

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



Simon and Simone La Prairie gaze in awe at a Gooseberry Falls waterfall on Oct. 6. The children were part of a group of 37 adults and kids from Brookston who participated in the day trip.

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FDL year-long meth/prescription drug program accepts first clients in September

NCAI concludes Indians have highest rates of meth use in U.S.

By Deborah Locke

To date seven American Indian adults living in the FDL service area have started treatment at Min No Wii Jii Win, ("Being together in a good way"), the Band's new Methamphetamine, Stimulants and Prescription Drug Out-Patient Treatment Program (MSPD). Four more adults are going through the intake process now. About half the clients are meth addicts; the others are hooked on prescription drugs.

The treatment is a year in length, which is uncommon for most treatment programs according to Richard Colsen, Program Supervisor. Clients enter varying phases of treatment that includes the expertise of many FDL divisions, from the Clinic to Human Resources to physical fitness to spiritual healing. The average age of the clients is 32.

One of the key messages they hear is that their recovery is attainable. That recovery depends on their commitment as well as the support of family and friends. It's imperative that family and community members stand by the recovering addict, Colsen said, even though family relations may be strained.

"We send them back to the same environment to families who need

to be educated about addiction and recovery," he said. The recovering addict probably has a history of lying, cheating and stealing, and family members have trouble forgetting that behavior, Colsen said. At the same time, relatives believe the addict can easily quit if they just put their minds to it. But meth and prescription drug addictions are complex and tough to break. Family counseling is a key part of recovery.

Colsen said that meth has been around for a while. It was synthesized in Japan in 1911 and given to U.S. troops during World War II for its ability to keep soldiers awake for days. Meth suppresses the appetite, and if it's smoked, will lead to tooth decay.

A brochure about MSPD points out

that the addictions are here now in the FDL community. However, everyone here is much safer if Fond du Lac provides treatment for meth/prescription drug addicts, rather than if untreated addicts attempt to start over without assistance.

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MSPD is structured so that step one at eight weeks in length is very intense. Phase one has three steps. Clients are seen between 20 and 25 hours

each week. That's followed by step two which lasts for four weeks, and clients are seen between 17 and 19 hours per week. During step three, clients are seen from 13 to 15 hours each week.

Phase one lasts for four months,

includes primary stabilization efforts like relapse prevention skills, preparation for reentering the work force, getting housing, trying to help with resume building, transportation, child care and parenting. A comprehensive physical and mental health exam is required, as well as nutritional screening. Drug testing is done throughout the year-long program.

Phase two includes two 16-week steps. The first step includes seven to nine hours of treatment per week; the second step includes three to five client contact hours per week. The program is designed so that clients take increasing responsibility for their recovery.

New groups begin every eight weeks. The intake process is long, and involves background checks through the FDL Law Enforcement Division. Law enforcement officers may place certain conditions on a client. An example, they may require that the client be transported to and from the program. No Level III sex offenders are allowed into the program.

MSPD is all-encompassing, stressing life skills and the necessity to abandon the drug and rebuild health through exercise and good nutrition.

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By Deborah Locke

Eight FDL elders who remember the era of civil rights in this country wanted a new perspective on human rights in general. Several also wanted to call attention to abuse against elders on reservations.

So, each paid his or her own way to attend the Sept. 29 "Human Rights, Civil Rights and Treaty Rights" conference sponsored by the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission.

It's no accident that the conference was held on the Mille Lacs Reservation, which has been the target of anti-Indian hate groups for well over a decade. After a few recent, well-publicized racial incidents in that community, the state Human Rights League decided that the reservation was a good place from which to broadcast its messages about racial disparities, federal Indian policy, and standing in solidarity.

Joyce LaPorte of FDL said she was surprised to learn the number of established anti-Indian hate groups

in Minnesota. Tempe Debe, also in attendance, wanted to learn more about elder abuse on other reservations. Often elderly Indians will not report the theft of money or property to tribal officials in order to protect their family members.

Mille Lacs elders say the hate levels in that community have grown exponentially over time, said Mary Sam, Chair of the Mille Lacs Area Human Rights Commission. In the early part of the last century, everyone was impoverished but Indians and non-Indians got along well, Sam said.

The shift began when tribes became more self sufficient. As tribes became stronger, the hate groups developed to oppose the exercise of treaty rights. In the 1990s, treaty battles were at a peak in the Mille Lacs area and Indian children were sent home from school for their own safety because of the backlash.

To this day, the broader Mille Lacs community tolerates and is bullied by hate groups, Sam said.

But the intolerance extends beyond

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Tad Johnson

point where they are cooking meth," Colsen said.

Meth use in Indian Country was the subject of a sobering report completed by the National Congress of American Indians dated Summer, 2007. The researchers concluded that nationally, American Indians have the highest rates of meth abuse in the country: 1.7 percent for American Indians/Alaskan Natives; and 2.2 percent for Native Hawaiians. That rate is substantially higher than other racial groups: whites (0.7 percent), Hispanics (0.5 percent) Asians

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The clients are required to do community service every Saturday such as cleaning yards and parks.

"One of my clients said he wanted the community to see him doing something good, since previously they had seen him doing something bad," Colsen said.

Meth creates a cheap high in the beginning, but the amount needed to reach the same high increases. "They get to a point where they are stealing (money for their addiction) or to a

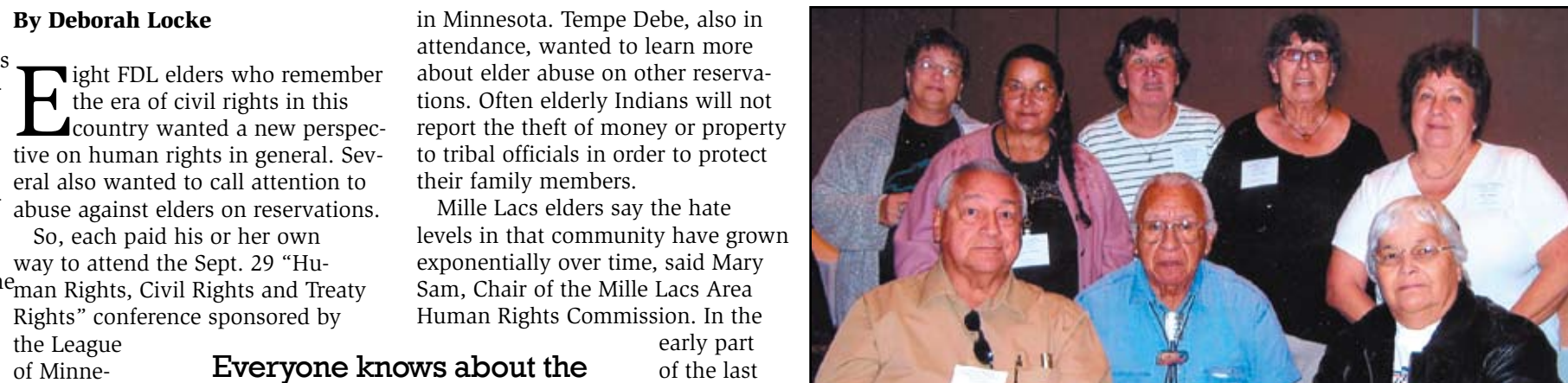
our intention to be a vehicle of divisiveness. To that end, we do not publish editorials, opinion pieces or letters to the editor. There is an abundance of opportunity for the publishing, airing and dissemination of material of personal opinion in other communication vehicles available throughout the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

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



A group of FDL elders attended the 36th annual Human Rights Conference held at the Mille Lacs Reservation on Sept. 29. Shown from the left in the top row are Carol Jaakola, Barb Weinke, Nancy Shaw, Joyce LaPorte, and Tempe Debe. In front from the left are Les Northrup, Billy Frank Jr., (a presenter from the Nisqually Tribe), and Judy Northrup. Not shown is Phyllis Stott, who took the picture. The League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions organized the conference.

the active anti-Indian hate groups at Mille Lacs. The Mille Lacs County Attorney made news a few years ago when he declared that the reservation boundaries didn't exist, said Tad Johnson, special counsel for government affairs at Mille Lacs.

Johnson said that deep down inside everyone has the feeling that she or he has rights.

