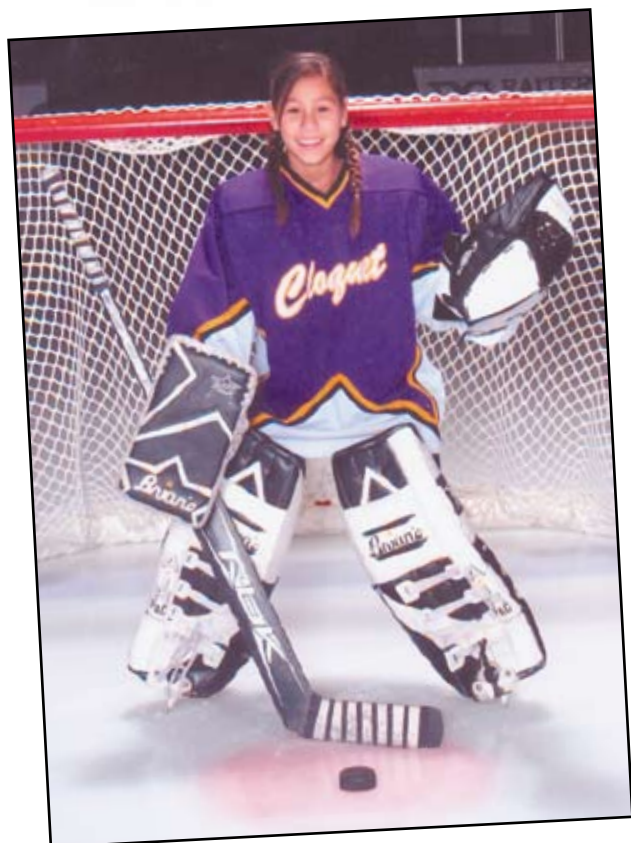


Nah gah chi wa nong (Far end of the Great Lake – Fond du Lac Reservation) *Di bah ji mowin nan* (Narrating of Story)



*Above is 11 year old Cloquet goalie and FDL Band Member Taleah King.
 At right, Taleah makes a save in a New Year's Eve game against Superior.
 Cloquet won six to four. See related story on page 5.*

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First FDL State of the Band address delivered to Band Members in January



RBC members following Band Address. From the left, Ferdinand Martineau, Karen Diver, Sandra Shabiash, Mary Northrup and Wally Dupuis.

Story by Jane Skalisky and Deborah Locke

Jobs are safe and per capita payments will continue. Those were two of the messages delivered to about 200 FDL Band Members who braved record cold temperatures on Jan. 15 to hear the First Annual State of the Band address. The event was held in the Black Bear's Casino's Otter Creek Convention Center.

Following introductions, tribal officials individually welcomed the audience. Secretary Treasurer Ferdinand Martineau, Jr., read the FDL Reservation Tribal Budget Report, which included budgets for FDL's six businesses. The businesses included the Black Bear Casino, Fond du Luth Casino, FDL Construction,

FDL Propane, FDL Convenience Store and FDL Logging.

The Budget Report showed that the projected reservation payroll expenses for 2009 will be \$58,976,812. Last year's payroll cost was \$53,461,939. The \$5.5 million increase is due to employee raises and salary adjustments made at the casinos.

The 2009 budget received from grant money will be \$31,864,561. The grant funds are spread over the areas of health and human services, education, general governmental budget, housing and miscellaneous costs.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Martineau assured those present that everyone's job was safe and that the per capita payments would continue.

"It is not doom and gloom,"

he said, but added that former spending patterns would be altered to meet tight budget restrictions.

"We have to keep a close watch on our expenditures and keep our belt tight for the next 12 months," Martineau said.

Chairwoman Karen Diver gave the highlights of 2008, including paying off the debt for the Black Bear Casino Resort.

"The positive effect of paying off the debt early can not be overstated," she said. With the downturn in the economy and financial markets, the Band would currently be in default on the loan and would have inadequate cash flow for the per capita payments if the debt had not been repaid, she said.

Chairwoman Diver also pointed to the \$5 million in

funding received for the construction this spring of the new supportive housing unit as a major coup for the Band.

"This will provide case management for some of the Band's most needy families," she said. She added that this was the first time FDL housing and human services had joined forces in such a venture.

Other highlights of 2008 cited by the Chairwoman were being granted a radio frequency, the community meetings on violence, establishment of the Big Lake Sanitary District, and addressing mining issues, particularly the Polymet sulfide mine proposed south of Babbit that would dump sulfides into the St. Louis River.

The Casino's grand opening in August 2008 was also

a major accomplishment this year, with many sold out weekends for rooms and shows and greatly improved and popular restaurant cuisine.

"It's helping us weather this recession," she said. She credited the streamlining of the hiring process, providing new training curriculum, and updating the pay scales for casino employees as contributing factors to its success.

The goals for 2009 are to finish the supportive housing project, develop a code of ethics for the Reservation, rebuild financial stability, create policies on violence, expand the role of the tribal court, develop a strategic plan for the Reservation, and seek independent accreditation for the tribal college.

Nah gah chi wa nong Di bah ji mowin nan

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

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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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A few thoughts from RBC members

From Chairwoman Karen Diver

Thank you to all of the Band Members who braved bitter cold to attend the first State of the Band address. The RBC has received positive comments about the address, and many felt that it is a symbol of the RBC's willingness to have an open and transparent government.

We also received some good ideas on how to improve the address for next year. Thanks to all of the departments who set up booths to better inform Band Members about services and programs of the Reservation.

There have been some questions that have come out of the RBC's presentations at the address, including some about the supportive housing project. Band Members are wondering who the units are for. This type of project re-

quires that units be set aside for people with specific issues. The agencies that funded the project require these guidelines. Units designated for the homeless mean that you are currently homeless, or have experienced homelessness several times in the past two years. This would include families who are doubled up in current homes. Veteran's status, disabilities and other issues will also be in the guidelines for some of the units.

We have to follow the guidelines in order to meet the requirements of the agencies that funded the project. Regardless, this will allow some Band Members who have not had stable housing to have a home while receiving some services that help them get on their feet.



Karen Diver

I was fortunate to be a part of the Inauguration activities in Washington D.C. in January. I joined other tribal leaders at the National Museum of the American Indian. It was memorable in so many ways, but obviously seeing history tops the list! Tribal leaders were there in force, and had many opportunities for networking and for making legislative contacts.

In February, the RBC will be finalizing budgets and completing some work toward the community input on violence prevention. The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council has its annual Tribal Leaders luncheon with Governor Pawlenty, and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will be having its legislative dinner. Tribes will have to be diligent that the state does not balance its budget on the

backs of programs and services that benefit tribal communities. There are some plans at the federal level for tribes to be included in President Obama's economic stimulus package, but details are still coming together.

I apologize if you tried to reach me by cell phone in early January and could not leave a voice mail message. There were some technical issues with my phone that I was unaware of. They have been fixed.

As always, please feel free to call me or stop by if you have any questions or comments. Email address: karendiver@fdlrez.com, office (218) 878-2612, or cell (218) 590-4887.

From Ferdinand Martineau

I hope that you had a safe and happy holiday season. I had a wonderful one. As I look at my family, I realize how lucky we are. My parents are 72 years old and had 8 children, 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. I asked my brother and sisters if we could all have a party on Christmas Eve and they agreed. We spent the evening together and had a great time. Santa ended the evening with gifts for everyone and my parents were glowing from having everyone together for the first time in a long time. It was nice to get together to share the spirit of the season with my family.

We are in the final stages of budget finalization. The Reservation is a large organization and it takes a huge amount

of money to run it. I am simply amazed at the budget numbers. I remember as a kid that \$10 dollars was a huge amount. As a young adult, \$100 was a lot of money. Now as secretary/treasurer, I deal with millions on a daily basis.

Our casino was hopping on New Year's Eve! We had one of our largest nights ever. If you had the opportunity to visit, there was a party going on for the high end gamblers. There was a crab and lobster buffet for \$10.09. Lots of people were in the casino. For three days, the casino was very busy and the hotel was booked. It showed me that the potential for Black Bear to be a gaming destination is here. Now we have to



Ferdinand Martineau

capitalize on our market position and continue to expand the opportunities within.

As I look back on the past year, I think about all that has happened. A lot of things changed for the better, some for the worse, but I feel good about the direction we are headed in.

I am hopeful that by the end of this year that the outlook will be good.

The last thing I would like to share is my Aunt Celia passed on. She was a quiet unassuming woman, but she was strong in her commitment to her husband and her family. I remember as a child, when I would stay at her home, she always made sure that all the kids were fed along with her husband and who-

ever else was there, and then she would have her dinner. She would also make sure that everything was cleaned up and then we could go out and play. She made sure that any disagreements that started between us were short lived.

The thing that I remember most about and will always keep with me is her love for her family, friends and this community. She did not work outside the home, but she sure worked hard within it. Gii ga wa ba min inzigos.

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

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Breaching a ceiling

A small group of FDL employees gathered in the conference room of the Planning Division at the Tribal Center on Jan. 21 to watch the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack H. Obama. We wondered what they thought of the 22-minute address from the new U.S. President. Below are some thoughts.



Tammy Nykanen,
FDL Community Services Administrative Assistant

Nykanen said Obama's speech was motivating and uplifting.

"I'm hoping he can follow through with the big dreams he has for this country," she said. "I hope somewhere in his plans for the white, African American, and Muslim communities, there is something for the Native American community."

Nykanen said she hoped Obama's first priority will be to get the troops home.

"In turn, the economy will improve," she said, "if we're not spending money destroying and then rebuilding another country."

She believes that the Obama Presidency signifies a welcomed move into the future.

"What it means for the Native American community is that there is hope for us; that they're not going to hold us back. We will move forward and move strong."



Vern Northrup,
FDL Logging and Timber Manager

Northrup was outside in the woods the morning of the Inauguration and received a cell phone call from his daughter, Prairie. She asked her dad if he was watching the ceremony.

"I raced back to see it because it was a historic moment," he said. "I've finally come to the realization that our eight-year nightmare had come to an end," said Northrup, adding that the country had a lot of work ahead in order to repair its worldwide image.

He also said that it was moving to see a man of color become President.

"It shows our younger generation that no matter what color they are, they can achieve anything," he said. "There was a ceiling that was breached. One day maybe there will be a Native American President."

Northrup hoped Obama would follow through with his stimulus plan to get this country back to work and "fix our health care system so that we are taking care of each other."



Amy Wicklund,
FDL Economic Development Planner

This was Wicklund's first Inauguration. She described herself as thrilled and excited.

"I was impressed with the nonviolent transfer of power, especially between the two parties that differed on so many things," she said. Wicklund was also interested to see the British influence on the entire day.

"We're a lot like royalty, with all the pomp and circumstance," she said.



Jason Hollinday,
FDL Director of Planning

Obama's Inauguration was also Hollinday's first. He described the speech as "good and very interesting." Hollinday said he hoped Obama would do a good job and was glad that he witnessed the event.

Hollinday said that he hoped the new President would focus on the economy, solving some of the military situations the U.S. is in, and finding sources of alternative energy.

Saving the day

Reluctant goalie shines on the ice

**Pictures and story by
Jane Skalisky**

Eleven-year-old Taleah King, a 5th grade student at Churchill Elementary in Cloquet, learned to skate two years ago by pushing a chair around a rink. Now she is the main goalie for her Cloquet girl's 10-U-B Purple hockey team, currently ranked in the top three in their league with nine wins, three losses and one tie so far this season.

"It's fun," said Taleah about the game. "It's cool to play something boys have always played."

Taleah is the daughter of Bobby and Jody King, and granddaughter of Rodney and Nadine King, Darlene Diver and the late John Diver.

