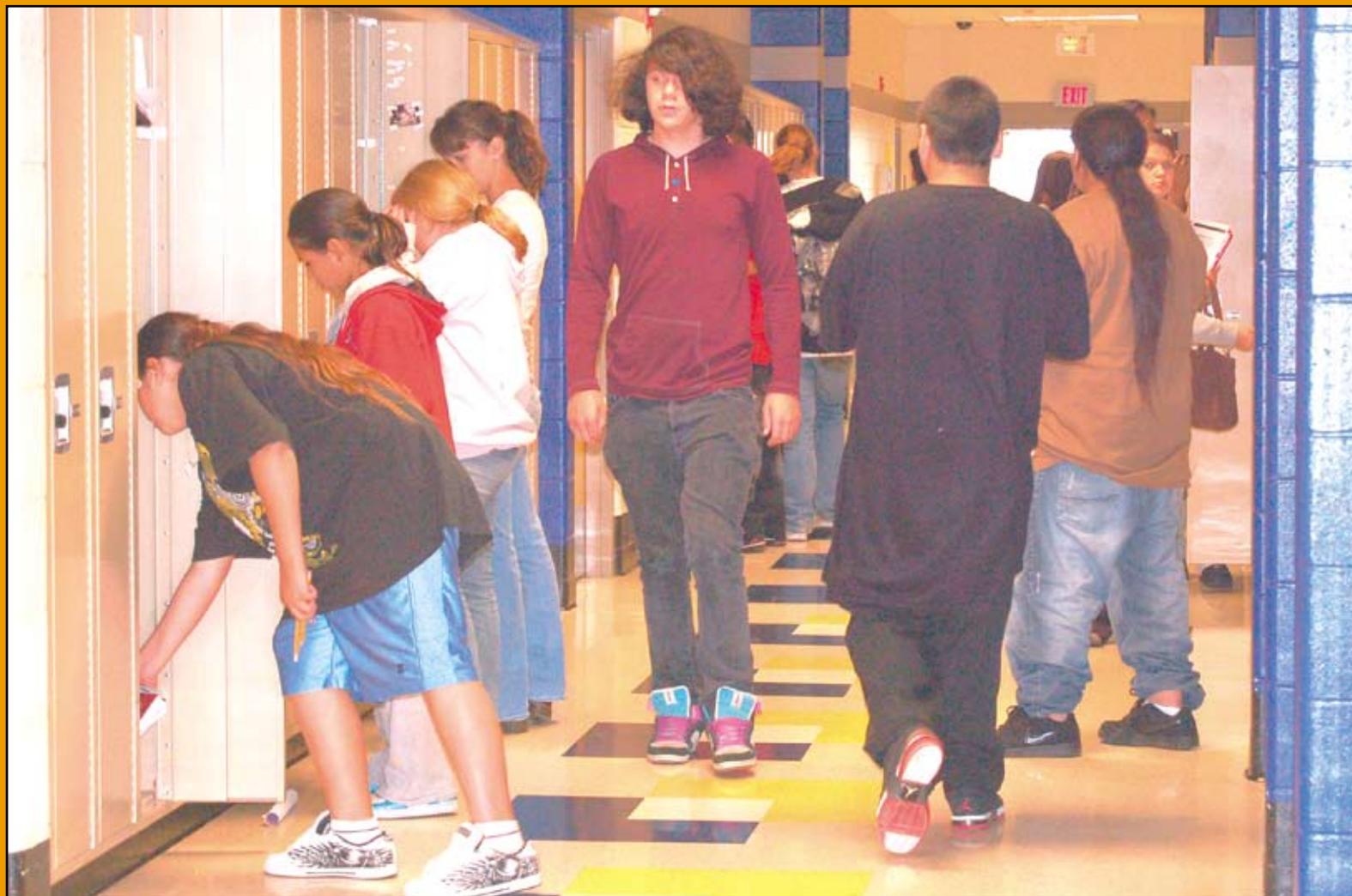


# Nah gah chi wa nong (Far end of the Great Lake – Fond du Lac Reservation) Di bah ji mowin nan (Narrating of Story)



*Above senior high school students at the FDL Ojibwe School prepare to attend their final classes of the day. A goal of the federal No Child Left Behind act is to ensure that all children graduate from high school with excellent academic skills. A story on why Indian kids sometimes drop out and how to prevent that outcome appears on page four.*

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# FDL Elders participate in national conference

**I**n September, 88 FDL elders traveled to Tacoma, Wash., for the annual National Indian Council on Aging conference. The conference was called "Under One Sky: Helping Elders Live Well and Thrive in Their Communities." Below, FDL Elder Tempe Debe of Sawyer describes parts of the five days of events.



Tempe Debe

**Sept. 4, 2008:** It was early morning and we had to be here at 4:45 a.m. to catch the shuttle bus to the airport. Jerry Setterquist brought doughnuts and coffee. We took the plane to Minneapolis and changed planes. We went by plane, train, bus, and automobile - it sounds like a movie, you know?

We got to Seattle and the weather was perfect. We had to find a bus to take us to Tacoma to our beautiful hotel, about a half block from the conference center. It was exciting to see the many vendors bring in their stuff.

**Sept. 5, 2008:** Velvet Linden did all the registration for us so the day became ours. We rented a van and went to Pikes Market in Seattle. You could smell cinnamon and rosemary. Joyce (LaPorte) and I went into a

store that sold hides and bought a beautiful elk hide for \$150. We returned to Tacoma and went to a dinner buffet that had every kind of salmon.

**Sept. 6, 2008:** The opening session began with prayers and welcomes. A Pueblo federal employee spoke about the importance of the 2010 Census that starts on April 1. They want every household to be counted. Census-related jobs will be opening all over. They want us to find everyone we can on this Reservation because dollars from the federal government depend on

those numbers.

He told us to pay attention to the census, get started, get organized and tell your people what we are doing so they are not hiding out. That evening we had dinner at a nearby school that featured the culture and traditions of the Puyallup tribe.

**Sept. 7, 2008:** After the prayer breakfast, we heard from Washington state representatives. That was followed by a breakout session on topics like exercise, bone health, resources for grandparents raising grandchildren and veteran support. We were free that afternoon. I went



Shown in Seattle from their September trip are Marilyn Carpenter, Kathy Rilling, Eve Christenson, Diane Hietala, Darlene Mostrum and Barbara Tidaback.

back to Seattle.

**Sept. 8, 2008:** Area caucuses met. As a group, our job as Fond du Lac elders is to listen to the trends happening in Indian Country, like the census. Our caucus, which included members from the whole state, drafted resolutions on water quality, sustainable resources and cleaning the Great Lakes.

The resolutions were taken to the NICOA board. None of the resolu-

tions passed because not enough of the conference membership showed up to vote. It was disheartening.

**Sept. 9, 2008:** After the closing session, our group hosted a dinner for the new NICOA officers to have the next conference at the DECC in Duluth in 2010. We raised the money for the dinner. That's what we did that last meeting: we schmoozed.

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

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

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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*

# A legacy of hope

## New Lester Jack Briggs Cultural Center opens

Photo and story by Jane Skalisky

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Lester Jack Briggs Cultural Center was held at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) on Sept. 3, 2008. The building was named after FDL Band Member Jack Briggs, the first college president who died in 2001.

A crowd of 250 people gathered to

celebrate the opening of the 34,000 square foot, \$7.3 million center that includes a gymnasium, cultural exhibit area, and specialized classroom space for law enforcement and nursing programs.

The new addition is sided in yellow, in keeping with the original four directional color theme. The cultural center adds another step in completing the thunderbird shape of the college, said Dan Feidt, architect for the building project.

Siding, landscaping, and flooring have yet to be completed. Also nearing completion at the opposite end of the college is the new \$5.1 million, 12,500 square foot library. Doors are expected to be open the



end of October, said Tom Urbanski, FDLTCC director of public information.

### Remembering Jack

“Jack was a man of passion, committed to his people, with a belief that education was what lifts our people up,” said Fond du Lac Tribal Chairwoman, Karen Diver.

Briggs served the college from its first day in 1987 until his death. He was the guiding force behind the creation of FDLTCC, the only combined tribal college and state community college in the United States and the first tribal college in Minnesota.

Dave Wise was one of the college’s first students when the entire campus was housed in the former Garfield Elementary School on 14th Street and Carlton Ave. in Cloquet.

Dave worked in construction then and recalled Jack visiting him on the job.

“He would say, ‘come on over and take some classes,’” Wise said. Jack’s persuasive abilities were successful in convincing Wise to enroll. Wise would witness that same charisma on visits years later with government officials in Washington, D.C.

“He could make doors open,” said Wise, “there are not too many that



Lobby of the new Lester Jack Briggs Cultural Center

could do that.”