"Everyone knows about the reading of rights from television police shows, but there's also a right to human dignity and to not only be tolerated, but to have your own individuality and your culture respected

by others," he said. People of color understand that need better than the majority population, Johnson said. Conferences like the one at Mille Lacs highlight the population segments that have a daily struggle with the way they are viewed by the majority culture.

The conference showed once again that certain groups of people must constantly defend who they are.

"They shouldn't have to do that," Johnson said. "And the mainstream population doesn't understand that.

(0.2 percent) and African Americans (0.1 percent).

Reservation and rural native communities have meth abuse rates as high as 30 percent. FBI officials located in Indian Country reported that from 40 to 50 percent of violent crime on reservations is attributable to meth.

Additionally, the spread of meth addiction on reservations is fueled by Mexican drug cartels who are drawn to rural communities, people with a history of chemical addiction, and communities with limited law

enforcement resources. Those features make Indians on reservations a prime target.

To see the "Methamphetamine in Indian Country" report, go to www.ncai.org; click on "current initiatives" "Meth in Indian Country" "Tribal Meth Toolkit - meth basics - "paper"

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Series begins with humor Keynote speaker Sherman Alexie entertains at UWS

Sherman Alexie answers written questions from the audience following his remarks at the University of Wisconsin - Superior in October

Story and photo by Diana Blom, Freelance Writer

When writer Sherman Alexie moved to center stage at the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Oct. 5, he was greeted with a standing ovation from a capacity audience.

Alexie, a member of the Spokane/Coeur d' Alene Nation, has written 18 books. His appearance in Superior kicked off the "Building Communities of Respect" series. The four-part series is designed to promote understanding between the diverse communities in Northwestern Wisconsin.

One of Alexie's most well-known works is the film "Smoke Signals." He wrote the screenplay and produced the film. It premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 1998 and won the Audience Award and the Filmmakers Trophy.

The October event started with traditional drumming by the Little Otter Drum Group from the Mille Lacs Reservation. That was followed by a film clip from "The Business of Fancydancing," which was written and directed by Alexie.

The 430-member audience then heard an explanation of the "Building Communities of Respect" series and Alexie stepped up to the microphone.

He entertained the crowd with his stand-up comedy act entitled

"Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic and Highly Irreverent Look at the World."

Alexie cracked jokes on subjects such as gay marriage (which he supports) the war in Iraq (which he is against) and airport security. He used his opinion of President George W. Bush as an expression of freedom of speech when he proclaimed "George Bush is a [expletive] idiot!" The comment drew thunderous applause; Alexie said he even saw a few Republicans smile.

In addition to humor, Alexie touched on serious social issues, such as alcoholism. Alexie said he was an alcoholic during his college years.

After learning that his book of poetry, "The Business of Fancydancing," was to be published, he immediately stopped drinking at the age of 23. He has been sober ever since.

A sentiment Alexie echoed throughout the program was how fortunate he was to be able to do what he does. He came from meager beginnings. He said that his family did not have running water at home until he was seven years old.

Alexie then looked at the audi-

ence and with a certain awe, said he now travels the world, telling stories. He asked the audience if they knew what a luxury it was for him to appear there that night, adding that for the most part, he was pretty tame that night.

(For most of this fall, Alexie has traveled extensively to promote his latest book, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian." In October, African American high school students from Naperville, Ill. stormed out of an Alexie presentation after Alexie used the "n" word as part of a joke. He prefaced his comments by saying to the audience that the joke was vile, but told it anyway. Alexie later apologized for the hurt feelings he caused.)

Alexie grew up on a Spokane Indian Reservation with a population of approximately 1,100. It is located about 50 miles northwest of Spokane, Wash.

"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," is his first young-adult novel. It was published in September, 2007 and at the time of this writing, is on the New York Times Best Seller list for children's books. The book is a coming-of-age interracial comedy based on Alexie's

first year attending an all-white high school.

Alexie's comments were the first phase of the "Building Communities" series that is designed to raise awareness of discrimination issues, as well as to promote positive changes regarding discrimination. The program also aims to prevent or avert devastating events related to discrimination issues in the Northwestern Wisconsin region.

The first workshop took place at UW-Superior on Oct. 6. Three additional daylong workshops are scheduled for February, April and June. The workshops are available to anyone, but are targeted for those working in education, health and human services, law enforcement, civic government and business and industry. Students are also welcomed.

The program is supported by the UW Colleges/UW Extension Innovation Grant. Partners include UW-Barron County, UW-Extension Sawyer County, LCO Ojibwa Community College, LCO Ojibwa Community College Extension, UW-Superior Continuing Education/Extension and UW-Cooperative Extension.

To register for the remaining workshops, contact the UW-Superior Continuing Education/Extension at 715-394-8469 or 800-370-9882, or online at www.uwsuper.edu/health.

1854 Treaty POWWOW

The 1854 Treaty Powwow was established in Sawyer on Sept. 30 to celebrate 153 years since the signing of the treaty that created the FDL Reservation boundaries. That very significant treaty ceded the entire Arrowhead Region of Minnesota. The Powwow, to take

place on an annual basis at the Sawyer Community Center, reminds the people of Fond du Lac of the importance of that event.

Almost 200 people took part in the Powwow feast. Seven drums were in attendance, as well as 48 registered dancers.



Photos courtesy of Keith Diver. Left, Drewrez Budreau, FDL Ojibwe School Jr. Princess, Right, Morningstar Webster, FDL Ojibwe School Senior Princess, Bonita Osceola and Danielle Webster. Below, right, a powwow toddler. Bottom left, vendors Bruce and Tawny Savage.



A few thoughts from RBC members



From Chairwoman Karen Diver

Financial matters concerning the Reservation have been on the front burner for the last couple of months. Negotiations are nearly complete on reducing the fees to Band members for the per capita card. It looks like there will be no monthly fee if Band members take the entire \$400 from their card each month. We will send a mailing to members when this is complete.

The largest influence on the Reservation's financial situation now is the \$119 million in debt that was taken out for the Casino expansion. I was surprised to learn that only US Bank was pursued for this large debt. Wells Fargo was approached, but could not participate because the only loan structure that was pursued involved using the Band's bank accounts at US Bank as collateral for the loan.

There are many different ways to fund this type of expansion including pledging future earnings and the use of bond financing. As it stands right

now, our current rate of earnings will not be enough to meet the balloon payment of \$100 million plus in 2011. Additionally, it was thought that the interest earnings on the loan, since it was paid up front, would cover the monthly debt payments. Interest earnings have not been as high as projected, so the Band is using part of its own funds to cover the monthly debt payments. That amounts to over \$2 million a year in reservation funds above interest income.

Earnings at Black Bear are down, and less than was projected when the loan was secured because of the impact of construction. Total income is projected to be the same or a little better than last year. The 2007 per capita payment required subsidizing from the reservation's reserves at a cost of approximately \$4 million. Based on



Karen Diver

this year's projection, the per-capita will need to be subsidized at approximately \$2 million. We are eating into our reserves, and our financial stability is at stake with the success of the new Casino complex. The debt needs to be restructured now. The RBC will be looking at options for refinancing

the debt within the next few months.

We are also reviewing other investment options and the fee structures for banking and investment services in order to be financially responsible. Because we have used US Bank as a sole vendor, the Reservation has not been fiscally responsible

in making sure we are holding our financial partners accountable and responsible. With the help of an independent financial advisor, it looks likely that the Reservation will be saving in excess of \$250,000 a year on day-to-day banking services.

We will keep you updated as we go through this process.

All that being said, we are trying to do as much as possible to get ahead of the game. We need to watch our current use of resources. We need to invest in capable staff to make the new project a success. We need to make sure our financial decisions are fully informed and look at all options available. We need to understand when we need help in making wise decisions. The sky is not falling, but active management and short and long-term planning will be key to getting us through this successfully. Hopefully, the day-to-day lives of Band members will not be affected. But if you notice some changes, please know that the RBC is actively managing our resources given the reality of a major development project.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments. I can be reached at (218) 590-4887 (cell) or at my office (218) 878-2612, or by email at karendiver@fdlrez.com

From Ferdinand Martineau

There is always something new happening around here. The other day we were meeting and the planning director announced that the new buses had arrived and one was parked out front to give us a ride. So the council left the meeting and went for a ride. While we were on the ride, I visualized other Band Members taking the bus and was happy to have been a part of providing this service for the Reservation.

