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(Far end of the Great Lake – Fond du Lac Reservation)

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(Narrating of Story)



Thirteen-year-old Trey Kettelhut had his camera handy when his parents chanced upon an eagle eating from a deer carcass in February. The family was in a vehicle on Highway 73 between Cromwell and Floodwood. Trey opened the window, aimed at the eagle that had flown about 20 feet away, and pressed the button. Related story on page 7.

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Learning by doing

FDL Ojibwe School students acquire many skills through Science Fair participation; best projects move on to Albuquerque competition

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For science students at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School, the end of the second quarter marks an important landmark. It's science fair time!

Approximately 80 students in grades 7 - 12 displayed their projects on Jan. 31 at the Seventh Annual Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Science and Engineering Fair. Forty of those projects were entered at the next level of competition held at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College on Feb. 7.

Winners with the top projects attended the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico late in March.

FDL Ojibwe School students who traveled to Albuquerque are: Jeremy Ammesmaki ("Let's get them out" - built a device that can get 4-wheel vehicles unstuck) Brittany Bird, ("Handwriting analysis" - a study of whether handwriting reflects personality); DeShawn Campbell ("Watering Robot" - robot that wa-

ters plants); Lacy Diver ("Biochar" - a substance that holds nutrients in fertilizer for plants), Nicholas Hayes ("Fuel for guitar gods" - determines if caffeine consumption increases reaction time) Sa'Shawna Lone, ("A comparison of DNA in the Family Oryza to Zizania" - looks at DNA differences in rice and grain families); and Stephanie Shabaiash ("Does color affect heat?" - measures the amount of heat absorbed by different colors).

Students from Cloquet who attended are: Courtney Jackson, Preston Jackson, Dana McFatrige-Houle, Elizabeth Rilea and Cassandra Roy. (Our publication deadline prevents us from naming the winners in this issue; see a follow-up story in May.)

The Feb. 7 science fair included approximately 20 students from Cloquet, in addition to the 40 students from the Ojibwe school. Ojibwe School science teacher Leslie Bucar has organized the fair since she began teaching at the school seven years ago.

Posters summarizing the science projects lined the back hallway of

the student commons area at the college. Judges met the students and then asked for a summary of the projects. The students spoke in great detail and with confidence while the judges took notes. No one seemed nervous. During breaks between judging, the kids talked and laughed or listened to Ipods. FDLT&CC students seated in the commons area walked over to look at the projects, as did college staff.

Growing popularity

Ojibwe School science teacher Bucar said that the first year the school held a science fair, about 15 students and four judges participated.

"This year we had 80 projects and 26 judges," she said. "The fair has grown in popularity -- it's not such a bad thing to like science now."

She added that students like participating in the Science Fair because they have the opportunity to do research on a topic for which they have a strong interest. They do their own thing, while learning the scientific method that includes research and writing.

"We take all of the second

quarter at our school and devote it to the science fair," Bucar said. The students work on papers, abstracts, research, experiments, and finally, posters that present their method and conclusions.

The fair gives students a free reign to explore a wide range of topics, including behavioral science. An entry from the Ojibwe School Regional Fair included a sociological study of prejudice. The students determined that the likelihood of being helped with a car problem in the local Wal-Mart parking lot depended on appearance. Kids who looked "preppy" received the most attention - and help - from adults.

A school-wide focus

Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Principal Rae Villebrun said this was the first year that all of the classes collaborated to work on the science fair. She said the social studies classes worked on research, the English classes worked on writing papers, the math classes worked on graphs. Experiments were completed in science classes.

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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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dents to learn that what they are learning and doing in one class fits into their other core subjects," Villebrun said. "The science fair also gives the students an opportunity to organize their work, vocalize what they have learned, and build their self esteem."

Another first for the Ojibwe School students this year was the use of word processing software to process and complete science fair posters. Bucar said students learned how to use Microsoft Publisher and how to do graphic design. The effective use of software lent a professional appearance to many of the entries.

That inclusion of computer technology offered some students a chance to shine in another medium, Bucar said. A few may not like science, but they do like to use computers. The poster projects could boost a few of the kids toward a career in graphic design, Bucar said.

Increased confidence

She said that during the first year or two of the science fair many Native students were quiet and did not

like to talk about themselves. That's changed. The kids have gained skills they can use outside of school to express what they've accomplished, what their projects are, what their research included, and they've had practice in giving their opinions on things.

"They are much more comfortable talking to adults and getting feedback from adults," she said. The greatest change among many of the students is the comfort level they now feel in expressing themselves to others. That new skill will carry the kids into adulthood with more confidence.

Some school districts offer science

fair as an elective; it's mandatory at the Ojibwe School. Bucar has noticed a clear change in attitude towards science. The hands-on experi-

ment and research approach helps students think more about science and see it as something that extends far beyond a textbook. The projects they choose help them to see science in everyday activities and natural

phenomena.

"They can relate science to almost anything they are interested in," Bucar said. "I get kids that a week from now or even a day from now will say 'I know what I'm doing next year, I know what my project is

going to be.'"

The end of Science Fair season brings some sadness. Many kids are bummed out when it ends, Bucar said.

"For some of these kids this is the end of the road--it's their ending point. For the kids who get to go to nationals, it's one more step."

The trip to the science fair in New Mexico is funded through the Education Division, the FDL Reservation Business Committee, the National Center for Earth-Surface Dynamics, the University of Minnesota, and the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

Bucar stresses that the skills the students acquire from taking part in the science fair will stay with them as they continue to mature. Participating in the fair provides a strong foundation for post-secondary education. Kids learn how to collect and present research, and how to become comfortable with people and express their thoughts.

Science teacher Leslie Bucar has noticed a clear change in attitude towards science. The hands-on experiment and research approach helps students think more about science and see it as something that extends far beyond a textbook. The projects they choose help them to see science in everyday activities and natural phenomena.

Fond du Lac Ojibwe school 8th grader Cotee Hoffman tells Science Fair judge Lue Her about his project entitled, "Is there bacteria in your water bottle?" at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College on Feb. 7. This was Hoffman's third year of participation in the Science Fair and his second year of being selected to present his project at FDLT&CC.



Capturing moose

Study shows moose herd faces 'troubling' future

By Mike Schrage
FDL Wildlife Biologist

The February morning started out for the cow moose like most any other winter morning - cold, still and quiet. The morning sun rose, and she and two other moose fed out into a cutover, browsing on birch twigs and taking what warmth the bright sun gave them. From high overhead came the droning of a small airplane. The moose paid it little mind as such sounds aren't uncommon in Minnesota's forests anymore. The plane kept circling overhead, but the cow kept her attention on the sapling she was eating.

If the cow had been able to monitor radio transmissions, she would have heard something like the following:

"Yeah, Scott we have 3 moose at your 2 o'clock and about 500 yards. Looks like a cow and maybe 2 bulls."
"2 o'clock and 500, we're on our way".

"Okay they're at your 12 o'clock now and ...300 yards...200... look to the right of those small cedars."

"I got her."

The cow's world erupted in sound as a small white helicopter clattered over the treetops and dropped down into the cutover. She turned and bolted for a nearby spruce swamp while the bulls doubled back behind her. The helicopter ignored the bulls and swung in behind the cow as she high-stepped through the deep snow for cover. In only a few seconds the helicopter caught up to the cow and hung in the air 15 yards above and behind her.

"Okay dart's out and it's a good hit. Keep an eye on her if she goes in that spruce. I'm going to back off and give her time. Hopefully she stays in this opening."

"Roger, we got her in sight, and it looks like she won't go far."

A few minutes later the cow's legs went out from under her, and she crumpled to the snow on her belly. She vaguely became aware of human smell and sound and movement nearby, but her body wouldn't react anymore. Then she lost conscious-



Dr. Tiffany Wolf from the Minnesota Zoo and Mark Keech from Fairbanks, Alaska collect blood and other samples from Moose 294 near Wilson Lake northeast of Finland, Minnesota. Photo by Brian Peterson, Minneapolis Star Tribune.

ness.

The Fond du Lac Resource Management Division in cooperation with the 1854 Treaty Authority and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have been studying the moose herd in the 1854 Ceded Territory since 2002. Between 2002 and 2005, 114 moose have been successfully radio-collared and tracked to determine their movements and causes of mortality. Before last month, 28 of the original moose remained with functioning radio collars that transmitted radio signals..