When Wise first began at what later became FDLTCC, there were just a handful of students. In a little over a year, word spread, and trailers were moved to the site to accommodate all of the students. Within five years, ground was broke on the current site.

“It caught on like wild fire,” said Wise, “even though some people were poo-pooing it.”

Wise described Jack as a “system fighter,” going up against what kept Indian people down.

“If one person saw a dead end, he’d see an avenue,” said Wise. “That was how he was able to have

so much success.”

In the early days, Wise said Jack was like the Indian stereotypes, partying and getting thrown in jail. But Jack, said Wise, turned his life around.

“Instead of becoming angry, he became a leader,” said Wise.

Wise’s final memory of Jack took place in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, 2001. When Jack returned, he fell ill and in a few months, passed on.

At the ribbon ceremony, Larry Anderson, current FDLTCC president said that Briggs’ legacy is the college itself. “It’s about bringing new hope to people,” he said.



Students, staff, local dignitaries, government officials, and family members at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the cultural center.

# Keeping kids in school: what local districts are doing

Photos and story by Jane Skalisky

The high rate of high school drop outs among the American Indian population, the highest percentage of all ethnic groups in the country, has been a subject of concern among educators and policy makers for decades.

In 2007, according to the Minnesota Department of Education, just over 70 percent of American Indian students graduated from high school in the state of Minnesota, compared to a general population graduation rate of 91 percent. This rate is significantly above the national average and the number of American Indian student in this area who graduate exceeds state levels.

Causes cited for kids exiting school early have included poverty, the competitive nature of school, cultural ignorance and insensitivity on the part of teachers, and the high transfer rate of Native students. Professionals working in Indian education in districts in and surrounding the Reservation recently offered their insights into why kids drop out and how to keep them in school.

## FDL Ojibwe School

- American Indian student population: 303
- 2007 American Indian high school graduation rate: 80 percent

Substance abuse is the number one reason students drop out at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School, followed by becoming parents, and turning 18, said Rae Villebrun, FDL Ojibwe School principal.

Turning 18 often gives young people a sense that they don't have to listen to adults anymore, Villebrun said.

To keep kids in school, educators are increasing communications with families. Each quarter Villebrun asks teachers to make a phone call to parents and report something positive about the student. Typically, teachers call when something is wrong rather than when something is right.

The school is also trying to be more

flexible and realistic, she said. One way is not requiring a student to come to school for a one-hour class each day. Instead, they would come in one day a week. Students are also provided with the opportunity to make up the time after school.

"Our kids need face-to-face contact," said Villebrun. Students are now provided with the opportunity of working with a teacher one-on-one to make up credits, she said.

Villebrun would like to see more parental involvement at the high school. One way she said is to attend a high school sporting event, even if you don't have a child involved. Other ways parents can get involved are to call or e-mail a teacher or use the parent portal system, which is an online way parents can keep track of their child's attendance, grades, and assignments.

## Cloquet School District

- American Indian student population: 430
- 2007 American Indian high school graduation rate: 100 percent

Receiving percap payments at 18, parenthood, and changing schools are the reasons for students not graduating in the Cloquet District, according to Melanie Strom, director of Indian education.

New at Cloquet's middle and high schools this year is Ojibwe language instruction, which, Strom believes, is key in keeping American Indian students in school.

Another way her district is working to keep kids in school is through Jodie Lockling, home school liaison. Lockling serves as a sounding board for students, drives them to appointments, and helps them with their homework. When students are absent, she is on the phone, finding out why they aren't in school.

"I'm their mom away from home," said Lockling.

Last year, an after school program, Nitaa ezhichigeyan, "you are skilled at what you are doing," was begun. Nitaa

ezhichigeyan is funded through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education and provides tutoring, Ojibwe language instruction, beading, drumming, journaling, college trips, shawl making, and lego robotics for K-12 students two days a week. They also host powwows and offer "Expanding the Circle," a curriculum on becoming an adult.

"Kids need self worth and are looking for who they are," said Strom. "Our goal is to make them proud of who they are by teaching them about their culture."

## Carlton School District

- American Indian student population: 146
- 2007 American Indian high school graduation rate: 75 percent

Lack of family involvement with the school is the main reason kids drop out, said Kim Shabiash, Carlton's director of Indian education.

Some parents believe that what their children do in school should stay in school. They don't get involved, Shabiash said. Her role is to act as a bridge between the two, bringing families and school together.

Another tool to bridge that gap and keep kids in school is Carlton's Indian education committee, comprised of parents, grandparents, students, a school board member, the RBC district representative, and the Indian education director. In addition, the district offers after school tutoring at the high school and from 4-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Sawyer Community Center.

## Albrook School District

- American Indian student population: 80
  - 2007 American Indian high school graduation rate: too few to measure
- At Albrook High School, most students who leave before graduating leave to try school somewhere else, said John Villebrun, Indian education coordinator.

Albrook's approach for keeping their American Indian students in school is

through building relationships. Beginning this year, Villebrun is interviewing each student in grades seven through 12 to determine their attitudes about school, how they feel they are doing, what their future educational plans are, and if they are experiencing any problems at school.

"This is the first time we've asked students 'what can we do better?'" said Villebrun. He then will help them create goals each quarter and monitor the attainment of those goals.

Villebrun believes one way to keep students from dropping out is to get them to think about what they will do after high school long before high school is over. He grew up on the Iron Range and was never asked if he planned to go to college or would need help obtaining financial aid.

"The only focus of Indian ed was getting us through [high] school," he said, "not on what would happen after. Now, not later, is the time to ask what their goals and give them the tools they need to accomplish those goals."

The data in this story came from the Website of the Minnesota Department of Education. The statistics are kept in accordance with the No Children Left Behind Act, a controversial 2002 federal law aimed at improving the performance of U.S. primary and secondary schools by increasing the standards of accountability. The "Annual Yearly Progress" rates cited in this story include students graduating in 2007, minus students who dropped out from grade nine in 2004, grade 10 in 2005, grade 11 in 2006 or grade 12 in 2007.

For further information on Cloquet, Carlton, and Albrook schools, go to <http://education.state.mn.us>. Information on the Ojibwe school is available by calling the school at (218)878-7551.

*Students in Joy Jones' class work with librarian Melissa Walton on the Success for All reading curriculum. From left to right they are: Jacob Ammesmaki, Deneah Bellanger, George LaPrairie, and Noah Delapaz.*





At the end of the 2007-'08 school year, 64 percent of Fond du Lac Ojibwe School first through sixth graders were reading at or above grade level. That number was up from 30 percent from the previous fall when the Success For All reading curriculum was implemented, said to Principal Rae Villebrun.

Kindergartners reading at or above grade level increased from 63 percent to 92 percent in the same length of time. In addition, the 2007 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment scores went up 16 percent from 2006.

Villebrun recalled being a new teacher on the Spirit Lake Reservation School in North Dakota nine years ago. She received a phone call from a state prison official who asked the number of third graders who were reading below grade level. Perplexed by this, Villebrun did some research and discovered that third grade reading levels are used by prison planners in determining the number of future cells to build.

"I was shocked," said Villebrun. "I wondered how could being in prison be linked to how well you could read in third grade?"

SFA was developed by John Hopkins University to improve reading abilities of inner-city youth. It focuses on phonics, or breaking a word down into individual sounds, cooperative learning, engaging readers, and metacognitive skills, or talking about how to read, said Sharon Belanger, FDL Ojibwe School SFA coordinator.

"Think, pair, and share" is the SFA approach. Students are paired in groups of four and asked a question that they discuss with their partner and then with their group. The philosophy is that two heads are better than one and that four heads are better than two. No one has to come up with an answer alone, Belanger said.

Students are also required to answer questions in complete sentences and team points accumulate. The winning group gets a small prize.

The focus this year is "breakfast and books," where parents will be invited to come to the school and see the program in action. The SFA team also hopes to expand the program soon to seventh and eighth graders.

First grade teacher Joy Jones said she really likes the grouping of

students according to their reading ability, its emphasis on phonics, and the involvement of parents in the daily reading homework with their children.

Villebrun was emphatic about the key role that parents play in teaching their children to read.

"Spending that daily time reading together from the moment a child is born is the foundation of teaching them how to read," she said.

In a first grade classroom, Joy Jones sat in a rocking chair surrounded by seven children. She held a puppet.

"I'll say the first word, you'll repeat after me, and Alfie will help me," she said, holding up the puppet. Later, the children recited the letters of the alphabet.

The hour and a half spent reading each day is fast paced and physical. The kids move from the floor to the table and back, learning their letters and writing.

"Now we're going to stretch and read," Jones said, directing the attention of her students to the board, where the word "chips" was written.

"What does 'ch' say?" she asked.

"Cha," responded one child.

"Good," she answered, "Cha."

"Cha," students responded.

"Eh," she continued.

"Eh."