Some of you have called to express an interest in working with the youth and as things begin to develop, I will be contacting you with meeting times and dates to get these projects moving.

At a Council meeting this past month Kelly Diver came in to address us. He was concerned that people thought he was terminated from his job because he embezzled from housing. I assured him that

this rumor had not been started by me and that I had not heard those accusations in meetings nor out in the community. He said his reputation was damaged. I asked what he wanted me to do? He said that I could put it in my column that he was not terminated for embezzlement. I said I would do that. I am not sure, but I think he was telling me that people read these monthly columns.

There have been a lot of questions during the past several months about the per capita payment and what it is going to be for the next year. At an October Council meeting, the same amount was approved for the upcoming year. It was a difficult decision as most Council members were in favor of a nominal increase.

I had to be the bearer of bad news with the budget information that was quite sobering. We could not afford an increase and it is going to be tight to come up with the same amount as last year. The biggest problem that we face for the next

few months is the continued construction and the loan payments. Once construction is complete and we move into our new facility, things will get back on track and the budget crunch should start to ease.

On a sadder note some good friends passed away in the past month. The

hardest thing is to watch a friend suffer and their family struggle with the loss of a loved one. There are a lot of things that the family has to consider during this time and most

of them have a cost associated with them. The Band will assist you with funeral costs and some associated expenses. Please contact me or your representative if you have any further questions.

The last thing that I would like to touch on is the payment that children receive when they turn 18. I have been working with a few financial advisors and they are going to offer some introduction to financial management workshops in the community centers. If you are interested, please contact your center to see when the workshops are scheduled.

I hope you are enjoying the fall season.

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 me at ferdinand-martineau@fdlrez.com Miigwich!



Ferdinand Martineau

New FDL Enterprise Gigantic Harvester redefines logging industry

By Deborah Locke

The days of tree removal through the quaint old chain-saw are gone at Fond du Lac. Today a monster-sized "Harvester" that weighs 33,000 pounds slices through trees the way a knife slices through butter.

The vehicle - that bears a resemblance to a trampling dinosaur -- has been in operation for about six weeks. The staff of five employees has been thinning and in one case, clearing "plantations," said Vern Northrup, manager of the logging crew. A "plantation" is any area of prescribed plantings of the same species. For example, the crew cleared an area of red pine to expand the gravel pit just south of Highway 210 in the Brookston District. About seven acres were cleared.

The trees are harvested as an enterprise initiative which makes more sense than letting them fall over or burn, Northrup said.

The Harvester, which cost

\$449,000, can cut four to five semi-loads of logs per day, or as many as a thousand trees. The cutting head at the front of the Harvester includes a powerful saw. The arm slides down the circumference of the tree, clearing its branches, and stops about four to five inches from the ground at the tree base. In three seconds, the saw slices through a tree that can be up to 25 inches in diameter, pulls the tree out and up and cuts it into the desired lengths, depending on how the tree will be used. The logs are cut to eight feet or 16.5 feet in length.

Trees are converted into logs, bolts or pulp. Six area mills accept wood products from Fond du Lac, located in Bemidji, Cass Lake, Deer River, Duluth, Cloquet, McGregor, Grand



Photo by Cassie Bauer

Rapids and Cook.

It's expected that the enterprise will be self-sustaining in three years, Northrup said, and the cost of the Harvester will be recovered.

Work will continue into the winter months, but ends during the spring thaw. The ground and its plants need protection as ice melts; also, road restrictions increase because of the weight of the trucks bearing logs. Northrup estimated that a truck

with a full load of logs could weigh 40,000 pounds.

The Harvester makes sense from a safety perspective - historically, logging has been one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. Those "old days" are gone, Northrup said. Today's Harvester operators are well protected in the vehicle's cab. The Harvester is unlikely to tip over, and only cuts the trees that it may safely handle.

FDL bus service up and almost running

by Shoshana Cruz

The buses have arrived, and service starts in mid-November. Fond du Lac's transit service will provide local service, as well two regularly scheduled morning and evening runs to Duluth and back.

The tentative schedule for Duluth provides bus rides into Duluth early in the morning. Rides will also be provided from Duluth to Cloquet after the completion of the workday. The dropoff/pickup point in Duluth will be Duluth transit center located downtown. There may be additional points in front of K Mart at the Valley Center parking lot in West Duluth, and in front of Super One in the Pla-

za parking lot in eastern Duluth. The fare will be \$2 per ride to Duluth.

Local service will be by request, with a 24-hour advance notice. Buses will pick up anywhere on the reservation and bring passengers to other points on the reservation and into Cloquet for shopping, medical appointments, errands, etc. The fare for the local service will be \$1 per ride.

Kids age 5 and under ride free for both the Duluth and local service. The children must be accompanied by an adult. The 16-passenger buses are wheelchair accessible.

FDL Planning Director Jason Holinday, who started the project in 2005, expects some changes as the service starts up. He's relieved that the needed service will finally begin,

and anticipates a growth in the demand for bus transportation.

The Federal Transit Administration offers a grant that will pay half the operating costs of FDL's service, if this coming year shows lively use. Last year, the federal agency provided \$1.42 billion in transit grants to 120 communities in the five-state region, including Chicago Transit, the Light Rail system in Minneapolis, and Duluth's Canal Park trolley.

Amy Wicklund, FDL economic development planner, has worked on the bus project for the past six months, and said she is "thrilled" that they have arrived. Dan Lund, transportation director for the Fond du Lac Reservation, will oversee the transit service

Bus-shaped magnets and key chains with FDL's transit service hotline number will be available on the buses for the first couple weeks of operation. After that point, the magnets and key chains will be available from the Marketing Office at the Tribal Center.

A formal bus dedication ceremony will occur in late November, which will be open to the public. For details about the opening, watch for flyers that will be posted at the Elder Nutrition Program meeting area and the community centers, or look on the FDL website.

The transit hotline number for scheduling rides or for more information is (218) 878-7500.

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, and deaths.

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

Our deadline for the next edition of this paper is Nov. 19, 2007. Information may be sent by U.S. mail to the editor, Deborah Locke, FDL News, 1720 Big Lake Road, 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. Submissions will be edited for clarity and length.

Ojibwe School seeking new school board members

The Fond du Lac Ojibwe School is seeking candidates for the School Board from the Cloquet and Brookston districts. Terms are for two years. Candidate names are sub-

mitted to the Reservation Business Committee for final approval.

If you are interested in serving on the School Board, contact Jennifer Trotterchaude at (218) 878-7547.

Informal Ojibwe language lessons offered Thursdays

Anyone who wishes to learn the Ojibwe language or brush up on your language skills is invited to join the FDL Language Table from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays through the end of May at the Cloquet Community Center, 1720 Big Lake Road. A pot luck meal is shared: feel free to bring your favorite dish.

Invitation to Elders Age 52 and older

How many of you want to become more active in the community? How many want to know each other better? What about learning something from guest speakers and planning for great activities?

Elders age 52 and over are invited to attend Wednesday evening meetings on Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elder Nutrition Program meeting area of the Tribal Center.

Become a part of something! Contact Kathy Murray (218) 879-2157 or Patty Goward (218) 879-4215 for more information. Come share a meal with us.

A thanks and a survey reminder

On behalf of the Fond du Lac Tribal College Board I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fond du Lac Band Members and Fond du Lac employees who have participated and completed the tribal college survey. Your responses are very important in developing the future of the Fond du Lac Tribal College. We appreciate your cooperation and time in completing the survey.

By now you should have received a postcard reminding you to complete your survey. If you have lost or misplaced your survey, please call Donna Statzell at (218) 878-8026 and she will send a replacement. As the materials sent to you state, we need to have all surveys postmarked on or before Nov. 2, 2007. Thank you again.

Dr. Patty Petite

Birthday wishes

Happy belated birthday to our dear auntie, **Marie Reed**, who celebrated on Oct. 10. We hope your day was the best!



