are casting an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots must be requested in writing, including the name, birthday, district, and address of the voter. To cast an absentee ballot, an eligible voter who has never resided on the reservation of their enrollment must declare in their affidavit which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot. Voters may not change their district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district for 30 consecutive days. In addition, it is necessary to obtain a notary public signature on the absentee ballot.

The request for an absentee ballot must be received in a reasonable amount of time, so the ballot can be mailed and returned prior to the deadline. To receive an absentee ballot, send a request to FDL Reservation, General Election Board, P.O. Box 430, Cloquet, Minn. 55720. Ballots will be returned to the same address.

The deadline for receipt of the absentee ballots is 8 p.m. on the day of the election. The Election Board office will be open June 2-7, 2008 and on June 9 from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Important dates to remember are these: June 10 (general election); June 12 (general reservation election board publishes election results) and July 8 (winning candidates assume office). The election for RBC Chair is reservation-wide, and will be held in all districts on June 10. On that date, Cloquet District voters will elect an RBC representative.

The Primary Election for a representative will be re-held in the Brookston District on June 10. Brookston voters will vote for a chair on that date, and for a Primary Election candidate. The General Election for a Brookston representative will be held at a date to be announced in August.

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

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

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

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

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

Chair (Reservation-wide election) Primary Election finalists: Karen Diver (Incumbent); Patricia Petite

From Karen Diver

Thank you for the incredible support in the Primary Election. I was pleased to receive almost 47 percent of the votes, despite there being five candidates in the primary.



In my last letter to you, I highlighted the significant progress made during the last year. If you did not receive this letter, please let me know and I will send you one. This letter will focus on the work yet to be done

These are just a few of the important areas that need the attention of the Reservation Business Committee. Of course, until the debt refinancing is accomplished, that must remain the top priority.

My professional career highlights a continuous commitment to public service and underscores the extent of my experience. I had had a great variety of community leadership experiences. My time spent in the nonprofit sector has given me knowledge about social services, program development, public relations, governmental affairs and community building. I have been able to participate and learn from so many organizations and people because of my professional reputation for honesty, integrity, and hard work.

In addition to my professional experience, my personal experience as a teen mother is often used to guide

my decisions. It is difficult to forget how hard it was to become self-sufficient and the barriers that I had to overcome in order to achieve my education and have a career. As Chair, I often draw on my own experience to look at how we deliver our programs and seek to make them better and remove our own barriers to our people's success.

My educational background matches the job with a balance of business and government, with a focus on successful tribal governments. Combining my education with my professional, community and personal background gives me knowledge in the areas needed for successful tribal government.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair for the past 15 months. It has been rewarding to see the progress we've made. Candidates often talk about what should be done, but I believe that I have proven that I have what it takes to get the job done.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, Band Members can reach me at (218)878-2612, (218)590-4887, or e-mail at karendiver@fdlrez.com. For campaign-specific questions, please call (218)590-6097 or e-mail at kdiver@hughes.net

Thank you in advance for your support in the General Election on June 10.

*Sincerely,
Karen Diver*

Issue

Preserve Per Capita

What should be done

1. Refinance casino debt
2. Stabilize casino operations through staff training, implementation compensation study and enhanced marketing
3. Actively manage growth and budgets

Streamline Management

1. Continue to implement restructuring
2. Complete update to personnel policies

Improve Governance

1. Update Board by-laws
2. Update code of ethics
3. Board training
4. Strategic planning

What is being done and future projects

1. Reviewing proposals from financial institutions to refinance the debt
2. Expanding training department at casino; tie training to marketing and customer services, and hire new Food and Beverage director
3. Working with RBC to monitor budgets and grow better, not just bigger

1. Combined Compliance Department into Human Resources to improve timeliness and communication
2. Developed outline of new organizational chart to have business and government divisions
3. Personnel policies draft being reviewed by department managers

1. Research Board governance and code of ethics models
2. Include community input in development of by-laws and code of ethics
3. July training scheduled with Native Nations Institute
4. Staff is currently seeking funding for strategic planning

From Patricia Petite, President, FDL Tribal College

Dear Fond du Lac Band Members,



My name is Patricia "Patty" Petite and I would like to thank all of you for your support in the primary election, which has allowed me to advance to the general election for Tribal Chair.

As you consider who will best represent your interests in this important upcoming election, I would like to share a bit of the background which I believe qualifies me for this position. I was born and raised on the Fond du Lac Reservation, have lived here for most of my life, and have raised my family here. For over 24 years I have worked for the reservation as a social worker, Head Start

Director, and currently for the Fond du Lac Tribal College. I made a conscious decision to further my own education with the hope of leaving a legacy of education to my family and community. My education includes a bachelors degree in Psychology, a Masters in Education, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Minnesota.

I believe it's important for fellow Band Members and employees to know and understand my main reason for running for the position of Tribal Chair. It is simply this: I believe in the Fond du Lac Reservation, fellow Band Members, our employees, children, youth, elders, and the future generations to come. Our possibilities are endless if we all believe and are willing to work together. I have drive, determination, and a strong commitment to unite Fond du

Lac Reservation for a better tomorrow. Below is a review of some issues I will address as the Chair of the Fond du Lac Reservation:

- We are Anishinaabe people with a rich culture, honorable values, long-standing traditions, and a language that is in need of revitalization. I will support these efforts to the extent possible, practice our values of respect and kindness, and seek the guidance and support of elders.
- I will energetically support our Veterans by honoring and advocating for their issues. These men and women have defended and protected our country and deserve our greatest respect.
- I believe if we give people a fish they will eat for a day but, if we teach them how to fish, they will eat for a lifetime. This will occur

through: investing and supporting education from birth through higher education, where options for training and careers can pave the way towards self-sufficiency and fulfilling lives. Investing in our Band Members and assisting them with educational needs, such as advising, release time from work, encouraging upward mobility and rewarding self-determination, assures a wise and productive future Band membership.

- I believe Fond du Lac needs to develop a long-range plan (preparing for the seventh generation) with benchmarks and achievable goals. A long-range plan will assist all programs, departments, and enterprises with clear expectations, direction, and the mission of the

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District I (Cloquet) Primary Election finalists: Eugene Reynolds (Incumbent); Wally Dupuis

From Eugene Reynolds

Boozhoo niiji anishinaabedog.

I would like to wholeheartedly thank all the people who supported me in the Primary Election. Now that I have advanced, I'm asking once again for your valued support in the General Election on June 10. Serving as your Fond du Lac Cloquet District I Representative for the past four years has been a great honor. As your District Representative, I believe that I have represented our Reservation's best interests during my tenure, and I hope that you will continue to support me into the future.

A vote for Eugene ("Eny") Reynolds on June 10 is a vote for accountability, fairness, and honesty on all levels, in addition to a sincere concern for all Fond du Lac people.

Our Black Bear Casino, when first built in 1993, was the number one casino in the state. Back then we were far ahead of the other Tribes in the state, but 12 years of neglect with no growth put us behind our competitors. The profits were shrinking, and operating costs were going up. We needed change in order to be competitive again.

I supported the biggest construction project the Band has ever undertaken, the \$120 million expansion of the Black Bear Casino Resort. The Duluth News Tribune called that expansion the greatest gamble the



Band has ever taken. I think it would have been a bigger gamble to do nothing. After two years of planning and two years of construction, the casino hotel expansion and renovation is becoming a reality. The hotel opened on Feb. 11, and we have already seen a huge rise in profits. The new gaming floor will open May 15. We have to focus on long-range planning, sustainable development, and continued growth that will reflect with time in an increased per-cap.

Below are a few other programs that I have supported during my time in office:

The Wellness Committee, to unite all departments to promote healthier lifestyles; the Day Labor Program, to fill a needed gap in employment; Cultural Revival at the Cloquet Center, to bring back our values as Anishinaabe People; the Double the Scholarship Program, which increased from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per year. In addition, we lowered the rent for elders who are age 62 and older to a dollar a month.

There is much more to be done 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. I realize there are still many people in need, but together we can make a difference.

I ask for your support in the upcoming June 10 General Election.

VOTE FOR EUGENE 'ENY'
REYNOLDS ON JUNE 10.

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From Wally Dupuis, FDL Police Chief

Dear FDL voters,

Thank you for participating in the FDL Primary Election. More importantly, thank you for choosing me, Wally Dupuis, as your candidate in the FDL General Election to be held June 10. Your overwhelming support and encouragement will not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

My name, Wally Dupuis, will be on the June 10 General Election Ballot for FDL Reservation, Cloquet District I Representative. As such, I ask for your continued support. Your support will insure clear, open, communication as well as honesty, integrity, and accountability in promoting the Cloquet District as well as FDL affairs.

I have work and life experience in factory work, road and building construction, and many areas of law enforcement. I have also attended a number of higher educational institutions and participated in many volunteer organizations throughout my life.