"Pa," she said.

"Pa," they responded.

"Sssss," she hissed.

"Sssss," they hissed.

"Chips," she said.

"Chips," they answered.

The morning flew. The next day the children might watch a video or play a game or draw or paste or color. All the while, the SFA goal drives every activity – successful reading for all.

## Putting your boots on the ground The importance of parental involvement in a child's education

By Jane Skalisky

Few know the positive impact of a parent involved in a child's education better than Gerard Sordelet, son of deceased FDL Band Member, Kathy Beadle.

Sordelet suffered a brain aneurism at the age of 18 months and became partially paralyzed on his right side. His mother fought throughout grade school to keep him out of special education. She wanted him to be treated like every other kid.

"In her mind, there was nothing wrong with my mind," he said. Sordelet went on to become class president in high school, and participated in cross-country, track, soccer, speech, and drama. He received his B.A. in communication from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, his M.A. in communication from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and is now teaching part-time at Lake Superior College and working towards a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

"If I can do it, anybody can," he said.

Kathy Beadle's other two sons also followed their mother's wish that they get an education. Older son, Rick, received his Master's of Fine Arts from Rutgers's University and works for Disney Corporation. Her youngest son, Phil, just graduated from St. Scholastica with a bachelor's degree in education.

Gerard Sordelet now has two sons in public school and is, like his mother, active in their classrooms and in their education. Sordelet volunteers his time reading in his son's class at Churchill School and serves as Chairman of the Cloquet Indian Education parent council. He says he is astounded at how few parents of Indian students donate their time in the classroom.

"I don't care what anybody thinks--- get involved in your child's education," said Sordelet. "Put your boots on the ground. If you let the institution drive your kids, they won't reach their full potential."

## Ojibwe School hires three new teachers

**Anna Clark** was hired in Sept. to teach fifth grade at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School. Clark grew up in McGregor, Minn., and graduated this spring from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. Her current focus is teaching students on how to get along with each other. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music and going for walks in the woods near her home in Floodwood that she shares with her new husband, A.J.

**Charles Hilliard** is the new elementary technology instructor at the FDL Ojibwe School. Hilliard previously worked as a sawmill supervisor for

Hedstrom Lumber in Two Harbors. He returned to school a few years ago and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Bemidji State University and is completing work on his master's in education.

Hilliard's focus will be on the practical use of computers and other technology, including digital and video cameras. He would also like to form an after-school camera club.

"I'd like to light a fire that goes somewhere other than computer games," he said.

Hilliard enjoys spending time in the woods near his home in Two Harbors with his wife, Sue.

**Sue Tracy** began as a new high school science teacher in September. Tracy grew up in Ely and is the daughter of FDL Band Member, Jim Johnson. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from St. Cloud State University and has been teaching science for the past eight years, most recently in Michigan. Her area of specialty is horticulture, so she is planning on doing a lot of soil work with her students.

Tracy enjoys gardening, reading, fishing, and hunting. She lives in Wrenshall with her husband, Dick, and sons, Jimmy and Patrick.



# Teeing off

## Golf's growing popularity throughout Northland shown through heavy course use, tournament participation



FDL golfers play about 15,000 rounds of golf each year, said David Cahill, course manager. The 18-hole, par 72 course hosts numerous tournaments over the course of the season. The course includes a driving range and two practice greens.



*Pictured at right, center, are Michael Peacock, Jr., and Clayton Kettelhut, winners of the Don Savage Memorial Golf Tournament that took place on Aug. 9, 2008 at Headwaters Golf Course in Park Rapids. Clayton came in first and is the grandson of Don Savage. Proceeds from this tournament will be used for a scholarship fund for 2009 Minnesota high school seniors.*

*At the top of the page, Veronica Smith is at hole No. 12 at the annual FDL Veteran's Golf Tournament fundraiser held on Aug. 23, 2008. About 60 golfers participated, and raised \$22,000 for FDL veteran's programs. Photo by Jane Skalisky.*

*At right, FDL Band Member Fred Petite sinks a final putt at the July 19 Black Bear golf tournament held as his teammates, Dapper Danielson and Dan Blesener look on. The annual tournament was held July 19-20, 2008. Nearly 500 golfers participated.*

*Above, center, Samantha Burr (front), Tracy Sam and Loretta Burr line up a putt at the tournament. Photos by Todd DeFoe.*



# Gitigaan gardener reaps honors

## Leland Debe turns nutrition into a fine art

Story and pictures by  
Jane Skalisky

Fond du Lac Band Member Leland Debe represented the Midwest as one of nine elders in the U.S. selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Conservation Service Conference Aug. 11-15 in Spokane, Washington.

Leland and the other elders were invited for the purpose of providing training to the American Indian and Alaskan Native employees of the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, said Dave Wise, USDA Tribal Liaison for the State of Minnesota.

For Leland, gardening has become a passion and a life-saving pastime. Twenty years ago, after returning to the area from New Mexico, Leland had a heart attack and the next year discovered that he was diabetic. The first doctor he visited wanted to perform a risky operation on his arteries. Leland got a second opinion, which was to get moving.

So he did.

"At that time, I couldn't even walk half-way around the gym," said Leland. "Gardening has given me an extra five to 10 years of life."

Leland and his wife, Norma, soon moved to a rural site on the Reservation and started their first garden. It wasn't long before they became master gardeners and began coordinating the annual Gitigaan garden classes that have taken place every spring in the Cloquet Elder Nutrition Program meeting area for the past 15 years.

The Debe's efforts have borne fruit. In 2008, Resource Management's Sean and Adam Thompson tilled a record number of 200 gardens on the Reservation, up 50 from the previous year.

At the USDA Conference, Leland shared his knowledge of heritage and heirloom seeds. Heirloom seeds are seeds from ancient plants that have been



Leland in his heirloom pumpkin patch. At left, he picked heirloom beans.

handed down through the generations. Research performed by the University of Minnesota has found that food from heirloom plants have exceptional nutritional value, according to Leland.

The replacement of locally indigenous breeds has reduced the gene pools of various wild breeds, resulting in the loss of genetic diversity. Since indigenous breeds are often better adapted to local extremes in climate and have immunity to local diseases, this represents an erosion of the gene pool.

Newer, genetically engineered varieties are a problem for local biodiversity, as some of these plants contain designer genes that would be unlikely to evolve in nature. These may pass into the wild population with unpredictable consequences and may be detrimental to the success of future breeding programs.

Leland and wife, Norma, have a 32-foot by 80-foot heirloom garden. They grow cucumbers, peas, beans, beets, tobacco, dill, corn, squash, pumpkins and tomatoes. He is especially proud of his tomatoes and told a story about giving his son a plant last year

that produced what a neighbor mistook for a red pumpkin.

The Debe's yard is filled with apple trees and plum trees; blueberry plants, onions and peppers grow alongside their front steps.

The greatest investment required for a garden says Leland, is time. He spends two hours a day in his garden on average, but finds the pay-off worth it.

He also likes knowing that his food is safe to eat. "If you raise it, you know what's in it," he said.

Another benefit reaped is a full freezer and pantry. In 2005, Norma put up 42 quarts of corn, 30 quarts of tomatoes, 60 jars of salsa, 44 pints of green beans, and 20 pints of peas.

The Debe's ethic is one of sharing, not only the produce from their garden and their seeds, but the knowledge they have gained. They would like to pass on what they have learned to the next generation by working with students from the Ojibwe School to create a garden on-site and establish a community garden on their land.

If you are interested in joining a community garden program, or for general gardening tips, call Leland at (218)879-1540.

# Leaving a little living history behind Band Member helps build canoe in Washington, D.C.

By Jeff Savage,  
FDL Museum Director

Without canoes, the fur trade that is so glorified in “American” history would have never happened. The contributions of the Anishinabe to America do go under appreciated.

This past summer Marvin Defoe, Jr., master canoe builder from the Red Cliff Reservation in Wisconsin and I built a canoe on museum grounds. We then prepared materials to create a second canoe at the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

The project began months earlier with a call from Linda Martin, cultural projects coordinator staff person from NMAI. They were looking for a birch bark canoe builder; I suggested that the Museum and FDL Museum do a collaborative project. They agreed. After months of planning, Marvin and I loaded up a suburban from the tribal motor pool and drove the materials to Washington

D.C. We spent two weeks building a full size birch bark canoe in the front lobby of the NMAI.

During that time, we must have talked to at least 30,000 people; some folks came back to the museum several times to watch our progress. NMAI staff said they had never seen people return so often to watch the progress of a museum project. We were treated well by the staff and they seemed sorry to see us go when the project was completed.

The canoe will be part of the Native boat exhibit in the museum’s front lobby. It was donated on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Three other boats are on display in the main atrium -- a reed boat from South America, a kayak from the arctic Tribes and a Hawaiian out rigger canoe.