Love from Yvonne and Susie



1991 photo of Shandelle (4 months) and David (7 years)

Happy golden birthdays to my children **Shandelle Friedman** who will be 17 on Nov. 17, and to **David Meger** who will be 24 on Nov. 24. *With love from Mom*

FDL to sponsor Thanksgiving Feast on 11/18 at Drop-In

The Black Bear Grill will cater the Thanksgiving meal at the gym in the FDL Drop-In Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 17. The Center is located on University Road near the HeadStart Building.

The FDL Community is invited. Transportation will be available upon request. For a ride, call (218) 878-7514. A Toddler Carnival will follow

the meal in the Cloquet Community Gym.

The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberries, corn, carrots, stuffing, bread and butter, and pumpkin pie with cream.

The FDL Native Youth Group has volunteered to serve food, set up tables, and clean after the events.

Jim Northrup story included in MHC exhibit

FDL Band Member Jim Northrup's story of his boarding school experience is included in the new Minnesota History Center exhibit in St. Paul. The "Minn150" exhibit showcases 150 people, places and things that have shaped the state in its 150-year history. Northrup's comments are included in the "Indian Boarding School" section. The boarding school experience is among the 150 topics because of its huge impact on the state's American Indians.

To see the section on Indian Boarding Schools, go to www.mnhs.org and click on "Minn150" under "Events." The exhibit is part of the Center's permanent collection and will be displayed for at least five years.

Memorials

To my "**Uncle Goggin**" (**Roy Welsand**), Feb. 20, 1950 to Jan. 18, 2007.

I wasn't there when we laid you to rest, but my prayers were with you, and I want you to know that now. I know that you are at peace and that's all that matters to me. I know you are with Gram and my bro and that brings me peace. I love you with all my heart.

*Your nephew,
Sheldon Thompson*

In memory of **Harold Eugene "Hecky" Knowlen Sr. "Geshigo Ahbinoojiyens" (Sky Child)** May 9, 1973 - Nov. 17, 2006. He died as a result of injuries from a tragic car accident.

A beautiful life that came to an end, he died as he lived, everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of one we loved and will never forget.

*Forever in our hearts from
Your loved ones, family and friends*

Obituaries

Alvina Ruby Abramowski, age 76 of Cloquet, passed away on Sept. 18, 2007. She was born on Dec. 14, 1930 in Cloquet to Joseph and Elizabeth DeFoe.



She married Carl Abramowski on September 18, 1948. Alvina worked for Black Bear Casino, Fond du Lac Housing, the Fond du Lac Furnace Factory, the RBC Administration, Severson's Fishery and the Northeastern Hotel.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl in 2004; grandson Christopher Greensky; parents; brothers Vernon, Harold and Kenneth DeFoe; and sisters Mona Thompson, Bernadine Abramowski and Phyllis Hague.

Alvina is survived by her children Carl Jr. and David; grandchildren Robert, Rachel, Derek, Amy, Allyssa, Christopher, Jody and Tiffany; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers Harvey and Melvin DeFoe; sisters Elaine McFatrige, Delores Misquadace, Dorothy Cooley and Nancy Seppala; also many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at the Handevit Funeral Home. Burial was at the New Holy Family Cemetery in Cloquet.

Norma R. "Punkin" Graves, age 70 of Cloquet, passed away on Sept. 22, 2007 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on Jan. 30, 1937 in the old Cloquet Indian Hospital to Eugene "Curly" and Eleanor (Shotley) Graves.



Norma retired from Cloquet's Wood Conversion after ten years of work. For the past 25 years, up until the time of her death, she worked at various positions for the Fond du Lac Reservation.

She enjoyed playing her favorite slots at area casinos, traveling, and working game puzzles. Norma especially loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a niece, Cheryl Diver Schultz.

Norma is survived by her brothers and sisters, Kenneth Graves, Faye (Chuck) Diver, Judy (Les) Northrup, Linda Houle, Roberta (friend Bob) Houle, Mike (friend Jenette) Houle, Charlene Frymier of Avon, OH,

Carla (friend Joel) Houle, Diane Soderholm, Mike (Chris) Graves and Rick (Peggy) Graves, and many nieces and nephews who Norma treated like her own children. Norma also was a special "Grandma" to Clint Jr., Reanelle and Dennis Houle.

A funeral service was held at the Handevit Funeral Home. Norma was buried at the New Holy Family Cemetery.

Evan James Tiessen, age 19 of Sawyer, passed away accidentally on Oct. 10, 2007 in Sawyer. He was born in Duluth on Nov. 3, 1987 to Glen Tiessen and Hope Copa.



He enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting, fishing and dirt biking.

Evan was preceded in death by his mother Hope; brother Nathan; grandmother Katie Olson; and grandfather John Tiessen.

He is survived by his father Glen (Amy); brothers and sisters, Starr (Scrub) Copa, Brooke (Jesus) Copa, Dylan Tiessen and Darrin (Beezy) Tiessen; nine nieces and nephews and other relatives, and many close friends including John Korby.

A traditional service was held at the Sawyer Center on Moorhead Road that started on Oct. 13 and continued until Oct. 14. Evan was buried in the Sawyer Cemetery.

Richard 'Dick' J. Diver, 68, of Cloquet, passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.



He was born Sept. 17, 1939 in Cloquet to William and Marie (Bear) Diver. He served as an altar boy for the Holy Family Catholic Church as a boy, and worked as a certified chemical dependency counselor for Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center on the Fond du Lac Reservation and at the Mille Lacs Reservation in Hinckley.

Dick was an active member of AA for 28 years, and loved golfing, the outdoors, fixing things and shopping. He especially loved family bingo, playing with his grandchildren, and walking on the Lakewalk in Duluth.

He was very proud of his granddaughter Samantha who followed in his steps as an altar server.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Robert

Peacock, Sr., Eugene Peacock, William Diver, Jr., Gene Diver, and Norman Diver.

He is survived by his wife, Catharine 'Cathy' Diver; one son, Michael (Tara) Diver of Cloquet; one step-son, David (Sara) Rice of Cloquet; two daughters, Angel (Dean Crawley) Diver of Cloquet and Toni Branley of Cloquet; three step-daughters, Kerrie Sorenson of Cloquet, Kimberly Johnson of Carlton, and Muriel Matuzak of Duluth; one brother, Charlin Diver of Cloquet; three sisters, Eleanor LaFave, Marilyn Carpenter and Linda Olson all of Cloquet; 12 grandchildren, Samantha, Tyler, Tennille, Catie, Kissa Babe, Konner, Haylee, Maddee K, Korryn, Tanner Kaden and Dawson "Little Man"; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held Oct. 17 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet. Burial was at the New Holy Family Cemetery.

Richard C. Hearle Sr., age 52 of Cloquet, passed away on Oct. 16, 2007. He was born on May 18, 1954 in Cloquet to Dewey and Susan (Pineau) Dupuis.

Richard, known to many as "Uncle Rich," enjoyed hunting, fishing, feeding deer and drawing. He especially enjoyed collecting many different items.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Deborah, his brothers Dewey J. Jr., Wayne, Gordon, George and Joseph; and a grandchild.

Richard is survived by his children Dwight, Tanya (Trevor), Richard Jr. and James (Starr); 12 grandchildren; a brother James Sr. (Hope); sisters Wanda, Becky, Margaret and Lois; also many nieces and nephews.

Visitation began on Oct. 19 at the Brookston Community Center, followed by the 11 a.m. Traditional Service on Oct. 20. Burial was at the Old Holy Family Church Cemetery, Cloquet.

A class of 17 adults learned the art of making black ash baskets at an Oct. 11-13 workshop sponsored by the Fond du Lac Cultural Center and Museum. The workshop was taught by Clyde Estey, a third-generation basket maker from the White Earth Reservation. Participants went through all steps in the process, from dragging the trees from the woods to pounding the log into strips. Then the real work began: the careful weaving of materials to create the artful baskets shown here. From left to right in the back row are Scott Peterson, Gerry Petite, Edith Peterson, Veronica Nelson, Gayle Nikolai, Marilyn Grover, Sharon Shabiash, Larry Shabiash and Clyde Estey. In the front row: Perry Skinaway, Karen Blue, Fran White, Pam Diver and Wendy Savage. Not pictured are Maryanne Blacketter, LouAnne Legarde and Phyllis Stott.