Part of what we have learned so far is that the moose herd is facing a troubling future. Non-hunting mortality rates of adult moose have averaged 21 percent per year, compared to eight to 12 percent from other locations in North America. Calf survival, while not too bad, has not been enough to make up for the high adult mortality rates. Over the long term, moose are likely facing

a slow decline unless conditions change. The leading cause of mortality appears to be disease or parasite related, but we have struggled to learn the exact cause in most cases.

A number of FDL moose hunters submitted tissue samples from moose they harvested last fall as part of a comprehensive health screening process. Those samples are still being analyzed and samples collected from last month's capture's will help add to that database. It's suspected that some of the diseases or parasites moose are exposed to probably come from deer and may ultimately be related to a warming climate. The study will allow us to build a long term data set to better understand the relationships between deer numbers, climate change, moose health and moose survival. Then our challenge will be to determine what, if anything, can be done about it.

In 2007, Fond du Lac's Wildlife Program was awarded a new

grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Tribal Wildlife Grants Program to continue the study. The first objective in this next phase of the study was to capture and radio-collar 35 adult cow moose. Adult cows were selected because they are more important to the future growth of the moose herd than bulls, and they can provide us with information on pregnancy rates and calf survival. At this point in the study there isn't much more new information to be learned from collaring bull moose.

The Fond du Lac Band contracted with Quicksilver Air out of Fairbanks, Alaska to handle the February moose captures. Quicksilver Air has worked on the moose study for several years and has the specialized skills and equipment necessary to dart moose. They brought an R44 helicopter, darts and a dart gun and a fuel truck with them. The Minnesota Zoo supplied the necessary tranquilizer drugs and a veterinarian to help with

animal handling and care. The Minnesota DNR supplied a spotter plane and pilot. I and Lance Overland from FDL's Natural Resource Program served as observers in the plane to help locate moose for darting.

The entire moose capture operation was completed in four days. Each day a refueling station was set up as a base of operations in a different part of central Lake County. The helicopter would land when it needed fuel, pick up more radio-collars and drop off samples from moose they had already handled. On the busiest day, 12 moose were darted and radio-collared. Thirty-four moose were darted and collared in the four days. One collar started to malfunction or we would have collared 35 animals.

Each morning the spotter plane would get out in front of the helicopter and locate a cow moose near enough to an opening where it could be darted. When the plane located a suitable candidate, they would call the location to the helicopter, and the helicopter would fly over and the crew would dart the moose. The helicopter backed off to give the moose time to relax and for the drug to take effect.

Then the helicopter picked up the veterinarian. Usually, only one dart was needed and the moose would be sleeping in seven to ten minutes. The

helicopter would land as close as it could, and the crew would work up to the moose. Each moose had a radio-collar and eartag attached to her. Body temperature and respiration were monitored to ensure the moose was relaxed and comfortable.

Hair was collected for genetic work, and blood and fecal samples were taken to test for pregnancy and any exposure to disease or parasites. A small incisor tooth was collected from each animal so her age could be determined. Finally, each moose was checked for winter ticks and any associated hair loss, and her general overall body condition. When everything was completed, each moose was given a reversal drug to get her going again. The reversal drug acted quickly and most moose were up and moving in just a few minutes. The entire process averaged 30 to 45 minutes per moose.

It will be some time before all the results from all the samples from captured moose are known. The teeth were sent to a lab in Wyoming for aging. Blood and fecal tests for pregnancy are conducted in the state of Virginia, and blood tests for disease and parasite exposure are done at a lab in Saskatchewan and at the University of Minnesota. The 34 moose were in generally good body condition, and although all 34 car-

ried at least some winter ticks, none were suffering too badly from them yet.

The study will continue for three years and radio-collared moose will be monitored weekly by airplane. Any mortality signals from the collar will be followed up on the ground in an attempt to learn why the moose died. Collared cow moose will be visually located by helicopter each spring to determine how many newborn calves are with them. They will be checked again the following January and April to determine how many of those calves survived to adulthood.

Pregnancy rates and adult cow and calf survival rates are all crucial to understanding the long term trends in the moose herd. Understanding causes of mortality is important for figuring out what is happening to the moose and what might be done to change things. Additional study plans include monitoring temperatures in different forest cover types to determine if some cover types can provide important cooling off habitat for moose during the summer.

We have learned that on average, each cow moose has a home range of 11 miles and bulls average 17 miles. With the exception of one bull that went 20 miles back and forth between a winter and summer range,

most collared moose are homebodies and tend to stay in the same general area year round. A couple of cows have shifted to different areas to have their calves, and one bull moose packed his bags and permanently moved 50 miles north to Ontario. The oldest cow lived to 20 years of age and the oldest bull was 16 when he died. Most cows have a single calf each spring, but twins are fairly common and one litter of triplets was observed.

A short half hour later the cow stumbled to her feet. Her senses were coming back and she could see and hear human figures close by moving slowly away. She stood unsteadily for a minute and then cautiously took a few steps. Something unfamiliar hung around her neck, and the unpleasant reek of human scent was on her.

Suddenly, nearby, the helicopter's engine coughed to life. The cow found she could run again, and as the helicopter rose and peeled away behind her, she trotted into the forest, already revealing the secrets of her kind.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month activities scheduled for April

Fond du Lac's celebration of Child Abuse Prevention month starts in April with a series of activities that celebrate healthy family life. The events focus on ways to keep kids safe, give families the support they need to stay together and raise children to be happy and stable adults.

FDL's activities have received state-wide recognition. In 2005, 2006 and 2007 the Reservation's Social Services Department was awarded the Blue Ribbon award from Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota because of the variety and quality of events that promoted child abuse prevention month. The FDL program was the first program on a reservation in Minnesota to receive that recognition.

The events are these:

Family Jam – a dance will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 5, 2008 at the Cloquet Drop-In Center on University Road. There is no cost. Entire families are encouraged to attend. A DJ will provide music and gift drawings will take place throughout the evening.

Family photos – Pictures will be taken from 5 to 7 p.m. on April 9, 15 and 17 at each Community Center. There's no cost for the group photos. In about 45 days, each family will receive an 8x10 inch picture.

April 11 Art and talent show – The art will be displayed and judged between 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ojibwe School gym. Youth and adults are encouraged to enter the

contest. The talent show will take place between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at the gym. Prizes will be awarded for the best songs, skits, dances, musical presentations, etc. If you have questions, call Jeff Tibbetts at (218) 878-3751.

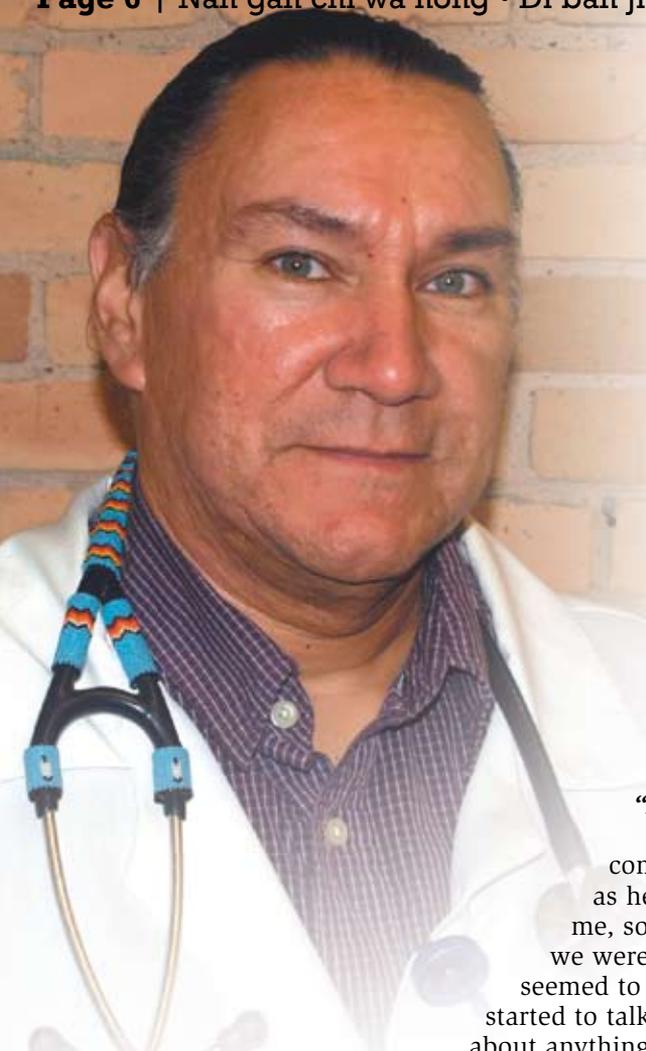
April 19 Walk and Brunch – Register from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the Head Start/Drop-In parking lot. Walkers will walk about a mile and then form a "Human Medicine Wheel." A brunch will follow at the gym.

