

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



*Rebecca St. George on her last day as a Fond du Lac Attorney. She began her new job Monday July 13 as Lead City Attorney.  
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# Local News

## FDL attorney takes on bigger role

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

For the last six and a half years, Fond du Lac has had Rebecca St. George as an attorney in the legal department. Her time as an attorney came to an end June 26, when she was honored by the RBC and others in the FDL community on her last day.

Rebecca left Fond du Lac to be the Lead City Attorney for the City of Duluth, where Rebecca will oversee 17 other city attorneys. The position, which was publicly posted, was sent to Rebecca by a number of people she knew who had encouraged her to apply. “When I heard about the posting. I was absolutely not going to apply for it, because I liked my job with the Tribe,” Rebecca said about being told to apply by people she knew, adding that she didn’t think those people were serious. “I like working for Fond du Lac and I like the people and I believe in the work, very much.”

Rebecca has been involved with so much of that important work for Fond du Lac of

the years that it is pretty hard to picture her doing even more work. When she applied, her body of work really stood out to Duluth Mayor Emily Larson.

“She really stood out as a candidate because Rebecca brings a really holistic and well-rounded approach to the work,” Mayor Larson said of the decision to hire Rebecca. “She is extraordinarily talented in understanding the legal system and has a very strong handle on complicated law and how it impacts people’s lives, how to use policy to advance ideas, how to ensure law and the practice of law are protecting people and organizations.”

It was just Rebecca’s knowledge of law that made her stand out as Mayor Larson was looking for someone to take on the role who had a much broader background.

“She also brought a career outside of law into city hall. To me that was just as valuable,” Mayor Larson said. “She understands how to work with team building and making change both as an insider and

from the outside. She brings a comprehensive set of skills and understandings that I thought we could really benefit from.”

Rebecca has done a lot of good work in her career even before she worked for the Fond du Lac Reservation but despite all of the good she’s done, Rebecca still felt that this job wasn’t something she should have applied for.

“Partly that it felt a little intimidating. I think the first two people that sent me the link, I actually laughed at them and said ‘no, I’m not going to do that,’” Rebecca said with a laugh. “Then more people sent it to me. And a couple of people had fairly long conversations with me about why they thought it would be a good fit.”

It was after those lengthy conversations that Rebecca decided to apply for it, but she never imagined she’d be leaving Fond du Lac.

“I decided to apply assuming that I probably wouldn’t get the job, but by the time I got through crafting my cover



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

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

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

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

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# Local News

letter and actually having more conversation and looking at the job more by then, I really wanted it," Rebecca said. "I very much wanted it. So by the time they offered it to me, I was really excited about it."

Rebecca was absolutely right to be excited about the position as even the Mayor was excited to be bringing Rebecca in as the lead attorney.

"I saw that, recognizing that the experience that she had with the Band is something that made her a really strong candidate," Mayor Larson said about acquiring a good employee from the Fond du Lac Band and that her being part of the Fond du Lac community wasn't the reason for the decision.

After Rebecca was chosen, the mayor did contact Fond du Lac Chairman Kevin Dupuis, Sr. as a courtesy to let him know, but because of the busy nature of leadership during this pandemic, she wasn't able to speak with him at that time.

"It's so funny, I did call the chairman after she accepted the offer, with her permission, and I wasn't able to connect with him, but yeah it is always a little bit awkward," Mayor Larson said. "I've been lucky enough to be able to hire people who have had really good jobs at other places so it's always funny, I do like to call their boss at the right time to say how I want to recognize that I'm taking someone who is really valuable for you, but there is no hallmark card for that."

The mayor said she's grateful to have the numerous great employees around her that she does, and with Duluth being a small city, she knew Rebecca

was going to be a great choice.

"This is a smallish town, so it's not unusual to know people who are applying for jobs and I really had every confidence with Rebecca before she started," Mayor Larson said.

Rebecca also acknowledged that the two knew of each other and had a few encounters, and they both had the utmost respect for the other.

"I've known Emily for a long time. Duluth is sort of that big, small town. So I've known her sort of socially for probably 15 years. After I started working for Fond du Lac our relationship changed a little. As she became the mayor and I became an attorney for Fond du Lac as we were finishing up the litigation with the city," Rebecca said of the little interaction they had with one another.

"I wasn't super involved with any of that, but I was always really impressed with the work that she's does and how she governs the city. I know other people who work with her or work closely with her and everyone is just so always glowing about what a wonderful boss she is."

Mayor Larson was impressed with Rebecca's body of work, but was still blown away the moment she started work in mid-July.

"I mean there was a few weeks in between, but just having her in the building now, she jumped right in with a really long complicated council meeting," Mayor Larson said. "She's already digging in on several big issues, and just having her here it is so confirming that this is the right leader for this community and we're really grateful and lucky to have



her."

Rebecca is also excited to be entering this new position with a chance to impact real change at a time when change with regards to racism seems to have some real steam to make a big change.

"To be in a position to have some influence over how crime is handled, in Duluth particularly. Especially looking at racial disparity and looking at that," Rebecca said. "There is so much of a strong movement to really change how police work is done. I won't have much say on that but the next step for the crimes that the city prosecutes, to be in a position to really take a long hard look at how we prosecute, what we prosecute, and who we're prosecuting and why? It just seems like a perfect time in history to be a part of impacting that."

While Rebecca is very excited to be in this new job and have

an impact on so many people, she also knows that she'll miss the Fond du Lac community.

"The people obviously," Rebecca said of what she missed most. "It's a fairly large cultural shift for me too. I'm going to miss walking into a building where it is not uncommon to smell the sweet grass and the sage and to hear the Ojibwe language spoken."

Losing that cultural piece as part of an almost everyday occurrence working in the Fond du Lac Tribal Center is going to hurt Rebecca the most.

"But I really enjoy working in Indian country and I enjoy Indian law. I think that doesn't go away, Fond du Lac has property in Duluth for instance so that's going to be something that I will need to be aware of and a part of," Rebecca said.

Rebecca hopes that her work with the city can still lead to positive change for her Fond

du Lac community, friends, and family.

"It's a loss for me. I have some deep roots out there, and I really care about the community," Rebecca said about leaving her job. "I'm from Duluth and have family in Duluth and Fond du Lac family in Duluth. So it's not like I'm abandoning that connection in any way, it's just a change. I think mostly the people and the community out there are so wonderful, so I'm going to miss a lot of that."