Briefs

2007 Minnesota state parks to host special deer hunts

Wild River State Park near North Branch will host a deer hunt Nov. 3-6 (40 permits available). The St. Croix State Park near Hinckley will have a deer hunt Nov. 10-13 (80 permits available). Each hunt is "Earn-a-Buck." That means that hunters must harvest an antlerless deer before they may harvest a buck.

Contact the FDL Resource Management Division for more information on permits and special regulations at (218) 878-8001. All State Park hunt permits are available on a first come, first serve basis; permits became available on Oct. 22.

Business loans/advice available through MCT

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Business Loan Fund provides financing to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe members who live in Minnesota. Loans from \$5,000 to \$75,000 are available at interest rates of four to seven percent. The money can be used for purchasing a business, equipment or maintenance and/or refinancing, micro loans and commercial real estate loans. For more information on the loans, call toll free at (888) 322-7688.

For free assistance with creating a business plan or with market feasibility research, planning, finance and loan packages and procurement, contact the Native American Business Enterprise Center. The phone no. is (218) 335-8583 or go online to www.nabdc.org

Career fair scheduled for new hotel/casino positions

A career fair will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the Black Bear Golf Course Club House located behind the Black Bear Hotel which is on Hwy. 33 south of Cloquet. A few of the job categories for the newly renovated and expanded hotel and casino include security, housekeeping, custodial and clerical positions.

Some interviews will be done on site to speed up the hiring process. Drawings will be held for prizes

including a \$100 gas card.

For more information, call the Black Bear Casino Resort Human Resources office at (218) 878-7440.

MIS staff receives pat on back from software firm

The technology support team at the Fond du Lac Reservation was featured at a recent convention for its innovation and flexibility. The support team is also also known as MIS (Management of Information Systems).

Compudyne, a supplier of hardware and software, sponsored its annual "Tech Fest" at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center in September. Clients of Compudyne were invited to the event to learn about new technological developments. A profile of the Fond du Lac Reservation was presented, along with two other companies. The profile described the size and variety of projects going on at FDL, and the way the department meets the needs of many diverse departments. For example, one of Compudyne's clients may serve a hospital, whereas FDL's MIS crew serves a clinic, school, police department, administrative center, natural resource division, food distribution center, and much more.

The profile showed the complexity of the technology infrastructure that supports FDL and the challenges and solutions for that diversity.

Diabetes support meeting scheduled

The next diabetes support group meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Nov. 16, 2007 at the Min No Aya Win Clinic McKnight Room. All are welcomed.

2008 distribution forms must be returned in Dec.

Fond du Lac Band Members are reminded to return their 2008 distribution request forms to the Tribal Center Enterprise Accounting Office before December 1, 2007.

Adult band members are eligible to receive a \$4,800 per capita payment either in a lump sum check in

December 2008, or in \$400 monthly installments on a US Bank Accela Pay debit card.

New forms are required each year. Band Members must indicate on the form the method of payment that they prefer.

Anyone who has not received a form or who has a change of address should call Patti Switzer at (218) 878-2674.

A plea from your friendly FDL scholarship director

Did you miss the July 1 priority deadline for the FDL Scholarship Program and the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program?

Is your file on "hold?"

Applying late means the potential loss of scholarships and grants – sometimes for thousands of dollars. If you meet eligibility criteria and are approved, the "zhooniyaa" is without strings and need not be paid back. What could be better?

Our staff will guide you through the financial aid process, but first you must call for an appointment, or stop by to respond to our many notices and reminders. There's only so much we can do. It's your responsibility to ensure that your paperwork is done in a timely manner.

We have concluded our Fall Term funding; all late Fall applicants will be reviewed for the Spring Term start date which occurs sometime in early January, 2008. For appointments to prepare for the Spring Term, please call us at (218) 878-4593, ext. 2681.

The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program in St. Paul has over 400 students on their waiting list. Fond du Lac Band Members who missed the July 1 MISDP deadline and who haven't heard about the status of their applications should call (800) 657-3866 and ask for Megan Fitzgibbon.

Bonnie Wallace

GED, ABE and High School diploma classes offered

Classes are available from now through the end of May for youth and adults who want to prepare for their GED degree, receive a high

school diploma or brush up on their basic skills. GED and Adult Basic Education skills classes are open to students over the age of 16; High School Diploma classes are open to students age 21 and over.

FDL Band Members, members of federally recognized tribes, and FDL family members and employees are all eligible to take the classes.

Students work individually with teachers to develop their own learning plan. GED classes prepare students to take the General Educational Development tests. Students who have GEDs may continue their educational pursuits at a college or vocational school.

Adult Basic Education helps students refresh old skills and learn new ones. ABE classes are ideal for those who want to return to school or move into the work force. The High School Diploma program works with people who left school with only a few credits left to complete. When completed students receive a diploma from the FDL Ojibwe School.

The classes are free. The Brookston Center times for diploma preparation are Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call Bob at (218) 878-8173

The preparation classes are held at the Duluth Damiano Center on Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call Dennis at (218) 878-8147.

The Sawyer Center preparation classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Dan at (218) 878-7594. The Cloquet preparation classes are held at the Tribal Center on Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. For information, call Rita at (218) 878-0269.

For general information on the programs, call Joan at (218) 878-2658.

Free Thanksgiving buffet in Cloquet

The Carlton County community and College of St. Scholastica invite the general public to the second annual Thanksgiving Buffet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cloquet Armory on Highway 33.

There is no charge. Live entertainment will be provided and children can have their pictures taken with Santa.

Meals will be delivered to those who are homebound and live within 10 miles of the Armory. To receive a meal, call (218) 723-6464 by Nov. 16.

Volunteers are needed for setting up tables, serving food, deliver-

ies and clean up. Please call (218) 879-9238 to register as a volunteer. Money donations to "Volunteer Services of Carlton County" are also welcomed. Send your checks to 1219-14th St., Suite D, Cloquet, Minn. 55720

Wis. hunter receives lesson from mom bear

A Rusk County, Wis. hunter positioned in a tree stand received a harsh lesson in black bear parenthood in October when he found himself caught between a bawling cub bear and its mother.

Bow hunter Kevin Schultz, wearing hip boots, climbed a tree to get to his stand and strapped himself in. At around 6 p.m. four black bears headed toward the elm tree where Schultz waited for deer. Schultz hollered at the bears to get them to leave. Instead, a cub bear became so frightened by the noise that it climbed the elm tree past Schultz to a higher branch where it sat and cried for its mother.

Immediately the female bear headed up the elm tree, and tried to grab Schultz by the armpit and drag him down. His strap held him securely. The bear pulled off Schultz's boot, leaving scratch and puncture wounds on Schultz's leg and arm. A hockey-puck size patch of flesh was ripped from his elbow. The cub climbed safely to the ground and the bears left. Schultz climbed from the tree and drove to his parent's home a mile away. He received emergency treatment at a Rusk County hospital where he stayed for two days.

A state Department of Natural Resources supervisor said that bears avoid contact with humans unless cubs are involved. He said that cubs are taught to climb the highest tree to avoid danger, and Schultz's elm tree was the tallest tree in the area.

Schultz asked the wardens to leave the bear alone and not destroy it since it was natural for a mom to protect her cub, especially one screaming for help. The story was reported in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Wisconsin county in federal court about Ho-Chunk land

Sauk County officials in Wisconsin

Area news briefs

are challenging the Ho-Chunk Nation's plan to place a five-acre parcel of land into trust. The county filed a federal lawsuit that argues that the 1934 law that permits a federal agency to place American Indian land into trust is unconstitutional

The Ho-Chunk want to use the parcel for housing and youth and language centers. The BIA approved the request from the Ho-Chunk to place the land in trust, a decision now challenged in federal court by the County. The land earned \$2,646 in property taxes for the county in 2005.

The county claims that the Nation's gaming revenue satisfied the basic needs of tribal members so they did not need additional trust land. The county claimed that the Ho-Chunk's 91 acres of county trust land is enough for the 404 tribal members.