May 1 and 2 conference – held at the Forestry Center. Speakers and topics will be announced at a later date.

Emergency Assistance offices relocate to Min no aya win Clinic

The Fond du Lac Emergency Assistance Program has moved from the Tribal Center to the Human Services Building of the Min no aya win Clinic on Trettel Lane. Applications can be picked up at the Human Services, Social Services Department (Lower level entrance door No. 3).

To facilitate the timely processing of your application, please bring income verification information and current documentation of your emergency situation. For more information, contact the Fond du Lac Social Services Department at (218) 878-2145.



Seconds of anger, a lifetime of disability

The impact of shaken baby syndrome

By Arne Vainio, M.D.

Early in my medical training, I completed a six week rotation in Pediatrics. I was on a team in one of the teaching hospitals. Even medical students learned that the Pediatrics division was very busy. When our team was on call, we admitted all the patients that came in for a 24-hour period. This usually meant we had very little sleep, and still had studying to do for exams when we weren't admitting patients.

Eight-month-old Jeremy was already in the hospital when I started my rotation. Jeremy had been shaken by his father. No one ever came to visit him. The nurses talked to Jeremy, but he didn't have any family. He never cried, he never indicated any wants. He had a feeding tube because he could not swallow.

The first time I held Jeremy was in the middle of the night. His nurse and I got along well. She had to take care of another baby and asked me to hold him for a *minute*. I sat in a rocking chair; she handed Jeremy to me and left. The lights in the Intensive Care Unit were soft, emitting mostly from monitors and computers. It was quiet. The

other babies were asleep. Heart rate and breathing monitors beeped softly in the background. It was just me and Jeremy.

Tears and "American Pie"

At first, I was uncomfortable holding him as he did not respond to me, so I shifted him and we were eye-to-eye. Jeremy seemed to look at me and I started to talk to him. I didn't talk about anything in particular; I told him about growing up in the country, about riding bikes with my brothers, about fishing in the river. I don't have a singing voice, but I sang to Jeremy that night. I have never sung to anyone else. The only song I could think of was "American Pie" by Don McLean. Jeremy made my upcoming exams and my troubles in general diminish that night. Even though he couldn't cry during the several times when I held him, I cried for both of us.

What did he do to bring this upon himself? Likely what all babies do. He cried, he needed changing and feeding. He woke in the middle of the night. He got sick. He asked his dad to grow up before his dad was ready. He cried some more.

What was taken from Jeremy? What did he miss? He missed learning how to walk, he missed splashing in puddles, he missed birthday parties, learning his ABC's, riding

a bike, reading aloud in front of a class. A teacher will never call on Jeremy. He would be about 17 years old now. I wonder what kind of person he might have been? I don't know what happened to him.

What shaking does

Jeremy's case was pretty severe. Jeremy didn't change in the few weeks that I knew him. There is a wide range of symptoms depending on the degree of damage. Babies are especially prone to battering because they have relatively large heads and weak neck muscles. In addition, the brain tissue and blood

Most babies who suffer shaken baby syndrome are under one year of age, but it can happen up to age 5. About 60 percent of victims are male. Babies that survive can have symptoms such as blindness or deafness, seizures, learning and developmental disabilities, impaired intellect, memory problems and behavioral problems. Severe cases will leave a baby in a comatose state.

vessels are very delicate and soft at this age. Violent shaking back and forth causes the brain to slam repeatedly into the skull. This tears blood vessels on the surface, inside the brain and in the eyes. The bleeding and subsequent swelling can cause tremendous pressure inside the skull, which worsens the damage.

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You might assume that only bad parents shake their babies. However, anyone can get stressed, and a baby who won't stop crying when

you've done everything you can think of is very stressful. Life can be unfair and household relationships become strained with a crying baby in the house. Shaken baby syndrome happens in seconds, and the consequences are for life.

What to do

For parents, trying soft music, rocking the baby in a swing, changing a diaper or feeding a baby may be what's needed. Sometimes those things don't help. If you're really at the end of your rope, gently putting the baby in bed and walking away for ten *minutes* is a reasonable thing to do. Take turns with your partner. Give each other a break. Respect each other.

What can the rest of us do for overstressed parents? Small things work. Offer to babysit. Listen. If you see a stressed out parent at the grocery store with small kids, let her in front of you. Carry her groceries. Remember, we're trying to prevent five seconds of time that could bring dire results. Small acts could save a life. And Jeremy? Wherever you are - "Happy Birthday."

Anyone may voluntarily report suspected child abuse or neglect to a local child protection or law enforcement agency. Those who work with children or families are legally required to report suspected child abuse or neglect. This includes health care workers, social services, mental health professionals, child care workers, educators and law enforcement professionals and others. The number for the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline is (800) 422-4453.

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The conversion to digital television and why you don't need to buy a \$1,000 honkin' big screen tv

By Amy Wicklund

On February 17, 2009 – less than a year from now -- broadcast television stations will change in format from an analog signal to a digital signal. Important note: it is absolutely unnecessary to purchase a new television to prepare for this transition because converter boxes will help your television adapt to the change.

What does this mean to you and me? In order to find out, we must first check our television sets. This should only take a few moments of our time. I already checked mine so I will use my results as an example.

Step One. Identify each television set you own or use throughout your home – portable tvs, projection televisions, even console televisions. Don't forget that one out in the garage or the portable one you bring with you when you are ice fishing! Make a list of your television sets.

Amy's TVs
Living Room
Kitchen
Bedroom 1
Bedroom 2
Basement
Garage (portable, used when sunbathing at beach)

Step Two. Now that you have a list of your television sets, you need to determine how the television signal gets into each of the television sets. In general, the signal will be delivered one of three ways:

1. Cable television comes through a cable from a local provider. You would pay a monthly bill to a cable provider such as Charter.
2. Satellite television comes from a satellite to a dish receiver, then comes through a cable to the television set. You would pay your bill to a satellite provider such as Dish TV or Direct TV. Your satellite subscription may include local channels or you may get the local channels via broadcast television over the airwaves (see number three below).
3. Broadcast television comes through the airwaves to an antenna on your television set (rabbit ears) or on the roof of your house.

Please note that some television sets may be used ONLY to watch videos (DVDs, VHS, etc.). If you do not ever use a particular television set to watch television, then the broadcast digital conversion should not affect that set. I have a television set up in my basement that I use only to watch Jazzercise videos while I exercise. Add the source of the signal to your list of televisions.

Amy's TVs	Source of signal
Living Room	Satellite (locals included)
Kitchen	Satellite (locals included)
Bedroom 1	Satellite (locals included)
Bedroom 2	Broadcast
Basement	Videos only – don't use for TV
Garage (portable)	Broadcast

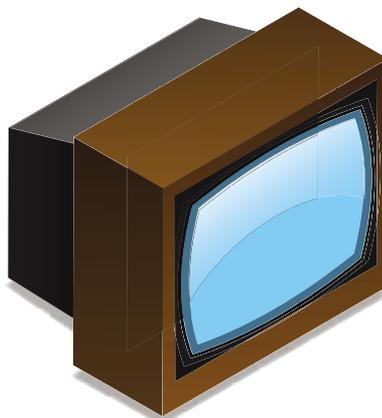
Step Three. Determine whether any further action is needed for any of your television sets. The television sets served by cable television or satellite that includes local channels will not be affected by the broadcast television digital conversion in February 2009. No action is required for these television sets. The television sets served by broadcast signals, including those that have satellite subscriptions that do not include locals, do require action.

Amy's TVs	Source of signal	Action Req?
Living Room	Satellite (locals included)	No
Kitchen	Satellite (locals included)	No
Bedroom 1	Satellite (locals included)	No
Bedroom 2	Broadcast	Yes
Basement	Videos only – no TV	No
Garage (portable)	Broadcast	Yes

Step Four. If any of your television sets will require action on your part to prepare for the broadcast digital television conversion, you have several options. Review the attached table to formulate your plan of action.