"She's a freak of nature on ice," said her dad, Bobby King, explaining how she instinctively performs a wrap around, a hockey maneuver that involves defending the goal from both sides of the net.

"We've never taught it," said Taleah's coach, Mike Kelley, "she just gets it."

Kelley described Taleah as "an all-around athlete," playing defense, offense, and goalie positions well. He also said she skates faster and better than most players even while wearing goalie pads.

"She's tenacious and perseveres; she's someone to be modeled after," said Kelley.

Taleah's inspiration to play the game came from her cousin, Tia Tokenshal, a member of the Cloquet varsity girl's hockey team. Her other reason for playing was for acceptance, she said, as all of her friends at school play hockey.

Taleah said that she comes to the position

of goalie reluctantly. She plays the position because she was the only one with experience and nobody else volunteered.

"I'm scared of the puck," she said. Taleah also cited the feeling of not being in control when she is in the net and prefers to play center. The pressure on a goalie can be intense.

"People scream at me when the other team scores," she said. Nonetheless, Taleah said that one day she would like to play in the American Hockey League.

Taleah's dad said he chose hockey for Taleah because he wanted to find a sport that she liked and was good at. He said

Taleah felt left out, as her older sister, Jolisa, age 15, plays varsity basketball and junior varsity volleyball and her brother, Jordan, age 12, participates in basketball, football, and baseball.

A regular week of hockey for Taleah includes 10 hours of practice a week and two to four games, sometimes requiring that the family travel as far north as Hibbing, west to Brainerd, and south to the

metro area. Costs to Taleah's parents for her to play hockey for a typical season are \$1100 for equipment, \$650 for association fees, about \$1,000 for hotels, and \$20-\$30 per game for concession stand food. Between October to March, the family travels an average of 6,000 miles and spends a minimum of 25-30 hours per week going to and from practices and games.

Is it worth it? Definitely, said King.

"I'm building memories for my child. The feeling I get when she makes a save is overwhelming," said King. "I cry at nearly every game."



Above, Goalie Taleah King makes a save in a New Year's Eve game against Superior. Cloquet won six to four.



Taleah in the locker room before a game.



Bobby King helps his daughter Taleah suit up before a recent game.

Where grandmas hang out with lumberjacks

TV producer explains why he chose Black Bear Casino Hotel as setting for new pilot

Story and pictures by
Jane Skalisky

Hollywood met Fond du Lac the week of Dec. 15 with the filming of a pilot for a reality TV show.

Producer Doug Hajicek of the History Channel's "Monsterquest" and his crew spent their first day of production filming a blizzard at the Black Bear Casino Resort.

Hajicek's vision in coming to the Casino is to create a pilot for a reality TV show entitled "Nowhere Near Vegas," a real glimpse into the employees and customers of the Black Bear Casino Resort.

Along with extreme weather, they were greeted by some of the future stars of their hoped-for show: valets. Arguably, valets are unlikely Hollywood characters, but for producer Hajicek, valets offer just the right kind of character.

"They are full of life and have lots of stories, with their own language and subculture," he said.

Hajicek was on site from Dec. 15 to Dec. 20 during the filming for the trailer and an episode pilot that will debut before network executives at the end of January. In February, Hajicek expects final word in whether the pilot will be picked up by a network.

If the show is picked up by a network, it will provide a lot of publicity for the Reservation said Rocky Wilkinson, who is marketing manager at the Black Bear Casino Resort. Weekly national exposure could later translate into a revenue increase as tourists pour into the area. All production costs will

be picked up by the production company. As many as four shows would be produced at a time preceded by a week or two of non-stop filming.

"They do a lot of work at once," Wilkinson said, adding that footage is saved for later editing. A natural fit for the show would be the A&E (Arts and Entertainment) network on cable.



Doug Hajicek

Rory ("Rooster") Olson, a Black Bear Casino valet, is featured in the pilot. Olson met Hajicek at the Black Bear Casino during his 2007 tour of the gaming operations in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Hajicek said meeting Olson convinced him to film the pilot here.

"When I pulled up, he treated me like his old fishing buddy," said Hajicek. "It was like I'd known him my whole life."

Other reasons for Hajicek choosing the Black Bear is that it is directly at the heart of North America and because of its diverse clientele.

"The Bear is a magnet," he said. "Grandmas hang out here with lumberjacks."

The second Black Bear employee that Hajicek encountered upon his arrival was Ken Southerland, a.k.a. Elvis.

"I thought, 'Damn, he kinda looks like Elvis,'" said Hajicek. "Then he started to talk and I thought, 'My God, he sounds like Elvis!' It was kind of spooky."

During his week of filming, Hajicek also interviewed tribal official Ferdinand Martineau, Jr.

"When I'm in his presence, I feel a warmth and deep sincerity," said Hajicek. "It gives me the chills. Positive energy flows from him."

Hajicek said that he uses his camera as an excuse to learn,



A camera crew captured this scene which may be used in the television pilot of "Nowhere Near Vegas," filmed the end of December at the Black Bear Casino Resort.

with curiosity as his driving force.

"I developed a sense of wonder," he said. "Now I am living a dream." Most of Hajicek's career has been devoted to uncovering the mysteries of nature.

He spent two years filming a beaver lodge in Canada where he documented two muskrats grooming beavers, the first time in history a mammal of one species has done so to another.

He currently has an underwater lab at Mille Lacs Lake, attempting to capture the world's largest muskie on camera and another camera at the bottom

of Lake Superior. One winter, he filmed the entire hibernation of a black bear. He said he discovered that bears awake, groom themselves, and appear to be bored.

Filming the bears along with Dr. Lynn Rogers and being allowed by the mother bear to watch her cubs affected Hajicek deeply.

"It changed my life," he said. Sasquatch, or Big Foot, has been the subject of over 30 Monsterquest shows by Hajicek. Hajicek said the existence of this illusive creature has been documented more than the white-tailed deer.

Hajicek is uncertain where his connection to the wild comes from, having grown up in the Twin Cities, far from nature. He said he knows little of his roots, but knows that his grandfather, Jack Angore, was an Ojibwe man from this area.

Hajicek hopes to show a preview of the pilot in February at the Casino. If the pilot is purchased by a network, as many as 60 episodes could be filmed here. The show's global audience could grow to a million viewers.

"I am extremely passionate about this project," said Hajicek. "I want people all over the world to get to know Ferd."

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*Doug Hajicek,
producer of tv pilot set at
Black Bear Casino Hotel*

Legal Q&As

Think twice about car loans to children or grandchildren. Also, what's the advantage to leasing a vehicle?

Dear Senior Legal Line: I am a retired senior on a fixed income. My adult child had financial problems and asked me to cosign on a car purchase. I suggested that if he could not get financing, he should look at a less expensive car. However, he talked me into cosigning on the loan.

He made payments for several months, lost his job and now cannot make payments. I am living on Social Security and a small pension and cannot make this several hundred dollars a month car payment.

The loan also mandates that he keep insurance on the car. My son's driving record is not spotless and his insurance is not cheap. The car loan people are now contacting me about making my son's car payments and insuring the car. What should I do?

Raymond

Dear Raymond: I understand that you had the best of intentions, but now find yourself in a situation where you are on the hook for a car that you cannot afford, your son cannot afford, and there is a loan and insurance for which you are responsible. Your original reaction that your son should purchase a less expensive car was probably correct.

If this was a new car loan, the loan amount is probably greater than the car's present value due to depreciation. If the lender repossesses the car, they will sell it at a public auction for less than the amount you and your son owe. You and your son will still owe additional money for the balance of the loan, called the deficiency amount. While you are jointly liable with your son, your son probably does not have the means, savings or investments to facilitate such payoffs since there was a reason you had to cosign. That reason is coming to bear now.

The lender could seek a judgment against either you and/or your son for the balance of the loan after the car is repossessed. While your social security income is exempt from collections, some pension incomes may be susceptible to judgment collection. Also, if you have any interest in real estate, a judgment against you could result in a lien against your real estate. Such creditor's liens cannot normally cause foreclosure.

Either way, this will have a negative effect on your credit rating if the loan payments are not kept up. To get you out of this loan or satisfy the lender, you

could sell the car for at least the amount you owe. If you sell the car for less than the loan, you would limit your liability to a smaller and more certain amount since you probably could sell it at a higher price than at a public auction sale. Pay the sales proceeds to the lender, and get a receipt in return. Then you or your son would pay off the remaining loan debt (over and above the loan amount).

I have seen similar situations fairly often and caution people against over-stretching to accommodate somebody else's desired purchase. A more dire situation occurred when a senior had cosigned on a new car for his daughter and the daughter used the new car in the commission of a crime. The vehicle was confiscated by the police – state law allows confiscation and the sale of vehicles used in certain crimes, ranging from drug crimes to shoplifting, and more. In this example, neither the senior nor his daughter had possession of the vehicle and were both stuck as a responsible party for a loan exceeding \$10,000.

As cosigner, you are the guarantor of the loan. If you are forced to pay the loan, you can sue your son to pay you back for the amount you paid. However, most parents do not wish to sue their children, so in the end, the parent is the one who is negatively impacted. The best way to avoid this situation is to not get into it in the first place.

Hopefully, you will find a buyer which would allow you to pay off most of the loan. You (and your son) will still be responsible for the remainder of the loan. However, this will be much easier to pay off if most of the principal, from the sale, is put toward the loan balance. You also will not have the continuing insurance costs. The lender will expect that the entire loan will be paid off before releasing the lien against the car.

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

Leasing a vehicle versus purchasing one

By Sofia Manning

Indian Legal Assistance Program, Duluth

With the average price of a new car or truck being \$20,000 or more, more people are looking into the leasing option so that they can afford to drive a new car.

First off, know that leasing is basically a long-term car rental. You agree to pay a certain amount per month for a designated amount of time, generally two to four years, to drive the car. In that time you're allowed to put a certain number of miles on the vehicle, usually 12,000 to 15,000 per year. Additional miles will cost between 10 and 15 cents per mile.

Generally, the monthly payments are cheaper because you are only paying for the amount that the vehicle depreciates for the term of the lease, plus taxes and other fees included in your lease agreement.

At the end of the lease, you have the option to buy the car outright at the amount agreed to when the lease began. This is called the residual. If at the end of the lease the vehicle is worth more than the residual, or if the residual is less than what a comparable vehicle would cost from a used-car dealer, it is a good idea to keep the vehicle, as you can either continue to pay on the vehicle, paying the remainder owed or sell the car and pocket the profit.

If the purchase option price at the end of the lease is higher than the market value of the car, and the dealer won't negotiate on the price at all, it is best to walk away.

Some things to remember when considering a lease are these: Once you sign the lease, abide by the terms. If you terminate your lease early, a steep penalty could be added to the amount you owe.

Choose a make and model that traditionally holds its value. Lease payments will often be lower on a car that sells well after the lease is up. Shop around to get the best deal.

Avoid extras such as costly rust-proofing and extended warranties. Remember that you will only have the car for two to four years and the car should not rust in that time and should be covered by a factory warranty.

Two- and three- year leases are standard. If you sign a longer lease, remember that you still have to buy the car at the end of the lease if you want to own it. Also, the warranty runs out after a few years.

With leasing you will always have a newer car and fewer mechanical problems, and you will also always have a car payment.

Some leases require upfront costs such as down-payment, security deposit and first month's payment. Be sure you are clear on what these are and that you understand what they cover.

You will be charged for excess wear and tear on the vehicle if you return the car when the lease is up. Be sure you have a thorough understanding of what wear and tear is and write those standards in your lease.

If you have any questions or topics you would like addressed in future columns, please write to us at: Indian Legal Assistance Program, 107 W. First St., Duluth, MN 55802

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Emergency Awareness News

Emergency Awareness News Prepared by the FDL Emergency Response Team

The Fond du Lac Reservation emergency response team is a Reservation-wide initiative designed to prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major incidents.