Lawsuits challenging the law governing trust land status have been filed since the 1990s, said Brian Pierson, and Milwaukee attorney representing Indian tribes. He said the lawsuits have not been successful.

The story was reported in the Baraboo News Republic.

Chiefs call for buffer zone to protect rice

The unusually low yield of wild rice in 2007 prompted three traditional manoomin chiefs from the Rice Lake branch of the Mille Lacs Band to request a one-mile buffer zone around all Minnesota wild rice lakes. The zone would help to protect the lakes from further stress.

The chiefs appeared before congressional aides during a public listening session on the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge system near the Mississippi River. Rice Lake was once a premier lake during the wild rice harvest. In years past, ricers could count on as many as 18,000 pounds of rice from the lake; today they're lucky if a few thousand pounds are harvested. The speak-

Churchgoers: Holy Family open for certain events

Due to a shortage of priests, Mass is no longer said at the Holy Family Catholic Church on Reservation Road. However, we continue to gather at the Church for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Join us for daily prayer of the rosary at noon and a communion service at 6:30 p.m. on

Wednesdays.

Our bazaar will be held in early December. Stay tuned for more information.

Isabelle Whelan and Cindy Pattison

ers also pointed out that a good wild rice lake is also a shallow lake, which in turn makes it susceptible to drought.

The story was reported in Indian Country Today.

Sioux members invite beer company to help curb alcoholism on rez

A few Oglala Sioux tribal members are among an activist group that has requested a meeting with Anheuser-Busch representatives in St. Louis. It's hoped that the beer company will fund an alcohol treatment program or detoxification center to serve Pine Ridge Indian Reservation residents.

A spokesperson for Anheuser-Bush replied that his company invests millions of dollars to promote responsible consumption of beer, and that to stop selling beer is not the way to address the widespread alcoholism at Pine Ridge.

The decision to address beer corporate officials follows other efforts in past years to curb alcohol use at the Pine Ridge Reservation where alcohol is banned. Four stores in Whiteclay, Neb., located on the reservation border, sell about 4 million cans of alcohol a year, mostly to American Indians.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission reported that in 2006, Budweiser sales made up 86 percent of total sales in Whiteclay with 356,283 gallons. Next in sales was Pabst, with 38,559 gallons, and Coors, with 17,298 gallons.

Tribal members who want the ban enforced at Pine Ridge have staged road blocks to stop vehicles entering the reservation. They want Anheuser-Bush to return some of its profit to the community where alcohol consumption leads to bootlegging and sales to minors where the youth suicide rate is the highest in the country. Alcohol consumption also contributes to accidents, violence, sexual abuse and fatal

vehicle crashes at Pine Ridge. The Associated Press story appeared in Sho-Ban News, a paper published in Fort Hall, Idaho.

Suit filed on refusal to accept tribal ID

The Greater Minnesota Justice Project has filed a lawsuit in Hennepin County about the refusal by a Minnesota business to accept tribal identification cards as legitimate ID cards.

Kevin Mahto, a Red Lake Band Member, showed his tribal ID card when trying to pawn a coat at the Bemidji pawnshop. The store owner said his computer would not accept tribal identification cards, although it could accept Canadian IDs or IDs from other states.

The law requires people to show ID when buying tobacco or alcohol, or when pawning an item at a pawn shop. Yet some businesses post signs that deny the use of tribal IDs. Minnesota law states that the tribal IDs can be used in place of a Minnesota driver license. The Associated Press story was reported in News from Indian Country.

Impact of tribal ventures on Minnesota economy

A study of workforce economic benefits of tribal casino resorts was released earlier this year that showed tribal jobs generating \$429 million to the Minnesota economy in 2005. The study was commissioned by members of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association, and completed by C. Ford Runge, an economist with the University of Minnesota. The Fond du Lac Reservation is a member of MIGA.

The report concluded that the tribal casino workforce included 12,900 jobs, 11,100 full-time and 1,800 part-time positions. Tribal casino jobs brought \$285 million in direct economic benefits to rural Minnesota.

Etc.

Frequent phone call list

(218) Area Code	879-4593
Tribal Center Switchboard	1-800-365-1613
Black Bear Casino	878-2327
	1-888-771-0777
Black Bear Hotel	878-7400
	1-800-553-0022
Brookston Community Center	878-8033
CAIR	726-1370
FDL Propane	879-4869
FDLTCC	879-0800
Food Distribution	878-7505
Head Start	878-8100
Housing	878-8050
Human Resources	878-2653
Law Enforcement	878-8040
Mash-Ka-Wisen	879-6731
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	1-218-335-8581 (admin.)
	1-888-903-8582 (loans)
Min-No-Aya-Win Clinic	879-1227
	1-888-888-6007
Natural Resources	878-8001
Ojibwe School	878-7559
Planning Department	878-2642
Sawyer Community Center	878-8185
Cloquet Community Center	878-7510

The Waawaashkeshi room of the Brookston HeadStart had a visit from the Perch Lake Fire Department early in October. October is Fire Safety month and the children learned ways to escape injury from fire. Firefighter Jeff taught the children the stop-drop-and roll exercise, and to make sure that they crawl on hands and knees from a fire to avoid smoke inhalation. From L-R: Kaya Fairbanks, Firefighter Jeff, Brian Shabiash, Firefighter Tony, Maya Fairbanks, Ethan Wilton, Lleyton Sinkkonen (in back wearing black), Gina Misquadace, Alyza Savage, Jordan Brown, Rolando DeFoe, Darrell Coutre-Reynolds and HeadStart teacher Randi Peterson is holding Candace Barrett.



Fond du Lac hosts visitors from Africa

Twenty visitors from various African Nations, along with their interpreters and escorts, visited the Fond du Lac Reservation on Oct. 4. They were invited by the U.S. Department of State to come to this country to experience American culture. Before coming to Fond du Lac, they visited Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, and Minneapolis. Their Fond du Lac tour included the Ojibwe School, Min No Aya Win Clinic, the Tribal Center, and the Cultural Center and Museum. Shown in the photo from left to right are Jeff Savage, FDL Museum Director; Elhag Ali Warrag Sidahmed Warrag from Sudan; Yashika Singh from South Africa; and Andrew Lecompt, interpreter.

NOTICE OF FILING

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa gives notice that on Oct. 17, 2007, it filed an application (FCC Form 340) with the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to construct a new Class C2 noncommercial FM station to be licensed to Cloquet, Minn. The station proposes to operate on 89.1 MHz, with 5.37 kW Horizontal and 25 kW Vertical effective radiated power, with an antenna height of 105 meters above ground from a site located at 46° 50' 10.7" North Latitude and 92° 42' 8.1" West Longitude. The location of the main studio will be at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe

School, 49 University Rd., Cloquet, Minn. Officers and directors of the applicant are Tribal Council members Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Eugene Reynolds, Roger Smith, Sr., and Sandra Shabiash, and Fond Du Lac Ojibwe School Board members Joan Markon, Michael Murray, Jr., Michael Rabideaux, Betty Anderson, Dawn Ammesmaki, Shawn Johnson, Wayne Dupuis, and Louella Peacock. A copy of the application and related materials are available for public inspection at Fond du Lac Ojibwe School, 49 University Rd., Cloquet, MN, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

An Anishinaabe sound of music

CD showcases musical range of local native youth

Story and photos by Shoshana Cruz

The sweet voices of elementary school children join in song. The melody is Mozart, but the words are Ojibwe.

The Anishinaabe Youth Chorus can do it all: from drum songs to "The Little Drummer Boy," from "These are the vowels we learn in Ojibwe" to "Are You Sleeping." Their Ojibwe is natural, flowing; their music inspired.

And if you missed them when they sang at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth earlier this year (where they opened for John Trudell, noted singer/musician, actor and Indian activist), you can catch their sounds now on a new CD.

The two dozen FDL Ojibwe School youngsters, who began singing together a year ago, have recorded Mii iwe Minowen (This is my voice). They practice during a daily two-hour after-school program at the school. A variety of live instruments and music tapes accompany their 11 tracks.

The CD features not only this young group, however, but also a local women's hand drum group and the Cloquet High School choir performing compositions of two Fond du Lac teens.