Rebecca will be missed by her coworkers, community, and friends, but we know that she will make us all proud with the way she serves both the city of Duluth and the Fond du Lac Reservation.

# RBC Thoughts

## Secretary/ Treasurer News

### Boozhoo,

This year's Fourth of July celebration was quite muted for us. The Band did not have any fireworks displays. The local communities did little or nothing as we are in the middle of a pandemic and a drought. The fear of fires or COVID-19 spreading was too great a risk for us to take to display fireworks this year. There was also a big empty space in the activities as Sam Dupuis' celebration was not held this year either. I went out to the site and said a prayer and offered tobacco in memory of Sam and all that he meant to our community. He is truly missed by all.

Each of the departments of the Reservation government and business are in various phases of their re-opening plans. Some, the casinos and health center, are in the second and third phases of their plan. You are able to get something to eat at the Sage Deli or dinner at the 7-Fires restaurant. In person appointments at the clinic are now available to see some of your providers now. Our rec centers are a somewhat slower as is our school and resource management departments. The government is opening slowly also as there are several plexiglass shields that need to be installed to protect our staff and the public from any form of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Another ex-

ample of our "new" normal.

The Band has received approximately 31 million in CARES Act funding. We approved a budget for the money under the guidelines adopted by congress which said basically the money can be used for expenses that were caused by the pandemic and not part of your 2020 approved budget. It was not hard to find qualifying expenses in an organization this large and the services that we provide. We have budgeted the money in several categories for instance, insurance like unemployment insurance, medical benefits for furloughed employees, mem-



Ferdinand Martineau

bers' services like energy assistance for Band members, salary and fringe benefits like salaries for additional security and others like sanitizing and social distancing to name a few. I will have a

complete list of all approved budget figures for the next quarterly meeting as we are still working on the final draft of these expenditures.

The last thing I would like to mention is we are beginning budget preparations for next year and I would like to have it completed and approved by October of this year.

*If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me. My office number is (218)878-8158 or you can e-mail at [ferdinandmartineau@fdlrez.com](mailto:ferdinandmartineau@fdlrez.com)*

*Gigawaabamin.*

## Cloquet News

### Hello all

I hope you all are having a good summer. Like everyone, we are still dealing with this devastating COVID virus. We have re-opened our two casinos and have strict safety mandates in place. Social distancing, face masks, and taking a temperature of all who enter. It is an inconvenience but guests and employees are complying without complaint.

I want to thank everyone for their understanding and participation. Our food venues at the Black Bear have not been open but our staff has a COVID safety plan in place and will begin a "soft opening" for the Seven Fires Steak House and deli, however the buffet is still on a shut down. Thank you to all the staff that put hard work into getting things up and running.



Wally Dupuis

As we navigate through this pandemic, the RBC has had to make some tough decisions that affect each and every one of us. I assure you that these decisions are made in the face of safety and based on the best information available to us. Also, during this pandemic we have had some staff in each of our divisions and enterprises that have worked continuously through it, most taking on extra duties and responsibilities, without complaint. I would like to thank each one of you that worked so diligently.

On a different note, our New Cultural Center construction is complete and staff are starting to move in. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a celebration in recognition of this opening at this time.

Our Natural resources department has been monitoring the wild rice beds in our area lakes

and from what they are reporting it appears that the rice beds are coming along nicely. Ricing season will be coming along soon so let's hope we don't lose our beds to weather related catastrophes.

The Mahnomen drinking water project continues to move forward, although in its early stages right now. Eventually this project will supply much needed clean drinking water to the Brookston area as well as some areas within the Cloquet district. This has been a long time coming but progress is clearly being made.

I want to say please be safe, wear your mask, and practice social distancing. We will get through this together.

*As always, please feel free to call or write as I am always glad hear from you. Cell (218) 428-9828, Office (218) 878-8078, or email [wallydupuis@fdlrez.com](mailto:wallydupuis@fdlrez.com)*

## Legal notice

The following is a list of Band members who have monies in trust with the Fond du Lac Band. We are requesting the Band member, or his/her heirs, if the Band member is deceased, contact the Fond du Lac Legal Affairs Office at 218-878-2632 or toll-free at 1-800-365-1613, to assist the Band in distributing the trust monies. Unless a personal data form or heirship application has been filed with this office within one year of this notice, the identified funds will revert back to the Fond du Lac Band. \*The one year period commences with the first publication.

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# RBC Thoughts

## Sawyer News

### Boozhoo,

We had a hotter than normal June and July. It was considered nearly drought conditions with a high fire danger for most of the last two months. However, in July we received much needed rain and some cooler weather helped out. It is nice to see all the fam-



Bruce Savage

ilies working their garden plots at Gitgaaning. The Place of the Gardens, Gitgaaning, is producing many crops. The farm at 960 Cary Road in Sawyer is active on social media, if you are interested in getting updates on what is happening follow the Fond du Lac Band Gitigaan Facebook page. We were happy to get support from The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, an award winning international nonprofit

charity dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger and combat global warming, strengthen communities and improve the air, soil and water. This non-profit group that plants fruit trees all over the world, donated fruit trees and brought in volunteers and planted trees with our Fond du Lac volunteers in July. Apple and plum orchards in Brookston and Cloquet were planted at the FDL Language House and on Jokela Road. Next year we will be

planting trees in Sawyer. Other activities this month are also posted on social media such as community members picking strawberries and blueberries. It is nice to see families continue the tradition of berry picking and harvesting.

Lastly, this past month you may have noticed construction on Big Lake Road coming from Sawyer. The road is set to be resurfaced in 2021 and there are plans for resurfacing of Mission Road in 2022. Also, please take care by washing

your hands frequently, social distance, also wear your mask to keep your family safe. For the month of August, start preparing for our wild rice harvest. Get your knockers and pole ready.

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## BBCR goes smoke-free

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Black Bear Casino Resort (BBCR) announced this month that it will be going smoke-free.

The announcement came to many mixed reviews on Facebook, with some of its biggest opponents threatening to never spend another dime at BBCR ever again. While frustration over another change is understandable, at one time people thought that bars would struggle when Minnesota, and several other states, banned smoking inside.

When we open tomorrow, July 15th at 10 am, we will no longer allow smoking inside of the building. Guests will be able to smoke outside of the building. We believe that this is the best decision for us to ensure the safety and security of our guests and employees, BBCR said via their Facebook page.