I am committed to:

- Building and maintaining safe and healthy communities
- Encouraging and supporting educational opportunities
- Protecting Reservation interests, culture, and sovereignty
- Developing economic opportunities
- Providing long-term financial stability
- Maintaining efficient and accountable Reservation operations



- Working hand-in-hand with individuals, businesses, and institutions
- Supporting and promoting programs for FDL Reservation members, our elders, and our youth, both on- and off the reservation.

I believe the Reservation Business Committee has the responsibility to:

- Build and maintain safe, healthy communities
- Protect all band resources
- Provide safe and secure homes and housing
- Insure employment, economic, and educational opportunities
- Provide services to those in not only our local communities, but our far-reaching areas as well
- Provide quality leadership through effective, open, communication and community input
- Proactively, rather than reactively, address the issues and concerns we have as Fond du Lac Band Members.
- Look beyond casinos, hotels, and a golf course for long-term financial security.

To insure productive, common sense, thought-based decision-making, equality, and overall accountability, please vote for Wally Dupuis as your District I Representative.

Again, thank you. I assure you that I am not running out of anger, spite, or for personal gain. My intentions are sincere and absolute.

I would be glad to discuss your ideas and thoughts; please feel free to call me any time at (218)879-2492.
*Sincerely,
Wally Dupuis*

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Band. My work experience fully prepares me to lead this endeavor. This long-range plan needs to be reviewed annually and will be presented to the Band membership at a "State of the Band Address".

- Two-thirds of our Band Members live off the Reservation, many in distant locations. I will make sure that this important membership group has access to all planning and progress reports through both personal letters and technology access points.
- Taking a proactive approach to de-

cision-making and relying less on reaction-based decisions are steps that need to be taken. As a Band, we must strive to make decisions based on best practices and sound management. We need to consider strategic planning and encourage critical thinking about our issues.

- The impact of violence, drugs, and gang activity on our members demands attention. We must respond to these issues with education, interventions, and training that encourages healthy personal choices. The zero tolerance policy developed and implemented here

several years ago needs to be reviewed, updated, and followed. We all deserve to live in healthy and safe communities.

- Health and wellness must become a priority for Band Members and our communities. Without this commitment, we will continue to experience the loss of our Band Members before their time. We must think outside the box to advance services and initiatives that encourage healthy lifestyles.
- To the position of Tribal Chair, I will bring the skills of listening and letting others be heard, speaking

WITH Band Members and employees, not TO them. Keeping these practices as a centerpiece for my leadership will result in endless opportunities and possibilities. I will not be afraid of making tough decisions, but will work first towards building consensus among the largest possible body of membership.

If you have any further questions or concerns I can be reached by calling 218-879-3739 or by email at peti0011@umn.edu Thank you for your time and please consider voting Patricia Petite on June 10, 2008.

Surviving (and even enjoying) adolescence



By Lucy Carlson

In his bestseller, "Why Do They Act That Way?," David Walsh says that no one makes it through the teenage years unscathed. Not parents, and not their teens. He offers some helpful tips for surviving the drama of adolescence. Let's take a look.

Fact: Moodiness, quickness to anger, risk-taking, miscommunication and fatigue are all common characteristics of the adolescent. The behaviors are linked to physical changes and growth in the teenagers' brain.

Fact: Teen behavior can be mystifying, annoying, and even dangerous. This behavior is not only a result of brain growth, it is also influenced by hormones and peer pressure. Bullying and disrespectful language from a teen can be a result of all three of these.

Fact: Most teens will test the patience of their parents. This is predictable and happens when the part of our teens' brain called the prefrontal cortex is in the process of maturing.

Here are a few Do's and Don'ts for providing a supportive behavior framework for your teen: Set clear expectations. For example, say this: "You may not hit your sister or call her names," instead of "Be nice to your sister."

Choose consequences that fit and make sure you can live with them. Avoid empty threats. For example, instead of saying, "You're grounded for a month for sneaking the car", say "You are grounded for the weekend, and you may not use the car for two weeks."

Discuss consequences when things are calm, and follow through on them. If you are angry because of your teen's behavior, let her know that and also that you will talk with her later when you are less agitated. Then make sure you do. This interim time will also be effective "thinking time" for the teen.

If your adolescent starts yelling during your discussion about rules,

don't try to out shout her. Say, "We aren't able to have a discussion about this right now. When you are ready to discuss this without yelling, we can continue." They should not be allowed to move on to their next activity until the discussion is complete.

Fact: Smart kids do stupid things. Even the most obedient and sensible teenager will find themselves looking into the angry face of an adult who yells "What were you thinking?"

The inability of adolescents to put the brakes on unwise behavior becomes worse when its coupled with their anger. Quickness to anger plus poor impulse control can result in rudeness and verbal abuse. Because the wiring in the adolescent's brain is unfinished, he can't always know the difference between a good decision and a bad one. This has nothing to do with intelligence. The incomplete wiring explains why smart kids do dumb things and are quick to express anger. Add to that equation other influences: newly developing and powerful hormones and lightning-quick mood changes.

In short, adolescence is a heck of a time for the impulse control center to be under construction! Just when the teen needs it most, the prefrontal cortex's ability to act logically breaks down. This developing brain is no match for the strong impulses that are driven by raging hormones. The combination presents some of the biggest challenges in parenting. It is important that we provide the structure and control children need to keep their behavior from becoming destructive to themselves and the family.

Do's

- Realize that it is normal for adolescents to act without thinking of the consequences, to react impulsively, and to display raw emotions and mood swings.
- Get support from other parents and friends.
- Practice patience. It is helpful to remember your own years as a teen.
- Or, breathe deeply and count to ten! Know where your kids are and



what they are doing. Check up to see that they are where they say they will be.

- Maintain and enforce standards of behavior. Respect and decency don't need to disappear just because your teen is having a brain growth spurt!
- Stop any conversation if your teen starts to swear at you or threaten you. Suspend all privileges until you can complete the conversation without that behavior.

Don'ts

- Don't lose your temper when or if your teen does.
- Don't get sucked into verbal battles
- Pick your battles. Ask yourself if this issue is really that important. There are plenty that are!

Fact: Parent-adolescent miscommunications are famous because adults use the prefrontal cortex to interpret emotion, while adolescents use the part of their brain that controls fear and anger. Has your teen ever interpreted your irritation to be fury? Or your talking as yelling? Now you know why. The information your teen was getting through this "fear and anger" part of her brain was, to her, very real. Here are tips from Walsh's book.

- Start your statements to your teen with "I" rather than "you." Starting with "you" triggers defensiveness.

- Be specific. Say "You forgot to do the dishes after supper tonight" instead of "You never do the dishes when you're supposed to." When you generalize, the teen's mind immediately begins to find some reason to argue your point.
- Ask a question that needs to be answered with more than one word. Ask, "Tell me about your trip to the mall." Rather than "Did you have fun at the mall?"
- When there is tension between you and your teen, avoid attacking. Use these steps: name specifically what you are feeling; state the reason for your feeling; state what you would like. Here's an example: "I'm upset because you were late for dinner. I'd like you to call me and let me know when you are going to be late so I won't worry."
- Listening is more important than talking. When you listen with your full attention, your teen feels respected. That lowers his defenses. Establish eye contact, listen without interrupting, and encourage your teen to keep talking by using encouraging phrases like, "I see." Watch your body language. Don't cross your arms. Check to make sure you are understanding correctly.

Finally, when we spend time with

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Sugar bush

Band members use old and new methods to capture maple tree bounty

Fred Doolittle standing alongside his sugar bush shed.



For a few FDL Band Members, the coming of spring means an important journey that takes them into the woods for the sugar bush harvest. That journey means more than putting one step in front of the other toward a destination for FDL Elder Fred Doolittle, familiar to many from his time of employment with the Reservation's construction company, where he worked for nine years.

"Sugar bushing is a mental thing, a healer; it's spiritual, a peaceful feeling being out in the woods," explained Doolittle, 71, in his home outside of Superior. Fred firmly believes in the physical benefits of the collection of maple sap as well, saying that he feels like he's 55.

Another benefit of the sugar bush? The tradition connects Fred to his grandfather, John Couture, from whom he learned it. John Couture used a team of horses for the sugar collection according to Fred, who remembers the time when his family lived on a Brookston farm.

Fred purchased 20 acres of land in the early '70s about 17 miles south of Superior and together with his friend and partner, Maytor, began making "Old Bootlegger Road Pure Maple Syrup". The name and bottle design were inspired by their discovery that the land was once used to make moonshine during the Prohibition Era.