Amy's TVs	Source of signal	Action Req?	To Do
Living Room	Sat. (loc. inc.)	No	-
Kitchen	Sat. (loc. inc.)	No	-
Bedroom 1	Sat. (loc. inc.)	No	-
Bedroom 2	Broadcast	Yes	Apply for coupon, then use coupon to purchase converter box
Basement	Vid. only-no TV	No	-
Garage (portable)	Broadcast	Yes	Purchase new digital-ready portable set for sunbathing or ice fishing trips

There you have it. In four simple steps we have created a plan detailing what I need to do, and you have the tools to make a plan detailing what you need to do to prepare for the broadcast digital television conversion that will happen in February 2009.

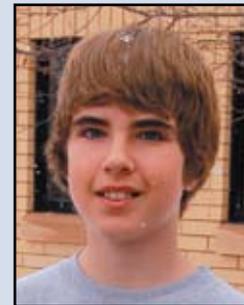


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While an eagle waits Promising young photographer captures image of migizii

On Feb. 23 while a passenger in a car, Chad Kettelhut spotted an eagle on a deer carcass between Cromwell and Floodwood on Highway 73.



Dannell Kettelhut turned the vehicle around and stopped for a closer look. The eagle flew about 20 feet from the highway. Dannell told their son Trey to get his camera ready.

From the vehicle window, Trey, 13, took aim and pressed the digital camera button. The eagle stayed put, appearing to pose. Trey pressed the button again and again. The eagle waited. The family had an obligation to meet, left a sprinkling of tobacco, and drove on. The eagle stayed behind, probably eager to return to its meal.

The result of Trey's hobby can be seen on the April cover of this newspaper. He's in the eighth grade at Cloquet Middle School, and started taking pictures with his mother's 35 millimeter camera at the age of 10. The family lives in the Cloquet District near Highway 210. Trey takes many of his pictures from a field near the family home. His goal? A career as a professional photographer.

In a roundabout way, the pictures you see on the cover got their start with the Sawyer Community-sponsored reading program. Students were awarded \$25 in Wal-Mart gift cards for 700 minutes of reading per month. Trey didn't like to read much, but made his way through "Tiger Eyes" by Judy Blume, and other books. Dannell made it clear to Trey that he would save his monthly gift cards and buy something special.

He saved \$230 for a Kodak EasyShare 2710 camera that included a built-in zoom lens. Trey started to use the camera every day, focusing on nature photography. His specialty? The sky: sunsets and clouds.

As the eagle picture shows, he may have a knack for wildlife, as well. Trey showed his pictures to his Cloquet Middle School science teacher Matthew Winbigler. In a phone interview, Winbigler said that the picture displayed the interaction between a predator and prey.

"He captured a little moment in time," Winbigler said.

Etc.

Elder activity fund needs board members

The Reservation Business Committee has set aside money for an Elder Activity Fund. The rules regulating how that money will be spent will be determined by a committee of Elders from each voting district.

If you are at least 52 years of age and would like to serve on the Elder Activity Advisory Board, please contact Debra Topping, Elder Advocate, at (218) 878-8053. Leave your name, phone number and voting district.

The board will be made up of three members from each district. All names that are submitted will be randomly drawn and the new board members will be notified by telephone.

The first meeting of the new Elder Activity Advisory Board will be from 10 a.m. to noon on April 22, 2008 at the ENP meeting rooms of the Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd.

Head Start Powwow scheduled for Apr. 11

All are welcomed to attend the annual Head Start Programs Mini Powwow to be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 11, 2008. It will be held in the Head Start Gym located in the Head Start Building on University Rd. If weather permits, the powwow will be held in the outdoor arena. Two host drums will participate. There will be no honorariums.

Clinic offers car seat classes on April 7 and 24

A fact about surviving a car crash: Babies need specialized car seats. A baby under a year of age and less than 20 pounds has to face the rear of a vehicle. Their neck muscles aren't strong enough to withstand the force of a crash.

That fact and more will be covered at the FDL Public Health Nursing car seat and booster seat classes to be held on April 7 and 24, 2008. The 30-minute class starts at 2 p.m. at the Min no aya win Clinic. Enter through the door marked no. 3. There is no charge for the class, but seats can be purchased at that time for \$22.

Another point to be made at the class: avoid purchasing rummage sale seats because it's almost impossible to know if the seat was damaged in a previous crash, or recalled by a manufacturer. Only new car seats are safe.

To register for the class or get more information on it, call (218) 878-3759.

— NOTICE —

2008 Spearing and netting on Mille Lacs Lake

FDL enrolled youth engaged in spearing and netting activities at Mille Lacs Lake who are under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult who is their FDL enrolled parent or FDL enrolled guardian. The Parent/Guardian assumes all responsibilities and conditions for the youth in the spearing and netting permits. Should a code violation occur, the parent/guardian named on the permit will be issued the citation and will be responsible for all fines and court costs. Band Members may be allowed to set multiple nets per individual. This depends upon remaining allocation. Two landings will be designated, Cedar Creek and Liberty Beach. Boat assistance will only be available to Elders 52 and older at Cedar Creek. Netting Permits will be limited at Cedar Creek to the first 50 individuals. All remaining harvesters will be directed to Liberty Beach. This limit will not apply if you are an Elder using the boat services provided by FDL Resource Management Staff. Please release northern pike from nets if they appear able to survive.

Questions or comments, call FDL Resource Management at (218) 878-8001



Three FDL veterans were in Sacaton, Ariz. for the 62nd annual Iwo Jima Landing/Ira Hayes celebration on Feb. 23. In attendance were Darrell "Dapper" Danielson, Mike "Peanuts" Peacock, and Dave Rabideaux. All served with the U.S. Marines and are Vietnam veterans. More than 100 honor guards from around the country were in attendance. Dapper represented FDL in the parade. He is shown here carrying the FDL flag. Below are Dave (on the right) and Mike in front of a flag captured from the Japanese on Mt. Sarabuchi on Iwo Jima.

Photos courtesy of Joe Martineau.





A few thoughts from RBC members

From Chairwoman Karen Diver

The RBC spent a day receiving training about its obligations as a recipient of funding for Indian Housing. We heard about many options that we can explore so that we can develop different programs and approaches for meeting the Band's enormous housing needs.

In order to look at different ways to serve our community, the community will need to be open to the idea of changing its expectations about the kind of housing assistance the Band can offer. To use just one example of the options available: Should we build one house for one family at \$170,000, or should we provide a mortgage buy-down to make home ownership affordable for eight families? The training consultant spent three days training the RBC, housing staff and the housing board. It is exciting to think of the possibilities that can make our Housing Division adapt and provide Band Members with not only housing services, but

help Band Members create their own housing solutions.

On another housing note, I was pleased to be the keynote speaker at the HUD Office of Native American Programs conference in Florida in mid-March. HUD was interested in having other tribes learn about the process for developing supportive housing initiatives, and using HUD dollars to leverage other sources of funding. While at the conference, it was nice to be able to network with other potential funders who can assist the Band with developing our capacity to create housing and serve Band Members.

In last month's column, I wrote to Band Members about this year's elections being the first time that mailing lists would be available to candidates for elected office on the



Karen Diver

reservation. This was in response to several decades of complaints where Band Members felt that incumbents had an unfair advantage. This year, each candidate received a mailing list only, with no private information (Social Security number, phone number, birth date, etc.), and each candidate signed a statement that the candidate would use the mailing list only for their own campaign purposes.

One or more candidates for office violated that promise and chose to send out inflammatory and dishonest information in an attempt to influence the outcome of Band elections. Additionally, this mailing also included private information from an individual Band Member's confidential Housing file.

The individuals responsible should be ashamed of themselves. As a

public official, I expect some level of public debate about whether people are happy or unhappy with my leadership. However, to include private information from a Band Member's confidential Housing file is a new low even for tribal politics.

This column was written several weeks before the primary election on April 1, 2008, so I share this with you not in attempt to influence the outcome of the election. People will vote how their conscience tells them to vote, and I respect the decision of the people. After all is said and done with this year's election, we should make it a priority to hold each other accountable to not just talk about our traditional culture but to live it by practicing mutual respect and responsibility to each other.

If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at the office at (218) 878-2612, or by cell at (218) 590-4887, or email karendiver@fdlrez.com.