As part of Fond du Lac requiring to wear masks inside buildings, it only seems natural to go smoke free. There is no way to smoke and wear a mask.

Fond du Luth had a non-smoking section before COVID-19 even existed and went completely smoke free after re-opening amidst the pandemic.

BBCR will now join them as just another effort to limit the spread of this deadly virus.

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# More Local



## FDL breaks ground on Tagwii expansion

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Nothing has felt normal over the last four months, so it was rather enjoyable to watch the Reservation Business Committee (RBC) come together and do something we've all watched them do so often over the years, and break ground on a project designed to help members of the community.

Tagwii recovery center has been helping people recover from drug addictions, but one obstacle patients faced was not being able to be with family during their recovery. The expansion, which took six months to design will be 19,000 sq ft with 6,000 of that being a second floor designed to offer room and board to those in the recovery process.

"It became a barrier for those who were moving into treatment, to be successful," Sam Moose, FDL Human Services Director, said during the groundbreaking ceremony.

The space will also have additional office space, but will be focused around keeping the culture prevalent

for those who come to Tagwii.

"The original concept was to have a treatment facility, not just for the individual, but for the entire family," Chairman Kevin Dupuis, Sr. said at the ceremony. "To get the person healthy, to get the family healthy."

This is a much needed facility within our community, and it will be wonderful to help those individual already going through so much.



## Open meeting on Zoom ends early

The Reservation Business Committee (RBC) released the following statement July 16 regarding the incident during July's open meeting. Fond du Lac membership,

While trying to cope with traumatic events that have reshaped our way of life in the first half of 2020, we were saddened and disappointed to be reminded yesterday that during this difficult time, not everyone has the best interest of our community in mind.

We want to make clear that we at the Reservation Business Committee take an immense amount of pride in seeing how our people have united during this challenging period. Despite COVID-19 cases being present in every single county that surrounds our Tribal nation, we have made immense sacrifices that until now have kept us safe and COVID-free.

These adjustments to our way of life have meant embracing new and often untried ways of doing things, like moving in-person activities to digital platforms to keep our community safe. Although all of us would like nothing more than to go back to congregating together and collectively healing in the same physical space, we recognize that as a vulnerable population, we must continue to take precautions.

This was our mindset when we made the decision to host our executive meeting through Zoom yesterday (July 16). Because communal involvement has always been a key part of how our Band exercises its sovereignty, the software has been an invaluable tool in keeping our government functional, transparent and accountable to our constituency.

No system is perfect, though. "Zoom bombing," the practice of sabotaging a Zoom session, became a pervasive problem a few months ago just as teleconferencing platforms were becoming essential components to keeping all of us connected. Although the companies behind the teleconferencing software have made

updates to try to prevent their users' sessions from being hijacked, it continues to be a problem, as was evidenced yesterday.

We believed, and continue to believe, that openly trusting in the integrity of our community and neighbors is the best path to move forward. Unfortunately, that trust was betrayed when our executive meeting was disrupted by individuals who displayed lewd behavior that only added more distress to an already difficult situation.

We immediately ended the Zoom session when we discovered what was happening and we are trying to determine who the responsible parties were in order to take the appropriate action.

In the meantime, we will be instating increased security measures in our virtual meetings and we will do our best to ensure that these added restrictions do not become obstacles to the vast majority of people who simply want to engage with their government in responsible ways.

It is unfortunate that a very small minority of ill-intentioned people have the power to interfere with the good work our community is trying to do, but this was a temporary setback and we will continue to move forward together. We will be more cautious, but this does not mean that we will ever forfeit the trust we rightfully place in our people.

We sincerely apologize for yesterday's incident.

Thank you for your understanding and patience, and most of all, thank you for the beautiful work each of you do every single day to help make things better.

Miigwech,  
The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee

# More Local

## COVID-19 vaccine shows promising results

The war with COVID-19 continues on and will do so until a vaccine is widely available, with many experts believing this has become endemic and will last for years or decades. Like the measles, chickenpox, or HIV, a vaccine will help us return to normal lives, but doesn't mean that it won't be something that still spreads slowly through the world's population.

"The highly transmissible disease has surged in recent weeks, even in

countries that initially succeeded in suppressing it. Left alone, experts say, it will simply keep burning through the world's population," the Washington Post wrote in an article back in May about the likelihood that this virus remains a problem for the world for years to come.

Nevertheless, a vaccine is still vital to slowing the spread and making it not nearly as dangerous, which is why the news out of the National Institutes of

Health (NIH) are so promising regarding a vaccine.

"An investigational vaccine, mRNA-1273, designed to protect against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), was generally well tolerated and prompted neutralizing antibody activity in healthy adults, according to interim results published online today in The New England Journal of Medicine," NIH wrote in an article on their website. "The ongoing Phase 1 trial is supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. The experimental vaccine is being co-developed by researchers at NIAID and at Moderna, Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Manufactured by Moderna, mRNA-1273 is designed to induce neutralizing antibodies directed at a portion of the coronavirus "spike" protein, which the virus uses to bind to and enter human cells."

The results, which have only been shown in the group ages 18-55 is promising thus far. The group, enrolled in Seattle and the Emory University in Atlanta, received different dosages of the vaccine and all but three participants receiving a second injection 28 days later.

The trial has since been expanded to include those over 55, but the results published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), doesn't include that group as of yet.

"Regarding safety, no serious adverse events were reported. More than half of the participants reported fatigue, headache, chills, myalgia or pain at the injection site," NIH wrote in an article. "Systemic adverse events were more common following the second vaccination and in those who received the highest vaccine dose. Data on side effects and immune responses at various vaccine dosages informed the doses

used or planned for use in the Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials of the investigational vaccine."

Phase 2 trials began in late May, and phase 3 trials will be getting underway this month. Volunteers for phase 3 of this trial came in droves, with Forbes reporting that over 136,000 people signed up in less than two weeks with the study searching for at least 120,000 volunteers.

Moderna isn't the only vaccine working toward their phase 3 trials, as AstraZeneca, Inovio and Johnson & Johnson all moving toward phase 3 for their vaccine as well.

A spokesperson with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, said that the study hopes to have people of a variety of ages and ethnicities.

"While this early response is very gratifying, it is important to note that this is just a fraction of the number of people needed to participate in various trials and ensure adequate representation of various demographic categories" said a spokesperson for the NIAID via Forbes.