The experience created memories of a lifetime. It has been my goal to bring world class recognition to the museum. We may be small in size, but we like to do big things here at the FDL Cultural Center and Museum. I’m committed to bringing high



Marvin Defoe (green shirt on the left) and Jeff Savage on the right work on a birch bark canoe at the American Indian Museum in Wash., D.C.

quality workshops to my community, and to dedicating the Museum resources in a way that brings our culture back to the kitchen tables of Reservation homes.

I hope that the canoe donated in the name of the Fond du Lac Reservation will be an ambassador to the world and bring the name of our Reservation to the millions of people

who would otherwise never know us.

You can contact Jeff Savage at the Fond du Lac Museum at (218) 878-7582 or by email at [jeffsavage@fdlrez.com](mailto:jeffsavage@fdlrez.com). His personal website is [www.savageart.com](http://www.savageart.com)

# White Earth artist’s works featured at UMD’s Tweed Museum

The Tweed Museum at the University of Minnesota – Duluth will feature the art of Frank Big Bear who was raised at the White Earth Reservation.

Big Bear has lived in Minneapolis since 1968. He studied art with Ojibwe painter George Morrison, but is mostly a self-taught artist whose work features Cubism and Surrealism.

Big Bear’s art has achieved a kind of cult status among younger artists, who appreciate its contemporary search for spiritual meaning and urban culture.

The exhibit includes smaller color pencil works from the early 1980s. “Floral Man, Self-Portrait” is a view of the artist in a beaded vest.

Over time, Big Bear’s work became more visually complex and included broader themes of social and political issues. His most recent work is monumental in scale, and combines spiritual themes with the attributes of animals.

It’s been more than a decade since Big Bear’s

work has been displayed in a museum. Big Bear won a Bush Foundation “Enduring Vision” award in June of this year. The five-year, \$100,000 award is meant to foster the work of mature artists living in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Big Bear has won numerous awards and fellowships over the years.

In addition to the Big Bear display, the Tweed Museum will feature the Richard and Dorothy Nelson American Indian Collection. The Nelsons donated more than 400 items to the museum, including the work of contemporary American Indian artists. The exhibits open jointly on Sept. 30, 2008.

The Tweed Museum of Art is located in Ordean Court at the UMD campus. Hours are Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; weekends, 1 – 5 p.m. For more information on the museum, see [www.d.umn.edu/tma](http://www.d.umn.edu/tma).



At right is “Screaming Warrior 3,” a colored pencil drawing by Frank Big Bear of Minneapolis. Above is an Ojibwe bandolier bag from the 1930s, part of the Richard E. and Dorothy Rawlings Nelson Collection of American Indian Art. The two exhibits start Sept. 30 at the UMD Tweed Museum of Art.



# A few thoughts from RBC members

## From Chairwoman Karen Diver

The new members of the Tribal Council are hitting the ground running and the board is working well. It feels good to have some of the larger financial issues resolved, and we will be looking hard at 2009 budgets soon to make sure we are living within our means. We began some planning for 2009 at the Black Bear Casino and will be looking at larger reservation planning shortly.

There are some good jobs at Black Bear right now. Please consider employment there if you are looking for something. The wage scales have been improved and for many of the jobs, you can be working within a few days to a week. Also, we're happy to report that the concerts are selling out! We hope that you have been able to enjoy one of the events. Band Members must

be cautioned about using their tribal status to get a discount on a room, and then allowing another person to stay in the room. If the room is vandalized in any way, the person reserving the room is responsible for damages. You should not reserve rooms for other people.

It sounds like the elders had a great trip to Tacoma for the National Indian Council on Aging meeting. There were a few issues that seemed to get resolved with a minimum of fuss. We hope that you learned a lot while you had fun.

Some of you may have seen the article in the Duluth News-Tribune about the Fond-du-Luth agreement with the

City of Duluth about proceeds paid to the city by the Casino. While it is the newspapers job to sell papers, they were inaccurate in stating that any threats were made to the City by the Reservation. What we have been trying to educate people about is that the agreement with the City does not comply with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and the City will have to prove it earns the money it takes from the Casino or else it is just a tax. The newspaper reporter stated that reading the IGRA was

too complicated and he didn't think it was relevant to people's understanding. That was the entire point of our argument and he missed it. Oh well, anything that helps people understand moves us forward to a more fair partnership.



Karen Diver

We continue to work on getting the following finished: Ceded Territory agreement, negotiations with Enbridge regarding the pipeline and negotiations with the Bureau of Indian Education regarding the Tribal College.

We will hold another meeting on violence issues on the reservation late in September. The last one had fantastic attendance, and great community input. Thanks you for helping us know what the community wants as standards for public safety. We will follow up by developing policies that reflect the community's wishes, and plan on continued communication so we're sure the community understands what the next steps will be.

*Please feel to call me if you have questions or comments. I can be reached at the office at (218) 878-2612, or by cell at (218) 590-4887, or by email at karendiver@fdlrez.com.*

## From Ferdinand Martineau

I was at the casino a few weeks ago, but not playing the machines. I like to gamble, but there is a resolution of the Band that prevents me from playing. Anyway, as I walked around, it hit me. The Band, we as Band Members, own this place! In order to continue to operate in the manner that we have, the loan had to be paid. The loan agreement did not allow us to use our own money for anything when our balance reached a minimum level. Because of the costs left out of the construction loan that we had to make up later, we were at that level. We now have some breathing room and with the pick-up in business, we should be okay. That includes continuation of the per capita payment.

To continue with the casino as a topic, we have completed our wage study and are implementing pay increases as they are completed. We are also making changes in the administrative structure. The structure has become outdated and does not have clear lines of authority or responsibility. The changes are designed to make the operation more efficient and responsive.

The last thing I want to mention about the casino is that we hired a new chef and the food is increasingly better. We are getting away from the pre-cooked bagged stuff and now make our meals from scratch. Try it! You'll like it.

We have begun the restructure at the tribal side, also. A new business manager was hired. The administrative side is also under review; we will make changes there, also. Our structure has not been examined for quite a few years. It is about time that it be updated to operate efficiently and be responsive to the needs of the Reservation.

In closing this month, I would like to say that this time of the year always makes me reflect on the last year. As summer comes to an end, I always think about the people who passed on to the spirit world. I reflect on the things that have been accomplished and the things yet to come. We have come a long ways but we have a long ways to go! Miigwich!

*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.*



Ferdinand Martineau

## From Wally Dupuis

We are now the proud owners of the Black Bear Casino Resort. After considerable discussion and review of our finances, a decision was made to pay off the construction loan. The RBC, as well as programs and divisions, will have to tighten our belts a bit on spending.

Two new ordinances were recently enacted - the JUVENILE SMOKING ORDINANCE and the GRAFFITI ORDINANCE. We have been confronted with underage smoking issues and graffiti damage on a regular basis and had no ordinances regulating this behavior. With the new ordinances, school officials as well as our law enforcement officials can address the behavior and ultimately the parents will be held accountable.

Our community meeting regarding tolerance levels for criminal activity on the Reservation brought a good turnout; many issues and concerns were dis-

cussed. It became clear that our community members are fed up with criminal activity and would prefer that swift and harsh action be taken on those responsible for it. Our next community meeting on violence is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Sawyer Community Center.

In an effort to streamline services and provide continued community programming, the Cloquet Community Center and Drop-In Center are consolidating. The Drop-In Center and weight lifting room will move into the tribal center building. This will allow activity programming to be concentrated in only one building. This change al-

lows the Head Start programs the opportunity to expand. Thanks to all community center staff and maintenance staff for their efforts to making this happen. *If you would like to discuss these or any other issues, please feel free to call or email me. Phone (w) (218) 879-8078; (h) (218) 879-2492; (cell) (218) 428-9828; or by email, wallydupuis@fdlrez.com*



Wally Dupuis

# Parenting Page

## Advice from the websites: standing up to a bully



By Lucy Carlson

### What is bullying?

Bullying occurs when someone scares or hurts another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending him or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. Here are some examples:

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumors
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to gang up on others

Bullying can also happen online or electronically. Cyber bullying takes place when children or teens bully each other using the Internet, mobile phones or other cyber technology. This can include: sending mean text, email, or instant messages; posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on web sites; using someone's user name to spread rumors or lies.

There are many ways people bully each other, even if they don't realize it at the time. Unfortunately, not everyone takes bullying seriously, including adults.

### What are the effects of bullying?

If you've ever heard someone say that bullying is no big deal, you're not alone! Too often people don't take bullying seriously until the sad and sometimes scary stories are revealed.