FDL's Lyz Jaakola organized the groups and performances - as a "labor of love," she said. "I hope it makes the kids and their families proud and inspires other Fonjalackers to use their voices in a positive way."

Tym Shabiash and Shandelle Friedman are the teens who composed the songs for the high school choir. Their work was facilitated by the First Nations Composers Initiative, which supported a composer-in-residency program in Cloquet.

Lyz was the resident, and she worked with Native students at the high school during the past year.

"I look forward to the next round of compositions they are writing for a concert and recording in January," she said.

Another young woman, Maija McCloskey, is part of the hand drum group, and wrote a song ("So You're a Gangsta") that appears on the CD.

"These are awesome, talented kids," Lyz said.

Additionally, Lyz hopes that the awesome, talented kids in the Anishinaabe Youth Chorus will eventually become a full-blown high school choir, two-part harmony and all, at the Ojibwe School.

The hand drum group has been meeting every few weeks for about 18 months. It has performed at the FDL Child Abuse Prevention Walk, at St. Scholastica, on KUMD, and at other functions focused on Native women or culture.

Lyz is a singer and songwriter herself, and teaches music at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. She also has a track on the CD, which she composed for the late Jack Briggs, the first college president.

Why a combination of Ojibwe and western music and songs?

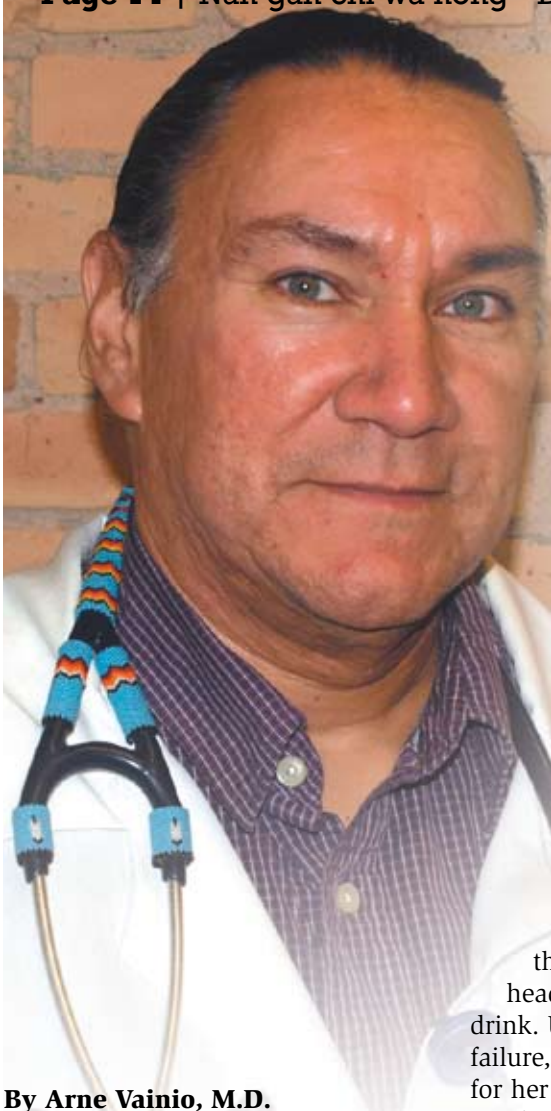
"Combining musical traditions is very interesting to me," Lyz said. "But it's only possible to do if the musical traditions are maintained separately as well.... So, I don't combine them as a way to change the old traditions, but as a way to celebrate our very real multicultural lives."

The Anishinaabe Youth Chorus will have a CD release party at the meeting room of the Fond du Lac Elderly Nutrition Program from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 16. They will have the CDs available for \$10.



Above, top, Ojibwe School chorus gathers in the school gym. Below, teacher Lyz Jaakola hands out CDs to the children. The cover design of the CD was done by Wausau Sandman.





Late-breaking gratitude Thoughts on a mentor, father-figure, and remarkable gentleman

the hospitals in the area, but he was not in any of them.

I knew this was serious, but I also knew it wasn't something that just happened today. If he wasn't in the hospital, it wasn't a heart attack or a stroke. I started running through the possibilities in my head. He didn't smoke, he didn't drink. Unlikely lung cancer or liver failure, I thought to myself. I waited for her to call me back.

When she finally called, my worst fears were confirmed. Ed had fallen twice in the past week. He had a scan done, which revealed a four-centimeter mass in the right frontal area of his brain. He was intermittently confused. A good friend of his went to visit him and wasn't entirely sure Ed recognized him. I hadn't wanted to call his house until I knew something. I didn't want to intrude on him or his family and I didn't

know if I was calling at a bad time. After I hung up with Joy, I looked up his number in the phone book.

His wife answered the phone. "Hello?"

"Irina, it's Arne Vainio. I just heard about Ed. How's he doing?"

"I'm glad you called. He'll want to talk to you. I'll put him on."

"Hello, Arne?" Ed's voice was soft and quiet.

"Ed, I just heard. How are you?" I asked.

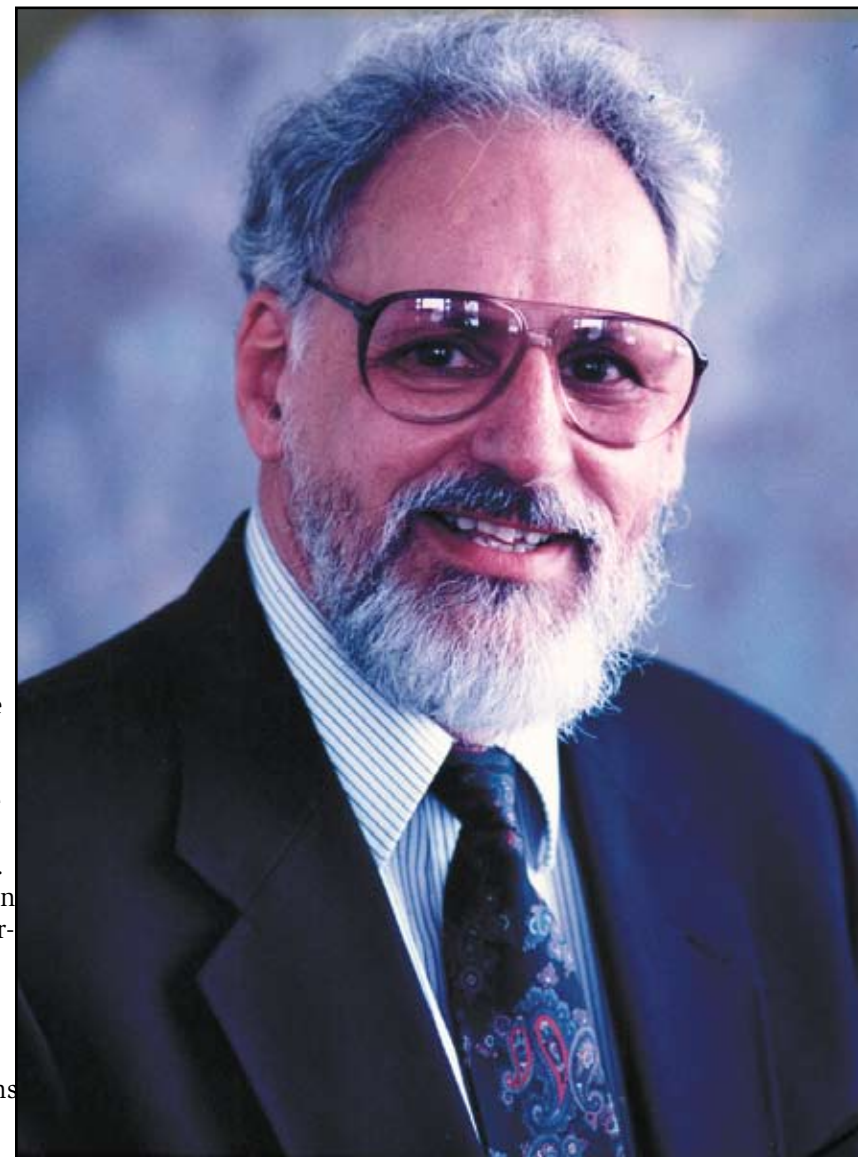
"Not as good as you," he answered. He proceeded to tell me that his mass was diffuse (spread out) and was non-operable. It was a large unidentifiable tumor. It was Friday, and he had a biopsy scheduled for Monday. This was to be a stereotactic biopsy: the neurosurgeon was going to have the tumor localized from two different directions in order to go in to get a tissue sample. At this point, the two most likely possibilities were either a lymphoma (cancer of the immune system) or

a glioblastoma, which is a primary brain tumor. If this turned out to be a lymphoma, there are chemotherapy drugs that work fairly well. If it turned out to be a glioblastoma, the options were less well defined.