Until such a time that a vaccine is available, we have to remember to do our part. Stay socially distant, wash your hands, and remember to trust the research from reliable sources. A vaccine will be available before we know it, we just have to stay vigilant a little while longer. Stay safe.

Sources: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/experimental-covid-19-vaccine-safe-generates-immune-response>, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/05/27/coronavirus-endemic/>, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/danielcassady/2020/07/20/over-100000-people-volunteered-for-covid-19-vaccine-trial-in-less-than-two-weeks/#16b2ce8a2e87>

## Mask Mondays

The Fond du Lac Facebook page will be posting pictures of Band members, employees, and community members on Mondays as part of the "Mask Mondays" initiative to encourage others to wear their masks.

We are all in this together, so seeing others do what is right is encouraging and a friendly reminder that wearing our masks isn't just to protect ourselves, but to protect our friends, families, and neighbors around us.



# Etc



## Swearing in Brookston Representative

The Fond du Lac Primary election resulted in one outright victory. Roger M. Smith, Sr. “Bouda” received over 50% of the vote in June and was elected to the Brookston Representative seat without the need for the General election Aug. 18.

Smith will serve another four years after being sworn in July 8.

## FDL offers remote exercise classes

Fond du Lac wants Band members, employees, and FDL family to stay healthy during this difficult time. That is why FDL is still offering Yoga Monday's, Get Fit Wednesday's, and PiYo Tuesday's and Thursday's.

If you are interested in participating for these classes via Zoom, you can contact Katie Hughes at [Kathleenhughes@fdlrez.com](mailto:Kathleenhughes@fdlrez.com) for class details and login information.

Currently there is no Elder Exercise until further notice.

## Local and National Elections

It is an election year, and many important elections are happening in the coming months.

The local primary Aug. 11, Fond du Lac's General election Aug. 18, and the General local and national election Nov. 3. Fond du Lac Band members, and all Americans, have the right to vote in all elections.

Please research the candidates, find the one that aligns with your view points, and most importantly, remember to get out and vote.

## Fond du Lac Prevention Intervention Program don wiesen, Coordinator Prevention Intervention:

## Ms. Kami Diver Lead Prevention Intervention Specialist

Aaniin, Fond du Lac Band youth, parents and family, the Prevention Intervention Program is up and operating however not like usual. Due to the pandemic the Prevention Intervention team will be providing services using a different approach until the issue of the pandemic has diminished. In the past, during this time of the year, we have operated our summer camp to provide a fun and exciting experience for our youth and families, not so this year. Once the pandemic has de-escalated we will operate our program using the already accepted programming the community has become familiar with.

It is the intention of the Prevention Intervention Programs to meet our objectives by operating the modified program providing services to American Indian youth on the Fond du Lac Reservation and the surrounding area throughout the summer. This summer and fall we will be providing “Summer Activity Packages” to the participating youth. During the school year we will provide in-school Drug and Alcohol programming if students are attending school utilizing an in class approach. If the school year continues using “distance learning” we have designed a curriculum that can be offered using the “distant learning” format.

Prevention Intervention team members have spent time calling families to provide up-dates on the program and making sure we have the names of the children who would/will be participating in the program this year. We are doing this so we can have an accurate number of youth to provide the summer activity packages to. The packages will include inside board games, outside games, sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, educational games and activities, and notifications of when we will be visiting again.

The Prevention Intervention team members want to visit youth and families several times during the pandemic. The team wants you and your family to stay safe, listen to the direction we are receiving from the RBC and the Fond du Lac Health Officials, and follow their advice. Miigwech

## Two houses for sale

Home Sales for Band members in Duluth, MN: One Roof Housing just informed us that there are two homes ready for marketing to FDL Band members. One home is in West Duluth and the other is in Woodland. The FDL Band will contribute \$30,000 per home if purchased by an FDL Band member. See information on each home for sale: [http://fdlrez.com/downloads/HomeSale\\_132Winona.pdf](http://fdlrez.com/downloads/HomeSale_132Winona.pdf) and <http://fdlrez.com/downloads/HomeSale52964thAve.pdf>



# Etc

## Order to show cause

In the matter of: TAURIEL JEWEL DIVER, Minor Child, THOMAS JOHN OLSON, Petitioner. Case No.: NC-002-20 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

On June 1, 2020 a petition was filed in this Court on behalf of the minor child Tauriel Jewel Diver. The Petitioner seeks an order changing the name of the minor child to Tauriel Jewel Olson. NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Hearing in this matter is set for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chipewewa Tribal Court located at 28 University Road, Cloquet, MN 55720.
2. Any parent, guardian, or relative in the first degree interested in the matter shall appear for the hearing to show cause, if any there be, why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed name change.
3. Any parent, guardian, or relative in the first degree may file a written objection to the proposed name change with this Court prior to the hearing date set out above.
4. Petitioner and the minor child shall appear at the hearing.

## Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Board Regular Meeting via ZOOM

June 2, 2020 Fond du

## Lac Ojibwe School Board Room 12 p.m.

Mr. Peacock, School Board Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll call:

Present: Jeffrey Tibbetts, Robert Peacock, Michael Diver, Carol Wuollet-quorum.

Absent: Debra Johnson-Fuller and Joyce LaPorte.

Others present: Superintendent Jennifer Murray, School Principal Valerie Tanner, Dan Anderson, Dan DuPay, Bridget Paulson, Vicki Oberstar, and Sharon Belanger.

Reading of the Mission Statement and Vision by Jennifer Murray

Approval of Agenda- Motion made by Jeffrey Tibbetts, 2nd by Michael Diver, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes May 5, 2020-Motion made by Michael Diver, 2nd by Carol Wuollet, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Review of the ledger – Reviewed with discussion.