Emergency preparedness activities are activities that occur in succession. Their purpose is to prepare a state of readiness to respond to extreme events that could affect our community.

The following information shows ways to minimize the risk from emergency hazards due to animal and human disease outbreak, chemical incident, explosion, fire, flood, radiation, terrorism, transportation or utility breakdowns, weapon incidents and severe weather.

The Fond du Lac emergency response team members are: Vern Northrup, Sam Ojibway, Tom Howes, Steve Olson, Wanda Smith, Cassie Diver, Jack Bassett, and Mike Himango.

Winter Weather Information

A wide range of weather conditions can occur during a winter storm. Travel becomes dangerous and even impossible. Extreme cold often accompanies a winter storm or is left in its wake. The combination of cold temperatures and wind produces a wind chill, which is a cooling effect on exposed skin. Prolonged exposure to the cold can be dangerous and life-threatening, causing hypothermia or frostbite.

The terms

Winter storm watch: a winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration weather radio, commercial radio, or television for more information. A winter storm watch is issued when severe winter conditions are possible within the next

few days. A blizzard watch may also be issued if blizzard conditions are expected.

Winter storm warning: a winter storm warning is issued via electronic media when severe winter conditions, featuring a combination of winter weather types, are occurring or are imminent. Blizzard, heavy snow, ice storm, lake effect snow, and sleet warnings may also be issued if only one weather type is expected to occur.

Blizzard warning: sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.

Frost/freeze warning: below freezing temperatures are expected.

Wind chill watches and warnings: may be issued when life-threatening wind chill values are expected. A strong wind combined with temperatures slightly below freezing can have the same chilling effect as a temperature nearly 50 degrees lower in a calm atmosphere. The combined cooling power of the wind and temperature on exposed flesh is called the wind chill factor. An advisory is issued when conditions warrant increased public awareness or moderately hamper travel, but are not severe enough to merit a warning.

Before a winter storm strikes

- Monitor National Weather Service forecasts, statements, watches, and warnings for the latest information on a developing winter storm. National Weather Service websites and NOAA Weather Radio provide a direct link to this information.
- Winterize your vehicle. Keep antifreeze fresh. Assure that you have a strong car battery. Use snow tires.
- Winterize your home by installing storm windows, adequate

insulation and caulking, and weather-stripping doors and windows.

- Consider a safe alternate heat source, and keep a ready supply of fuel.

If you need to be outside during a winter storm:

- Dress in layered clothing and avoid over-exertion.
- Wear a hat; most body heat is lost through the top of the head.
- If your vehicle becomes stranded, stay with it until help arrives. Do not try to walk for help during a winter storm, as conditions may suddenly worsen with little warning.
- Most Minnesota home-heating systems depend on electrical power to operate the furnace, air circulation and thermostat controls. A winter power failure and resulting heat loss can damage homes and create difficult living conditions. Know what to do if your home suffers a power and heat failure.

Surviving a winter power failure When the power goes off:

- Notify your local energy supplier.
- Turn off all electrical appliances.
- Turn on a battery-powered radio for information.
- Don't panic. When doors and windows are kept closed, houses remain bearably warm for several hours.
- Conserve fuel by warming only one room and keep temperatures low but bearable.
- Wear heavy clothing.
- Switch to emergency heating equipment before the house gets too cold.
- Check plumbing to ensure that water pipes are not freezing up.

If there is a risk that pipes will freeze, follow these procedures:

- Turn off the main electrical switch.
- Turn off the water main where it enters the house and cover the valve, inlet pipe, and pump or meter with a blanket or other insulating material.
- Open the drain on the water heater and all taps inside the house, and flush toilets several times.
- Plunge toilet bowls, sink and bath drains, and then add anti-freeze.
- Check appliance manuals and follow draining or frost-protection instructions for dishwashers, washing machines, etc.
- Blow out horizontal water lines that won't drain when valves are open (use a tire pump.)

When power returns:

- Turn on the main water valve, closing taps on the lowest level of the house first.
- Let the water heater fill up before turning on.
- Flush the toilets and drain sinks and tubs to dispose of anti-freeze.
- Turn on the main electrical switch.

Emergency phone calls

- In any part of Minnesota, you can call 911 from your cell phone to summon help. When you talk to authorities:
- Provide information on your location, condition of any people in the vehicle and the problems you're having.
 - Follow instructions if you are told to stay where you are and wait for rescuers.
 - Don't hang up until you get the name of who you have spoken with and be clear on what you are supposed to do next.
 - If you must leave your vehicle, leave your name, phone number on a piece of paper inside the front windshield for someone to see.

Home disaster supply kit

- Three gallons of water per person per day
- Three-day supply of food
- Battery-powered radio and fresh batteries
- Several flashlights
- Blankets or sleeping bags for each person
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper and pencils
- Fire extinguisher
- A whistle
- An extra set of keys
- Identification cards for everyone in household
- Personal hygiene items
- Prescription medications
- Extra over-the-counter medications and first-aid kit
- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Anti-freeze to protect plumbing.
- UL-approved emergency heating equipment, such as a camp stove, kerosene heater, or firewood and adequate fuel to operate a fireplace or woodstove.
- Candles or lanterns to provide light.

Vehicle survival kit

- Always keep a winter survival kit in your car. Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items. The can be used later to melt snow for drinking water, if needed.
- Small candles and matches
 - Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
 - Red bandanna or cloth
 - Pencil and paper
 - Large plastic garbage bags and safety pins
 - Whistle
 - Snacks
 - Cell phone adapter to plug in to lighter
 - Plastic flashlight and spare batteries

Also, include the following:

- Booster cables
- Tools
- Sand, cat litter or other grit substance in a plastic milk carton
- Shovel
- Tow cables or chain
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Road flares and reflectors
- Heavy snow boots

Telling teens what they don't know about tobacco misuse

By Lucy Carlson

A recent news article reported that the number of adults who smoke is declining. This is great news for those who have struggled with and won in the on-going effort to remain healthy.

It means that those people may not have to face lung cancer, throat cancer, lip, oral, esophagus, pancreatic, cervix, bladder or kidney cancer. We have saved ourselves from emphysema, increased risk

of heart attack, underweight newborn children, miscarriage, stroke, cataracts, and impotence! Those who have quit have started their bodies on the road to repairing much of the damage caused by tobacco use.

That's the good news.

The same article reported good news for tobacco companies. Teen smoking remains steady and is even on the increase in certain groups, such as white females. Three thousand teenagers start smoking everyday and become regular

smokers. One-third of them will die as a result of tobacco use.

Teens experimenting with tobacco may quickly become dependent because the nicotine in tobacco is highly addictive. This includes not only cigarettes, but snuff and chewing tobacco. Additionally, research has shown that teens who use tobacco are more likely to use alcohol. Tobacco is also often a "gateway" to other drug use, such as marijuana.

What can we as parents of teens do to help support their

decision not to use tobacco?

We can begin by knowing that parent-teen communication can be very effective. Research has shown that when parents tell their teens that they do not approve of any drug use, the teen is far less likely to use.

So, what's the best way to start that conversation? Because of certain changes in thinking and the developmental stage your teen might be going through, certain reasons for not using tobacco carry more impact. When we focus on issues that are relevant to our teenager, our conversations will be more effective.

In the Wisconsin County Extension article, 'Whose Kids? Teens and Tobacco,' by Huser, Yogerst, Hintz, and Small, the following were suggested:

- Focus on what using tobacco does right away. It causes bad breath, stained yellow teeth, smelly hair and clothes, and yellow, stained fingers. When compared to nonsmokers, people who smoke have triple the amount of cavities. Finally, smokers can expect to lose their teeth faster.
- Talk about the chemicals tobacco contains. Cigarette smoke is made up of ammonia (used to clean toilets), cyanide (used to kill rats) and formaldehyde (used to preserve dead bodies).
- Mention that tobacco causes addiction. Explain that every year only about three out of every 100 people who smoke manages to quit and stay off tobacco. The addiction to nic-

otine makes quitting smoking as hard as quitting heroine, cocaine or alcohol.

- Stress that more teenagers do not smoke than those who do. Most teens consider smoking or chewing tobacco a foul, unattractive habit.
- Talk a lot about the long term health risks. Most teens will be unconcerned because it is too far in the future to be relevant to them.
- Stress that smoking is an "adult decision." Teens are looking for ways to seem more sophisticated and if using tobacco fits this image, they will be more likely to try it.
- Do not leave the decision to smoke up to the teen. Just as teens are not allowed to decide if they will attend school or drive without a license, the decision to smoke should not be theirs. Parents who tolerate tobacco use or look the other way are more likely to have teens who use tobacco. Teen tobacco use is less likely in families that have clear rules about not using tobacco and that also have consequences for tobacco use.

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Adjusting to changes at Holy Family Church

In July 2007 after nearly two centuries of offering mass, Holy Family Church on Reservation Road discontinued regular services. Word of mouth has it that this has been a difficult adjustment for many Reservation Catholics.

"We're not adjusting," said longtime church member, Izzy Whelan. "It's hard on us. Some go to Queen of Peace, some to Sawyer, but it's different. Our home is here."

According to Father Dave Tushar, the senior pastor assigned to Holy Family, the church is not closed. Baptisms, funerals, a weekly communion service Wednesday nights, and a daily rosary at noon are still offered to parishioners, he said.

Tushar said that most members are attending services at either St. Mary and Joseph in Sawyer, Queen of Peace in Cloquet, or St. Francis Church

in Carlton.

"Two priests have to cover this entire area," said Tushar, citing the current shortage of priests in the U.S. "There's only 35 regular families at Holy Family. You can't do everything."

Tushar went on to say that a new Bishop is expected to be in place in the Diocese of Duluth by November and that the decision as to whether to provide services at Holy Family will be made after that. Tushar said Holy Family is still defined as a mission church, where the parish is without a resident priest.

Meanwhile, Izzy Whelan has her opinion about services at the church. "There's no reason why two priests can't handle four services Saturday and Sunday," She added that previously one priest gave mass at all three Reservation churches.

"We were told 'your church

doesn't make enough to pay your utilities.' That isn't true. The bazaar this fall raised \$6,000."

Izzy said the church has been her life. She also said that most of the people on the Reservation were raised Catholic, but a lot have gone back to Native services or don't go to church at all.

Izzy remembers when masses were heavily attended, but now few people come.

"That's what's wrong with the world," she said.

The 2009 World day of prayer commemoration will be held at 1 p.m. on March 6 at Holy Family Church, 280 Reservation Road, Cloquet. An organizational meeting will be held to plan for this at 1 p.m. on Jan. 30, along with a Bible study in the church rectory at 1 p.m. on Feb. 13.

A brief history of the church

The historical information used for this article was taken from "Where the Water Stops" by Sister Bernard Coleman and the 1977 FDL tri-parish pictorial directory. No official church history has been compiled, according to Father Tushar.

The Fond du Lac Catholic Indian Mission began offering services in 1835 with the arrival of Father Frederic Baraga, a Benedictine from Montreal. He baptized many Ojibwe people and held services in their homes. He visited again in 1836, hoping to engage a missionary, but could find no one. He returned in 1847. That winter, he and his guide became ill and almost lost their lives at La Pointe, Wisconsin. They were rescued by the people of La Pointe, who saw their fires.

In 1846, Father Skolla replaced Baraga and witnessed the Anishinaabe preparing for the Grand Medicine Dance or Mide. He overheard the Medicine Men harangue the Ojibwe to prevent them from joining the services of the black-robe. Then the people formed a great procession and danced around a wooden owl on a post in the center of the lodge. Skolla left Fond du Lac, disappointed.