From Ferdinand Martineau

My grandmother told me to treat people the way you would like to be treated. Also, an old time spiritual leader back in the 70's told me something similar, In order to get respect, you have to give respect.

It has taken me many years to begin to understand these lessons that seem to be simple. It is not about me and how I treat people, it is about how we treat each other and our community. It is about a way of life given to us by our ancestors. It is about how we treat the most downtrodden of our community. We can all say "I respect the saint," but can we all say that we respect the sinner? One or two mishaps from my life could have put me in the same situation as a few of our Band Members. I must not forget that. That is what I learned up until now from those two seemingly simple lessons from

years ago.

I was a part of three decisions this past month that I would like to share with you now.

First, we released the per capita list to all candidates who were certified to run for office. We asked each candidate to sign a receipt stating that they would only use the addresses for their campaigns and no other purpose. I did not want our list to fall into the hands of the bulk mailers because if you are anything like me, you already receive too much of that type of mail.

Unfortunately, the list's availability has created our own bulk mailer. I have already proposed that we add a statement in next year's request form that will allow Band Members to be

included or excluded from receiving mailings from candidates for reservation offices.

Second, we had a drive-by shooting in our community. I do not know if this is the first one but it is the only one that I can recall. The community members came to the council in force and asked us to do something and to do it quickly. We looked at the options before us and decided that eviction from our housing was the only viable option. The family that was responsible for the shootings is no longer living here and will not be considered for our housing in the near future.

Finally, we let our comptroller and financial manager go. The financing here is not on a solid foundation

and we are trying to get that taken care of. The two people that were let go were not giving us reliable or accurate information for us to make the decisions that we had to make.

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a challenging position, let me know and get your application in to our human resource department. I want to thank all of you that have sent me your concerns and would like to encourage you to make your voice heard in the upcoming primary election by voting for the candidate of your choice.

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

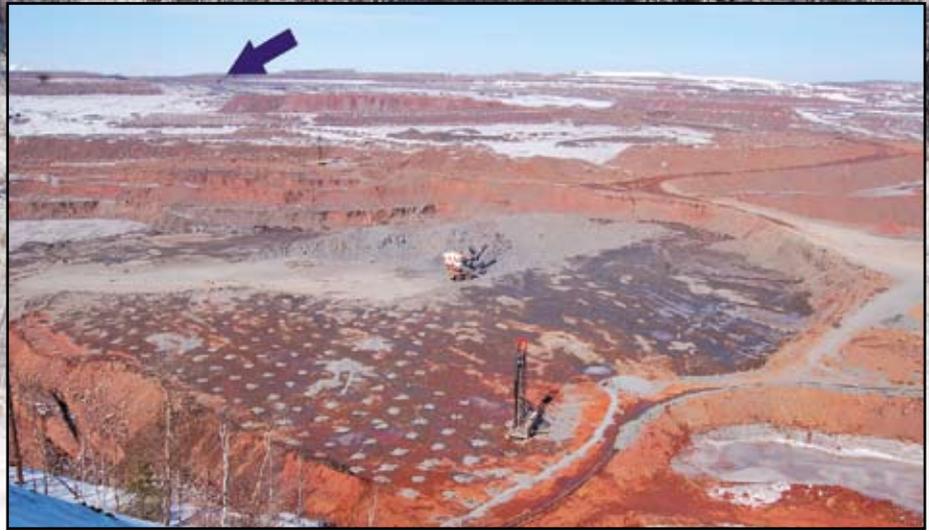
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Ferdinand Martineau



Near the Hull-Rust Mahoning Open Pit Iron Mine in Hibbing, Minn.



The arrow points to a small area that appears to be untouched. It may be the historically significant "Hill of Three Waters" where the Ojibwe met for centuries for council meetings.

(Off)-Rez adventures with the Indian Scout

Story and photos by Deborah Locke

What you should know about a good Indian Scout is this. A good scout takes you places you'd never go, and makes you see way past appearances. A good scout notices things big and small. When he's agitated, when he grieves, you feel the same way. What you learn from a good scout sticks with you for a long time.

The Indian Scout had been under the weather for weeks. Finally, he perked up. Let's have a look at the three-way water shed spot in Hibbing, he said. He wanted to see the area left undisturbed by the mining industry. The area was important to our Ojibwe ancestors, he explained. Let's go.

The monster truck aimed north for the Hull-Rust Mahoning Open Pit Iron Mine on a sunny March afternoon. As we approached Hibbing, a large loaf-shaped tract of land rose along the horizon. Well now, doesn't that look unnatural, I observed to the

Scout. Just wait, he said. You haven't seen anything yet.

We cruised downtown Hibbing in search of a sign pointing to the mine. Millions of tons of earth had been removed throughout the area. Gullies and ridges pock Hibbing, pointing to the carelessness of a mining industry blind to the concept of restoration. Scout said that if the chewed-up land could speak, it would snarl and roar and strike back. Why do you suppose all those people on the Range are coming down with cancer, he said. The land gives as good as it gets.

The monster truck pulled into a park where the sun beat down on hard, encrusted snow. We made our way up a hill to a lookout platform.

The tiny undisturbed island of land sacred to the Ojibwe people barely poked its face from the miles of ransacked earth surrounding it. The island is the only point of land of its kind in the United States.

That's because it sits on a "triple divide" watershed, where melting snow can divide and flow in three different directions. North to Hudson Bay. South to the Atlantic Ocean.

East to Lake Superior and from there, to the Atlantic Ocean.

Our Ojibwe ancestors knew that importance hundreds of years ago, and called the site the "Hill of Three Waters," according to an undated news story from the Hibbing Daily Tribune. Council meetings were held at a big boulder near the small island. For hundreds of years Ojibwe from Mille Lacs and the Big Sandy Lake areas came north to the "hill." Ojibwe from what is now Canada came south. The Ojibwe traveled from Wisconsin, Fond du Lac and Nett Lake to that special place to meet, seek common ground and plan for the future.

Today a far different view stretches from the lookout stand. A Web site describes the Hull-Rust pit as the "Grand Canyon of the North." Wrong. I've seen the Grand Canyon, I know the Grand Canyon. The Hull-Rust pit is no Grand Canyon. The open pit is more like an open sore.

Later this year the scout wants to work with the mine land owners and arrange for a visit to the site. A van full of Fond du Lac'ers should make the trip, he said. He scoped the pit with his eagle eyes in search

of access roads. He wondered why the miners left that spot undisturbed all those years back. Just before we drove off, the scout pulled out a tobacco pouch and sprinkled tobacco in the direction of the vast, ore-torn land.

The visit to the pit felt more like attendance at a funeral, the scout said as his truck ambled back to the Rez.

I asked how he knew that the little island existed.

"I take the time out to find stuff like that," he said. "It's my responsibility to learn it. Only children and babies need to be told what to do all the time. When you're an adult, you should know better."

A review of the day included an excellent "Nasty New Yorker" sandwich at Hibbing's Jimmy's Restaurant, a photo opp of the "Bob Dylan Drive" street sign, a gentle drive north along tree-lined highways, and the usual acerbic comments from the scout on all things Ojibwe. Most of that will be forgotten in a few years time.

And the broken, battered land? It will haunt our memories for a long time.

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Senior's Legal Line Q&A

Questions on deceased husband's credit card debt; life insurance policies as assets

Dear Senior's Legal Line:
My husband recently died, leaving behind an unpaid credit card debt. He used the credit card for gambling, which I always discouraged. Now I am getting telephone calls from a collection agency telling me that I am responsible for my husband's credit card debt. My name was not on the card, and I never used it. I live on my small Social Security retirement benefit and can't afford to pay this gambling debt. What can I do?

— Edith

Dear Edith:

First I want to express my condolences on the loss of your husband. It is difficult enough dealing with the death of a family member without having to deal with collection agencies as well.

In Minnesota, a spouse is not liable to a creditor for the debts of the other spouse unless the debt was incurred for necessary medical services furnished to either spouse, and/or necessary household articles and supplies furnished to and used by the family.

If the debt was for necessary medical services or household supplies, a spouse still would only be responsible if both spouses were living together at the time the debt was incurred. In your situation, I assume you and your husband were living together when your husband used the credit cards for gambling. However, in my opinion, you are not liable because gambling is neither a necessary medical service nor a household article or supply.