### New business:

i. 2020-2021 School Budget and Part B PL 108-446 (IDEA) Assurances and Title One LEA Assurances- Motion made by Michael Diver, 2nd by Carol Wuollet, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

ii. 2020-2021 School Events Cancellations-Discussion to seek advice from the PHEP Team, EOC and RBC.

iii. Purchase a Plow and Truck- Not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion made by Michael Diver, 2nd by Jeffrey Tibbetts, all in

favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

iv. Special Education Part B Application Revision- Motion made by Jeffrey Tibbetts, 2nd by Michael Diver, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

### Old Business:

i. Strategic Plan Review- Mirja Hanson- Discussed and Mr. Peacock requested it to be emailed to school board members and posted on FDLOS website.

ii. Student Connection Survey- Data is complete- Dan DuPay is writing a narrative. Dan stated 135 K-12 students participated in the survey. Dan requested help for students on IEP and grades K-2. Mike Diver asked about the older students. Dan stated that very few 7-12 grade students participated. Mike requested some brainstorm sessions to engage the older students.

iii. Early Graduation Policy- Valerie Tanner- Discussed- it will be included in student handbook changes in July. Discussion about COVID 19 Social Distancing Plan. The safety/reopening plan will also be on the July meeting agenda.

iv. Fond du Lac Ojibwemowin and Culture Licensure Policy remains open for further review still pending approval from RBC. Jen Murray will continue to work with the Reservation Language and Cultural Department.

v. Transportation contract for FDLOS bussing services- Potentially the department will be under the umbrella of the

## Cloquet City Council election has FDL candidate

Lyz Jaakola is running for Cloquet City Council and she needs your vote! Jaakola's 28 year career in education and music performance has prepared her to listen first, make informed decisions and represent with a strong voice. We have many issues to work through... a pandemic, unemployment, economic challenges, civil unrest... Cloquet needs leadership that will be DECISIVE, COOPERATIVE, TRANSPARENT and WILLING TO LISTEN to our neighbors. Lyz Jaakola will bring her skills and vision to steer our hometown toward a unified Cloquet. Vote for Jaakola for Ward 5 of Cloquet City Council!

Ward 5 of Cloquet (marked in purple on this Google Earth map) is a large portion of the City of Cloquet's footprint. Ward 5-1 is entirely on our reservation. In 1975, Knife Falls Township was annexed by the City of Cloquet, increasing the area of the city to roughly 23,060 acres, that's 36 square miles! Check out Cloquet's strategic plan for more history & information at <https://www.cloqueteda.com/home/showdocument?id=2230>

So, if you live in Ward 5, you can VOTE for LYZ JAAKOLA in the upcoming August 11 Primary election held at the Headstart gym!

Chi- Miigwech!



# Etc

school.

## Supervisor reports:

Overall School Report-Jennifer Murray- Discussion about how Distance Learning went for students and families. Principal Valerie Tanner stated it went fairly well with the limited resources and planning time. Valerie will have staff training over the summer to improve Distance Learning. FDLOS students will have options to choose from in August (Distance Learning only, in class

or a hybrid.) Surveys are still coming back from families. Discussed the summer program and lunches. Students will have the opportunity to continue Distance Learning. Summer lunches and snacks will be delivered to FDLOS students, the Community Centers will call in orders to the school and deliver in their districts, or the opportunity to pick up at the gym doors M-Th.

Other:

Indigenized Teaching Fellows

Program-They requested a letter of support. It was discussed it was beneficial to support programs that help recruit and engage American Indian Teach-

ers.

Motion made by Carol Wuollet, 2nd by Michael Diver, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried to adjourn. Adjourned

meeting at 1:19pm. Recorded by Jennifer Murray.

## Fond du Lac Ojibwe School 2020 Summer Food Service Program June 8th- Sept. 4th

**FREE** Lunch for children 18 and under or individuals 19 and over with state-defined mental or physical disabilities who participate in school programs.

### Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

On-site prepared healthy and balanced lunches will be distributed at the Ojibwe School Gym Doors from **11:00am - 12:30pm** each day.

Ojibwe School Student lunches will continue to be delivered. Monday, Wed., & Thursday are delivery days for 7 days a week.

Direct questions to Nikki Harris 218 878 7271 or

Mace Fonoti 218 878 7246

Contact your local community center by 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for Deliveries Cloquet CC 218-878-7510, Brookston CC 218-878-8033, Sawyer CC 218-878-8197  
Monday and Wednesdays are two day lunches, Thursdays deliveries are three days lunches

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# Health News

## Oral, mouth & throat cancer facts:

By Denise Houle,  
Cancer outreach worker

**D**id you know tobacco, alcohol & HPV (human papilloma virus) are the leading causes of oral cancer? The HPV virus is the same one that is associated with cervical cancer in women. Oral cancer is a disease in which cancer cells form in the mouth, lips, cheeks, gums, tongue, hard palate, tonsils and the throat. With early detection, survival rates are higher and side effects from treatments are lower. Oral cancer is one of the top ten most commonly diagnosed cancers in American Indian men. Oral cancer is caused by commercial tobacco use, alcohol use, the human papillomavirus, sun exposure and poor diet and physical activity. Oral cancer screenings are an effective means of finding cancer at its early, highly curable stages. HPV 16 is the strain of the virus that can lead to oral cancer. HPV 16 is the leading cause of oropharyngeal cancer or cancer in the very back of the mouth and base of the tongue. HPV 16 is found in about 2 out of 3 oropharyngeal cancers. These cancers are more than two-three times more common in men than in women. Signs & symptoms include:

Sore in the mouth that does not heal (most common), red and/or white discolorations of soft tissue in mouth, sensation that something is stuck in your throat when swallowing, hoarseness that lasts for prolonged period of time, difficulty with chewing, swallowing, moving your tongue or jaw.

Make your oral screening part of your annual health or dental checkups for early detection.

The HPV vaccination is a preventative measure for oral cancer. Males and females ages 9-26 are recommended to get the vaccine.

Always remember to consult your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns.

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health [www.nidcr.nih.gov](http://www.nidcr.nih.gov), American Cancer Society [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), and American Indian Cancer Foundation [www.americanindiancancer.org/oral-cancer](http://www.americanindiancancer.org/oral-cancer)

*A message from your Fond du Lac Cancer Prevention Program*

## Breastfeeding Week

By Kara Stoneburner, RDN LD,  
Community Health Services Dietitian

**W**orld Breastfeeding Week is Aug. 1-7. It is a global campaign to encourage and support breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world.

The benefits of breastfeeding are great. The benefits for the breastfeeding woman include helping with birth spacing, recovering from childbirth faster, reducing the risk of breast and ovarian cancers, and lowering the risk of hypertension.

Baby's benefits include decreased incidence of infectious diseases, decreased incidences of diarrhea, respiratory infections and ear infections.

Other benefits of breastmilk are: it is always the proper temperature, it promotes a healthy weight, it is the

ideal nutrition for an infant and it provides antibodies for the baby to help the baby stay healthier.