As Fred walked through his sugar bush, the only sounds heard were the crunching of the recent sugar-like snow and the call of a nearby woodpecker. As he walked, he explained that his method of maple sap collection is mostly traditional, in that he collects the sap by hand and boils it down over a wood stove fire. What isn't traditional is that he uses a Bobcat as opposed to horses

to get through the snow, and he uses plastic bags, versus metal buckets, to collect the sap.

The process

"We used to spend two whole days cleaning those things," he said, referring to the buckets. The side benefit of buckets, however, was that squirrels couldn't chew a hole through the buckets like they do through plastic bags, he said. Using a metal tap, Fred gently places it in the tree and hangs the bag on it. When the bags get full, he empties them into square steel pans on his wood stove and begins boiling.

There are over a dozen varieties of maple sugar trees, but Fred identifies them mostly by sight as either "hard" or "soft", with the hard tree producing the sweeter syrup. He also said that the past several years' drought has been hard on trees; the blight of a few years back decimated most of his older maple trees.

Because of the important connection that syrup represents to his grandparents and the time and labor required to produce it, Fred does not sell his syrup, but instead gives away all but three of the 20 gallons he makes each year.

Fred works the sugar bush mostly on his own now with his dog, Wasomin, because Maytor is no longer able to accompany him. He hopes one day soon to teach the tradition

to members of the next generation, particularly his granddaughters.

Bruce Savage is one member of the next generation who is continuing this Anishinaabe tradition. Savage's combination of old ways with new methods was the topic of a March 25 Gitigaan class at the Tribal Center ENP meeting room.

Before and after Savage and wife, Tawny, and children, Tahkoah, Sage, Cedar, and Kayla, collect sap each spring, they have a feast and ceremony. The Savage

family collects as much as 15,000 gallons of sap from over 2,000 maple trees, usually starting close to St. Patrick's Day and ending in early May. Each tree produces approximately five gallons of sap, or about a pint of syrup. Once the tree starts producing sap, it only does so for about two weeks; during

this short season, he and his family must devote all of their spare time to tending to their family business.

Chocolate-flavored?

Savage said that a tree needs to be between 25 to 250 years old to produce sap, with the younger trees producing the sweetest syrup. Syrup can come in a variety of flavors, depending on the tree and its environment, the way sap is handled, and the way it is processed. The darker syrups have the stronger flavors which include maple, chocolate, coffee, floral, nutty, and vanilla. Savage attributes

the flavor of his syrup to Minnesota's location, being on the furthest northern and western boundary of maple syrup-producing trees, its thin layer of topsoil, and clay and loam subsoil. That ideal environment means that Minnesota producers of maple syrup have the opportunity to produce a superior product.

According to Savage, Minnesota tribes possess three of the most unique sugar maple trees: Mille Lacs has a tree that produces as much as eight percent sugar in the sap; Leech Lake has the only maple sugar forest that grows on floating bogs; and Grand Portage contains the northernmost stands of sugar maple trees anywhere in the world.

In order to collect enough sap to make syrup to sell, it was necessary for Savage to devise a different way to tap it. To collect the sap, he created a tubing system under vacuum from old dairy equipment he found on his farm and keeps it in a pumping station.

"Many people think that I'm sucking the life out of the trees, but I'm not," he explained. "All this system does is remove the atmospheric pressure in the tubing so that the sap can flow easier downhill. It's like when you lift up a garden hose to empty the water out."

Savage uses some modern methods in the production of his syrup and related products, which include maple sugar candy, maple cream, and maple cotton candy, but he partners company with the big producers who use a reverse osmosis system to cut down on the boiling time.

"This [reverse osmosis] misses the connection Native people understand between fire and sugar," he explained. The province of Quebec,

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Wigwa mamacenawejegam

Art you can sink your teeth into



Lorri Jaakola Antus demonstrates the art of birch bark biting.

Story and pictures by Jane Skalisky

When you think of art and the tools required to produce it, you might think of birch bark, beads, oil paint, canvas, clay, marble, charcoal, pipestone.

Consider this ancient tool: your eyetooth. Thirteen people attended a two day seminar in March to learn more about the ancient art of birch bark biting at the Fond du Lac Reservation Cultural Center and Museum.

The sessions were taught by Wanesia Misquadace, a Santa Fe, New Mexico artist and enrolled Fond du Lac Band Member.

Birch bark biting is an art form traditionally practiced by women, with only 20 artists currently in existence in the U.S. and Canada. Bitings are done with an eyetooth on thin layers of birch bark. The designs were originally used as templates for beadwork, quillwork, and for telling stories. Misquadace's goal is to teach others so that the tradition remains alive. "To keep our people strong, it is necessary to continue our

traditional art forms," Misquadace said in an interview. The bitings are called wigwa mamacenawejegam.

Misquadace first became interested in birch bark biting when she learned at a Big Drum Ceremony that her mother, who passed away when she was young, once did them. She collected bark one day, began to fold and bite it, and felt

a connectedness with her mother. "I know her talent lives through me," she said.

Seminar participant Wendy Savage said that Misquadace gave the group a "great gift."

The process includes the collection of bark from small to medium-size birch trees between mid-June to mid-July. After

harvesting, Misquadace freezes the bark, moistens it, and peels it until it is as thin as wrapping tissue. She then folds it origami-style, and begins biting.

Misquadace has received numerous honors and awards. Her work is available at this email address: Wanesia@comcast.net.



Wanesia Misquadace

Canada produces 96 percent of the world's maple syrup and uses reverse osmosis. Savage cautioned that much of what consumers purchase in stores comes from Quebec, even though it might say it is from Wisconsin, for example. It is now possible for tribal producers to have a seal of authenticity attached to their product, so buyers know where and how it was produced.

One of the biggest mistakes maple syrup makers commit is drilling too far into the tree, Savage said. Traditionally, Native people always took care not to drill too far into the trees, which results in weakening and eventually killing the tree. Europeans, he said, didn't follow Native

methods. Now it is well-recognized that it is only necessary to go three-fourths of an inch with a tap as large as a hypodermic needle.

"It only took 500 years to figure out the Natives knew what they were doing," he said.

Not only are humans fond of the sweet stuff coming out of Savage's trees this spring, but the deer are, too. How do they keep the deer from eating their trees? "We eat the deer," he answered.

Spirit Lake products are available online at spiritlakemaplesyrup.com. Tours of the Savage family's operation can be arranged by calling (218) 644-0912.



Brandon Topping explains how a sap evaporator works to a group of FDL Head Start children.

Education news

FDL science students move up to international competition

By Deborah Locke

Albuquerque – Two area students are among eight top American Indian science students in the U.S. to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta in May. FDL Band Member Sa' Shawna Lone, a junior at the Ojibwe School, and Courtney Jackson, a freshman at Cloquet High School, took top honors in March at the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair held in Albuquerque, N.M.

Jackson is the granddaughter of FDL Band Member Joan Lampi. She was among 325 students who brought their science projects to the fair.

Seven Ojibwe School science students participated in the Albuquerque fair; Jeremy Ammesmaki's and Lone's projects were among the final 15 selected for the international competition. Both students are juniors at the school. Five Cloquet School District students participated.

Lone's project advanced to the final cut, and was entitled "A comparison of DNA in the Family Oryza to Zizania." Her research examined the DNA differences in rice and grain families. Ammesmaki's project, "Let's get them out," focused on construction of a device that could help remove a stuck vehicle from a ditch. Jackson's project mapped the "circular low" on the planet Venus. Jackson and Lone will compete with 1,500 students from around the world for \$4 million in scholarship

money and prizes.

The Albuquerque projects were subject to the same competition standards held by professional research scientists. For example, before the formal judging began, a scientific review committee examined the student's poster board summaries and research methods to ensure that the projects were not in violation of rules. A couple of FDL student projects included photographs of brand names or logos. The committee determined that the names and logos had to be deleted or the projects would be ineligible for competition. That requirement bothered a couple of the FDL kids until the use of a simple black marker blotted out corporate identities.

The science fair was held in the Albuquerque Convention Center where long tables filled a large room the evening of March 27. The Ojibwe School students with their science teacher, Leslie Bucar, and chaperones, Richard Wilkie and Tara Graves, were the first group to arrive and set up projects. Large poster boards were prominently displayed; Deshawn Campbell, 13, unpacked a small device he invented that watered plants. Senior Lacy Diver was assigned to table space next to Sa' Shawna Lone, and uncovered her poster board on the use of wood charcoal to improve plant growth.

The Friday judging portion was not open to the public, but visitors were invited to review the projects and speak with students the evening of March 28. Lacy Diver said the session with the judges was "stressful." Their questions concerned



Seven science students from the FDL Ojibwe School took part in the National Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque in March. Shown in front of the city's convention center in the back from left to right are Nicholas Hayes, Jeremy Ammesmaki and Deshawn Campbell. In front left to right: Stephanie Shabaiash, Brittany Bird, Sa'Shawna Lone, Lacy Diver

statistical research, an area she was not prepared to expand on. Written comments from the judges encouraged Diver to study science in college. "Keep going," one wrote.