- Bullying happens a lot more than some people think – studies show that between 15 to 25 percent of students are bullied with some frequency. Also, 15 to 25 percent report that they bully others with some frequency!
- It can mess up a child's future. Young people who bully are more likely than those who don't bully to skip school or drop out and are also more likely to smoke, drink, and get into fights.
- Bullying scares some people so much that they skip school. 160,000 students may stay home on any given day because they are afraid of being bullied.
- It can lead to huge problems later in life. Children who bully are more likely to get into fights, vandalize property, and drop out of school. Sixty percent of boys who bullied in middle school had

at least one criminal conviction by the age of 24.

If your child is bullied, discuss the following strategies with him or her. Practicing the strategies with you or another trusted adult will help develop the confidence to end the bullying. If the bullying is happening at school, speak to your child's classroom teacher or advisor so they can help.

### Ignore the bully

Teach your child to ignore the bully. Your child should not make faces, cry, sigh, or make any gesture signaling distress. Often, when bullies don't get a reaction, they stop.

### Walk away

Your child can choose to walk away in a confident manner with head up, back straight and with a normal walking pace. Your child needs to be aware of the possibility of being followed, and he or she should walk to a safe place near adults. If the bully says mean things, continue to ignore him or her and walk away.

### Tell the bully to stop

From a distance of about two arm lengths, have your child say "Stop!" or, "Cut it out!" Then turn and walk away.

Teach your child to make eye contact; express confident body language; head up, back straight, arms down in front or on the side of the body and feet at shoulder width. Do not fidget. Speak clearly in a steady tone, not too loud, not too soft, and not whiney or sarcastic.

### Go to a trusted adult

When other strategies fail, or if there is immediate danger, tell your child to go to a trusted adult. This is not tattling; this is requesting assistance with a serious problem.

*The "Stop Bullying Now" portion is taken from <http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp>*

*The "Standing up to a bully" section is reprinted with permission from Balance Educational Services.*

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# Etc.

## Cobalt Lounge Schedule for October

Date	Time	Show	Type
Oct. 1	8:00 p.m.	Comedy	Comedy
Oct. 2-5	9:00 p.m.	Knights of Rock n Roll	Rock
Oct. 9-12	9:00 p.m.	Bear Creek	Variety
Oct. 15	8:00 p.m.	Comedy	Comedy
Oct. 16-19	9:00 p.m.	Shackshakers	Variety
Oct. 23-26	9:00 p.m.	D-Boys	Variety
Oct. 29	8:00 p.m.	Comedy	Comedy
Oct. 30-31	9:00 p.m.	Rick K & the All Nighters	Variety

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

## 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
Open	Oct. 16	6 p.m.	American Indian Opportunities Center, 1845 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis
Quarterly	Nov. 20	5 p.m.	Sawyer Community Center
Open	Dec. 18	5 p.m.	Cloquet Tribal Center

Photo by Trey Kettelhut, 14. Trey is a student at Cloquet High School and is the son of Chad and Dannel Kettelhut.



Board members pictured include Jean Dufault, Deb Topping (advocate), Marcie Goodreau, Val Turcotte, Russ Savage, Georgia Ciske and Jerry Setterquist.

## Elder Activity Fund Board's mission and opening for new board member

The mission of the Elder Activity Fund Board is the fair distribution of funds for FDL Elder activities for those who are age 52 and older. The Board is made up of three representatives from the three FDL districts. Debra Topping, Elder Advocate, works as an advisor to the Board.

The Board is now working on a "Request for Funds" form for those who are planning elder activities, which could include an overnight stay and dinner show, shopping and lunch, etc.

Also, there is an opening on the Board from the Brookston District. If you are interested in serving, call Russell Savage, Chairman, at (218) 878-1134, or Greta Klassen, Secretary, at (218) 345-6304.

Meetings are open to the public and are held every three weeks. The October meetings will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 29 at the Cloquet Community Center.

## FDL and ACS to host regional cancer conference Oct. 22-24

The Minnesota/Wisconsin American Indian Cancer Conference will take place at the Black Bear Casino Resort in Carlton on Oct. 22 - 24, 2008. Tribal leaders, medical personnel, social service providers, community members and anyone with an interest in cancer is invited to attend. The registration fee is \$50, and is waived for Tribal Elders.

The conference's purpose is to provide strategies for prevention, early detection and share information on resources to help American Indian communities in providing support for community members who have cancer.

The topics for keynote addresses include "Tobacco Legacy, Reclamation and Vision" (Oct. 23) and "Apsa 'alooke Cervical Cancer Project" (Oct. 24).

The conference is sponsored by the FDL Human Services Division, Public Health Nursing Dept., and American Cancer Society. For more information, call Deb Susienka at (218) 878-2126, or reach her by email at [debsusienka@fdlrez.com](mailto:debsusienka@fdlrez.com).

## Comedian to perform at Otter Creek Event Center in Oct.

Comedian Bill Engvall of Blue Collar Comedy Fame will be performing at 8 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Otter Creek Event Center at the Black Bear Casino

Resort. Tickets are \$38-\$48.

Tickets for both shows are available through Ticketmaster by phone at (218)727-2121 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). They can also be purchased at the Otter Creek Event Center ticket office. The Otter Creek Event Center is located at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 210 in Carlton.

## Legal Notice

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

Barney, Randall, Jr.; Brigan, Calvin; Christensen, Terry; Defoe, Charles; Depoe, David; Gangstad, Harold; Glasgow, Edith; Headbird, Kathleen; Hernandex, Phyllis; Huhn, Cheryl; Jefferson (Drucker), Mary; Josephson, Charles; Kast, Cheryl; Laduke, Sylvester; Lafave, John; Lemieux, Elvina; Nord, Majorie; Northrup, Jeff A.; Northrup, Robert; Olson, Daniel G. Sr.; Olson, Katherine; Ostrowski, Lorraine; Sjoquist, Mervyn; Smith, Carl; Stanford, Cathy; Starr, Neil; Trotterchaude, Rex; Wright, Frances

# Area News Briefs

## **Bighorn Battlefield visitor center expansion dropped**

The National Park Service has shelved a visitor center planned for the Little Bighorn Battlefield in South Dakota. The \$1.1 million project would have been located at the base of a hill where George Armstrong Custer and other members of the Calvary were killed in 1876.

Historians and former park employees pressured the Park Service to abandon the expansion. The Park Service had acknowledged that a visitor center would have been an “intrusion” at the planned location. The story was reported by the Associated Press.

## **Wisconsin bands developing “green” multi-generational homes with help from UW**

Several Ojibwe bands in Wisconsin teamed with the University of Wisconsin – Madison and an architect to create multi-generational homes that are also environmentally sound.

Tribal members are learning how to build with environmentally sound materials. Under construction now are two 1,400-square-foot homes on the St. Croix reservation near Hertel, Wis. that will be completed this fall.

Current government-issued housing isn’t adequate for multi-generational families because they don’t have large enough common areas and bedrooms. Multi-generational dining rooms have to accommodate 12 to 20 people, for example.

Instead of building several small homes, a “dream” 3,000 square foot home -- now in the conceptual stage of the project -- would include a partially finished basement. Roofing would be made of 100 percent recycled cellulose insulation. Windows would be of high quality for energy efficiency.

It is hoped that planning will be completed in 2008, and that construction of one or more of the homes could begin next spring. The locations have not been decided.

The project has been funded through casino revenues and grant money. A model home will be built at LCO next spring; and a site design and master plan for construction has been completed with the Mole Lake Tribe. The story was reported in the Capital Times.

## **Vitamin D to the rescue**

There is an epidemic of vitamin D deficiency, especially among the obese, the elderly and dark-skinned people living in the north, according to a recent article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. In fact, most Minnesotans are likely deficient in winter, unless they take supplements, because they live too far north to get enough Vitamin D from the sun.

Deficiencies have been linked to 17 kinds of cancer, autoimmune diseases, chronic pain, heart disease, depression and ADHD. It reduces pain and illness and it’s free from the sun.

For decades, Vitamin D was valued primarily for its ability to help the body absorb calcium for strong bones — hence its addition to milk. But it’s now understood that its job is much bigger. It regulates hundreds of genes, especially those associated with cell growth. That’s why, researchers believe, it reduces cancer, slows cell death and regulates immune cells. Unlike other vitamins that come from food, Vitamin D comes primarily from the sun.

## **Rates of alcohol-related deaths are high among Minnesota Indians**

Twelve percent of deaths among American Indians are directly related to alcohol, and the highest number of those alcohol-related deaths occurs in the Northern Plains region, which includes Minnesota.

The Centers for Disease Control released the study results late in August. The rate of alcohol-related deaths among Indians is three times higher than the rate from the general U.S. population, according to the August story in the Duluth News Tribune.

The CDC cited the remote locations of the Northern Plains regions as a contributing factor to the higher alcohol-related death rates. The study recommends an increase in alcohol excise taxes to reduce the demand for alcohol, and a more rigorous enforcement of policies against serving people who are drunk. A CDC spokesman said that community-specific ways could better address the problem.