The World Health Organization, American Academy of Pediatrics and numerous other organizations recommend:

- Early initiation of breastfeeding within one hour of birth
- Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life
- Continued breastfeeding up to two years of age or beyond, with the introduction of nutritionally adequate and safe complimentary (solid) foods at six months.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 81% of babies in the US start out breastfeeding. Unfortunately, many don't continue beyond a few weeks. Often, a lack of support for breastfeeding is the reason. The good news is, organizations are recognizing the benefits of breastfeeding and are becoming

more breastfeeding friendly. Some changes include providing a clean and appropriate place for expressing milk for their employees, allowing time for milk expression and providing breastfeeding friendly spaces for guests and visitors. Fond du Lac Reservation has recently made changes to become more breastfeeding friendly.

Fond du Lac Community Health Services is proud to have been able to honor our breastfeeding families for many years with a Breastfeeding Honoring Dinner during World Breastfeeding Week. Unfortunately, we are unable to gather for an honoring dinner this year, but will still continue to praise and support our breastfeeding families remotely. The FDL Maternal Child Health staff, the FDL WIC staff and the FDL doulas continue to be available to support and encourage breastfeeding families.

*They learn from watching you...*

# Eat More Fruits and Veggies

*and your kids will too!*



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# Be Active

*and your kids will too!*



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# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Manoominikie giizis

*Manoominikie giizis is the Ricing Moon. The new begins on August 21st. Other names for the month of August are Odatagaagomini giizis or Blackberry Moon and Basikwa'o giizis or Flying Moon.*

# Support Pollinators!

### Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District has funds to help residents plant pollinator habitats

More information at [carltonswcd.org](http://carltonswcd.org) or call 218-384-3891

## Funding available to help plant pollinator habitat

Have you heard the buzz? The Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been busy helping community members plant pollinator habitat in their backyards! Carlton SWCD recently held their first ever Native Plant Kit sale, breaking the record of any sale of its kind. Local community members purchased 194 Native plant kits, ranging from Monarch, Pine Mulch, Rain Garden, to the most popular, Pollinator kits. Residents came from as far away as Two Harbors and Pine City to do their part in planting Native grasses, flowers and sedges. Due to high demand, Carlton SWCD will be holding another Native plant sale in the coming months. Stay tuned!

If you're thinking to yourself that you'd like to do a pollinator planting but do not have the technical expertise or the funds to do it, look no further. The Carlton SWCD, partnering with The Xerces Society and the Oldenburg Arts and Cultural Community, has funds from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Lawns to Legumes Program to help

30 residents of Carlton County and the Fond du Lac Reservation pay up to 100% of their project costs. Habitat options include "pollinator pocket" plantings, rain gardens, shoreline plantings, and Native flowering shrubs. Carlton SWCD staff will assist you through every step of the way—from selecting a project and preparing your site, planning, and purchasing plants and planting. We also provide pesticide-free, yearly maintenance advice for your habitat, and invasive species identification and control strategies for your property, to ensure your Native planting project is successful! Participants will be asked to sign the Xerces Society Pollinator Protection Pledge, in which they commit to the following 4 simple steps: grow pollinator-friendly flowers, provide nest sites, avoid pesticides, and spread the word.

Native grasses and wildflowers provide critical habitat for bees, butterflies, songbirds, and many other types of wildlife that use the vegetation for shelter and food. Low cost and low maintenance, Native plantings do not require

fertilizing or regular mowing or irrigation, and have a very positive effect on the soil. In fact, their extensive fibrous root systems, which can grow down to 15 feet deep, reduce erosion, restore soil health, and filter runoff before it enters our streams and lakes.

These plantings will contribute to our NE MN Bee Friendly Corridor, which connects our region's beekeepers, naturalists, gardeners, farmers and food producers, as well as local artists who highlight the importance of pollinators in our lives. Community organizations such as Cloquet Memorial Hospital and Interfaith Care Center in Carlton have joined in and planted their own pollinator habitat for patients and residents to enjoy.

Do your part and take advantage of the first of its kind pollinator program! To schedule a remote site visit or ask a question, please call Alyssa Alness, Conservation Technician with the Carlton SWCD, at (218) 384-3891 or email [alness@carltonswcd.org](mailto:alness@carltonswcd.org). Looking forward to hearing from you!



## NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BEE FRIENDLY CORRIDOR

WHERE POLLINATORS PROSPER & PEOPLE THRIVE



your yard CAN BEE the CHANGE #Lawns2Legumes



# Ashi-niswi giizisoog Ojibwemowin Page

## Anishinaabemowin Lessons

Basic Ojibwe words and phrases:

### 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

### Four Medicines

Cedar- Giizhikaandagoons  
Sage- Bashkodejiibik  
Sweet Grass- Bashkodemashkosiw  
Tobacco- Asemaa

## Ashi-niswi giizisoog BIGADA'WAA WORD SEARCH

Find the Ojibwe words in the puzzle below

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

ATAAGIB/algae

BAGESAAN/plum

DAKAJI/chill

DIBISHKOOKAMIG/opposite

GIDAGAAKOONS/fawn

GINAGAAPI/giggle

INENDAM/decide

INIGAA/injure

MAZINAIGAN/book

MINWAABI/eye sight

MISKWAAWAAK/red cedar

OJIIM/kiss

WAANZH/den

WIIWAKWAAN/hat

# Community News

## Happy Birthday

Happy 3rd birthday to our **Rowen Ray** (Aug. 2)! We love you! *Love, Mom and Dad*



Happy 15th birthday **Cade Bodell** (Aug. 9)! *Love, Mom, Wayne, Hunter, Destiny, and Chevy*

Happy birthday to my beautiful sister, **Megan Wait** (Aug. 12)! We love you so much and hope you enjoy your birthday in quarantine! No partying this year... *Love, Brooklynn*



Happy 12th birthday to **Justice Lee Wright** (Aug. 13). Dad and Mom Erin love you and hope you have the best day ever son!

Happy 13th birthday to **Tianna Rosalee Morgan** (Aug. 16). Mom and Dad Ant love you to the fullest and are so proud of the little woman you have become!!! Hope your day is as special as you are my girl!