Lone's written comments from judges included these: "innovative, ambitious, very promising." She learned that through DNA extraction, wild rice held the most nutrients, compared to brown and white rice, which are more processed. Lone met the judges while wearing her jingle dress. "I wanted to stand out," she said.

Obviously, plenty stood out. When Lone's project name was announced at the March 29 awards ceremony, her classmates rose from their seats and cheered.

Science teacher Leslie Bucar said

that in the last three out of four years, Fond du Lac science students have participated at the international level. Bucar speculated that the judges were impressed with Lone's broad knowledge of her subject – she worked without assistance and the subject matter tied into her culture and history.

These days Lone is doing independent research on the DNA of grain and rice to supplement what she already knows. She called home from Albuquerque to tell family members that she won. Relatives "screamed" congratulations, she said. Then she arrived home. Their reaction? Hugs. Lots of hugs.

The Intel International Science & Engineering Fair is the world's largest pre-college science competition.

Education excellence FDL honor roll students and perfect attendance, second quarter

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 10 Aliza Gingras; **Grade 11** SaShawna Lone; **Grade 12** Lacy Diver, Julia Lone;

"B" Honor Roll

Grade 7 Brenden Bird, Naomi Pigeon, Manuela Sandoval; **Grade 8** Cheyenne Ammesmaki, Kristina Ammesmaki Ohetika BlueBird, Cotee Hoffman, Dominic Johnson-Fuller, Damian Reynolds, Jamis Ritchie, Lee St. John; **Grade 9** Brittany Bird, Shawna DeFoe, Stephen Smith, Morningstar Webster; **Grade 10** Nicholas Hayes, Tyler Murto, Selena Rockensock, Cherokee Smith; **Grade 11** Jeremy Ammesmaki,

Christopher Johnson-Fuller; **Grade 12** Randall Boyd

Perfect Attendance

Grade 7 Deshawn Campbell, Natasha Reynolds; **Grade 10** Krysta Reynolds, Cherokee Smith; **Grade 11** Jeremy Ammesmaki

Carlton School District

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 7 Cedar Savage; **Grade 9** Mariha Ojibway

"B" Honor Roll

Grade 7 Mitchell Houle, Justice Lundquist, Lindsey O'Leary, Spencer Walton; **Grade 8** Kyle Robinson; **Grade 9** Nina Dorr; **Grade 11** Tasha Soukkala;

Grade 12 Charles Robinson

Perfect Attendance

Grade 7 Mitchell Houle, Justice Lundquist Spencer Walton; **Grade 8** Cody Ojibway; **Grade 11** Autumn Martineau

Cloquet Senior High

Perfect Attendance

Joe Anderson, Ryan Barney, Chris Hammitt, Jonathan Hammitt, Delaina Martin, Wes Nikko, Katie Pappas, Jessica Sampson, Taylor Whitebird

"A" Honor Roll

Chris Hammitt, Courtney Jackson, Kierra Johnson, Katie Pappas, Frank Saice, Steven Weber

"B" Honor Roll

Bryan Anderson, Joe Anderson, Haley Bassett, Dylan Follett, Amber Gregg, Jordan Mallery, D'Arcey Martineau, Thomas Olson, Angela Sanchez, Mariah Smith, Rachel Smith, Kaitlin Thompson, Tiffany Welsand, Anja Wiesen

Albrook School District

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 7 Joseph Schwartz; **Grade 9** Lexie Barcus, Cassidy Capriglione;

"B" Honor Roll

Grade 12 Emily Anvid
Grade 10 Abigail Otis



A few thoughts from RBC members

From Chairwoman Karen Diver

With the recent law enforcement incidents on the Reservation, there have been a number of Band Members who have brought up the Fond du Lac Declaration of Policy Against Violence. Since January, police officers responded after shots were fired at a home, and after a shooting.

For those who may not remember, this Declaration was passed in September 1996. It states:

1) There shall be zero tolerance on the part of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee for the acts of violence by any member of the Fond du Lac Band or by any other person within the Fond du Lac Reservation.

2) The types of violent behavior addressed by this Policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following conduct:

- Acts of physical violence against another person, including all forms of terrorism, threats and intimidation;
- Acts of destruction against property;
- Acts of racial intolerance against any person;
- Acts of public disrespect against elders, children, or veterans;

- Distribution or possessions of illegal drugs or weapons; and
- Disruption of lawful governmental activities.

3) The Reservation Business Committee shall vigorously enforce this Policy through any legal means available, which may include, but not be limited to, cooperation with and reliance upon the assistance of the law enforcement agencies of other units of government, the organization and support of community-based policing, and other deterrence efforts.

The Reservation Business Committee responded quickly when there was a recent incident involving a firearm in the Fond du Lac Homes area because the incident posed a great risk to surrounding neighbors. In the incident that followed, it was a little less clear cut with the matter still under investigation. It resulted in numerous charges being filed on both sides of the conflict. Had the RBC acted immediately, all the facts would not have been known.



Karen Diver

Band Members deserve the assurance of being able to maintain employment and housing until all the facts are known. For community members not involved in the incidents, they want to know that their safety is a priority. There is often not a clear answer in implement-

ing the Declaration of Policy Against Violence. How far does the community want the RBC to be involved? What does zero tolerance mean? What about the following examples: Should couples who have domestic violence in their home be evicted? At what age should minor children be

held accountable for their behaviors, and how much responsibility do parents have for the actions of their children? How do you create a fair policy when every situation is as different as the people involved?

The community is interested in forming block watch programs, and the RBC is very supportive of this. The community can be helpful in making sure that law enforcement is informed of drug activity and other

issues that may pose a threat to public safety. Please consider participating in the upcoming opportunities to be involved in community safety.

The RBC will be asking for feedback from the community on the Declaration of Policy Against Violence, and what you consider to be appropriate consequences when the policy is cited in response to future incidents. In addition to community policing, perhaps a community wide understanding on the consequences of violation of this Policy will also be a deterrent to these behaviors in the future.

On another note, the RBC has some initial proposals on the refinancing of the Band's debt. The RBC will be looking at the proposals to see which ones best meet the Band's needs. Although there is no guarantee that the lenders will be able to sell the loan in the market, they do feel that there may be interest in the financial market to taking a portion of our debt through a financing package.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to call me at the office at 218 878-2612, or on my cell phone at 218 590-4887, or by email karendiver@fdlrez.com.

From Ferdinand Martineau

I am sitting in my office and the hearing on the Brookston Primary protest has just finished. The judge ruled that a new election shall be held for the Brookston district. I do not want to speculate on the reason but, I am sure there will be an article in the paper that will explain what took place.

In about a half hour the protest that was filed on the Chairman's election will be heard and a decision will be rendered on that one also. I stayed long enough to hear that the Chairman's election was upheld and will proceed as scheduled. Be sure to read about it. Over the past 30 years I have been involved in tribal elections on this reservation and it never ceases to amaze me how something that should be so easy can become so difficult.

For the past year and a half I have

been working on understanding all the accounts that are used by the reservation. Staff, consultants and I have made recommendations that the council has accepted that have streamlined our system and increased our interest rates. I just received the report and it totaled \$252,000 more for us last year. Even with all our attempts to stay within budget for last year, our income has just kept us even.

As a result of our budget projections for this year, we have not finished making all the cuts that are necessary for the coming year. WE WILL NOT CUT THE PER CAPITA PAYMENT. We are trying to make

cuts that will affect programs the least, combining programs where we can and eliminating expenditures that have become unnecessary.



Ferdinand Martineau

The major project on our plate is about to be completed. We shall be opening the new casino in May. That is about two months ahead of schedule and \$2 to \$3 million under budget. We will have all the new games on the floor when the doors open, thanks to some very creative thinking on

the part of our staff. If you have had a chance to tour the new space, I am sure you were impressed. If you have not, you surely will be impressed when you walk through the doors after we open.

The final piece that has to be completed is the financing package. For the last eight months we have been meeting with a variety of lenders to try to work out a deal that we can afford. The problem that we have encountered is the large amount that has to be financed and how much time we will take to pay it back. Once we make that decision we will close on the deal.

The last thing I would like to touch on is the lack of local artwork displayed within our new project. I have talked with our managers and we are going to begin to display some of the art that we have collected and try to schedule an art show to collect more pieces.

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

Senior's Legal Line Q&A

Questions on whether a terminally ill cancer patient should get a living will, and what to do when an elderly spouse starts to lose his ability to drive safely

Dear Senior's Legal Line:
I have terminal cancer, and I am concerned about my health care if I become unable to communicate my wishes in the future. I want my personal health care wishes followed, even when I cannot express them clearly myself. I have heard about living wills. Is this what I should have to make sure that my health care wishes are followed?