Reverend John Chebul, pas-

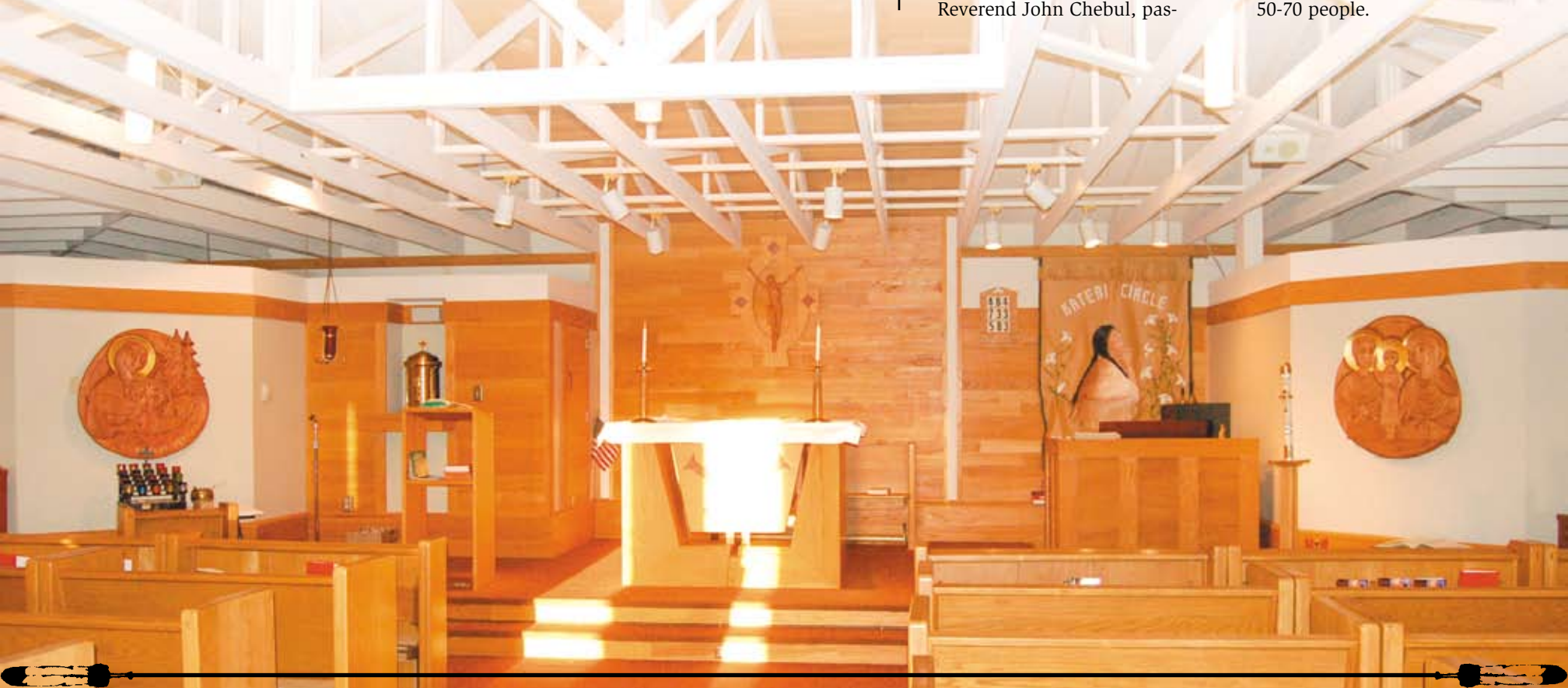
tor of the first Catholic Church of Duluth, visited Fond du Lac from 1861-1872. He was called "onion" by the Ojibwe. He was followed by Reverend J.B. Genin in 1880, who bought a house and converted it into a church, dedicating it to the Holy Family.

In 1881, the Benedictines were replaced by the more "generous" Franciscans. The first Franciscan to come was Father Oderic Derenthal, who served Holy Family, Kettle River, and Big Lake. The Ojibwe called him Kossesinan, meaning "our little father."

A church was built in 1889 with lumber donated from Weyerhaeuser. Father Roman Homar became the first resident pastor of Holy Family Church, building a rectory in 1896.

The 1918 Cloquet Fire destroyed the church and rectory, along with church records and a manuscript of a Chippewa dictionary. Following the fire, a new church and rectory were built. That church burned in 1985 and the existing church was completed in 1987.

There were approximately 700 Catholic people who lived on the Reservation in 1987, with the average Sunday attendance between 50-70 people.



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From **Sandra Shabiash**

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I can't believe it, but December 2008 marked my second year in office. On Jan. 15, we held our first State of the Band Address. I thought it fitting to follow this theme for my column this month.

I responded to 526 telephone calls during 2008, which was down 50 percent from 2007. The calls were related to a variety of issues. Many of the callers

were seeking information on various programs available and how to access them.

Due to a majority of homes in the Sawyer area being old, 21 families faced emergencies in failing septic systems, furnaces, and wells. The council remedied all emergencies in a fast and efficient manner.

I have attended two out-of-state-conferences in the past

two years. One dealt with rebuilding Native Nations and one focused on Indian women in leadership roles. Both were excellent.

The Sawyer Community Center is a hub of activity. It's good to see community members coming together, whether it's for an activity or just to stop in to visit.

Center activities range from traditional to contemporary.



Sandra Shabiash

News writer chows down at Black Bear restaurants Finds fare pretty darn delicious

Pictures and story by Jane Skalisky

I made my way to the Black Bear Casino Resort on the coldest night of the year, tired and hungry, hoping for a delicious, hot, fast, and satisfying meal at the Casino's Buffet. When I arrived, the line stretched to the back of the room. So I made a beeline for the Seven Fires Restaurant.

The respite of Seven Fires from the clutter near the buffet was welcome, as was the linen table cloth, flowers, and elegant flatware and stemware.

For my entrée, I chose the sesame seed encrusted yellow fin tuna. For a prelude, I ordered the wild rice soup, which was done to perfection: fresh, creamy, and not drowned in the

ubiquitous garlic that seems to accompany every dish in Northern Minnesota.

Along with the soup, came three pieces of asiago cheese, olive rosemary, and semolina artisan bread. The bread was just the way I like it: crusty on the outside, soft and warm inside. Accompanying the tuna, which I ordered well-done, were buttered baby carrots and paper-thin sliced scalloped potatoes. The tuna was succulent and artistically drizzled in a Thai sauce. For dessert, came a fresh baked apple dumpling with caramel sauce served warm with vanilla ice cream, adding a wonderful ending to a wonderful meal.

After dinner, I learned from a savvy Band Member that the Seven Fires offers a \$19 early bird specials from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Sundays, featuring reduced

prices on beef, chicken, and salmon dinners, along with a free glass of wine.

The restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday at 4 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Entrees range in price from \$22 - \$49. Reservations can be made by calling the Black Bear Casino Resort at (218)878-2327.

The Black Bear Buffet

A week later, my dinner companions and I made our way back to the Black Bear Buffet, this time early enough to avoid the long lines. Thursday night is seafood night, and word has spread about what a good deal this is. For \$16.95, we had our choice of what seemed like miles of food, a potential disaster for a procrastinator with a weight problem. Highlights

Whether it be a pow-wow, quilt making get together, fry bread contests, an Elvis show, a pool tournament, a tutoring session, or a movie, you will hear the laughter, and see the smiles of community members of all ages. It is good!

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to all Band Members for allowing me to be an active partner in Tribal Government. I have enjoyed each and every day of the last two years. I also feel fortunate to be working side by side with four

other dedicated Reservation Business Committee members. There is a combined work ethic and a commitment to past, present and future Fond du Lac Band Members.

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Black Bear buffet employee, Rodney Schadwald, at the carving station.

were the clam chowder, roasted fingerling potatoes, fresh vegetables, clams, grilled salmon, stuffed and coconut shrimp, and what most diners came for -- the snow crab.

"This is all I eat," said patron Vicky Kerttula from Carlton, her plate heaping with claws. "I come and eat crab, crab, crab."

The real mashed potatoes were a hit with one of the persons at my table. She described them as "absolutely satisfying, tasty, and perfect." Along with her mashed potatoes, she enjoyed a bowl of fresh pineapple and blackberries, smothered in chocolate sauce. She described

herself as a "neophyte shellfish opener" leading us to wonder if patrons could use a show-and-tell introduction before attempting to open a steamed clam.

I found everything prepared well and can understand why so many people are willing to wait so long to dine there.

Lona Mullenix of Barnum comes once a month with her family. The buffet's turtle cheesecake is her favorite. "We just eat the desserts," she said.

The buffet opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. on Thursday; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 p.m. Sunday - Wednesday.



Forest keeper

John Blanchard finds his way back to Minnesota and to a dream job

By Jane Skalisky

It snows heavily as the John Deere tractor operated by John Blanchard plows through the forest one wintry late December day. The snow is waist-deep amidst the 120-foot, 175 year-old white pines that tower overhead. The younger trees nearly buckle under the weight on their limbs. No sign or sound of animal life is present; everything appears to be asleep.

But there is life in the forest. That life plays a large part in FDL Band Member John Blanchard's life.

The early years

John was born to Rosemary and Jack Blanchard in International Falls in 1947. His parents met when Jack, a White Earth Band Member, came for treat-

ment at the Fond du Lac Indian Hospital in 1938 where Rosemary worked. They were married in 1942, just before Jack Blanchard left to serve in World War II. When John was three, the family moved to Duluth.

John's parents separated when John was four, leaving his mother to raise him and his three sisters, Dianne, Ellen, and Rosemary. His mother remarried in 1959 and the family moved to Canoga Park, California. That marriage was also brief, and Rosemary and her four children were



From left to right, John Blanchard, sister Dianne Kartiala, mother Rosemary Blanchard, sister Rosemary Bridge, and sister Ellen Bassett.

alone again.

Ellen Bassett, John's sister, described John as a "brat" who teased her "relentlessly." "She attributed this to the fact that there were no male figures in the household.

Ellen told of John's teasing

when she was 11 and the two were on the roof of their California home.

"I turned around and yelled, 'stop it,'" she said. John thought she was going to chase him, so he tried to escape, lost his grip and fell to the ground. John

broke his arm.

"He hit the ground so hard, his shoes fell off," Ellen said. Ellen said her grandmother, Anna Lemieux, who was living with them at the time, was slicing tomatoes when John fell. In

her haste, Anna ran down the block, knife in hand.

"I bawled my eyes out," said Ellen. Since then, she and John have laughed at the memory.

"He picks out the funniest greeting cards now like: 'To my sister who pushed me off the roof,'" Ellen said.

John attended Reseda High School in the San Fernando Valley, dropping out before graduating so he could sign up for the draft. Before he could drop out, he had to get his teachers' signatures.

"Not a one said 'you're making a mistake,'" said John. "No one encouraged me to stay in school."

Military service

In 1966 at age 18, John joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Baumholder, Germany, for two years. Following

Cloquet Forestry Center's fence post treatment study.

that, John did a tour of Vietnam for a year and then returned to Germany for a year.

In 1967, while stationed in Germany, John's cousin, Patrick Loisel, was killed while serving in the Vietnam War. To avenge his cousin's death, John volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam. He never told his family that he was there. He communicated with his mother through an Army friend in Germany.

"I wasn't writing home, so my mother was frantic," he said. "She was against me going into the Army in the first place and would have pulled me from active duty if she had known I was in Vietnam."

A generation later John's son, Jeff, followed in his father's footsteps and joined the National Guard, serving as a gunner on a Bradley fighting vehicle during two tours of duty in Iraq.

John worked a variety of jobs in California, including truck driver, factory worker, and plumber. In 1981, John and his wife, Connie, seven months pregnant, along with their three children, Johnny, age two, Jeff, age five, and Shawna, age 11, left California for Minnesota and the FDL Reservation.