Happy birthday **Jordan "Stro-min" Norman Diver** (Aug. 21)! You're officially a big boy now! Haha! We are so proud of the young man you have become! Hope you enjoy adulthood kiddo! *Love, the Barneys*

## Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to my beautiful wife **Loretta Brown** (Aug. 13) *Love, Darrell*



## Congratulations

On behalf of the Native Teacher Program from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College we would like to send out a big congratulations to the following students that were a part of the FDLTCC/Winona State University Native Teacher Program/Cohort, and graduated May 8, 2020 with a Bachelor of Science, Teaching.

**Margaret DeFoe, Amy Jackson, Alyssa Langenbrunner, Maria DeFoe, Aliza Kettelhut, and Lisa Granholm**

We wish you the best of luck in your educational journey! Well done.

## Obituary

**Geneva "Skeeter" (Petite) McMillen, "Niizhogaabowiikwe"**, 67, of Cloquet, MN, passed away peacefully, Friday, July 3rd, 2020 at home surrounded by family.

Geneva "Skeeter" McMillen was born May 12, 1953 to Michael Petite, Sr. and Gladys Roy Northrup Petite in Duluth, MN. She grew up in Sawyer, Duluth, Twin Cities and finally settling in Cloquet. She is an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa

Tribe. She was always devoted to her family throughout her life. Skeeter most enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren sing, dance, and play. She loved watching them grow and loved being a huge part of their daily lives. She was a strong woman in her family, always keeping things together, a true mindmooyeh... She also loved her brothers and sisters; nieces and nephews deeply; always keeping in contact. They would go to the casino and laugh together for hours. They would always call on each other and help each other when in need. It was in that way she taught the younger generation how to be family. We are forever grateful for her kindness, generosity, and love... for they will continue to make an impact in all of our lives forever...

Geneva served her community through long employment with the Band. She worked at almost every casino the Band has developed in their history. For many years, she served families and children through the band's community drop-in centers and community center. She was also a loving foster care mother for years. She will be remembered by all in the community.

She is survived by her husband John Henry McMillen; and children, Donald Petite, Fawn (Bobby King) McMillen, Bear McMillen, John "Munch" & Victoria McMillen, and Timothy Morgan; grandchildren, DJ, Tori, Josh, Kai, Noah, Cheyenne, Delaney, Myron, Kayla, Aliah, Donovan, Maraya, Liam, Cilas, Maya, John, Annabelle, as well two great-grandchildren; and siblings Diana Reynolds, Candy Fineday, Sueann Petite, Suezette Petite, Antoinette and Russ Love, Leonard Petite, David and Toni Petite, and Phillip Petite and countless nieces and nephews.

Skeeter was preceded in death

by her parents; brothers, Michael Petite, Jr. and Dana Roy Petite; sisters, Linda Martin, Leatrice Lind, Karen DuFault, and Alice Northrup, Rochelle Martineau; and nephew, Jaris Paro; and niece, Dawn LaPrairie.

A wake was held July 6, 2020 at her home in Cloquet and continued until the time of the service. The funeral service was held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 also at her home. Ricky Defoe officiated traditional services. Burial is in Holy Family Cemetery, Cloquet, Minnesota. Arrangements were provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service of Cloquet ([www.whisperingpines-north.com](http://www.whisperingpines-north.com)).

## Madonna R. Durfee Dickson,

85, of Elk Grove Blvd. passed away May 25, 2020 peacefully in her home. Donna was born on April 19, 1935 to Captain William James and Ruby (Atol) Durfee and raised in Duluth, MN. She was a proud member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Donna excelled in school, graduating from Stanbrook Hall High School in 1953 and earning an RN at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing Duluth, MN in 1956. She met Martin "Marty" R. Dickson, married in 1958 and settled in the Chicagoland area. Donna and Marty moved to Elk Grove Village, IL in 1966 where they raised their four children. Donna had a truly impactful career in several areas of nursing, retiring from Alexian Brothers Medical Center after an impressive 47 years of service. During her dedicated career she earned a BS and MS in Nursing and was elected as an affiliated member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-head and Neck Surgery.

There was never a dull moment when Donna was in the room.

For a petite lady, she took up a huge space in the hearts of everyone she met. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 61 years, Marty; children Tracy Christensen, Jody Pfothenhauer (Scott), Kelly Kennedy (Tim), William "Joe" Dickson; grandchildren: Ryan Sullivan (Celena Cox), David Berger, Timothy Kennedy (Tia Ganter), Rachel Berger Sanchez (Alex), Meaghan Kennedy (Ryan Dulany), Katy Couleur (John Soborski), Joseph Berger, Sarah Berger, Samantha Pfothenhauer, Hannah Pfothenhauer and great grandson Finnegan Kennedy. Donna is also survived by siblings Arthur Durfee and Jeff Durfee (Joette) of Duluth, Diane Holt (John) of Moose Lake, MN, and almost 200 nieces and nephews. Proceeding her in death were her parents; sisters, Katherine Hooey, Lorraine Jeanetta, Ruth Wiesen, Joyce Bogosian, Patricia Peterson; and brothers, William Durfee, Edward Durfee, Judge John Durfee, Robert Durfee and Duane Durfee.

Donna was a balance of everything wonderful in this world. Beyond her reaches as one of the finest nurses she was a savvy art collector, fashion icon, and community organizer. She supported the local library, the Hattendorf Senior Center, and the Elk Grove High School. Donna, Marty and Joe dedicated funding for scholarships and batting cages for their baseball team, where their son Joe serves as head manager. Donna Dickson was an enchanting, funny, warm and loving person. She was adored and admired by everyone she met. She has a special place in all our hearts, where her light and energy will continue to radiate endlessly. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Biauswah House at Chamber's Grove in the Old Village of Fond du Lac in Southwest Duluth

Research by  
Christine Carlson

### Pioneers Enjoy Telling Legend of Indian Chief - April 10, 1933

Indians and pioneers of fifty and sixty years ago never wearied to telling about old Fond du Lac, and among their stories and legends was one about Chief Biaswau, who at one time made Fond du Lac his home.

Biaswau was a skilled warrior in whose footsteps victory always followed. He had come to the Fond du Lac village from La Pointe when a small boy, and was the son of an Indian chief who bore the same name.

He was accustomed to lead his braves in forays against the Sioux, who remained in Minnesota territory, and his valor in battle was connected in tepee narrations with an incident occurring while he was still a boy.