– Ronald

Dear Ronald:

I commend you for your foresight in planning ahead for the time, if it comes, when you cannot communicate your health care decisions. Putting your wishes in writing will go a long way to insure that your wishes are followed, as well as to ease the minds of your family and friends about what the correct course of action would be if you cannot make your own health care decisions. These sorts of writings are called "advance directives" for health care. They can be in the form of the old "Living Will," a Health Care Power of Attorney, or a form that complies with the Minnesota Health Care Directive Statutes. In my opinion, the Health Care Directive is the one that most people use.

The Health Care Directive is a legal document in which you can name agent(s) and/or leave written instructions to your agent(s) and physicians about your health care wishes. It combines the aspects of a Health Care Power of Attorney and the old Living Will. If you have a Living Will, it is still valid, but I encourage you to think about drafting a Health Care Directive. Unlike a Living Will, you do not need to have a terminal condition with a Health Care Directive. Everyone over the age of 18 should seriously think about having a Health Care Directive.

A Health Care Directive is triggered when you no longer can make competent health care decisions,

as determined by your physician. Up until that triggering event, your health care providers will not have to refer to your Health Care Directive as you can tell them directly what you wish for your health care. When that triggering event occurs, however, your doctors will look to see if you have a Health Care Directive. If you do, they will look to see if you have left instructions and if you have named agents. If so, they will refer to the instructions and speak to your agent(s). As long as your wishes fall within standard medical practice, your doctors are legally bound to follow your wishes to the best of their ability.

Before drafting a Health Care Directive, think about whether or not you have people who you trust that you would like to name as your agents. Talk to them to see if they would be willing to act as you wish, should the need arise. Just because you name an agent, however, doesn't mean that they have to act. If they do act for you under the Directive, they must act in a way that conforms with what you want. For this reason, it is wise to give them instructions about what you want. At the very least, you should discuss with them what your wishes are before the need arises for them to act.

In order to be valid under Minnesota law, a Health Care Directive must either name an agent or agents and/or give written instructions about your wishes. You do not have to do both. To make it legal, as the principal, you must sign the Directive either in front of a Notary Public or two witnesses. While there are no specific forms that a Health Care Directive has to take, it must at least meet these bare minimum requirements under the statute. If your Minnesota Health Care Directive satisfies the Minnesota requirements, all the other states will follow it as well.

When you finish signing the

document before a Notary or two witnesses, keep a copy for yourself, provide the original to your primary agent, and make copies for all other agents and your health care providers. Note: A copy is just as valid as the original. If you do a lot of traveling, take a copy along. A good rule of thumb is to provide a copy of your Health Care Directive to all those who would be at your bedside in a health crisis. Keep a record of who you give your Health Care Directive to. If you decide to change your Health Care Directive in the future, you may do so. Minnesota law states that your health care providers and agents must follow the last Health Care Directive you created. Provide your new Directive to all those who have a copy of your old one.

Our office discusses Health Care Directives with community groups in the area, as well as to individual clients. You do not need an attorney to draft a Health Care Directive, but it can be helpful to speak with one if you have any specific questions. As a practice, our office does not help people draft their Health Care Directives as it involves personal choices, and an attorney is not needed to do so.

For further information about Minnesota Health Care Directives, or to complete an online form that you may print out, visit the Minnesota Board on Aging website at www.mnaging.org, click on the blue Health Care Directive link in the lower portion of the website page.

Dear Senior's Legal Line:
My husband always drives the car when we go anywhere. We are both in our late 80's. My husband has recently started to drive in such a way that I do not feel safe in the car. He has trouble staying in the lane and sometimes misses turns. He even has stopped for no reason and has been getting lost. I feel ter-

rible that my husband may have to stop driving because he has always enjoyed it so much, but I don't want anyone to get hurt. I don't know what to do. Can you help me?

– Evelyn

Dear Evelyn:

Knowing when to stop driving is a sensitive topic, because driving is so central to our society. Giving up driving can be perceived as a loss of independence. However, the desire for independence should be balanced with the safety of the passengers and others on the road.

From your description of your husband's driving, it appears that he is not driving safely. Perhaps your husband should be evaluated by a doctor to make sure that there is not an underlying medical condition that is affecting his driving. He may also need a new eyeglass prescription. At any rate, after being evaluated by a doctor, perhaps the doctor can discuss your husband's driving skills with him. If there is no medical condition for which treatment may improve the situation, perhaps the doctor can convince your husband to restrict or stop his driving.

If your husband cannot be convinced to voluntarily restrict or stop his driving, you may wish to report him as an "at risk driver" to Driver and Vehicle Services of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. By doing this, you may request an evaluation of the at risk driver, your husband. Your request must be in writing to: Driver and Vehicle Services, Attn: Medical Unit, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 170, St. Paul, MN 55101. Be sure to ask for an evaluation and include your husband's full name, date of birth, and driver's license number. Explain why you believe he is an at risk driver. Include your own name, address, and phone number.

According to Driver and Vehicle

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Services, because you are related to the at risk driver your request is confidential and will not be revealed by Driver and Vehicle Services, unless ordered to do so by a court of law. Once you submit the request, Driver and Vehicle Services will require that your husband meet with a driver evaluator. Your husband will receive a letter indicating the date and time of the appointment with the driver evaluator. If your husband does not meet with the evaluator, Driver and Vehicle Services has the ability to cancel his driving privileges.

After the driver evaluator interviews your husband, the evaluator will decide what steps are needed.

Your husband may be required to take the written and/or road driver's license test. The evaluator may also require a written physician's health or vision statement. Your husband, of course, would want his doctor to be able to confirm in writing that he is able to safely operate a motor vehicle in order to keep his driver's license, but this may not be possible considering your description of his driving. If the evaluator decides that he should not drive, your husband must give up his driver's license, but he would still be eligible for a Minnesota photo identification card.

Keep in mind that Driver and Vehicle Services has a specific definition for an "at risk driver." They

define an at risk driver as "one who no longer has the ability to safely operate a motor vehicle." Minnesota will not revoke or cancel a driver's license based solely on the driver's age. An examination by a driver evaluator is not justified based solely on age. For more information about at risk drivers, go to the Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services website at: www.dps.state.mn.us/dvs.

As for your transportation needs, you did not state whether you are able to drive. If you cannot take over the driving yourself, perhaps other family members, neighbors, or friends could help drive you and your husband on your errands.

For other options, you may wish to contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 for information regarding transportation services in your area.

This column is written by the Senior Citizens' Law Project. It is not meant to give complete answers to individual questions. If you are 60 years of age or older and live within the Minnesota Arrowhead Region, you may contact us with questions for legal help by writing to: Senior Citizens' Law Project, Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, 302 Ordean Bldg., Duluth, MN 55802. Please include a phone number and return address.

Surviving (and even enjoying) adolescence *from page 5*



our child when we would rather be doing something else; invest our energy when we are exhausted; bite our tongue when we want to lash out; take a deep breath when we want to scream; hold the line when it would be easier to give in; have the courage to talk about difficult topics like sex and alcohol; tell our adolescents that we love them and nothing can ever change that and we will never give up on them; swallow our pride and apologize to our adolescents when they deserve it; go out of our way to meet their friends; stay connected with their school; deal with problems instead of slipping into denial; put a note of encouragement into their lunch bag; ask them about their favorite music; show up at their activities; share a good laugh; and do the million other things we can to connect with, guide, and love our adolescent children - every time we do any of these things, we are increasing the value of our investment!

Adolescence is not a problem to be solved. It is an experience to be lived. To paraphrase Dr. Seuss, they'll have places to go and fun to be done. Thanks to your help, the game can be won.

As parents, control is not the key. Connection is.

Lucy Carlson (pictured above) is a Family Educator with the Fond du Lac Head Start Program. She will write regularly on parenting matters for this newspaper. Her email address is lucycarlson@fdlrez.com

THERE'S A NEW DEALER IN TOWN.

These days, teens don't have to go out looking for drugs; they can just go to the medicine cabinet. Even as teen use of "street drugs" is on the decline, the abuse of prescription drugs is increasing. The perception is that they're safe even though abuse can lead to paranoia, addiction, seizures, and death. You can prevent abuse by safeguarding and monitoring your family's medications. Educate yourself. Find out more at theantidrug.com. You can stop the dealer.

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Area News Briefs

Health challenges facing American Indians

The Urban Health Institute recently released the results of a five-year survey of Native people, finding that for those who reported alcohol use, the rates increased with income levels, instead of declining as with all other groups. Rates of diabetes, obesity, and smoking remained about the same for high and low-income American Indians, in contrast to the general population, where lower income people have higher rates of these diseases.

