

Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

Crowe says goodbye

This article comes with mixed feelings as we announce the resignation of one of our employees whom also is an enrolled member of FDL. Nikki Crowe has been with FDL Resource Management for the last 13 years and she has decided that the time has come to move on. Nikki Crowe has been an integral part of Resource Management as the 13 Moons Program Coordinator and Tribal Conservation Collaboration Coordinator (Agriculture projects and issues), her contributions will always be valued and remembered.



Nikki's hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of admiration. Some of Nikki's highlights are hosting numerous workshops for the youth and FDL community which included Wild Rice Camps, Maple Syrup Camps, and Fish Harvest Netting Workshops. Drum and Dance activities were held weekly primarily

for youth whom were taught dance moves, drumming, singing, and trying out the microphone as an emcee for boys and girls during the winter months.

Another event that Nikki coordinated was the 13 Moons Powwow which is held at Otter Creek Convention Center. This powwow is unique in that it brings in federal agencies, state agencies, and Tribal programs that set up as informational tables. This powwow was the first to bring in a female emcee in the area and everything spoken in English is interpreted to the Ojibwe language once the powwow begins.

The Bimaajii'idiwin Demonstration Garden started with an idea for Tribal College Extension to support food sovereignty. This idea was to

teach new producers how to grow food for the community. With funding, the first Tribal College Extension garden to FDL was created to feed not only the FDLOS but community members. In the last 2 years Nikki has brought in over 1 million dollars' worth of funding to feed the community and bring together stakeholders to learn from one another about food sovereignty. Nikki was involved in the early stages of the Cary Road Farm development and producer training program.

Nikki provided mini-grants to harvesters and producers for harvesting tools such as nets, buoys, canoes, wild rice harvest sticks, and push poles. Nikki has been a part of the team with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation research on the FDL community for native youth and the opioid epidemic where she was involved with working on incorporating the Seven Grandfather

Teachings and Lacrosse thru camps and workshops.

As director of Resource Management (Reggie DeFoe) said, "Nikki was my go to person when there were any agricultural issues and challenges in Indian country regarding funding and establishing a Tribal voice in the USDA circles including the FDL community agricultural issues."

"And finally, as Nikki Crowe's last work day and exit party was on November 9th and on behalf of FDL Resource Management I want to wish her the best in her new career with the University of MN Extension Service and miigwech Nikki for all that you have done for FDL Resource Management and the FDL community."

13 Moons FDLTCC Extension Program

Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday, December 2nd
2023 12pm-3pm

Where: FDLTCC 2101
14th St. Cloquet
MN 55720

Register by Email:
phillipsavage@fdlrez.com



13 Moons will be hosting a wreath making workshop with Lurinda Defoe, professional wreath maker!! Participants will learn how to create beautiful wreaths by following along. The first 25 community members to sign up for this free, family event will be registered for the class. Bring extra ornaments' to personalize your wreath if you would like! Follow 13 Moons on Facebook!!



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Manidoo-giizisoons

The new Manidoo-giizisoons begins December 26. This is the Little Spirit Moon. Another name for this moon is Gichi-bibooni-giizis, the Big Winter Moon.

Anishinaabemowin Lessons

Double Vowel Chart

This is how to pronounce Ojibwe words.

All consonants sound the same as in English.

“Zh”- sounds like the “su” in measure

“a”- sounds like the “u” in sun

“aa”- sounds like the “a” in father

“i”- sounds like the “i” in sit

“ii”- sounds like the “ee” in feet

“o”- sounds like the “o” in go

“oo”- sounds like the “oo” in food

“e”- sounds like the “ay” in stay

Biiwan blizzard

Ningwaanakwad cloudy

Awan foggy (be)

Zasakwaa frost (heavy)

Mashkawadinfrozen (be)

Dakaanimadwind (cold)

Waabani-noodin wind (east)

Giiwedin..... wind

(north)

Zhaawani-noodin wind (south)

Goon..... snow

Maajipon..... snow (start to)

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Find the Ojibwe words in the puzzle below

S P V T O Y Z O O N G I N I K E S M E M
 C O W A N A G E K O G A M I G N N Z B L
 P S M Q E Z C B I M J N N G O R Y D H W
 M J J O W B B O K A N A K O S I M A A N
 G L X D I L A N T D Q G S N R G G I G V
 C Z J O O B A A N A G I H Z E W K A B N
 B Q H I H W Z B P W Z A O H H U G A K Q
 X I R A N H A B A I E W G P G L A W Q M
 U Z E R A F E A I I N K Q N I C D H D R
 S V V F O B S G W M S A B F S F N A B L
 Q Z O S O H O I R A L A K N J A A N F Y
 X A K G K O U O D W A H C A H O A I K U
 X S D W D A X Z M K C S H C M A B G V O
 F U E I L X D L O I L I H R W I O I K D
 L Z N T G Q G U Z M N I Y K X F G W W N
 I A Z Y C G O J I P I J I G E Q N A K Q
 M E Z X T D M M Z F M M A X U S I A D W
 Q C N W N H R Q V R E U P F V P H T P Z
 L F O F U I E L V C G I H W T P Z I I J
 P M X C G D E Z C K C F O V P L S N Z Q

- BAAPINAKAMIGAD/Festivities
- BAKWEZHIGANAABOO/Gravy
- EMIKWAAN/Laddle
- GOJIPIJIGE/Taste
- GWAASHKWEZI/Energetic
- JISHAAKWAIGAN/Hide Scrapper
- MANIDOOGIIZISOONS/December
- MIKWAMIWADAMON/Icy Road
- NITAAWIGI/Grow
- OKANAKOSIMAAN/Squash
- WAAWAASHKESHI/Deer
- WANAGEKOGAMIG/Bark Lodge
- ZHAABOONIN/Goose Berry
- ZHINGOBAANDAG/Fir Bough
- ZOONGINIKE/Strong Arm