"It was the longest trip in the world," said John. Unable to transfer his plumbing license to Minnesota, he entered the forestry technician program at Fond du Lac and served as an intern at the Cloquet Forestry Center, where he was offered a job. He hadn't finished school yet, and was incredulous that he was going to be hired to work in a field that he had wanted to be in since high school.

Forest manager Ron Severs hired John because of John's strong desire to learn more about the forest.

"It takes a special person to work out by himself in the woods," said Severs. Severs said that most foresters are

introverts, but John's gregarious personality and easygoing, approachable demeanor has been an asset when visitors arrive.

Another strong trait of John's, said Severs, is being prepared for any event.

"When John is out in the woods," said Severs, "he takes everything but the kitchen sink. Whatever anyone needs, we'll hear John say, 'Oh, I've got one of them.'"

"I've done a lot of things," John said. "This by far is the best."

About the Center

The Cloquet Forestry Center is situated on 3,500 acres over five square miles adjacent to Tribal Center land. In 1909, the editor of the Pine Knot, area legislators, and university administrators persuaded four local lumber mills, including Weyerhaeuser Corporation, to give the land to the University of Minnesota, Severs said.

Five old growth stands, the largest a 40-acre site with trees as old as 300 years, have been preserved. Most of the forest, however, has been either regularly harvested or has burned in one of five major fires throughout the last 150 years, including the infamous Cloquet Fire of 1918, which burned the forest's perimeter.

John described the Forestry Center as "the best kept secret." He said that most people don't understand that it is a research forest.

Currently, there are 200 active research projects at the Forestry Center, said Severs. Some of the studies underway include a 40-year blister rust study, fence-post treatment study, jack pine study, and a \$1.6 million global warming study. The global warming study uses lamps to study the effects of increasing temperatures upon trees.

In addition to research, the forestry center continues in its

mission to educate future forestry workers. Every year, students from the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota can receive up to eight weeks of hands-on training in Cloquet. Throughout the year, it is a conference center and the Split Rock Art Program is entering its 15th year there.

To sustain itself, 35 acres of trees are harvested and replanted annually. The Center also contains a Scotch pine stand that is internationally renowned, attracting scientists from around the world, John said.

"I like the diversity of the forest," said John of his work. "There is something different every time I go there. I could work at Sappi and make more money, but money isn't everything."

An educator

In his position, he tries to educate others on the difference between preservation and conservation. To maintain a

healthy forest and provide life's necessities, trees must be cut. That practice is challenged by some FDL Band Members who believe that nothing good ever happens at the Forestry Center, and that the University should simply return the land to the Band.

"We are helping the environment by learning how much we can harvest and not harm the forest," John said.

He describes himself as a liaison between the Reservation and the Forestry Center, coordinating prescribed burns with Steve Olson of FDL Resource Management, and sharing equipment. His work also includes timber sales and replanting, monitoring of forest growth and survival studies, assisting research faculty and students, setting up and maintaining research plots, giving forest tours, and helping to maintain the 17 miles of forest roads.

One day 15 years ago when clearing trails with his tractor, John encountered a cross

country skier in his path who refused to get out of the way.

I yelled at him, "you'd better get off the trail you dumb #*#*#!" John said. "Turns out it was the priest from Sacred Heart."

John has lived in the former director's house in the forestry center compound for the past 25 years, raising his four children with Connie. The couple went their separate ways. In 2001, Connie died from breast cancer.

The sound of Johnny Paycheck's trademark song, "Take This Job and Shove It," played on John's cell phone as he sat in the Forestry Center's office building, discussing his 27 years there. He explained that he has a severe hearing loss incurred during the war and found that that was one song whose pitch was within his hearing range.

He expects to retire in two and a half years. After that, John will spend the rest of his days at Fond du Lac, near the forest that he loves.



John Blanchard in his John Deere at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

Pssst. Bob's a Bronco fan, too ...

Lifelong football fan reflects a little on the game, a lot on life

By Jane Skalisky

For some Reservation residents, football is one big deal. Bob Bassett, FDL elder, could easily win the FDL Biggest Football Fan title.

In light of the February 1, 2009 Superbowl Game in Tampa, Fla., we decided to get some thoughts on football and on life in general from this respected elder.

Growing up

Bob was born to Ben and

Adeline (LaVoy) Bassett on Nov. 23, 1919 in the Cloquet Indian Hospital. As a child, he always wanted to play football, but had to leave Bergman Country School after the eighth grade to drive a milk truck for the family's dairy farm on Brookston Road.

The farm had no electricity, no running water, and no fuel other than the wood they cut to keep them warm. Winters were spent playing games and visiting with friends Bill and Jib

Diver and Chick LaPrairie. Bob remembers listening to his dad speak Ojibwe to his grandma, Mary Martin.

Bob and his siblings had to walk four miles to church through the woods, something his very strict Catholic parents demanded. A team of horses was taken for Christmas Midnight Mass.

Bob helped paint the Holy Family Church at age 16 with Father Bill, the priest at the time. A partridge, that ap-

peared to be drunk on berries, brushed his arm as it flew into the church wall and died. The priest had the partridge for dinner. Father Bill told Bob that it was a good example of the Lord providing.

At the time, the only connection the family had to the outside world was a radio, which Bob's dad reserved for the news. It wasn't until after World War II and the advent of television that Bob had the opportunity to watch televised football.

The Great War

"It made you appreciate your life and your freedom," said Bob of his military service during World War II. He was drafted at age 21 and served as a Private First Class for three years, driving an Army truck in France, Germany, and England until the end of the war in 1945. In England, his unit helped to train those who were to fight in the D-day invasion in Normandy, France.

In 1944, when Hitler was about to take Paris, Bob was put into a rifle company to replace the 78th Division that had lost most of its men in the Battle of the Bulge.

"It was kind of a sad feeling to have your wheels being taken away and given a gun," he said.

After returning to FDL after the war, Bob stopped by the Curtis Tavern located on the corner of Big Lake and Brevator Roads. He spotted young

Dorothy Berglund sitting with her aunt, whom he knew, so he went over to say hello.

"I was lonesome for a girl, after being with boys in the war," said Bob. Bob and Dorothy were married by a Justice of the Peace 62 years ago on Sept. 28, 1946 and had their marriage blessed at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Bob said Holy Family played an important role in his life until it ceased holding Masses this past year. His five children, Terry, Keith, Darlene, Ben, and Robin were christened and confirmed there.

"I believe in going to church," said Bob. "It makes you a better person."

Bob attributes the closing of the church to the lack of young people attending services.

"They don't want to sit still that long," he said.

Work and married life

Before Bob and Dorothy were married, he worked at Potlatch, but left to go west to pick apples in Yakima, Wash.

"I kick myself for quitting that mill," he said. Upon returning home, Bob found employment at a sawmill, drove a gravel truck, and then worked at Wood Conversion (now USG). He returned to Potlatch in 1953 to work in the beater room where pulp is ground.

Son Terry Bassett's memories of childhood include cat fishing, frog catching, setting trout lines



FDL Elder, Bob Bassett, and his wife, Dorothy

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Super bowl party Feb. 1 at Black Bear

Black Bear Casino Resort and KBJR-TV will be hosting a super bowl party beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 1 in the Otter Creek Event Center. The party will feature numerous giveaways and a showing of the game on two 16'x20' HDTVs.

and bank poles at their cabin on the St. Louis River off the North Burnett Road.

"Everything that was illegal, we did," laughed Terry.

Terry said his dad taught him how to hunt and rice, too.

"I tagged along with him in the woods everywhere since I was old enough to walk," said Terry.

Terry also remembered the work ethic that his dad transmitted to him.

"He ingrained in us to be hard workers," he said. Terry was enlisted to scrape paint from his grandparent's home. After a few hours, Terry skipped out.

"He hauled my butt back there," said Terry.

Bob retired from the mill in 1982 and spent a few years touring the country with Dorothy in his RV.

Bob said his health has been good until this past year. Since then, arthritis has plagued him. He pointed at his lazy boy across from the television set in his living room to explain how he now spends his time.

Bob is a Vikings fan, not surprisingly, but his favorite player of all time is John Elway, retired Denver Bronco

quarterback.

"They [the Broncos] always came from behind in the last quarter and lucked out," said Bob. The most exciting game he's watched in a long time was the late December match between the Vikings and the New York Giants. Minnesota won 20 to 19 with a 50 yard field goal during the last five seconds of the game.

Elder advice

"Don't let fear or common sense ever hold you back" is the advice that Bob's son, Ben, remembers his dad giving him.

Bob had this to say: "Kids nowadays want too much. It bothered me to owe anyone anything. I never charged, never had a credit card. If you ain't got a job," he said, "then what?"

What would he do if he had his life to live over?

"I'd go to every nightclub there was," he said.



Bob Bassett in military uniform in 1942.



Jack Bassett getting ready for show time in front of his 46-inch LCD TV.

An enthusiasm for football runs in the Bassett family. Bob Bassett's nephew Jack Bassett said the Baltimore Ravens are his pick for the '09 Superbowl. Bassett likes them because they are the underdogs.

He's been a football fan since the late 60s, when his parents got their first color television. His favorite football player is Chuck Foreman and his most memorable game was the 1998 Division Championship when the Vikings lost to the Redskins after Darren Nelson dropped a pass.

"I was on my knees," said Jack.

Jack played football in high school, but quit as it interfered with hunting. Before the Big Game, Jack unpacks stuffed Viking bears, footballs, and a Vikings flag, all placed near the television. Menu items include

chicken wings, Nacho Cheese Doritos, and homemade salsa.

What is it that men like about football?

"It's the hitting," said Jack. "It's that warrior thing."

Jack's Super bowl salsa

12 tomatoes, boiled, skinned and mashed

2 green peppers, chopped

2 onions, chopped

1 red pepper, chopped

2 cans green chilis, chopped

Simmer the above for 30 minutes.

Add: ½ bottle tiger sauce

1 c. brown vinegar

1 T. canning salt

¼ c. brown sugar

½ jar jalapeño peppers, optional

Simmer for one hour.

Fire meets sand

Glass artist captures nature

Photos and story by
Jane Skalisky

Fire and earth converge. The sight and sound of flames mesmerize as glass is melted, cut, and expanded into bubbles.

The above describes a part of the art and passion of FDL Band Member, Jes Durfee. Jes is the grandson of Ruby and Jim Durfee and a direct descendant of Chief Osawgee of Wisconsin Point. He lives in Duluth and is a self-employed artist.

Jes describes himself as a lampworker. Lampworking uses a gas-fueled torch to melt rods and tubes of clear and colored glass. Once the glass is melted, it is formed by blowing and shaping with a number of tools.

He believes he is the only Ojibwe person making a living this way and is one of only a handful of Native lampworkers in the country. He creates various types of glass art, including animal totems, variations of plant life, abstract art, and beads.

Glass beads have long played an important role in the lives of the Anishinaabe people. In Ojibwe, the word for beads is

translated as 'little spirit berries.' They were used to record history, to create jewelry, and decorate clothing, said FDL Museum Director, Jeff Savage. Each tribe had their own design made with beads, so the work's origin could be easily identified.

"I didn't mean to be an artist," said Jes, while giving a glass blowing demonstration at Lake Superior College in early December. Jes was enrolled in Environmental Studies and American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. In 1999, he had the opportunity to spend six months touring throughout Europe. It was there that he was exposed to the works of many glass artists. Upon his return home in 2000, he bought a welding torch and began to create art in earnest.

Jes' style is synthesized from glass art throughout the world, but he credits his Anishinaabe background as being the most influential.

"My influences are based on the different elements of the natural world and its relationship to myself and my Ojibwe heritage," said Jes.