### Ogima Biauswah – Duluth News Tribune of October 18, 1933

It is planned to name the fine log cabin at Chambers Park—“Bi-aus-wah House.” This is most appropriate. The rugged, solid and handsome structure might be named “Bi-aus’wah’s Wig-i-wam,” which means the same thing. This name is given in memory of Ogima Biauswah or Chief Biauswah, who lived at Fond du Lac about two hundred years ago.

His name, his history and his achievements are legendary in every Chippewa wig-wam. The time of his activ-

ity is blurred, but before long the antiquarians may agree about it. The best opinion is that it was a few decades before Daniel Greysolon, Sieur Du Lhut, came hither.

Bi-aus-wah was well known on Chequamegon bay where he was born, at our Fond du Lac where he lived most of his active life, up and down the Mississippi where he led his warriors against the Sioux and where he established villages after driving out his enemies, all along both shores of Lake Superior, and far north to the Canadian lakes.

When he was a small boy, he was a prisoner to the Odu-gamies of Central Wisconsin. His father, whose name he took, most nobly bought his freedom by giving himself up, a substitute to torture. Later, grown to manhood, Biauswah warred upon the Odugamies and destroyed them. He loved and married a Chippewa girl whose home was at Nag-ad-ji-wan-ang, which is Chippewa for Fond du Lac and he made his home there with her. He lived there very long, became chief, and thence led his people in their endless wars against the Sioux, who then held the upper Mississippi. He helped drive the Sioux to the prairies.

He was a mighty warrior. When age crept upon him, he became a civil and peace chief. For his place as war chief he selected Ke-che-waub-ish-ash, a doughty fighter who fell in battle far down on the Mississippi at Elk river covered with the scars of a hundred fights.

Biauswah died when very



Biauswah House

old at the Fond du Lac village, beloved and honored by every Chippewa within five hundred miles. Even the Sioux honored him while they feared him. His name will be rightly inscribed over the door of the palatial log cabin in the part at Fond du Lac at the western end of the city of Duluth.

### The Recreation Building at Chambers Park – Duluth News Tribune of Sept. 2, 1933

All material in the building was collected in the park aside from the hardware, cement, glass and roofing paper.

The building stands in a grove upon a little elevation accessible on all sides. The front faces immediately some well kept drives, and then with some trees and green grassy swards intervening, comes the St. Louis river running smartly but orderly, and in plain sight close by are the great concrete arches of the

famous Fond du Lac bridge.

The Eastern exposure looks toward Duluth and the rear looks first at the beginning of the great road through Jay Cooke park and there is elevated where an extended branch of the old and main Grand Portage.

### Log Fieldhouse Proves a Boon at Fond du Lac – Du- luth Herald of January 18, 1934

The log fieldhouse in Chambers grove, Fond du Lac, constructed last winter by the park department with the labor of men on the city and county relief lists, is proving to be a real boon to the far-western suburb.

The fieldhouse is equipped with a kitchen of ample size and furnishings to meet any culinary demands. A large wood stove of the sort to be found in logging camps at one end of the large meeting

room and a big fireplace at the other provide sufficient heat. Wood burned in both stove and fireplace is obtained on park property by workers engaged in clearing dead and down timber.

### Old Log Pavilion Con- demned – Duluth Herald of July 11, 1968

The old log pavilion in Chambers Grove, one of the city's most popular picnic areas, at Fond du Lac has been condemned and ordered razed by the Duluth building inspector.

The building's deterioration was not caused by vandalism, he said. Nestled at the base of a hill at the northeastern end of the park, the pavilion is the last large structure remaining in Chambers Grove. Past years have seen the razing of the old stockade.

# Election News

## General Election is Tuesday, August 18

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic will still be with us when the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe general election is held on August 18th. In order to reduce traffic at the polls, Band members are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot or to vote early at the Election Office in the District I Cloquet Community Center. The Election Office will be

open during regular business hours beginning Aug. 10-14, and then on Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Polling places in all districts (Cloquet, Sawyer, Brookston) will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. Polling places are community centers in Districts I (Cloquet), II (Sawyer), and III (Brookston). Beginning on Aug. 10 through

Aug. 14, Election staff will be in the election office at the District I Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You can stop by to vote early!

If you do need to vote at the polling place on Aug. 18, please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands, and use hand sanitizer. There will be COVID

Screening in place and there will be an option for curbside voting at each district site.

The count will take place at the Cloquet Community Center. Again we will be only allowing 1 candidate and/or representative to be present during the count. This process will be available for live viewing on the Fond du Lac Reservation Facebook page.

If you have questions or would like an absentee ballot request form, please call Naomi Northrup at (218) 409-4673 or (218) 878-2662, or email [naominorthrup@fdlrez.com](mailto:naominorthrup@fdlrez.com). You can also use the form that is available on the Fond du Lac Reservation website.

## Election Notice

Regular Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the FOND DU LAC Reservation Business Committee will be held on August 18, 2020 to fill the following positions;  
**Election Date: August 18, 2020**  
**POLLING PLACES:**

**DISTRICT I:** Fond du Lac Tribal Center  
ENP Dining Hall  
1720 Big Lake Road  
Cloquet, MN  
**DISTRICT II:** Sawyer Center  
3243 W. Moorhead Rd  
Sawyer, MN  
**DISTRICT III:**  
Brookston Community Center  
8200 Belich Road  
Cloquet, MN

**Polls Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.**

**CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON - 4 Year Term**

Bryan (Bear) Bosto  
Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr (Incumbent)

**CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I (Cloquet) COMMITTEEPERSON - 4 Year Term**

Jeroam Defoe  
Wally Dupuis (Incumbent)

**The following is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised December 9, 2019, which states voting requirements.**

### **Section 1.6. Voter Eligibility. 1.6(A). Judging Qualifications.**

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

### **1.6(B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.**

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

### **1.6(C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.**

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with

this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she may declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible voter does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.

## 2020 Election Calendar

### **August 18:**

General Election  
(Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

### **August 19:**

General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8:00 p.m.

### **August 20:**

General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.

### **August 21:**

Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)

### **August 25:**

4:30p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)

**August 26** (or 24, 25, if request for Recount is filed before deadline):

Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.

### **September 4:**

Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.

September 8 (or within 3 days of decision on Contest):

4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals.

(Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).

**September 11** (or within 3 days upon receipt of Notice to Appeal):

Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.

**September 15** (hearing within 7 days notice of appeal):

Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.

**September 25** (or Ten days from Hearing on Appeal):

Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.

Day following Decision of Appeal:

Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.