"We'll put out tobacco for you." I told him. "Is there anything else we can do?"

"Come and visit," was all he said.

I first met Ed Haller when I was an undergraduate student at the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD). He was a faculty member at the medical school and taught Physiology. He's been a pioneer in funding efforts for Native American programs at the medical school and worked with Native American undergraduate students for some of the medical school summer programs. Right from the start he became one of my primary mentors and we worked on a research project together. Initially this started out as an academic relationship, but over time we became friends. Ed very much advocated for



Edwin W. Haller, Ph.D.

me getting into the Medical School at UMD. He believed in me and wasn't afraid to tell me so.

At the time, no one in my family had ever gone on to college, let alone medical school and I was unsure of how to proceed at many steps along the way. Ed was always there to support me and to answer questions. He has always had an interest in Native American issues and has been an advocate for many Native students.

When I was in my first two years of Medical School we were in the same building, so I visited him often. My third and four years of Medical School were spent in Minneapolis, and I didn't see Ed. I went to Seattle for my residency after that and lost contact with him for the most part. When I finished residency and came back to Minnesota, I always meant to stop in and visit him, but rarely got to the Medical School. He retired and I saw him only if I bumped into him by chance. He always wanted to talk longer, but I was always late or behind schedule and didn't spend the time with him that I needed to. I promised I would try to stay in touch.

How do promises get broken? Not intentionally. When I was working with Ed, I really think he thought of me as a son. He was always ready to bail me out or to offer advice, or just to listen. Did I return that favor? Not really. But I never meant it to happen that way.

In the course of writing these columns, I have thought long and hard about the many people who have helped me along the way. This list is long, and still growing. I have wanted to thank them publicly, and will still get around to doing that.

Ed Haller was on that list right from the start, but this isn't the way I wanted to thank him. However, I don't know how long Ed can wait for this. Ed doesn't know either. I want to thank him while he can still read this and know that I appreciate all that he has done for me. There is no way I would be writing these articles as a physician if it wasn't for Ed Haller. He has been a source of strength and inspiration for me from the first time I met him.

My father died when I was 4 years old. There are a few men who have filled that role over the years. Ed definitely filled that role and I definitely needed him.

I am going to visit Ed this weekend, and as often as I can. I am going to keep my promise. It's the least that I can do after all he's done for me. Thank you, Edwin W. Haller, Ph.D.

Dr. Arne Vainio, who practices medicine at the FDL Min No Aya Win Clinic, writes about his experiences for this newspaper. He can be reached at a-vainio@hotmail.com

By Arne Vainio, M.D.

Earlier today there was a message on my voicemail.

"Arne, it's Joy. Ed Haller is really, really sick."

Joy and I were in the same medical school class. I tried to call her back, but there was no answer. I left a couple of phone messages. I tried her pager, but it was an old number, no longer in service. I left a message at her home number. I then called

A new face at FDL: Dr. Abby Pershke

In June, the department of dentistry at the Min No Aya Win Clinic welcomed Dr. Abby Pershke, a May 2007 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Dr. Pershke grew up in Devil's Lake, N.D. and completed her undergraduate work in biology and chemistry at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

She decided at the age of 12 that she wanted to become a dentist and "spend my life improving smiles."

She said the best part of the job is the interaction with patients. On occasion, a patient will have a challenging request that requires a

complicated procedure.

She said that the hardest part of the job is staying on time. "I do as much as I can in the time allotted," she said. Dr. Pershke sees 12 or 14 patients each day, but the workload is made easier with help from her skilled dental assistants.

The job is also made easier because of the state-of-the-art equipment in use at the Min No Aya Win Clinic. For example, a new x-ray machine rotates to take a 360 degree picture of a patient's teeth. Dr. Pershke said that the equipment in use at the Clinic puts it among the top Indian Health Services clinic.

Her advice to patients is this.

Floss. Every day. Her motto? Only floss the teeth you want to keep. In other words, floss them all. She pointed out that flossing only takes a minute or two each day, and the payoff is a life without gum disease.

She lives on Park Point in Duluth. She is an active runner, and participated in the Twin Cities Marathon earlier this fall.

Dr. Pershke is an active member of the American Dental Association's political action committee. That PAC worked to increase the money spent by the federal government on children's insurance, an initiative vetoed recently by President George W. Bush.



FDL may receive unused Katrina mobile homes

The federal government has a surplus of 1,000 mobile homes, unused following Hurricane Katrina. The homes will be available to American Indian reservations throughout the country through the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Fond du Lac Housing Division has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for 30 homes, and will accept them if they are suited to a northern climate. The homes were built for particu-

lar climate zones, taking into consideration wind strengths, temperature fluctuations and the amount of weight the roof can support. Mobile homes designed for northern climate include strong roofs to support the weight of snow, for example.

"We're willing to take them if they qualify for our zone," said Jason Holliday, FDL Planning Director. "If they were only built for use in Louisiana, they won't suit our winter roof loads or low temperatures." A September 2007 memo to the

band from FEMA stated that the units would be matched as much as possible to the corresponding roof load zone and thermal zone for each Tribe. If the number of requests for northern zone units is depleted, they will be allocated based on the highest poverty levels among the Tribes.

FDL applied for trailers that were 14 x 64 feet and 16 x 84 feet. The trailers have two, three or four bedrooms. Holliday estimated that the maximum life of a trailer is 10 to 20 years; consequently, if FDL's applica-

tion is approved and the trailers fit this climate, they will be viewed as transitional or temporary housing because they will simply wear out.

Tribal leaders and housing directors throughout the country were notified by letter of the trailers starting approximately one year ago.

The cost for transporting the trailers and for set up (transportation, electrical power and sewer) is about \$7,000.

Gashkadino-Giizis (Ice Forms Moon) November Events

Cloquet Community Center in black 218-878-7510 • Sawyer Community Center in blue 218-878-8185 • Brookston Community Center in red 218-878-8097
Ojibwe School in green

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			New Hours: M-Sat 12pm - 8pm Sun 10am - 6pm	GED 6 -7pm	Early Release	Corn Maze 12-2 Thunder Bowling Southgate 6pm
				1	2	3
Premiere Theatre 9:15am	GED 4-7pm	GED 1 -4pm GED 6 -7pm	GED 1 -4pm GED 4 -7pm	GED 6 -7pm Parent/Teacher Conference /Early Release		Drop-in Pizza @ Southgate 12:30-done
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adult Scrabble Tourney 12pm	HOLIDAY CLOSED Veteran's Day	GED 1-4pm GED 6-7pm	GED 1-4pm GED 4-7pm Parent Meeting FACE-Born to Learn	GED 6-7pm		Thanksgiving Powwow Grand Entry 1pm Feast 3pm Drop-in Thanksgiving Dinner 12-3pm Carnival 4 Young 4-6pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	GED 4-7pm	GED 1-4pm GED 6-7pm	GED 1-4pm GED 4-7pm	HOLIDAY CLOSED	HOLIDAY CLOSED	Polar Express Train 4:30pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Community Bday Pary 3pm	GED 4-7pm	GED 1-4pm GED 6-7pm	Drop-in Sobriety Feast 7pm-done GED 1-4pm GED 4-7pm	GED 6-7pm	Movies @ Drop-in 6pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	



How to send an announcement for this monthly calendar

When submitting calendar items, please include the name of the event, the time, date and place. The deadline for submitting calendar events for the December, 2007 issue is November 19, 2007. Also, please clarify the District where the event will take place, Cloquet, Sawyer or Brookston.

Calendar items may be sent by email to deborahlocke@fdlrez.com or by U.S. mail to FDL News Calendar, Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd., Cloquet, MN 55720