The study also showed that Native people living in urban areas had more difficulty accessing health care than other urban dwellers. For the third year in a row, Bush's 2009 budget proposal calls for cuts in Indian health programs. The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

Famous Dave's names new CEO

Wilson Craft became the second CEO to head the Eden-based barbeque chain, Famous Dave's, since company founder Dave Anderson stepped aside in 2003. Anderson is an enrolled member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superior Band of Ojibwe in northwestern Wisconsin, and is founder of Famous Dave's of America.

The move was prompted by fourth quarter losses of 25 percent, resulting from the recent trend in the U.S. of eating at home rather than dining out, due to rising gas and food prices. The story was published in the Star Tribune.

Red Lake's successful online business venture

Online sales of Red Lake Nation Foods have jumped from \$10,000 during its first year of Internet sales in 2003 to over \$250,000 in 2007.

Producers of wild rice, jams and jellies, maple and berry syrups, and birch bark crafts are now able to sell their items directly. Red Lake walleye will soon be available on-line as well. The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

Keeble receives Medal of Honor

Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his military valor in Korea, 25 years after his death. President Bush recently formally apologized for this long overdue tribute to Keeble. The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

MN DNR publishes wild rice report

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources published its "Natural Wild Rice in Minnesota Report" on February 15. The creation of this report was triggered out of concern that manoomin, wild rice, may be threatened by genetically engineered varieties of wild rice. The report made the following recom-

mendations: establishing a statutory policy on wild rice and its management; designating and publishing a list of important wild rice areas; increasing natural wild rice lake management; convening a workgroup to identify changes in harvest regulations; and recruiting more harvesters.

More information on this report published in Mazinaigan can be found at www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishwildlife/legreports/index.html#rice.

Tribes challenge federal ruling over off-reservation casinos

A major policy change this year by the Department of the Interior will slow the growth of the Indian casino industry. Twenty-two applications for new off-reservation casinos were rejected based on a single criterion: their distance from the reservation.

The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

Senate passes bill to improve health care on reservations

During late February, the Senate passed a bill that would authorize spending \$35 billion to boost programs at the Indian Health Service, prompt new construction and modernization of health clinics on reservations, increase tribal access to Medicare and Medicaid, and recruit more Native Americans into health professions.

Native Americans suffer much higher death rates than the general population. Alcoholism, drug use, diabetes, heart disease, and suicide rates are especially high.

Two provisions in the bill direct the Government Accountability Office to study tribal courts to identify weaknesses and another to make it easier for sexual assault cases to be prosecuted on reservations. The bill also contains a resolution that formally apologizes to American Indians for centuries of government mistreatment.

The bill must be approved by the Ways and Means Committee before it heads to the House floor. The article was published in Indian Country Today.

Five states may be voting this fall on affirmative action

Foes of affirmative action are working to ban the practice of addressing historical inequalities in Colorado, Arizona, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. The initiatives are being spear-headed by Ward Connerly, who has raised \$1.5 million for the campaign to end preference in public education, hiring, and contracting.

The article was published in the Star Tribune.

Having a wide girth in your 40s could lead to dementia

A study of 6,583 adults reported in the journal *Neurology* found that people with the highest amount of abdominal

fat between the ages of 40 and 45 were about three times more likely to develop dementia later in life. The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

Lake Superior water levels on the rise

2007 saw the lowest water levels in Lake Superior since 1926. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported that in February of this year, the lake was up over eight inches from one year ago, but was still 10 inches below its long-term monthly average.

The story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

Mourning dove protection introduced

After 58 years of barring hunters from shooting mourning doves, the State of Minnesota, by a single vote, authorized hunting the small bird in 2004. Recent legislation sponsored by Representative Mike Jaros and Senators Sandra Pappas and Scott Dibble would restore the dove-shooting ban. The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

Gas prices rising

Gas prices in March in Duluth were an average of \$3.15 a gallon, up from \$2.50 a gallon from a year ago. Analysts say prices could go as high as \$3.75 a gallon this summer, regardless of what happens with oil prices. The story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

Bush administration proposes cutting Head Start

President Bush is proposing cuts to Head Start in 2009 that the National Head Start Association estimates would result in more than 14,000 fewer slots for children, the first time a president has formally budgeted for such a reduction since the program began. The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

College student demographics change

Starting next year, a dramatic change in the ethnic makeup of the university-bound student population is expected that would transform the country's higher education landscape. Minority enrollment at undergraduate institutions is expected to rise from 30 percent in 2004 to 37 percent in 2015.

Experts say schools likely to thrive are those in popular areas that can continue to upgrade, those with work-force programs, and public universities that can offer lower tuition than private colleges.

The story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

Fish processing resumes at Red Lake

After more than ten years, Red Lake Fisheries has reopened. The Red Lake Tribal Council set up regulations for the commercial fishery that allow hook and line fishermen to each bring in a daily

catch of 50 walleye between 13 to 20 inches and currently receive \$1.75 per pound.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community provided the fishery with a \$1 million grant for 2007 and another for 2008.

Red Lake's commercial fishery opened in 1917 to produce fish during the World War I meat shortage. It closed in 1996 after the walleye stocks collapsed. In 1999, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, and Red Lake Fisheries Association signed a 10-year moratorium on walleye fishing and began a major restocking effort that was so successful that limited fishing was opened in 2006.

The story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

MnSCU appoints Larry Anderson interim president

Larry Anderson was appointed interim president of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, effective July 1. Anderson, a FDL Band Member, has been serving as the school's vice president of administration and student affairs and replaces Donald Day.

The story was reported in the Cloquet Pine Journal.

Consultant sued over Red Lake shootings

The families of people killed or injured in the 2005 Red Lake shootings are suing a Bloomington-based environmental consulting firm that sold the school district its crisis management plan. Lawyers representing the families are saying that MacNeil Environmental Inc. failed to create a safe school environment and properly train students, staff and law enforcement about what to do in an emergency.

The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

Health problems for people born prematurely

Infants born prematurely are much more likely to die during childhood and much less likely to have children of their own, according to a study conducted in Norway, the largest ever of its kind. One in eight U.S. infants is born prematurely.

The story was reported in the Los Angeles Times.

Traditional funeral business could go out of business

Oyate Tawicohan Funeral Home in Minneapolis, owned by Rev. Claudia Windal, a Lakota Indian, is facing foreclosure. Windal provides low-cost funerals for people of little means, but doesn't receive enough from Hennepin County to cover her expenses, relying on donations or paying the difference herself.

The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

Briefs

Elders meetings every Wednesday

Elders age 62 and older are welcomed to attend meetings of the Elder Concern Group at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Elder Nutrition Program meeting rooms at the Tribal Center.

Changes to 2008 summer lunch program

The FDL summer lunch programs begin on June 16 and ends on Aug. 19, 2008. The programs are held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Cloquet, Brookston and Sawyer Community Centers. The programs are for children up to age 18.

Beginning this year, families must provide their own transportation to the community centers for the lunch programs.

Important financial news for FDL higher education students

Financial aid changes are being implemented for the 2008-'09 school year. If you are a new or returning student, please make note of the following:

All Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms are being filed electronically. All students are required to complete this application annually and should do so as soon as you or your parents file the previous year's income taxes.

The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program and the FDL Scholarship Program's priority deadline is July 1 of each year. Scholarship dollars are awarded and disbursed quickly, so you need to make every effort to meet that deadline. The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program application is available in our office. It is also available online at www.getreadyforcollege.org/indianscholarship. Click on the "apply online now" link.

To remain eligible for the FDL Scholarship Program, you must turn in your grades at the end of each academic term confirming a cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Please be sure to read everything in your informational packet, especially the "Policies, Procedures and Instructions" section. If you follow the

procedures, your application should go smoothly. Otherwise, setbacks could occur that will cause delays in getting your award approved, processed and mailed.

If you need assistance in completing your financial aid paperwork or have any questions, please contact our office at (218) 879-4593, Ext. 2681. Ask for Bonnie or Veronica.

Sewing classes offered at Drop

All are invited to attend sewing classes taught by Jeanette Carlson from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The classes are held in the Drop-In Center on University Road near the Head Start Building. There is no charge for the classes. The classes will continue throughout 2008.

Fate of radio station still in limbo

FDL remains in a holding pattern for a hoped-for FM radio station that would cover an area extending north to the Range, west to Floodwood, and south to Moose Lake. According to Jason Hollinday, Director of Planning for FDL Reservation, approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for an application for a radio frequency could take anywhere from several months to longer.

Road construction underway on FDL Reservation

The road construction budget for FDL Reservation was \$1.8 million for 2008, down from \$2.2 million last year. According to Jason Hollinday, Director of Planning for FDL Reservation, the reason for this is that more tribes are complying with federal regulations for this year, so there is less Bureau of Indian Affairs funding for each tribe.