The first step in the glass blowing process is to have a

specific idea of what he wants to create, because there are only seconds to form the glass once the torch heats it to 2500 degrees. It is then, with paddles, shears, jacks or molds that his work begins to take shape. There is forgiveness in the fire, Jes said, in that he can reheat the glass to change or repair it. Once the final piece is completed, it is put in a kiln overnight to strengthen it.

Jes describes his art as environmentally friendly, using sand, which is abundant on earth, he said. In making his art, he hopes to create items of lasting value, as opposed to so many of the things for sale in stores.

"Our culture is so consumer based, so throw away," said Jes. "Most things we buy end up in dumpster a few years down the road." Glass lasts over a million years, he said.

About his former hobby that is now his livelihood, Jes said, "I want to inspire people in urban areas. Some have never seen a deer. If I can make a bird or deer, maybe I can connect them with nature."

Jes'



FDL Band Member, Jes Durfee, giving a glass blowing demonstration at Lake Superior College.

awards include the Festival Favorite Award at Glensheen Mansion's 13th Annual Fine Arts Festival in Duluth and the glass category award at Duluth's 38th Annual Park Point Art Fair.

Jes can frequently be seen giving glassblowing demonstrations at pow wows, art festivals, schools and colleges. His work is a part of the Tweed Museum's collection in Duluth, Kobe

Lampwork Glass Museum in Kobe, Japan, and the FDL Minnesota win Clinic in Cloquet.

His beads and other work are available at the Black Bear's Sweetgrass gift shop, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College bookstore, Spirit Bay Trading Company of Duluth, Waters of Superior in Duluth and Lizards Art Gallery in Duluth. Jes can be reached at jesdurf@gmail.com



Jes Durfee's waterbirds

Community News

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

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

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

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

Service News

Jared Braveheart became a U.S. Marine in Nov. 2007 and completed U.S. Marine Combat Training in Feb. 2008 in Camp Pendleton, Calif. In May 2008, he completed two courses of instruction in basic helicopter mechanic organizational maintenance and one course in corrosion control.

Jared is the son of FDL Band Member, Raymond Smith, Jr., and Stacy Braveheart, grandson of Bill Smith, and father to Lili-ana Braveheart. He is currently stationed in Cherry Point, North Carolina and will be leaving in mid to late 2009 for Djibouti, Africa for six months.

Jared can be written to via the Internet at: Braveheart55720218@yahoo.com.

We are all very proud of you.
Your family from the Fond du Lac and Pine Ridge Reservations



parents are Liz LaPrairie, Don and Milissa Ojibway, and Marie and James Baumann.

Zacobi Antoine White was born Dec. 17 in St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He weighed 7 pounds, .05 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Mother is Kwanita White, grandmother Nikki Reynolds, great grandparents are Diane and Steve Mrozik, Gerald and Diana Reynolds and Pamela Pierce, and great-great grandma is Dorothy Mullen.



Juliana Elizabeth Shaba-iash was born Dec. 3, 2008 in St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth to Christina St. John and Dustin Shaba-iash. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19.3 inches long. Her grandparents are Bonnie De-Foe, Ted St. John, Dennis Shaba-iash, and the late Joann Shaba-iash.



Birthdays

Happy 16th birthday on Feb. 8 to **Jalisa Lindahl**.

Love, Mom, Robert, sister and brother



Happy belated 11th birthday on Jan. 10 to **Taleah King**.
Love, Mom, Dad, sister, and brother

Happy belated birthday to my friends **Jamie Maniekee** and **Jeanne Polo!** Hope you both had a great day!

Your friend, Nicole Ammesmaki

Happy Birthday on Feb. 12 to my mom, **Terry Bosto**. Love you always, you're the best.

Love from your #1 daughter, Macy

Happy Birthday Feb. 22 to **Marilyn Bosto**. Hope you have a blast!

Your #1 cousin, Macy

Happy 19th Birthday on Feb. 5 to **Julia Lone**. We love you!!!!
Toe Nails, Pooh Bear and family



Happy 8th birthday on Jan. 26, **Darren Sayers**
Love, Mom, Dad and Brady



Happy 1st birthday on Jan. 25, **Maddy Olson**
Love, Mom and Dad

Happy belated birthday to **Morning Star Webster** on Jan. 14, who turned 16.

Love you and am proud of you, Your sister,



Danielle, your dad, Glenn Osceola, your brother, Daniel, & your mom

Thank you notes

I'd like to thank everyone at the Fond du Lac Reservation for their support during our family's time of need.

Heather Hurley and family

A big thank you to the members of the **FDL Reservation Business Committee** and to **Executive Director Mike Himango** for the generosity that allowed us to hold another successful Elder Christmas Party. The event was well-attended and greatly appreciated by all.

*Thanks again.
FDL Elders Christmas Party Committee*

All of us would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who shared in the passing of our mother, Cecelia Barney. Our many thanks go out to Mi no aya win Public Health Nurse Amy Zacher, Senior Friends, County Public Nurse Jo White, and to all the home health aides who were involved with our mother.

Each of you gave her great care. Each day brought a lot of joy into her life. She loved you all.

Special thanks to: Chuck Ells, who helped us through many, many ordeals, Doctors Anderson and Martinelli, St. Mary's Hospice, Diamond Willow staff, Handevitd Funeral Home, Queen of Peace priests, Mary Smith, FDL ENP, and Skutevik's

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Florists. Last but not least: Rick DeFoe, Ernie Diver, Jr., the FDL drum group, and to all of our relatives and friends who supported us through this difficult time.

To all of you and to the ones not mentioned, we thank you from deep in our hearts. Miigwech,

Woods, Jay, Dixon, Becky, Randy, Josa, Tim, and Dawn Barney.



Home for sale

Home on Big Lake in Sawyer, Minn. Located within 15 miles of three golf courses, 30 miles from Duluth. Built in 1990. Two bdrm, 1.5 baths, sauna, fireplace, open floor plan. Attached 2-car garage and detached 2-car insulated pole building. On private lot with 93 ft. of lakeshore; driveway and septic tank on 56 feet of FDL leased land. Asking \$270,000. Call (218) 878-5617 for more info.

Anniversaries

I would like to invite friends and family to a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration for **Don and Lucille Goodwin** at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2009 at the Sports Complex in Naytahwaush, Minn.

For further information, call me at (218)464-0349 or Frank Goodwin at (218)464-1134.

Leah Goodwin

Frances and Kenneth Ziebarth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 28-30 in Lakeville, Minn. They were married Nov. 20, 1948 in Cloquet and currently reside in Pipestone, Minn.

Frances, known as Dolly, grew up in Cloquet, daughter of Francis and Sadie (Dumoe) Gurnoe.

Their children are Kathryn Ziebarth Stark and her husband, Jerry, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Michael Ziebarth of Cloquet; David Ziebarth and his wife, Michelle, of Memphis, Tenn.; Deane Ziebarth of Lakeville, Minn.; Karen Ziebarth of Des Moines, Iowa; and Theresa Ziebarth Moritz and her husband, Steven, of Granite Falls, Minn.



Memorials

In loving memory of **John Belcourt**, July 24, 1938 – Feb. 12, 2008. He is loved and missed.

From his family

In loving memory of Grandmother **Viola Costello**, Sept. 22, 1917 – Jan 20, 2008. We miss you and love you very much.

With love from Heather Hurley and the rest of the family.

Obituaries

Bette L. Romanek, 80, of Floodwood, died Dec. 17, 2008 in her home. She was born Dec. 25, 1927 to Edward and Evaline LaBreche. She grew up in Cloquet and on July 18, 1953 she married Adolph Romanek.



Bette started her career in Bemidji and Esko where she worked as a teacher. Later she and Adolph moved to Floodwood where they built their home and Bette continued teaching elementary education. She retired from the Floodwood School District after 30 years of service.

Bette was a member of the St. Louis Catholic Church and its Catholic Ladies, the Daughters of Isabella, the Merry Makers Dance Club and the Fond du Lac Reservation. For a number of years Bette and Adolph spent winters in Corpus Christi, Tex. where she was a member of the Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband Adolph, sons Jeffrey (Deborah) Romanek of Dewey Lake near Chisholm, and Todd (Barbara) Romanek of Floodwood, daughters Kimberly (Robert) Dorr and Gail (Larry) Johnson both of Plymouth, and Nancy (Michael) Clark of Floodwood, brothers John La Breche of Littleton, Col. and Gerald La Breche of Cromwell, grandchildren Courtney, T.J., Ashley, Ariane, Jason, Logan, Nial, Clay Jennifer, Reed and Aleigha and great grandchildren Gavin, Shelby, Maddie, Faith, Jordan, Emmett and Easton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Eugene "Scrub" La Breche.

Funeral services were held at St. Louis Catholic Church in Floodwood with Msgr. Alexander Suchan officiating.

Burton John Dube of Portage, Ind., age 79, passed away peacefully on Dec. 24, 2008.

He was born May 1, 1929 in Carlton.

Mr. Dube is survived by six children: Luanne (Smith) of Monticello, Ind., Barbara Kay (Todd) Ulrich of Chesterton, Ind., John (Diane) Dube of Portage, Ind., Michelle (Michael) Greco of Winfield, Ind. and James Dube of Hammond, Ind; stepdaughter, Jacqueline Lawhon of Griffith, Ind.; grandchildren: Michael (Crystal) Smith, Stephanie (Mike) Emerson, Keri and Lexi Ulrich, Kenny Nolan, Julie, Kelly, John G., Lily Dube, and Micayla Greco; great grandchildren: Libby and Ryder Emerson; Daniella and Mariah Nevarrez, and Dakota (Smith).

Mr. Dube had survived an abdominal aortic aneurysm on August 25, 2008, and several surgeries afterward, all with strength and courage. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served as a Military Policeman in Alaska. He retired in 1994 from Vermette Machine in Hammond.

Papa Burt was a very dedicated and loving man. He taught his family to be honest, kind and generous with the less fortunate. He loved to hang out in his garage with family and friends and earned a reputation as a master tinker. He will be dearly missed by all.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27.

Cecelia Mae Barney, age 73 of Cloquet, passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2009 surrounded by her family. She was born on July 27, 1935 in Cloquet to Joseph and Josephine (Peter-son) Martineau.

Cecelia was a kind, caring, big-hearted person to all who shared her journey through life. She devoted her life to her family. She enjoyed bird watching, reading, watching TV, riding around, and spending time with her grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Warren Sr.; infant daughter, Wendy; brothers, Roy and Georgie; and grandson, Randy Jr.

Cecelia is survived by her children, Warren Jr., Eustace, Richard Sr. (Mickey), Rebecca (Gary), Randall Sr., Josephine, Timothy (Leah) and Dawn; two special granddaughters, Wendy and Ricki; many other grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Billy (Loretta) Martineau and Gene Martineau; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 16 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Cloquet. Interment was in New Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Cloquet.

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Ronald J. "Chic" Smith, 77, of Brookston, passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2009 in St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth following a brief illness. He was born on Feb. 22,

1931 to Jay and Liz (Bear) Smith in Cloquet.

Chic was an avid hunter, and a bingo and slots player. He retired from Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center after many years of service. Chic delivered meals for the Brookston Community ENP. He also served on the Fond du Lac Conservation Board and the FDL Veterans Committee. He was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corps, serving during the Korean Conflict, where he was awarded three Purple Hearts.

Chic was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Rupert, Roger, Raymond and infant brother Clarence; sister Theresa LaPrairie; grandson Richard; and daughter-in-law Annie Smith.