When a client calls my office with this sort of problem, I typically contact the collection agency on the client's behalf to inform them of the Minnesota statute governing these matters. Sometimes creditors and their agents from other states are not familiar with Minnesota law. In the case of collection agencies, I typically demand that the collection agency cease communication with my client.

You can do this as well, by writing to the collection agency. The Fair Debt Collections Practices Act states that if you write to a collection agency and tell them to stop contacting you, they must do so, except in very narrow circumstances such as telling you that they are stopping collection

efforts or to notify you of what legal remedies they intend to pursue.

If you are disputing the debt, be sure to ask for a verification of the debt from the collection agency. They must give you information regarding the debt.

From the limited information you provided, the only way the creditor or collection agency could hold you liable for your husband's debt would be if you signed a contract agreeing to be liable. When you request a verification, you should also request a copy of your signature on the contract agreement to show if you are liable.

If a collection agency or creditor sues you, you have a defense to the lawsuit since Minnesota law states you are not liable. Because you would want to defend against such a lawsuit, do not ignore the legal papers you would receive. You will have to submit an Answer to the lawsuit within 20 days of receiving the lawsuit papers. An Answer is a legal document saying that you are not liable for the bill. Also, you would not want to miss the court appearance or the creditor/collection agency would win by default, and would then have a judgment against you. Since your only income is Social Security retirement benefits, you appear to be "judgment proof," but it is best to avoid the hassle of future collection efforts that would follow a judgment.

I encourage you to contact the collection agency to dispute the debt, request a verification of the debt, and to demand no further contact from the collection agency.

In short, you do not appear to be liable for your husband's credit card debt because he used the card for gambling.

Dear Seniors Legal Line:
I have a life insurance policy and I am wondering how that life insurance policy would be treated if I were to have to go to a nursing home. I understand that some life insurance policies are considered assets for Medical Assistance, and some are not. What is the difference? I am in my late 70's, but I'm still in good health. I do not have any long-term care or nursing home insurance.

— Claire

Dear Claire:

There are, indeed, two broad categories of life insurance: term life and whole life insurance. Each category receives a different treatment in a Medical Assistance (MA) assessment. While the two categories, term and whole, have many differences in costs and benefits, we will only address the effects for a person applying for Medical Assistance funded long term care or waived services. The purpose of this letter is not to recommend one type of policy over the other, but to explain the differences for an individual applying for MA for long term care coverage.

Term life insurance is usually offered for a specific length of time, often 10 or 20 years, and the premium amount is agreed upon in the policy language. Term insurance lasts for the length of the term, unless converted or extended, and does not build up cash value. In other words, a term life insurance policy only pays out if the insured person dies during the term of the insurance. If that does not happen, there is no benefit or payout as a result of the life insurance policy.

If you own a term life insurance policy, that policy will have no affect on an asset analysis for MA long-term care services. Because term life insurance does not have a cash value, it is not recognized as an asset during an application for MA.

Whole life insurance, also referred to as permanent life insurance, universal life insurance, and/or variable life insurance, combines the insurance coverage with an investment or cash value. Often a whole life insurance policy will allow you to get part of this cash value back by cashing in the policy or by borrowing against the cash value that has built up. A whole life insurance policy continues as long as the insured person lives and continues to keep the premiums and other requirements up to date.

The cash value in a whole life insurance policy is attributable to the owner of the life insurance policy, not the beneficiary of the policy. If you own a whole life insurance policy and you apply for MA long-term care, that policy could be counted as an asset to the extent of the available cash value as described above.

If the total cash value of all life

insurance policies owned by the Medical Assistance applicant is \$1,500 or less, that value can sometimes be considered an excluded asset under the "burial set-aside" rule. Medical Assistance for long-term care allows a person to keep up to \$1,500 over and above the normal asset limit as a "burial set-aside," but only if the applicant does not already have a prepaid burial plan or life insurance valued at more than \$1,500.

Note: there are several ways to fund burial expenses, such as through an insurance policy, a prepaid funeral plan, or by other means. Please seek further advice if you have questions about burial plans.

A person applying for Medical Assistance can only have \$3,000 in countable assets to be eligible for and receive Medical Assistance coverage. (If the applicant is married, this applies to the spouse needing the long-term care coverage. There are additional limits for a spouse who remains in the community.) For example, if a single person has a whole life insurance policy with a \$10,000 cash value, that \$10,000 will be added to the total asset value and will have to be spent down to the asset eligibility limit of \$3,000 before Medical Assistance coverage would kick in.

If Medical Assistance has already been applied for, and a spend down to the asset limit is required, there are strict limits on what the money can be spent on, namely health care needs. If assets are spent down prior to making application for Medical Assistance coverage, a person could spend down by paying valid debts, purchasing a prepaid funeral plan, or anything of value he or she may need or want. No gifting should be done within five years of anticipated need for Medical Assistance coverage in order to avoid ineligibility at application.

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.

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Head Start Round-up to be held April 16

The Head Start Program Round-up will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 16, 2008 in the Head Start Gymnasium in the Head Start building, 33 University Ave. Parents need to bring proof of income (pay stub, taxes, per cap statement, etc.) Applications for Head Start programs will be ready on and after April 16.

Children returning to Head Start or returning to Early Head Start do not need to reapply. However, children who were in the Early Head Start program and will move into the Head Start program need to apply. Early Head Start children are from six weeks of age to three years old. Children in the Head Start program must be three years of age by Sept. 1, 2008.

For more information, please call (218) 878-8100, or stop by.

Don't just dump unwanted pets

Anyone with an unwanted pet is encouraged to call the Friends of Animals Humane Society on Highway 33 in Cloquet at (218) 879-1655. The Friends will care for the animal and attempt to have it adopted into a loving home. Unwanted litters are welcomed at the Friends facilities.

Forestry Center needs full-time summer intern

The Cloquet Regional Extension Office at the Cloquet Forestry Center has a full-time hourly summer intern position available. The candidate must be familiar with American Indian culture and tribal issues, and have an educational focus or interest in natural resources. Must be currently enrolled in college; undergraduate status is preferred over graduate student status.

This is a great opportunity for a college student focusing on natural resources to learn more about the University of Minn. Extension Program and how to apply your expertise towards outreach educational programming. Salary: \$13/hour. Internship duration: up to 12 weeks.

For more information and application instructions go to <https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=70524>. The application deadline is May 5 or until an acceptable candidate is found.

To receive rebate, you MUST file taxes with IRS

The federal economic stimulus plan approved in February will pay rebates to those who filed income taxes by April 15, 2008. The rebates will be issued starting in May. The rebates are worth up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples filing joint returns, with an additional payment of \$300 per qualifying child.

People who paid no income taxes but earned at least \$3,000, including Social Security, railroad retirement and disabled veterans' benefits, will receive a \$300 stimulus payment as well, but they must file a 2007 tax return. For more information on the rebates, see <http://digits.hrblock.com/taxrebate/>

U.S. Ag Dept offers home ownership and repair aid

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has housing programs that help low income people with financing to become homeowners or to make home repairs.

USDA/Rural Development's direct housing program offers 100 percent financing to qualified applicants. You may purchase a new home, existing home or construct a new home. Loan payments are based on household income. Additionally, loans are made with a subsidy provision to make the payments affordable.

To qualify, you must meet Rural Development's income limits, have adequate and dependable income, have an acceptable credit history, be unable to obtain sufficient credit from other sources and you must show repayment ability for the loan requested.

The repair program interest rate is one percent. The funds may be used to make home repairs, install essential features or to remove health and safety hazards. The loans are based on repayment ability and you must have an acceptable credit history.

Call Rural Development for more information at (218)720-5330, ext. 4 or stop in at our office located at 4850 Miller Trunk Highway, Duluth, MN 55811.

Home for sale

Located in Sawyer area, on leased land. Newer home in great neighborhood. Three bedrooms, one bath, large deck, detached garage. Many updates,

including new roofs on house and garage. Asking \$136,000. Any questions or to view, call (218)348-7521 or (218)590-8541

Day care offered

Immediate openings for day care (infants and children age six weeks to school age) on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Call (218) 879-6825 or (218) 428-7212.

Help in resolving financial dilemmas

FDL Band Member Jeremiah Dunlap offers financial help for those drowning in debt and harassed by collection companies. "Team 72 Financial & Debt Solutions" specializes in settling outstanding debt, credit repair, financial education and literacy, and ways to avoid foreclosure. Call Jeremy at (916) 221-0605.