The study included an examination of death certificates from 2001 to 2005. Traffic accidents and alcoholic liver disease were the two leading causes of the 1,514 alcohol-related deaths. Other causes were homicide and suicide.

The study probably underestimated alcohol-related deaths because it didn’t include deaths attributed to colon cancer, where alcoholism is also considered a major risk factor.

## **McCain finds time for Sturgis brawl but none for Great Plains Indians**

South Dakota tribal leaders were disappointed that Sen. John McCain found time to make a campaign visit to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in August, but didn’t have time to meet with elected chairs and presidents of the Dakota regions.

Tribal leaders were also taken aback with a joke McCain made about having his wife run for the motorcycle rally’s Miss Buffalo Chip beauty contest, which required risqué dance moves in a bikini before thousands of inebriated partygoers.

Natives have long asked for a halt to the rowdy behavior at Sturgis because of the nearby Bear Butte Mountain, a sacred site.

The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

## **Census shows minority population to become majority population**

By 2042, American minorities will become the majority. The U.S. Census Bureau recently projected that the number of non-Hispanic whites (or Americans of European descent) will drop below 50 percent of the population. Today they make up two-thirds of the population.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are projected to increase in numbers from 1.6 percent of the population to two percent of the population, or 9 million.

## **Upper Peninsula employees laid off in reaction to Detroit casino deficit and bankruptcy**

The Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa in Michigan are laying off two percent of its work force in an effort to recover from a \$15 million deficit and Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing on its Greektown Casino located in Detroit. The Greektown Casino is a nontribal commercial facility.

The layoffs will come from tribal and casino facilities in the Upper Peninsula only, rather than from the metropolitan area. The tribe owns the U.P. Kewadin Casinos located in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Christmas and Manistique.

In addition, members of the board of directors have been asked by a Band Member to cut their salaries as a cost savings.

## **Federal judge rules on Interior Dept. trust case**

In July a federal judge ruled that American Indian plaintiffs are entitled to \$455 million in the settlement of their 12-year trust case, not the \$47 billion they want.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of a half million American Indians who say they were cheated out of billions of dollars in oil, gas, grazing, timber and other royalties overseen by the Interior Dept. since 1887. The story was reported in News from Indian Country.

Many records were lost or destroyed, and the court decided how much individual Indians should be paid. U.S. District Judge James Robertson wrote that the plaintiffs did not convince him that the withheld royalty money benefited the U.S. Treasury over the years.

In March, 2007 the federal government offered to pay \$7 billion, but the amount was rejected by the plaintiffs. Robertson wrote that courts have a limited ability to right historical wrongs “that could have been – and should have been – settled by the same political branches in recognition of their own failure to preserve the trust.”

## **Leech Lake employees fired after new chair took office**

As many as 20 division directors were terminated from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe following the election of tribal chairman Arthur “Archie” LaRose. LaRose said he didn’t know exactly how many directors were removed, but a story in the Bemidji Pioneer reported that more than 20 employees were fired.

Some of the employees had disputes with LaRose before he took office as chairman.

## **EPA predicts dire effects on humans from global warming**

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report concluded that global warming will affect the health and welfare of every American, but will disproportionately affect the poor, elderly and children.

The 284-page report said that all regions of the U.S. will be hit by worse health due to waves of heat and drought. Most states can expect worsening air quality, and flooding.

The gas emitted from the burning of fossil fuel causes global warming. Global temperatures are expected to rise by 7.5 degrees by the end of the century. The Associated Press story was reported in the Bay Mills News.

# Community news

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

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

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

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

## Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Ed and Carol Jaakola on their 50th wedding anniversary! May they have many more happy years together.



*Love, your kids*

## In Gratitude

Many thanks for the kindness and concern for Sterling during his illness. A special thanks to the RBC for the luncheon, and to Min no aya win Clinic and staff for their help in making Sterling's days a little better each day. Heartfelt thanks to Aunt Geri and cousins, Frank and Dennis, who were there for him night and day.

Sterling's kindness and generosity will not be forgotten. Your cards and flowers were much appreciated. Thanks, also, to Frank Rogge, Evelyn Christenson, and to the entire FDL Reservation for helping us in our time of need.

Rest in peace, Sterling. We'll miss you.

*The family of Sterling Carlson*

## Birthdays

Happy 7th Birthday to **Molly Fine** on October 2nd!

*Love from Mom and Dad*



Happy belated 15th birthday to **Cheyenne and Kristina Ammes-**

**maki.** Hope it was memorable.

*Love from your Uncle Darwin*



Happy Golden Birthday on Oct. 2 to **Opichi Marie Nicole Petite.**

*Love from Auntie Nell*

Happy Golden Birthday to our sweet little girl, **Opichi!**

*With love from Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa*

Happy Golden Birthday to **Opichi Marie Nicole Petite!** Her parents chose the name Opichi because that is her mother's Native name, and because her Great Grandma Marie ("Pee Wee") Benton's favorite bird was a robin. Opichi's middle name, Marie, was chosen in honor of her Great Grandma. Nicole was chosen after Opichi's favorite Auntie, Nicole Ammesmaki.

*With love from Grandma Kathy*

The best years of a woman's life? The ten years between 39 and 40. We wish our boss, **Jennifer Borkholder**, the very best on her 40th birthday, Oct. 5, 2008.

*From your wonderful, devoted staff in FDL program accounting*



*A younger Jennifer*



Happy 80th Birthday to **Marlys Ojibway Anderson** who was born on Oct. 19, 1928.

## For sale or contract for deed

Three bedroom, one bath home in Brookston. Full basement. New windows, siding and roof, newer energy efficient furnace. Two car garage, all on one acre of leased land. \$130,000 Will consider contract for deed with 5 percent down, payment and terms per month negotiable. Call (218) 393-5379 or (218) 987-2100.

## For sale

Home on Big Lake in Sawyer, Minn. Located within 15 miles of three golf courses, 30 miles from Duluth. Built in 1990. Two bdrm, 1.5 baths, sauna, fireplace, open floor plan. Attached 2-car garage and detached 2-car insulated pole building. On private lot with 93 ft. of lakeshore;



driveway and septic tank on 56 feet of FDL leased land. Asking \$270,000. Call (218) 879-5617 for more info.

**For sale** – Home on 120 x 300 sq. ft. tribal leased lot on Big Lake. Built in 1987. Two bdrms., 1.5 bathrm, insulated garage, dock, decks and screen house. Asking \$160,000. Call (218) 269-1034.

## Memorials

In loving memory of **Cheryl Diver Schultz**, who passed away on Sept. 22, 2002. We love you and miss you.

*From your husband Paul, sons Aaron, Paul, Jr. and Charlie and from your daughter, Nicole. Love also from Mom and Dad, your brother, Chuck, your sister, Karen, and your niece and nephew, Rochelle and Kevin.*

In memory of **Norma R. Graves**, who passed away on Sept. 22, 2007. You are sadly missed by your family.

*From your brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews.*

In memory of **Edward D. Howes** who passed away October 2, 1996, and of **Nancy M. Howes**, who passed away September 30, 2004.

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories a lane  
I'd walk right up to heaven  
and bring you home again.

*Sadly missed by your mother and sisters*

## Obituary

**Sterling Norman Carlson**, 64, died on Aug. 25, 2007 in Cloquet.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arne and Florence Carlson, and by his sister, Frieda. For 25 years, Sterling worked as a sales associate in Minneapolis and Bloomington for Grainer, Inc., an industrial supply company. He graduated from South High School, Minneapolis.

In spite of health issues, Sterling was happy nearly all the time, said his sister-in-law, Iann. Anyone who drove on Big Lake Road from the Tribal Center this past summer could have seen Sterling scooting down the road on his wheelchair with a smile on his face. Gentle by nature, he was outgoing and thoroughly enjoyed the company of others.



As a younger man, Sterling celebrated Christmas by playing Santa Claus to his brother's children. The brothers lived a block apart in Minneapolis, Iann said. "He'd go from my house to theirs with a big bag of toys all wrapped up," she said.

He may have been limited in movement, but not in activity or in spirit. Sterling loved to play bingo and the slot machines, and he became good with a crochet needle. Some of the items he created were sold as fundraisers for elder activities, along with the elders he also sold the cookbooks created by elders as fundraisers.

"He had his nose in a lot of things," Iann said. Sometimes that nose took him places that threatened his health.

"He did not accept his limitations at all," Iann said. "He was kind of like a child and thought he had no restraints."

Sterling is survived by his brothers, Michael (Iann) Carlson, Gordon (Joyce) Carlson, and by many extended family members and friends.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 28, 2008 at the Elder Nutrition Program meeting areas of the Fond du Lac Tribal Center on Big Lake Road, Cloquet.