Some of the roads being reconstructed for 2008 and 2009 include the Cartwright Road near the Tribal Center, Moorhead and Davis Road in the vicinity of Big Lake, and Waagosh and Zingols Road near Twin Lakes. Some new or unnamed roads will be given Anishinaabe names, including Waagosh, Zingols, and Giiniw.

FDL transit service proves to be popular

Over 1,000 people a month are utilizing the bus service that started in December, according to Amy Wicklund, Economic Development Planner. The system is currently running Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a twice-daily regular run that includes stops at the Tribal Center, Duluth, Scanlon, FDL Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC), and Black Bear Casino. In addition, there is a dial-a-ride program that transports residents on the Reservation and in Cloquet to various destinations.

"Some people say it's a Godsend, as it allows them to get to work," said Dan Lund, Transportation Supervisor. He went on to say that many people aren't aware that the service is open to everyone, not just Band Members.

Lund envisions increasing the service to include weekends, an additional noon run to the Miller Hill Mall and special trips for groups to pow-wows and other cultural events. He would also like to expand FDLTCC student ridership. Lund said that usage is particularly heavy in the afternoon and asked that people to call (218) 878-7500 a day ahead for rides not on the regular schedule.

New housing director's first big project: operation clean-up

Barb Perttu is FDL's new Housing Director as of Feb. 25. She has worked in housing for more than 20 years, and worked with elderly nutrition programs for ten years. Perttu faces numerous challenges in her new position, including finding housing for the over 250 households currently on the waiting list.

Another major task: a reservation-wide clean-up that starts June 1. The plans are not finalized for the cleanup, but the focus will be on residents ridding their yards of old automobiles and trash.

Perttu says that keeping things in perspective is essential in her job. "You have to have a sense of

humor," she said. "You can only do so much." She received her B.A. in Management from the College of St. Scholastica and completed coursework for a Nursing Home Administrator's License.

Perttu grew up in Mt. Iron, Minn., and moved around the country until returning last year to be closer to her family. She said she knows firsthand how hard it is to find housing in the area.

Other than looking for a place to live, Perttu spends her free time reading, fishing, shopping, and spending time with her granddaughter.

Les Beckel retires after 15-year career

Les Beckel, Water and Wastewater Supervisor for Fond du Lac Reservation, retired on April 4 after 15 years of service. He cited the people he worked with to be the best part of the job, better than any other place he's worked. "I want to say 'thanks'; it's been a pleasure; the people have been so good to me," he said.

Les grew up in Central Ohio. After completing high school, he joined the U.S. Marines. Following the service, he received a B.S. degree in Natural Resources from Ohio State University, then worked in Ohio for a number of years until he found a job in Mankato and eventually here at Fond du Lac.

"I wanted to be north; away from farm country and closer to fishing," he said.

Les started in June of 1993, just two days before the Black Bear Casino opened. During his 15 years, he not only witnessed the opening of the Black Bear, but also the new school, tribal center, and health center. Les envisions water becoming its own department one day, along with its own building.

Les plans to spend his retirement having fun: four-wheeling on trails near Big Lake, feeding deer, fishing, traveling and visiting grandchildren with his wife, Gerri.



Community news

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

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

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

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

Birthdays

A big happy 19th birthday to **April Petite** on May 2!

From mom



Happy sixth birthday to **Kayla Lynn Reynolds** on May 15!

Love always from Beans

Happy birthday to our South Carolina girls, **Sarah Zacher** (mother, on the left), Feb. 21, 1986, and **Breea Topping** (daughter, on the right), May 18, 2004. Love to you both!

Mom (Gramma) and Dad (Grandpa)

Breea, your uncles and aunts and cousins love and miss you and wish you a very happy fourth birthday!

Love from Jason, Davie, Daniel and Christine

Happy belated fourth birthday to **Justice Paro!** (April 21)

Love from Mom

Happy birthday (belatedly) to **Justice Paro**, the cutest most mischievous little granddaughter in Minnesota!

Love from your Grandma Pam



Happy birthday wishes to members of the Bridge family – **Rosemary** (May 12), **Robin** (May 8), **Ryan** (May 18) and **Hailey** (May 15).

With love from Ellen, John and Mom

Milestone

Cloquet High School ninth grader **Kwanita White** got all gussied up for her school's Homecoming Dance in February 2008. It was Kwanita's first formal event, reported her proud grandmother, Diane Mrozik. She is the daughter of Nikki Reynolds and Perry White Jr., the sister of Kyle White, the granddaughter of Diane and Gerald Mrozik, Gerald and Dianna Reynolds, and Pam White.



Obituaries

Christine Grace (Houle) Himango Pensak Pitmon, age 84, originally from Cloquet, passed away on March 31, 2008. She was born on April 4, 1923 at the Cloquet Indian Hospital to George and Nancy Houle.



Christine attended the Oda-nah Indian boarding school and subsequently graduated from Brookston High School. She worked as a cook at the Fond du Lac Reservation. Christine enjoyed doing crafts and liked her bingo nights. She was an avid Vikings fan and loved listening to Elvis.

She also loved an encounter with an Elvis impersonator, said her son, Mike. At the 2007 FDL Christmas Party, "Elvis" sang a song to Christine, and gave her his scarf. Her reaction? She broke out in hives on the spot, Mike said.

Christine also liked to watch performers of the Celtic River Dance on a CD. Bingo remained a passion – Mike took his mother to Mystic Lake when its huge bingo hall first opened in the early 1980s.

With great delight, Christine took a look around the huge hall. "She thought she had died and gone to heaven!" he said.

Christine taught her children a strong work ethic, Mike said. Through her example and words she

believed that a person should work hard for an honest day's pay.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Roy Himango, Frank Pensak and Carl Pitmon; her son Timothy Pensak; brothers Ambrose, George, Jerome and Charles and sisters Marie and Priscilla. Christine is survived by her sons George (Marlene) Himango, Michael (Annette) Himango and Jonathan Byron Pensak; daughter Deborah (Charles) Hitchcock; 21 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brothers Frederick (Pearl) Houle, William Houle and Richard (Jean) Houle; sisters Anna Thompson and Georgianna (Gerald) DeRoche and many nieces and nephews.

Christine will always be remembered as the Indian Irish dancer.

A memorial visitation was held on April 3 at the Handevitd Funeral Home. A memorial service was held at the Funeral Home on April 4. Christine was buried at the Old Calvary Cemetery in Cloquet.

Randall "Randy" Lee Barney Jr. Ni-goo-zis (My Son), 23, of Cloquet, passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2008 in his home. He was born on August 16, 1984 in Robbinsdale, Minn. to Randall Lee Sr. and Kelly (Milberger) Barney.



Randy loved sports and Everquest computer games. He also enjoyed history and the outdoors. He was a good father, son and brother. He will be sadly missed by all, especially his daughter.

Randy was preceded in death by his great grandparents Angeline and Simon Barney, Joe Martineau and Josephine "Gramma Suze" Greensky, Esther Fiddler and Emery Wurtz, Frank and Hannah Milberger, grandparents Warren Barney Sr. and Gordy Milberger, uncles Duane and Dave Milberger.

He is survived by daughter Raeann, mother Kelly (Dave) Barney, father Randy Barney Sr., grandparents Mardel Milberger and Cecelia Barney, brother Anthony "Tony" Barney, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held on March 24, followed by a funeral on March 25 at the Handevitd Funeral Home. Burial was at the New Holy Family Cemetery.

Notes of gratitude

The family of **Christine Pitmon** expresses its thanks to the Chris Jensen Nursing Home for its care during Christine's illness. A special thanks is expressed to our Auntie Ann for her protective and loving care of our mother. Thanks, also, to Lee Main and Michelle DeMenge.

The family of Christine Pitmon

On behalf of Rich and Lana Reigel, I would like to thank the **employees of the Fond du Lac Tribal Center** for their generosity. The Riegel's home burned down recently. On March 27 I took up a collection and was able to hand them \$258, most of it in the form of a Wal Mart cash card. They were very appreciative and asked if I would thank all of you for them.

Sincerely, Les Beckel

We would like to express our gratitude to our family, relatives, and friends for all their kindness and concern through the loss of our son, brother, and father, **Randy Barney, Jr.**

We would also like to thank: Handevitd Funeral Home for help with the arrangements; Cloquet Greenhouse for the beautiful flowers; FDL ENP for the wonderful feast; the RBC for its generosity; FDL Police for their assistance; Weazer for the DVD--it will be cherished forever; Rick, Ernie Diver, Jr., and sons for helping us help Randy throughout his journey. Words can not express the comfort given.

And thank you, Pastor Morriem. You've always been an inspiration. Most of all, thanks to the presence of all: the kindness, support, hugs, gifts, flowers, and love that was given so abundantly through the hardest time of our lives.