Chic is survived by his children, Clarence "Chuck" (Wanda), J.R., Barb Bennett and Carol Smith; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother Rollin (Peggy); sisters Bernice Jarski, Audrey Smith and Valerie Ross; numerous nieces, nephews and many hunting and casino friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Jan. 23 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Cloquet. Visitation as held on Jan. 22 which included a rosary service. Military honors were accorded by the Fond du Lac Honor Guard and the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard. Interment is planned for the New Holy Family Cemetery, Cloquet.

Shown are the winning 2008 Christmas cards made by FDL elementary Ojibwe school students. The cards were four of 25 entered in a contest at the school in December. Copies of these cards were sent to vendors, elders, council and school boards members over the holidays. The card artists are: 6th grader Alissa Bosto, 5th grader Quintana White, 6th grader Danny Greensky, and 5th grader Adrianna Gibson.

Etc.

New FDL Human Resources Director hired in Jan.

Janet Cadotte was hired in January as the new FDL Director of Human Resources. Cadotte grew up in Superior, Wis. and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Superior with bachelor degrees in Business and Personnel Administration.

She married FDL Band Member, Michael Cadotte and moved to Indiana in 1991. The couple later moved to Chicago, where she worked in human resources for the University of Illinois in Chicago and later served as Human Resources Director for Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago.

In 2007, Cadotte moved back to Superior after her husband's retirement and took a senior analyst position in labor relations, absence management and compensation with Minnesota Power.

In her new position, Cadotte



will be responsible for recruitment, selection, training, performance issues, grievances, job descriptions, human resource policies and procedures and legal compliance for over 2,000 employees at the Fond du Lac Reservation. She said her immediate goal is to assess all the HR functions of her department

and look for ways to improve services.

"We are here to serve everyone, employees and management" said Cadotte. She has one grown son and two grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys reading the works of James Patterson.

Enrollee Day 2009 planned for June 28

Enrollee Day will be held on June 28, 2009 at the Tribal Center. A bus will be departing June 27 at 2 p.m. from the American Indian Opportunities Center, 1845 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis and will leave the Black Bear Resort Casino at 9 a.m. June 29. For further information, contact Bryan Bosto at (218)878-8185. Another story on changes to Enrollee Day will appear next month.

Volunteers wanted

The FDL Ojibwe School is seeking volunteers to run the concession stand at home games. If you are interested, please contact Maria DeFoe at (218)878-7551.

Message of the drum

An evening of hand drumming, big drum, and traditional Anishinaabeg singing will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the Warming House on Highway 33 in Cloquet, next to Gordy's Hi Hat. The Oshkiigiizhik Singers, a group of women who play the hand drum, will be featured. Also, several Ojibwe men will play the Big Drum.

Admission is free and all are welcome. The event is sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Relay for Life kick off on Feb. 11

The 2009 Wiidookaage Relay for Life campaign celebration will be held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the Cloquet ENP meeting room. Historically the Wiidookaage Clan fundraising efforts have been among the most successful in Carlton County.

For further information, contact Deb Susienka at (218) 879-1227.

FDL Library hosts brown bag series starting Jan.

The FDL Library is sponsoring a brown bag lunch series every last Friday of the month beginning Jan. 30 at noon in the Cloquet ENP. Bring your lunch and hear January's speaker, Roberta Welper, who is the Reservation's smoking cessation specialist.

February FDL Ojibwe School girl's basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Jan. 29	Nay Ah Shig	5 p.m.	Mille Lacs
Feb. 3	Red Lake	5 p.m.	Red Lake
Feb. 5	Nay Ah Shig	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 6	Lakeview Christian	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 10	Circle of Life	4 p.m.	White Earth
Feb. 12	Indus	6 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 16	Four Directions	5 p.m.	Minneapolis
Feb. 17	Red Lake	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 19	LCO	5 p.m.	Lac Court Oreilles
Feb. 21	First Nation Tournament	TBA	TBA

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Jan. 27	Nay Ah Shig	5 p.m.	Mille Lacs
Jan. 28	Four Directions	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Jan. 29	Superior Home School	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 3	LCO	5 p.m.	Lac Court Oreilles
Feb. 5	Nay Ah Shig	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 10	Circle of Life	4 p.m.	White Earth
Feb. 12	Bug O Nay Ge Shig	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 17	Lakeview Christian Ac.	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 19	Nay Ah Shig	5 p.m.	Mille Lacs
Feb. 24	LCO	5 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 26	Superior Home School	6 p.m.	Ojibwe School
Feb. 28	First Nation Tournament	TBA	TBA

Cobalt Nightclub February 2009 schedule

Date	Time	Show	Type
Feb. 1	7 p.m.	Ron Kendricks	Country
Feb. 4	8 p.m.	Michael Thorne	Comedy
Feb. 5	7 p.m.	Kassie Jordan	Variety
Feb. 6 -7	9 p.m.	Kassie Jordan	Variety
Feb. 8	7 p.m.	Kassie Jordan	Variety
Feb. 11	8 p.m.	Johnny Beehner	Comedy
Feb. 12	7 p.m.	Groove	Variety
Feb. 13-14	9 p.m.	Groove	Variety
Feb. 14	7 p.m.	Groove	Variety
Feb. 18	8 p.m.	Bob Larson	Comedy
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	Bobby Cutshaw	Variety
Feb. 20-21	9 p.m.	Bobby Cutshaw	Variety
Feb. 22	7 p.m.	Bobby Cutshaw	Variety
Feb. 25	8 p.m.	Dean Johnson	Comedy
Feb. 26	7 p.m.	Bear Creek	Variety
Feb. 27-28	9 p.m.	Bear Creek	Variety

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

Area News Briefs

Mdewakanton open new state-of-art Prior Lake ice arena

A ribbon-cutting ceremony in December officially opened the doors at the newly renovated 1,200-seat Sport and Fitness Ice Arena in Prior Lake, funded by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in southern Minnesota. Tenants include Prior Lake high school players, and city youth and adult hockey association players, according to a story in the Star Tribune.

The state-of-the-art Arena includes a 32,650 –square foot “green” roof that contains potted plants that will absorb rain runoff. Audience members can plug their laptops into Wi-Fi connections while kids practice. The audience is separated from the ice by a glass sheet which is allegedly the first sheet of its kind in the world.

The Arena is a symbol of the symbiotic relationship between the city of Shakopee and the Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Since the creation of the lucrative Mystic Lake casino industry, power struggles have erupted between the City and Indian Community over development and land matters. The Ice Arena is viewed as both a business opportunity as well as a generous community amenity.

More results from Native Vote campaign on Minn. reservations

Often state legislation affecting American Indians goes forward without any consultation with American Indians.

To reverse that trend, the non-partisan Native Vote Alliance of Minnesota completed a successful campaign in November that led to record voter turnout on Minnesota’s Indian reservations. Native workers went door-to-door to register new voters and provided transportation to the polls on voting day.

NVAM executive director Sally Fineday said that historically, Leech Lake Reservation voters turn out in numbers high enough to affect the election outcome.

Recent get-out-the-vote efforts at

the Red Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota may have contributed to the highest voter turnout ever. A record 2,249 members voted, or 125 more than voted in the 2004 presidential election. The total number is an 800-voter increase since the 2000 presidential election. The story was reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Kids learn Ojibwe language through televised teaching

Minnesota high school students learning the Ojibwe language in Bena, Deer River and Remer all take the same interactive television class.

The class originates at Bena’s Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School and makes use of a second-hand ITV system donated by the state Pollution Control Agency. About 12 students are learning the language. Those in the Deer River classroom can see and hear the students in Deer River and Remer on the television screen which is split with the Remer classroom shown on top and the Deer River class shown on the bottom. Students receive hand-outs and assignments by email. Most students taking the class are Ojibwe.

The December story was reported in The Bemidji Pioneer.

Anniversary of Mankato 1862 hangings commemorated by horse riders and runners

Forty riders and 50 runners met in Mankato, Minn. late in December to remember the 38 Dakota who were hanged in that city on Dec. 26, 1862. The riders started in Crow Creek, S.D. and the runners started from Fort Snelling.

The ride/run is an annual reconciliation event designed to call for peace between natives and whites and to address lingering chaos in Indian Country.

The riders camped in Land of Memories Park and held a Wiping the Tears ceremony and a horse ceremony at the time the execution was carried out 146 years ago. They

then rode to Mankato’s Reconciliation Park, the site of the execution, for a ceremony.

The riders rode the 340-mile trek for 16 days, often in blizzard conditions. Many people, including non-Indians, helped along the way with boarding, food and shelter for the horses.

The first run to Mankato started at midnight on Dec. 15, 1986. The story was reported in the Mankato Free Press.

The Internet Wikipedia encyclopedia reported that a total of 303 Sioux prisoners from the 1862 Dakota conflict were convicted of murder and rape, and were sentenced to death. The defendants did not have courtroom representation, nor did they understand the legal proceedings. Some trials lasted only five minutes.

President Abraham Lincoln commuted the death sentences of 264 prisoners and permitted the execution of 39 others; one of the prisoners received a reprieve.

New 90-bed vet’s hospital proposed for Beltrami County

If the stars line up correctly, Minnesota may gain a new veteran’s hospital in Beltrami County in four or five years. A Bemidji Pioneer story from January reported that the 2008 Legislature requested a study to determine any statewide need for another veteran’s home, and its location. If the plans go through, the hospital may offer specialized care for post-traumatic stress disorder.

It is expected that a cultural component would be included for American Indian veterans, since the facility would be located near three Indian reservations. The cost would be about \$23 million. The federal government would pay for 65 percent of the cost, leaving \$8.5 million as a local match. The application for federal funds is due in mid-April.

Former chief executive elected at Mille Lacs

Marge Anderson was elected Chief Executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in a special election held in December. Anderson served as Chief Executive from 1991 to 2000, losing in 2000 to Melanie Benjamin who was removed from office in 2008.

Anderson won 302 of the 592 votes cast for the nine candidates. The next highest vote total was won by candidate Mushkoob, who received 83 votes.

Anderson is a familiar figure in Minnesota politics, and was once pronounced the most “dangerous” grandmother in Minnesota. She led the defense team that successfully retained hunting and fishing traditions among Ojibwe Band Members in Minnesota. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Salt Lake judge agrees that baby be returned to Leech Lake mom

A Leech Lake Band Member reconsidered her decision to let a couple adopt the baby she gave birth to in Salt Lake, Utah. A Salt Lake judge ruled that the baby had to be returned to its mother in keeping with the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Act attempts to place children with native families.

The woman relinquished custody of the baby within 24 hours of its birth. The adoptive parents nursed the baby back to health. He was born addicted to drugs, and spent several days in the hospital. The family had the baby for six months before handing him to a Leech Lake Band representative in Minnesota.

The mother had been declared an unfit parent and lost custody of her four children, according to Clint Larson, the adoptive father. Larson speculated that once the baby boy was returned to the reservation, he would go into foster care. The December story was reported in the Salt Lake Tribune.

Burial mounds discovered in south central Wisconsin

Surveyors founded what is probably ancient American Indian burial mounds in Wisconsin’s Marquette County village of Endeavor. Endeavor is located on Buffalo Lake. Marquette County is in south central Wisconsin.

Village officials were looking at ways to develop the site but first the area’s local tribes had the opportunity to survey the area for mounds, according to federal law. Ho Chunk surveyors used ground-penetrating radar to locate the outline of four mounds. Wisconsin law does not permit the disturbance of mounds and other human burial sites.

A school was located on the site in the early 1900s, and the site mounds were destroyed then, said tribal archeologist Jay Toth. The story was reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Number of kids learning Ojibwe steadily increasing

The numbers of students learning Ojibwe language in Minnesota public schools has tripled from 2001 to 2007, from 309 students to 1,150. The increasing interest in learning the language has had residual benefits: many formerly at-risk students learned through the immersion in culture to connect better with their communities and in some cases, boost their test scores.