**Leia Rae Grant, "Mashkode Bishiki qway"**, 44, of Sawyer, began her journey to the spirit world on Aug. 15, 2008, at the Miller Dwan Medical Center in Duluth. Leia was born May 23, 1964 in Sisseton, S.D., to Joseph and Minerva Grant Goodbird.

Leia was employed at the Fond du Lac Casino and at the Tribal Center. She enjoyed bingo, reading, hiking, eating out, movies, bowling, and traveling. Her husband, Ricky DeFoe, described Leia as a traditional woman.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and daughter, Yolanda Ann.

She is survived by her husband, Ricky DeFoe, sons Wilbur (Alisha) Yellowrobe, Brookston, Joseph (Brandi) Goodbird, Orlando (Tosheena) Williams, brothers Filmore Grant, Timothy Goodbird, and Neil Goodbird, sisters Jackie Grant and Gina Morgan, six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, all of Sisseton.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 in Old Agency Village, S.D.



# Briefs

## New FDL police chief takes reins in September

FDL Band Member Jeremy "Sam" Ojibway, 31, was named Director of Law Enforcement in September. He replaces Wally Dupuis, who resigned to become a Tribal Council member.



Ojibway has been a member of the department since 2004. He graduated from Carlton High School and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M. He lives in Carlton.

Ojibway said his goal is to offer new training opportunities for police department members. He also hopes to add new officers to the unit, and increase communication between the tribal department, area law enforcement departments, community members and the various divisions at FDL.

He said the police chief position had been a goal. Now that he is in the position, he hopes to serve the community for a long time.

Ojibway and his wife, Heidi, have three children. His outside activities include family outings and golf. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

## Dinner planned for FDL vets on November 11

The FDL Veterans Committee will honor our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008 with a dinner. Special guests of honor will be our World War II and Korean War veterans.

The FDL Veterans Services Office is currently seeking the names and dates of service of any FDL enrolled veterans who wish to attend. Please call Mary Northrup at (218) 878-7583 or Chuck Smith at (218) 878-2670 if you are interested in attending. Further details will be published in the November newspaper.

## Getting ready for the important 2008 election

Same day voter registration is available in Minnesota at polling

sites on Nov. 4. You will need to present a current identification card that shows your home address.

However, community members should know that the voting process can move quickly if they pre-register to vote. To do that, a voter registration form may be picked up and filled out at the office of Veronica Smith who is located at the Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Road, Cloquet.

The deadline for pre-registration at the Tribal Center is Oct. 20, 2008; county and city offices have the forms, also.

Meanwhile, the Native Vote campaign is in full swing. Look for the Native Vote booth at area events. If you'd like more information, call Veronica at (218) 878-2681.

## Women's Health Brunch scheduled for October

The Fond du Lac Comprehensive Cancer Program, along with the FDL Public Health Nursing Dept. will host the "2008 Women's Health Brunch" from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 11, 2008. The event will be held at the Tribal Community Center.

As in years past, the focus of the brunch is to promote good breast health such as the importance of yearly screenings.

Dr. Arne Vainio is the keynote speaker. He will address breast cancer's impact on Native American women and the importance of communicating with your healthcare provider.

A mini-health fair with exhibits from local breast health centers and various programs will be on display. Jim and Jo's Katering will serve the brunch and names will be drawn for prizes at the end of the program. The event is free and open to the public.

## FDL Day Labor Program welcomes new applicants

The Fond du Lac Day Labor Program was developed to fill the need for occasional labor on the Reservation. The Day Labor Program hires short-term employees to fill gaps left by regular full-time employees who are absent from work due to illness,

vacation, or project assignments.

For many workers new in the workforce, the Day Labor Program will give them the opportunity not only to develop a positive work history but to explore the different divisions and opportunities available at Fond du Lac.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications: be 18 years of age; be an enrolled Fond du Lac Band Member; be willing and able to do the work assigned; receive a "negative" reading from the drug test.

For more information about the Day Labor Program, call Brenda Rice with the Human Resource Department located at the Fond du Lac Tribal Center in Cloquet. The phone number is (218) 878-2657.

## Opening for counselors at Mash Treatment Center

Mash-ka-wisen Treatment Center, a national leader in providing chemical dependency treatment services to Native Americans for the past 30 years, is seeking qualified counselors to join a comprehensive treatment team.

We are looking for counselors at our Sawyer and Duluth locations.

Positions require professional attitude, commitment to excellence and background checks.

Competitive salary & fringe benefit package. Call (218) 879-6731 for information, or submit a resume to Jim Mallery, Administrator, Mash-wa-wisen Treatment Center, P.O. Box 66 Sawyer, MN 55780. Native American preference.

## Call to learn how new food guidelines affect you

The Food Distribution Program monthly income guidelines from the federal government have changed as of Oct. 1, 2008. To learn the impact of this change, call Darlene at (218) 878-7505 or DeeAnn at (218) 878-7507. The office hours are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

## Indian business conference invites artists and entrepreneurs

Indian entrepreneurs and artists are invited to exhibit artwork and business products and services at the 2008 Minnesota Indian Business Conference. The event will be held Oct. 28-29, 2008 at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino. The exhibit fee is \$75 for both days, which includes one admission to the conference, meals, and an exhibit table with chairs. To sign up, call Stephen Peterson at (218) 753-7805.

The conference will examine financial lending practices, tribal policies that support business growth, and tribal governance and legal infrastructures that are necessary in the development of healthy economies.

For more information on the conference, call Pamela Standing at (218) 847-9554.

Hotel rooms may be reserved at the special room block rate of \$54 if they are reserved by Oct. 7, 2008. The amount increases to \$79 after that date. To reserve a room, call (800) 222-7077.

## Diabetes workshops offered

People with diabetes can live full, long lives if they learn the nature of the disease and how to treat it. One-day diabetes educational workshops are offered by the Min no aya win Clinic in Cloquet and the Center for American Indian Resources in Duluth.

The CAIR workshops will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2008. The Min no aya win Clinic workshop will take place on Oct. 30, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. To register for the workshops, call Amanda at (218) 878-3765. The registration deadline for the CAIR workshop is Oct. 3; the deadline for the Min no aya win workshop is Oct. 24.

## Reminders to Rez residents on new laws governing juvenile tobacco use, graffiti

As of late July, juvenile tobacco use and graffiti vandalism are prohibited

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on the Reservation. The “Juvenile Tobacco Use” Ordinance prohibits the sale, use or possession of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age, and also prohibits the use of false identification in purchasing tobacco products. The ordinance exempts tobacco use for recognized religious, spiritual or cultural purposes.

The action is taken to curb the tobacco addiction that begins with juvenile use that leads to long-term health problems and expense to the community.

The ordinance “Prohibiting Graffiti Vandalism and the Defacement of Public or Private Property” applies to the defacement of any property on the Reservation without the owner’s consent, and prohibits the possession of “graffiti implements” except for school or other community activities.

The FDL Law Enforcement Division will enforce both ordinances, and violations will be prosecuted in the Fond du Lac Tribal Court. Copies of the ordinance are available through the Fond du Lac Legal Affairs Office, (218) 878-2632.

## Reminder to FDL residents about juvenile curfew

In 1998, the FDL RBC approved a curfew ordinance that restricts juveniles from public places or business establishments on the Reservation from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on week nights, and from midnight to 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The ordinance was passed to protect juveniles from exploitation and violence. It provides for some exceptions, such as when a parent or guardian accompanies a young person, or when she or he is traveling to or from employment.

Copies of the ordinance are available in the FDL Legal Affairs Office, 1720 Big Lake Road, Cloquet. For more information, call (218) 878-2632.

## Preparing for a winter of increased home heating cost

Natural gas prices have increased 35 to 45 percent since the last home

heating season. Utility companies urge customers to go on their “budget plans,” where the estimated heating and electrical costs are spread out over the entire year.

For those not on budget plans, here are a few ways to reduce gas expenses: turn down the gas water heater to 120 or 125 degrees; install a programmable thermostat, which costs about \$30. Set the programmable thermostat to a high temperature in the summer and a low temperature in the winter.

Use a grill or microwave instead of a conventional gas oven. Get an energy audit from your utility company, which gives an idea of where a home is leaking air. Information on how to seal a leak is available from the Minnesota Office of Energy Security, (651) 296-5175, or go to [www.energy.mn.gov](http://www.energy.mn.gov). The story was reported in the Star Tribune.

## Notice to all Fond du Lac Band Members

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

## John Foschi hired as new Comptroller

FDL Comptroller John Foschi was hired in August. His responsibilities include supervising controllers and accountants at the two casinos, along with oversight of program accounting, enterprise accounting, and payroll staff. He will also review and approve purchase orders, accounting software and policies.