Please return books!

Those who have borrowed books from the Tribal Center Library are urged to return them so others can read them. Thank you.

Gardening class scheduled; tilling available until late May 2008

The popular Gitigaan Gardening classes started on March 18 and will continue until June 3, 2008. The classes are held at 5:30 each Tuesday at the Tribal Center.

Those who need to have their gardens tilled should call the Resource Management Division. The last date to sign up for tilling services is May 16. Please be sure to clear debris (string, tomato hangers, brush) from your garden. To schedule a tilling appointment, call Terri Redding at Resource Management, (218) 878-8001.

Classes offered in Cloquet to improve financial fitness

A "Common Cents: The Money Class" sponsored by Community Action Duluth will be held in April at the FDL Cloquet Community Center Library Classroom located in the Tribal Center, 1720 Big Lake Rd. The classes, designed to improve your financial fitness, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 14, 16, 21, and 23. The classes are free.

Topics include these: Budgeting to Create Savings; What's in a Credit

Report; Dealing with Collectors; Improving Your Credit Score; Getting Out of Debt; Understanding Credit Cards; Avoiding Predatory Lending; and Preventing ID Theft.

Food will be provided. The class size is limited. To register, call (218) 726-1665.

Notice to all Fond du Lac Band Members

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

Third neuter/spay vaccination clinic scheduled for May 13

The Friends of Animals Humane Society will do another spay/neuter and vaccination clinic starting at 7:30 a.m. on May 13, 2008. The surgical procedures will take place on the Neuter Commuter vehicle located at the Cloquet Drop-In Center on University Road. Vaccinations will start at 10 a.m.

This will be the third clinic sponsored by the Friends. There is no cost to the pet owner.

The animals will be admitted on a first come, first serve basis. You are encouraged to call early. The phone number is (218) 879-1655.

Informal Ojibwe language lessons offered Thursdays

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

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An open letter from Police Chief Wally Dupuis

FDL Communities:

On Feb. 16, a number of community members came together at the Cloquet ENP meeting room in what is hoped to be a growing program, "Bringing Communities Together Through Neighborhood Watch."

Discussions were productive with great individual input and insight. The efforts are to organize and implement a community watch program within each community of the Reservation. This neighborhood watch program acts as an added effort to protect local communities from criminal activity. It strives to involve citizens in crime prevention efforts. As a community, you are urged to speak with your fellow neighbors about their concerns regarding criminal activity in your area.

It is clearly understood that it may be hard to have every household involved. However, incorporating as many of your neighbors as possible will increase the likelihood for success

in reducing crime in your area.

Your neighborhood discussions should identify patterns of crime occurring in your neighborhood and develop strategies to address these problems. If all individuals interested in a watch program are aiming for the same goal, the program will be successful.

Please remember, though, that this is not an overnight process. It takes patience, planning and dedication. Fond du Lac Law Enforcement as well as the surrounding law enforcement agencies would be glad to work with any group interested in developing a watch group in your area.

If any individual or group would like more information regarding a watch program please feel free to call the Fond du Lac Police Department, (218) 878-8040.

Chief Wally Dupuis

Better cavity prevention for children and babies

The FDL Public Health Nursing Dept. has started a dental fluoride varnishing program designed to reduce tooth decay in babies and children. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and to help stop cavities that have already started.

Children as young as 12 to 18 months can get cavities that keep them from eating, speaking, sleeping and learning. The coating can be used when a baby gets its first tooth – only a small amount of coating is used. This method of cavity prevention has been used in Europe for more than 30 years.

The application takes about 10 to 15 minutes. There's no pain involved, but sometimes a baby or child will cry because they don't like strangers poking around in their mouths. The coating works best if it is painted on every three months.

Call the Fond du Lac Public Health Nursing Department at (218) 878-2128

for dates and locations when fluoride varnishing will be offered at the Center for American Indian Resources in Duluth, or the Min no aya win Human Services Center. No appointment is needed. The American Dental Association approves fluoride varnish.

Emergency Assistance offices relocate to Min no aya win Clinic

The Fond du Lac Emergency Assistance Program has moved from the Tribal Center to the Human Services Building of the Min no aya win Clinic on Trettel Lane. Applications can be picked up at the Human Services, Social Services Department (Lower level entrance door No. 3).

To facilitate the timely processing of your application, please bring income verification information and current documentation of your emergency situation. For more information, contact the Fond du Lac Social Services Department at (218) 878-2145.

Area News Briefs

Mille Lacs CEO offers new initiatives for '08

In the 24th annual State of the Band address, Mille Lacs Reservation Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin called for an increase in spiritual leaders, health initiatives for youth, more non-casino employment opportunities and a new training program in law enforcement.

Nearly 1,200 people attended the Jan. 8 event held at the Mille Lacs Grand Casino Events and Convention Center.

Benjamin said that in as few as 10 years, the Band would be without anyone to conduct the traditional ceremonies that must be done in the Ojibwe language. She asked Band Members to identify the men and women who could "take up the most important education of their lives." If a few people come forward who receive the approval of current spiritual leaders, the Band would support them "in their education and livelihood," Benjamin said.

An ongoing struggle with Mille Lacs County officials over whether the reservation even exists forced the Band to end its law enforcement agreement

with Mille Lacs County. To prepare for a time when the Band takes over criminal jurisdiction, Benjamin announced a public safety initiative providing training for law enforcement, including officers, dispatchers, legal work, probation and correction officers. She said the Band must prepare to eventually take over all public safety for all Band Members.

Benjamin also announced a healthy child initiative as the result of a diabetes study that showed that young children are already at a risk for diabetes. Additionally, she called for a 50 percent increase in the number of Band member-owned businesses over a five-year period. That goal would begin with an economic development summit with participation from business and finance experts from across the country. The non-casino businesses and employment opportunities would be tailored to Band Members in the Lake Lena area.

Minn. History Center features 19th Century Indian art exhibit

The Minnesota History Center is featuring 19th Century American

Indian items of art from the collection of Bishop Whipple. The exhibit runs through April 13.

The 40 objects in the exhibit include rare examples of traditional quillwork, beading, bandolier bags, and lace patterns created by students at Minnesota's mission schools. The admission fee is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and college students, and \$4 for children age 6-17. For more information, call (651) 259-3000. For a look at some of the items on display, go to the Minn. History Center website at www.mnhs.org/whipple

Bush proposes \$100 million in cuts to 2009 BIA budget

The 2009 federal budget proposed by President George Bush includes more than \$100 million in cuts to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year 2009. The total BIA budget is \$2.3 billion. The cuts would affect programs in health, education, law enforcement and housing. The programs to be eliminated including housing improvement and Indian lands consolidation programs.

Bush proposes \$25 million in cuts

to BIA education programs, including a \$15 million cut to elementary, secondary and post secondary education programs. The budget proposes a \$27 million cut for Indian school construction.

The budget includes a \$42 million increase to the Indian Health Service, but the impact of the increase is diminished due to overall cuts in health care programs. For example, Bush proposes a cut to the Urban Health program (\$35 million). Cuts are also proposed for the Indian Health Professions program (\$14 million) and the Health Care Facilities Construction program (\$21 million).

Funding for tribal courts would be cut by \$2.3 million; detention center improvement funds would be cut by \$3 million. Also, \$22.5 million would be eliminated from Dept. of Justice tribal law enforcement programs, which includes money for facility construction, tribal courts and alcohol and substance abuse reduction assistance grants.

Community news

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

Notes of thanks

A big migeetch to all who gave me gifts and cards at my retirement. I'll miss you all. Thanks for the kindness shown to me during my time at Fond du Lac.

A special thanks to Mike Himango for commenting on my work. Also, I can't forget Annette H. for all her coins. Bye for now.

Mary Davis

The family of **Viola Costello** would like to thank the FDL Reservation Business Committee for all the financial support we received toward Viola's funeral expenses. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Carol Woodward, daughter of Viola, wrote this in memory of her mother: "My life's purpose was to wander to and fro/where I was to stop I did not know./In each of your homes my time was spent/I had little or nothing but gave as I went./Love and laughter I did share, and in your hearts you knew I cared./As I go, I know I leave all with sweet memories./How all of you will remember me so!/ You'll laugh, you'll cry and say 'Oh my! -- Our mother, grandmother and great grandmother was the twinkle in our eyes./I had a long life and good life did I/See you all in the sweet by and by."