Miigwetch,

Randy Sr., Kelly, Tony, and Raeann

Memorials

In memory of **Richard John Diver**, 9/17/39 – 10/14/07. To our loving father, grandfather and father-in-law: We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that, too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name; all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has

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“Older Than America” premier draws sold-out Cloquet audience

Film depicts Indian boarding school experience and aftermath

By Jane Skalisky

“Older Than America” is about healing, forgiving and moving on, said the film’s director, Georgina Lightning. The movie, filmed in 2006 on the Fond du Lac Reservation and throughout the Cloquet area, premiered in Cloquet on April 3 to sold-out audiences. The movie plot reveals the negative experiences of Indian children in boarding schools and the generational fallout from that era.

Fond du Lac offered a natural setting for the film, reminiscent of her Samson Cree reservation in Alberta, Canada, Lightning said in an interview after the premier. Some of the scenes Lightning chose depicted places familiar to many, including Jim Northrup’s back yard and the Cloquet forest behind the Tribal Center.

When scouting out a film location, she visited with FDL Band Member Jim Northrup one evening at Northrup’s Sawyer home. Northrup and a few friends gathered around a fire, laughing and talking. The scene resonated with Lightning. She then sought approval and assistance for the film’s production from the Reservation Business Committee (RBC). Former Tribal Chairman Peter DeFoe, Jr. returned Lightning’s phone call that same day, and told her that everyone on the Reservation had been affected by boarding schools. The RBC gave not only its blessing, but a large discount in lodging at the Black Bear Hotel during filming.

Lightning found the people of Fond du Lac to be welcoming and gracious. She was astounded to learn that her only obligation here was to attend a feast honoring Lightning and her crew.

“I go by my instincts,” she said. “I knew this was where the film needed to be made.” She prayed that she would be put in touch with the people she needed to be in touch with, and her prayers were answered.

Financially, the bulk of her support came from the San Manuel Tribe in California. “They [the tribe] told me that they would give me whatever I needed to make the film,” she said, adding that she believes “Older Than America” is the first Native owned, operated and funded film made in the U.S.

Lightning did not live on the Samson Reservation until she ran away from home at the age of 14. Her father, who had attended Catholic boarding school as a child, didn’t want his children to be educated the same way he was. Thus, Lightning and her sister attended public school in the city, and were the only Native students in the school.

“I had to become a fighter,” she said. “Practically every day someone would beat me up or threaten to.” At 16, she got a job in a factory and was pregnant at 17. Lightning said becoming pregnant was a pivotal point in her life.

“A social worker came to visit me and encouraged me to continue my education. This was the first time

anyone had been nice to me,” she said. “Before that, I had no hope. I thought that [getting pregnant] was what Indians did; I felt I had no future. I decided I wanted more for my daughter than what I was given.” After getting her high school diploma, Georgina went to college. It was there that she was encouraged to pursue an education in the states.

“So, one day, I sold everything that wouldn’t fit into a U-Haul Trailer, got a divorce and moved my mom and three kids to Burbank,” she said. She was accepted into the American Academy of Dramatic Arts (AADA) in Los Angeles, the alma mater of Robert Redford and Danny DeVito. She said that it was extremely competitive, requiring her to apply every year. The first year at AADA, Georgina had 367 classmates. The number dwindled to 15 students by her third year. Still, she persevered. “I didn’t want anyone to say ‘no’ to me.”

Before she entered college, Lightning had never read a book. “The schools didn’t care; they just wanted you to pass and move on,” she said. “Once I applied myself, I became an

honor student.” While at the AADA, she won the Michael Toma Award and became the first Native American ever to graduate, receiving a Performing Arts Degree.

A major aspect of American Indian culture that Lightning tried to get across in her film was the importance of visions. “We believe in spirits,” she said, “we’re not afraid of them. The character in the film, Walter Many Lightnings, is trying to teach Rain this. Unlike the Catholic Church, we believe that each one of us has the ability to access a higher power.”

Lightning also believes in the power of film. “I’m addicted to the power of the media,” she said. “We really need to utilize it, to inform, to influence and to change the stereotypes of our people.”

Lightning has advice for young American Indians who want to pursue a career in the arts. “They need to stick to their guns and be true to themselves, following their dreams and aspirations, without timelines.”

Further information can be found at www.olderthanamerica.com.

Summer youth employment program accepting applications

Youth between the ages of 14 to 17 are invited to apply for summer jobs on the FDL Reservation. Applications can be picked up at the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) office at the Center for American Indian Resources (CAIR), 211 W. 4th St., Duluth, any school’s Indian education office, and at the Cloquet, Sawyer and Brookston Community Centers.

The deadline for applications is May 16, 2008. For further information, contact Annette Himango at (218) 879-4593 or Char Bodin at (218) 726-1370.

Community news

you in his keeping; we have you in our heart.

We miss you and love you so much!

Sadly missed by your kids, granddaughter and daughter-in-law, Angel, Toni, Mike and Samantha, Tara

In memory of Randy Barney Jr. from his cousin, Jaida Couture

Another life gone to drugs/How great./I wonder, who's next?/ Let's just sit and wait.

Another overdose/Another life gone./This isn't right at all./

This is terribly wrong.

Tears from his mother/Hit the floor./Hanging out with his brother/Will happen no more.

A daughter left behind/With no father to hold./Because of stupid stuff/His life was taken, and stole.

He's in a better place now./We will all learn and see/

His addiction got the best of him/But now he's set free.

Rest in Peace **Randy Lee Barney Jr.**, March 20, 2008

Love, Jaida

Schedule of open and quarterly meetings

Band Members are invited to attend open and quarterly meetings. Open meetings are for the discussion of concerns; quarterly meetings are for the dissemination and discussion of financial information. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Type	Date	Time	Place
Quarterly	May 15	5 p.m.	American Indian Opportunities Center, 1845 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis
Open	June 19	1:30 p.m.	Sawyer Community Center
Open	July 17	1:30 p.m.	Cloquet Tribal Center
Quarterly	Aug. 21	1:30 p.m.	Brookston Community Center
Open	Sept. 18	5 p.m.	Damiano Center, 206 W. 4th St., Duluth
Open	Oct. 16	5 p.m.	Minneapolis; location to be announced
Quarterly	Nov. 20	5 p.m.	Sawyer Community Center
Open	Dec. 18	5 p.m.	Cloquet Tribal Center

May 2008 Waabigwani Giizis – Flower Moon

Cloquet Community Center in black 218-878-7510 • Sawyer Community Center in blue 218-878-8185
 Brookston Community Center in red 218-878-8033 • Ojibwe School in brown

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Men's Night 6-8PM Drum Group 6-8PM CAIR- CPR/First Aid 8:30-4:30PM	Game Night 5-7PM	Cloquet Center & Drop In Trip Swimming Lessons 2-6PM Movie Night
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Swimming Lessons 4-6PM Basketball Tourney Premiere Theater 9:15AM	GED 6-9PM Softball Camp 6-8PM Women's Night 6-8PM Beading Class 4-7PM	Sewing 5-8PM Garden Classes – 6-8 Prevention Intervention 4-5PM GED 1-4PM Drum Group 6-8PM CAIR – WIC 12-3PM MNAW– CPR/First Aid 8:30-4:30PM	Craft Night 4:30-6PM Community Golf 4-7PM GED 1-4PM	Sewing 5-8PM Drum Group 6-8PM OJS Powwow		Duluth Playhouse 2:30PM Swimming Lessons 2-6PM Basketball Tourney
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cribbage Tourney- 12PM Softball Tourney	Beading Class 4-7PM Softball Camp 6-8PM Women's Night 6-8PM GED 6-9PM	Sewing 5-8PM Garden Classes – 6-8 Prevention Intervention 4-5PM GED 1-4PM Drum Group 6-8PM MNAW – WIC 12-3PM	Craft Night 4:30-6PM Community Golf 4-7PM GED 1-4PM	Sewing 5-8PM Drum Group 6-8PM	GED 6-9PM Game Night 5-7PM	Pinehurst Picnic Swimming Lessons 2-6PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Swimming Lessons 4-6PM Pool/Cribbage Tourney 1PM Ice Cream Sundaes 3PM		Sewing 5-8PM Garden Classes – 6-8 Prevention Intervention 4-5PM GED 1-4PM Drum Group 6-8PM MNAW – WIC 12-3PM	Craft Night 4:30-6PM Community Golf 4-7PM GED 1-4PM	Sewing 5-8PM Graduation	Game Night 5-7PM	Cloquet Center & Drop In Trip Swimming Lessons 2-6PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



An Easter Party was held at the Brookston Community Center on from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 23. Easter Bunny pictures were taken for an hour, followed by a traditional Easter dinner. Easter baskets were given to 141 children; 42 adults received Easter candy bags.