Foschi grew up in Virginia, Minn., and received a B.A. degree in public accounting from St. Cloud State University. He worked as a controller for Grandma’s, Inc., and later as administrator for the City of Proctor. In his free time, he serves as chairperson of



the board of directors for Grandma’s Marathon and has run in the marathon for the past 17 years. He enjoys camping with his wife, Sue, and sons, Josh and Jordan.

Foschi hopes to improve the efficiency of accounting operations and create user-friendly reports for management.

## Opinions sought on changes to Enrollee Day celebration

Band Members are encouraged to contact Bryan Bosto concerning changes to next year’s Enrollee Day. Bosto will act as Event Planner once again for the 2009 Enrollee Day.

Next year’s celebration, which will take place on a single day, will feature a day-long music festival and a 30-minute fireworks display. All enrolled minors will receive a gift certificate or check and adult drawings will continue the same as this year.

Criminal activity, cost, and the lack of family participation during the 2008 Enrollee Days prompted the Reservation Business Committee to limit the 2009 event to a single day.

Additionally, the carnival, where most of the illegal activity took place in 2008, will be eliminated. Drug use and sales as well as violence throughout the area contributed to the decision to do things differently. Also, children were often dropped off by adults and wandered the carnival area without supervision.

To reach Bryan Bosto with your comments, call (218) 878-8184, or contact him by email at [BryanBosto@fdlrez.com](mailto:BryanBosto@fdlrez.com).

## Drop-In moves to the Tribal Center in October

The Cloquet Drop-in Center will move its operations to the Cloquet Community Center in early October, said Mike Himango, FDL executive director. FDL staff from that building will be relocated to the Tribal Center, as well as the exercise equipment.

The reasons for the move were these: few people used the Drop-In facilities; also, the Head Start program required more space and can easily utilize the Drop-In building

which is located next door to Head Start on University Rd.

The exercise equipment will be moved into what was the Tribal Center supply room. Employees will now order office and other supplies directly from the vendor. The reassignment of offices in the Tribal Center will align various employees more closely with their related departments.

## Jerry Fairbanks Powwow was held Sept. 5-7

The First Annual Jerry Fairbanks Powwow was held Sept. 5-7, 2008 at the Mash ka wisen powwow grounds in Sawyer.

Featured during the powwow was jingle, grass, and men’s and women’s traditional dance contests. Special dances included the spot, chicken, and switch. The host drum was Raining Thunder; Pete Gahbow served as Master of Ceremonies.

Jerry had severe diabetes and passed away in January, 2008 after a series of heart attacks. He and his wife, Elaine, previously lived in Shreveport, Louisiana where they held annual powwows to raise funds for the Thundercloud Scholarship Fund. Before his illness became critical Jerry told Elaine that Sawyer needed to have a similar powwow.

“Jerry would be very proud that we had a powwow in his name,” Elaine said. “He worked so hard for his people; that Brenda [Blackwood] recognized that and that his legacy will continue means a lot. Despite his disabilities, he wanted people to have a fair shake.”

Elaine makes jingle dresses, fancy dresses, and other regalia. Half of the proceeds go to the scholarship fund. To contact her, call (218) 879-1512.



# Binaakwe Giizis (Leaves Fall Moon) October Events

CCC: Cloquet Community Center; BCC: Brookston Community Center; CAIR: Center for American Indian Resources.  
The Sawyer Community Center calendar will no longer appear on this page as it will be mailed to Band Members.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Adult crafts-6 PM (BCC) Elder water aerobics-8 AM (CCC) Kids crafts-5 PM (BCC) Water aerobics-noon (CCC) Adult board games 9 AM (CCC) <b>1</b>	Adult lingo-6 PM (BCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM(CCC) Cancer sup.4:30 PM(CCC) CPR & First Aid- 8:30 AM (CAIR) FDL language-5 PM (CCC) Water aerobics-5 PM (CCC) Women's night-6 PM (CCC) <b>2</b>	Adult social-6 PM (BCC) Movie night-7 PM (BCC) <b>3</b>	North American bear center-8 AM (BCC) Youth basketball tournament-9 AM (CCC) Swimming lessons-2 PM (CCC) <b>4</b>
Premiere Theatre-9:15 AM (BCC) <b>5</b>	Boys & girls club-5:30 PM (BCC) <b>6</b>	Adult scrapbooking-9 AM (CCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM (CCC) Book-it-5:30 PM (BCC) CPR & First Aid-8:30 (Clinic) Voucher pickup-noon-3 PM (CAIR) Youth hip hop lessons-4 & 5 PM (CCC) <b>7</b>	Adult crafts-6 PM (BCC) Elder water aerobics-8 AM (CCC) Kids crafts-5 PM(BCC) Water aerobics-noon (CCC) Adult board games-9 AM (CCC) <b>8</b>	Kids lingo-6PM (BCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM(CCC) Cancer support-4:30 PM (CCC) FDL language-5 PM (CCC) Water aerobics-5 PM (CCC) <b>9</b>	Adult social-6 PM (BCC) Movie night-7 PM (BCC) <b>10</b>	Skyline bowling-5 PM (BCC) Women's health brunch-10 AM (CCC) Swimming lessons-2 PM (CCC) <b>11</b>
Community birthday-2 PM (BCC) <b>12</b>	Adult sewing-10:30 (CCC) Boys & girls club-5:30 PM (BCC) Carseat class-2 PM (Clinic) <b>13</b>	Adult scrapbooking-9 AM (CCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM (CCC) Book-it-5:30 PM (BCC) Voucher pickup-noon-3 PM (CAIR) Youth hip hop lessons-4 & 5 PM (CCC) <b>14</b>	Adult crafts-6 PM (BCC) Elder water aerobics-8 AM (CCC) Kids crafts-5 PM(BCC) Water aerobics-noon (CCC) Adult board games-9 AM (CCC) <b>15</b>	Adult lingo-6 PM (BCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM(CCC) Cancer support-4:30 PM (CCC) FDL language-5 PM (CCC) Water aerobics-5 PM (CCC) Women's night-6 PM (CCC) <b>16</b>	FDLTCC Thunder-4 PM (BCC) <b>17</b>	Swimming lessons-2 PM (CCC) Haunted ship & Omnimax-6 PM (BCC) <b>18</b>
Adult cribbage tournament-noon (CCC) <b>19</b>	Adult sewing-10:30 (CCC) Boys & girls club-5:30 PM (BCC) <b>20</b>	Adult scrapbooking-9 AM (CCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM (CCC) Book-it-5:30 PM (BCC) Voucher pickup-noon-3 PM (CAIR) Youth hip hop lessons-4 & 5 PM (CCC) <b>21</b>	Adult crafts-6 PM (BCC) Elder water aerobics-8 AM (CCC) Kids crafts-5 PM(BCC) Water aerobics-noon (CCC) Adult board games-9 AM (CCC) <b>22</b>	Kids lingo-6PM (BCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM(CCC) Cancer support-4:30 PM (CCC) FDL language-5 PM (CCC) Water aerobics-5 PM (CCC) <b>23</b>	Elder Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10:30 (CCC) Adult social-6 PM (BCC) Movie night-7 PM (BCC) <b>24</b>	Halloween haunted house-noon-3 PM (CCC), Halloween party-3 PM (BCC), swimming lessons-2 PM (CCC) <b>25</b>
Adult cribbage and pool tournament-1 PM (CCC), Community free day-10 AM-6 PM (BCC) <b>26</b>	Adult sewing-10:30 (CCC) Boys & girls club-5:30 PM (BCC) <b>27</b>	Adult scrapbooking-9 AM (CCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM (CCC) Book-it-5:30 PM (BCC) Voucher pickup-noon-3 PM (CAIR) Youth hip hop lessons-4 & 5 PM (CCC) <b>28</b>	Adult crafts-6 PM (BCC) Elder water aerobics-8 AM (CCC) Kids crafts-5 PM(BCC) Water aerobics-noon (CCC) Adult board games-9 AM (CCC) Sobriety Feast-7 PM (Little Bear Gym) <b>29</b>	Adult lingo-6 PM (BCC) Adult sewing-10:30 AM(CCC) Cancer support-4:30 PM (CCC) FDL language-5 PM (CCC) Water aerobics-5 PM (CCC) <b>30</b>	Adult social-6 PM (BCC) Movie night-7 PM (BCC) <b>31</b>	



Fond du Luth Casino held its third annual street dance on Superior Street Sept. 4. Pictured is the opening act, Half Past Six. Later in the evening, 38 Special entertained a crowd of nearly 4,000.



New FDL officers Sarah Petite and Raymond Couture were sworn in Aug. 26, 2008 by RBC Secretary-Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau. Both grew up on the Reservation and attended Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. Couture received his associate of science degree in law enforcement in 2007 and Petite is nearing completion of her degree. After they complete field training, the officers will serve with the 14-member force as patrol officers. Photos by Jane Skalisky.