“When kids have an opportunity to learn about their culture and themselves, they gain this self-esteem that spreads to their academics,” said Anton Treuer, a Bemidji State University professor who studies the Ojibwe language and oral tradition.

The Mille Lacs Band offers an Ojibwe Language Master/Apprentice program for adults. Adult students and their families can attend the language immersion camps in the summer, and community members can attend weekly language roundtables for language practice. The December story was reported in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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Rogers, Lawrence perform at Otter Creek in February

Kenny Rogers will be appearing at the Otter Creek Event Center at 5 p.m. on Feb. 22. Tickets are \$40-\$50. Tickets for the Tracy Lawrence show March 29 go on sale Feb. 10.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by phone at (218)727-2121 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Also, tickets can be purchased at the Otter Creek Event Center ticket office. The Otter Creek Event Center is located at the Black Bear Casino Resort, at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 210 in Carlton.

Public Health hosts cross country skiing on Feb.7

The FDL Public Health Nursing Dept. is hosting a cross country skiing event from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Pine Valley Recreation Area in Cloquet.

Lunch and equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (218)878-3794 by Jan. 30.

Legal notice

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

Begay, Raymond Sr.; Brigán, Calvin; Christensen, Terry; Defoe, Charles; Gangstad, Harold; Glasgow, Edith; Greensky, Faye; Hernandez, Phyllis; Huhn, Cheryl; Jefferson (Drucker), Mary; Johnson, Shelly; Jones, William Sr.; Josephson, Charles; Kast, Cheryl; Laduke, Sylvester; Lafave, John; Lemieux, Elvina; Lussier, Pamela; Olson, Daniel G. Sr.; Sharlow, Gerald D.; Smith, Carl; Stanford, Cathy; Starr, Neil; Trotterchaude, Rex; Wright, Frances.

Wisdom Steps Conference June 16-18

The Annual Wisdom Steps Conference will be held June 16-18 in Hinckley. Health walk records, health records and the \$20 conference fee must be submitted to Deb Topping by April 24.

For further information, contact Deb Topping at (218)878-8053.

Census jobs available

Census takers, crew leader assistants, and crew leaders are currently being recruited to take the 2010 U.S. Census, according to Veronica Smith, FDL recruiting assistant for the Census Bureau. Qualifications for the position are U.S. citizenship, being 18 years of age, and a valid driver's license.

Applicants will be required to take a written test to measure their clerical skills, organizational, reading and number skills, and their ability to

interpret information. Veteran's preference will be given. The pay ranges from \$10 to \$14 an hour. Job appointments are eight weeks in duration with successive appointments possible. Work will begin this spring and end in July, 2010. Full-time and part-time positions are available.

For further information or to apply, contact the Census Bureau at (866)861-2010.

Pow wow singers take note: plan to attend drum class

Instruction on how to make a pow wow drum will be given in March at the FDL Cultural Museum. The weekend class will teach the making of a drum shell, hide stretching and the making of a drum stand. Pow wow singers are strongly encouraged to attend. The museum is seeking input on which weekend to offer this workshop. Contact the museum at (218)878-7582.

Native flute workshop at Museum in February

A Native Flute Workshop will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 20, 1 p.m. on Feb. 21, and noon on Feb. 22 in the FDL Cultural Museum near the Tribal Center. Participants will learn how to carve a flute, and materials will be provided. There is no cost for the workshop. The workshop is open to Band Members. Jeff Savage will be the instructor.

For further information, contact the museum at (218)878-

7582, (218)878-8179, or (218) 878-8196.

Snow removal help for elders age 60 and over is available

If you need help with snow removal, contact Brenda Rice to have your name put on the snow removal help list.

Elders who have medical problems or a disability that prevents them from shoveling are asked to provide documentation showing their disability.

To be put on the list, contact Brenda Rice at (218) 878-2657.

Heart healthy potluck Feb. 13 at Tribal Center

There will be a heart healthy potluck at noon on Feb. 13 in the Cloquet ENP meeting room. For further information, call Deb Topping at (218)878-8053.

Making moccasins

Baby moccasin-making will be taught March 11 and March 25 in the Cloquet ENP by FDL Elders. Any interested community members are welcome. The moccasins are being made in preparation for the FDL Head Start Community Baby Shower that will be held in July.

For further information, call Deb Topping at (218)878-8053.

Parents of Queen of Peace students attempt to prevent school closing

Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School in Cloquet will be closing the end of

this school year unless a plan proposed by school officials on Dec. 22 is accepted by a parent group.

According to a story in the Pine Journal, parents had until Jan. 14, 2009 to make a written commitment to a tuition increase and enrollment goals.

"A lot depends on whether people turn [the deposit] in," said Father Dave Tushar, priest of Queen of Peace Parish and School. Tushar had announced the closing of the school in November, due to a steep decline in enrollment. In a 40-year time span, the school has gone from 233 to 40 students.

FEMA trailers have arrived and more are on the way

Four FEMA trailers arrived in November 2008 at the Reservation and four more are expected sometime this spring, said Jason Holliday, FDL Director of Planning. The process began a year ago with a joint inquiry by FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, and HUD, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as to whether Fond du Lac would want trailers left over from Hurricane Katrina.

Holliday asked for 30 trailers and was allotted 12. Of the 12, 10 were suitable for this climate. Eight of the 10 passed formaldehyde tests. Four of these were shipped last fall and the remaining four are awaiting mold inspection, said Holliday.

Two trailers have replaced

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existing substandard trailers. FDL Business Manager Bill Swanby and FDL Construction Projects Manager Mike Murray and their crew will be moving and connecting the remaining trailers to utilities when the weather warms up. The trailers have three bedrooms and two baths. Some are furnished. They range in size from between 14 to 16 feet in width. They are 70 to 76 feet long.

Holliday said he is hoping for more trailers in 2009.

Elder activity fund

Applications for elder activities during the summer quarter of 2009 are due April 1, 2009. FDL Band Members age 52 and up are eligible to submit proposals. Applications are available from and can be submitted to Elder Advocate Deb Topping. For further information, call Jerry Setterquist at (218)879-9412.

Cloquet and Perch Lake fire departments merge

The Cloquet and Perch Lake fire departments officially merged on Jan. 1, becoming the Cloquet Area Fire District. The new fire district is now governed by a fire district board, according to a story in the Pine Journal.

The hope is to save money by merging operations. Service in the district should remain the same, said District Fire Chief Jim Langenbrunner.

Cloquet school board responds to Indian Ed Committee complaints

In response to complaints regarding bus transportation from the Cloquet Local Indian Education Committee, various steps will be taken by the Cloquet School District Superintendent to change the way students are transported in the district. Some of these steps will include setting firm bus rules, installing digital surveillance cameras on buses, reviewing the number of students assigned to routes, and addressing bus upkeep.

According to a story in the Pine Journal, complaints made included inappropriate, non-sexual verbal and physical contact made on the part of bus personnel toward students. Complaints also alleged that the buses transporting Indian students were the worst kept and that Indian students were given the most bus violations.

Duluth's share of casino profits has decreased

Traffic and revenue are down at Minnesota's American Indian casinos, according to a story in the Duluth News Tribune. Duluth's share of Fond du Luth Casino profits were down 12 percent in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the same period in 2007.

"Ninety-nine percent of our income is through the casino," said Ferdinand Martineau, Jr. Casinos are reporting a 3 percent to 6 percent drop in revenue, said John McCarthy,

executive director of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association. This compares to a 25 percent drop in Las Vegas casinos.

The Fond du Lac Band liquidated much of its stock portfolio before the market crashed this fall, paying off \$112 million in debt on the Black Bear expansion, two years ahead of schedule. The monthly payments on the debt were \$850,000 a month, forcing the Band to dip into cash reserves. Martineau said the challenge now is to build back the Band's reserves.

FDL elders form restorative justice circle and work with Ojibwe School students

Efforts at the FDL Ojibwe School to meet No Child Left Behind attendance criteria and improve behavior has resulted in the involvement of FDL elders to create a traditional circle. Six elders have been recruited and attended training in restorative justice and elder circles, funded by a grant from the office of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

In the past two and a half years, the elders have met with as many as 140 students. Junior and senior high students are brought before the group for incidents related to fights, truancy, and alcohol and drug violations. Students are then required to write apology letters, research papers, sign compacts and do community service.

"If we don't teach them our

values to follow the right path, they'll go the wrong way," said FDL Elder, MaryAnn Blacketter.

The circle starts with a smudging. An eagle feather is passed to each who wishes to speak. Since the circle's inception, Elders have noticed more harmony in the hallways.

"Kids are being more respectful and trying to live the right way," said Mel Buckholtz, FDL Ojibwe School behavior management facilitator.

This story was reported in the Duluth News Tribune.

John Beargrease race and new book

The 26th Annual John Beargrease sled dog began at 1 p.m. on Jan. 25 at Ordean Middle School in Duluth. Beargrease was the son of an Ojibwe chief who grew up on the North Shore in the 1850s and delivered mail by boat, dogsled and foot for two decades.

This year's race added a 50-mile leg to Loon Lake near the Canadian border, for a total of 380 miles. This is a return to the original route, according to a story in the Duluth News Tribune. Another change for this year is a four-hour increase in the mandatory rest.

A new book entitled "John Beargrease: Legend of Minnesota's North Shore" by Daniel Lancaster was published in Nov. 2008 by Holy Cow! Press of Duluth.

FDLer named CFO at FDLTCC in January

FDL Band Member Stephanie Hammit was named Chief Financial Officer at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet. Hammit started work in her new position in January.

She was a comptroller at the FDL Reservation for more than six years, and also worked as the FDL internal auditor.

Hammitt worked as director of fiscal operations at the College from 1990 to 1996.

She has a Bachelor of Accounting degree from the University of Minnesota - Duluth, is a Cloquet High School graduate and has lived in the area for most of her life.

Hammitt is a member of the Cloquet School Board and serves as its clerk. She has held numerous offices in organizations throughout the years.

The College now serves more than 2,700 students on its Cloquet campus and through outreach sites at Red Lake and Onamia.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					FDL Library Brown Bag 12 pm (CCC)	
					Jan. 30	Jan. 31
Premier Theatre 9:15 am (BCC) Drop in games 10 am (CCC) Adult weight room 10 am (CCC) Adult TV 1 pm (CCC) World of Wheels 1 pm (SCC) Family volleyball 3 pm (CCC) Weight room 4 pm (CCC)	Adult sewing 10 am (CCC) Team basketball 3 pm (CCC) Baton class 3 pm (CCC) Tutoring 3 pm (OJS) GED 4 pm (CCC) Hats & Cupholders 5 pm (BCC) Drop in games 5 pm (CCC)	Drop in games 5 pm (CCC) Family sewing 5 pm (CCC) Girls & Boys Club Swim 6 pm (BCC)	Baton class 3 pm (CCC) Timberwolves game 3:30 pm (SCC) PI 4 pm (BCC) Anishinaabeg Circle 4:30 pm (CCC) Caregivers support group 4:30 pm (CCC) Cancer Support group 5 pm (CCC) Anishinaabeg lang. 5 pm (CCC) Women's night 6 pm (CCC)	Weight Watchers 12 pm & 4:45 pm (CCC) Rock band & Wii 12 pm (CCC) Cancer Talking circle 4:30 pm (CCC) Adult Lingo 6 pm (BCC)	Rock band & Wii 12 pm (CCC) Reading circle 3:30 pm (CCC) Intro to drum & singing 6 pm (CCC) Movie night & adult social potluck 6 pm (BCC)	Science & Engineering fair (FDLCC) Regional Science fair (UMD) Drop in games 10 am (CCC) Cross Country Skiing Pine Valley 10:30 am Skiing Mont du Lac 12 pm (BCC)
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