The family of Viola Costello

I would like to thank everyone for their support, encouragement, floral arrangements, food, and monetary donations during the illness and

death of my beloved husband, **Jerry Fairbanks**. The outpouring of support from the RBC, Sawyer Community Center, and community members was very comforting during this difficult and unexpected time.

In particular, I would like to thank the RBC, Sandy Shabiash, Brenda and Mark Blackwood, Nita Fineday, the Sawyer, Cloquet, and Brookston ENP, Dr. David Jorde, Doris and Billy Barham, Rita Ojibwe, the Cloquet Honor Guard, Handevitd Funeral Home, and many others who assisted and guided me during this extremely difficult time. I cannot thank you enough. Warmest regards,

Elaine Fairbanks

Thanks to all who filled out the Summer Lunch Survey from the February newspaper. We appreciate your thoughts, and will use the information in planning for future lunch programs.

We held a drawing on Valentine's Day. The prize winners are Melvin DeFoe, Tammy Sandoval, Amanda Misquadace, Sherry DeFoe, Darla Diver, Josh Martineau and Michael LaPrairie. Thanks again.

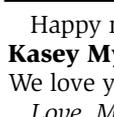
Staff members of the FDL Ojibwe School

Birthdays

Happy 50th birthday (April 8) to **Lonny Susienka** from your family. We love you, honey, and hope you celebrate many, many more birthdays. *Love from Deb and family*



Happy third birthday, **Dannin Barney!** (April 27)
Love, Momma



Happy ninth birthday **Kasey Myhre!** (April 13)
We love you lots.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sis



Happy 19th birthday **Krystal Rynders** (April 12)
We love you lots. May your day be as special as you are.
Love, Mom, Dad and Sis

Happy sixth birthday to **Sophia Mushkoub** (April 15).
Love, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, Uncle and all the kids



Births

Madelyn Grace Olson was born at the Cloquet Community

Memorial Hospital on Jan. 25, 2008 to Amanda Hansen and Nick Olson. She weighed an even eight pounds and was 21 inches in length.

A big welcome to little Madelyn from your Grandma Hansen!



Theodore James Yellow Robe was born on Nov. 26, 2007 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.6 inches in length. *His proud parents are Alisha DeFoe and Will Yellow Robe.*

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Welcome our 'Lil Abinoojiiens.

Charles Badmoccasin, Jr. was born Dec. 19, 2007 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He was seven pounds, 15.5 ounces and 19.8 inches long. His proud parents are Charles, Sr. and Darla (Diver) Badmoccasin. His sisters are Cheyenne, Kristina, Ayana, Sky, Ashley and Amanda. He is the new brother of Nicholas, and the new cousin of Tyler.

We love you very much! You make us all so happy!

From your family



Natalea Joyce Reynolds

was born on Jan. 28, 2008 at 2:54 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. She weighed nine pounds, 7.5 ounces and was 20.7 inches in length.

Her proud parents are Marella and Alvin Martineau, Sr.



Memorial

In loving memory of **Cheylye Marie Clark**, who would have been 14 years old on March 18. God sent for you to come home. He needed another angel, and chose you to be with him.

It is sad that your time with us was so short.

Cheylye, you will always be in our hearts and memories. You will never be forgotten. We will always love and miss you.

With love from Grandma Marge and Grandpa Kenny Clark

In memory of **John Francis Belcourt** (July 24, 1938 - Feb. 12, 2008) who passed away in Cloquet. He was born in Cass Lake, and was laid to rest at Bena Cemetery in Bena, Minn. He is loved and missed.

With love from Heather and the rest of the family

Obituaries

Frederick "Bill" William Cadotte Jr., 61, lifelong Superior area resident, died Jan. 19, 2008 while in hospice care at St. Mary's Hospital-Superior. He was born Sept. 26, 1946 in Minneapolis to Delores (Andersen) and Frederick W. Cadotte Sr.

Bill was a member of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, the Twin Ports Mustang Club and the Morning D.P. Club.

He entered the U.S. Marine Corps on Oct. 2, 1963, and served in Vietnam. Cpl. Cadotte was the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal and the Expert Badge in Rifle. After his discharge from the Marine Corps on Oct. 28, 1966, he joined the Minnesota Air National Guard 148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, working in security. Later he joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard based in Superior and traveled to Ft. McCoy as an instructor.

On Aug. 1, 1969, Bill became a member of the Superior Police Dept. He held the rank of sergeant, was a school liaison officer, and also a canine officer for many years working with his partner, Lobo. They competed nationally in police canine competitions, placing third and fifth in the nation. He retired Dec. 31, 1987.

On Nov. 27, 1971, he was united in marriage to Arlene Marie Plunkett, and they made their home in Superior. Together they raised two children and eventually moved to the village of Superior. In 1996 the family moved to the town of Oakland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Chrystal B. Warn. Survivors include his wife; children, Maj. Eric J. (Jody E.) Cadotte of Charleston AFB, S.C. and Kelly Marie Cadotte of Superior; and a brother, Timothy Cadotte of Minneapolis.

A memorial in Bill's honor was held.

Viola Costello, 90, died after a short illness on Jan. 20 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. Her family was by her side.

Viola was born in Cloquet on Sept. 22, 1917 to Frank and Margaret Mains (Porter). She loved to spend time with her friends and family. She especially enjoyed playing the slot machines at the casino.

Survivors include sons; John Belcourt of Dunseth, N.D., Ernest Belcourt of Bena, Minn., Scherwin Costello of Brook Park, Minn. and Charlie Costello of Minneapolis, Minn.; daughters Patricia Campbell of Duluth, LaVonne Arrell of Duluth, Carol Woodard of Ellsworth, Wis. Julie Ann Costello of Hastings,

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Minn. and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Costello and her son, Vincent Demo.



Dave M. DePoe, 49, of Cloquet passed away peacefully on Jan. 21 at his home. He was born to Nadine Gurno King and David F. DePoe on May 25, 1958 in Cloquet.

Dave attended Garfield Elementary School in Cloquet and middle school in Duluth. He graduated from Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. He loved athletics and lettered in football, wrestling, and track and field.

Dave married Patricia Belgarde in 1977. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1977 and became a member of the elite 82nd Airborne Division. He received an honorable discharge in 1980. He returned home and took a job at Potlatch Corporation, where he worked for 17 years. Dave received his truck driving certification from Lake Superior College. He was employed by Fond du Lac Propane Company. Dave served as a coach for the FDL Ojibwe School football team.

Dave was preceded in death by his daughter, Natasha Elizabeth DePoe, and his grandparents, Leonard and Betty Gurno.

He is survived by sons, Davalance (Samantha Greensky) DePoe of Eagan, Minn., Davin (Nicole Reale) DePoe of Cloquet, a grandson, Davin Gabriel DePoe, parents, David (Eileen) DePoe of Bloomington, Minn. and Nadine (Rodney) King of Cloquet; brothers and sisters Patti (Fred) Petite, Melanie (Louis) Strom, Jaime (Dawn) DePoe, Andrew "Darin" (Christine) DePoe, Roger "Bouda" (Vickie) Smith, all of Cloquet; stepbrothers, Christopher King of Saint Paul, Minn., Robert (Jodi) King of Cloquet; stepsisters, Katherine (Paul) Smith of Cloquet, and Michelle (Micheal) Verley of Vadnais Heights, Minn.; special friend, Mary Fairbanks, special daughter, Maraya "My Girl" Fairbanks, and special son, Gabriel Fairbanks; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on Jan. 24 and continued until Jan. 25 with the funeral Mass of Christian Burial at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cloquet. Interment was at the New Holy Family Cemetery. Full Military Honors were provided by the Cloquet Combined Honor Guard accorded with the Minnesota Airborne Honor Guard.

Gerald "Jerry" W. Fairbanks, Nechiwaakwaang, 57, of Sawyer, passed away on Jan. 28, after a courageous battle with diabetes and heart disease. He was born on April 22, 1950 to William and Alvina (Robinson) Fairbanks in Cass Lake, Minn.



Jerry was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Some of his many accomplishments include these: founder of the Twin Eagles Indian Association, an Inter-Tribal Association that covered the Ark-La-Tex region. (This organization raised funds for scholarships for Indian people.) Jerry was a board member of the greater Shreveport, Louisiana Human Relations Committee and he also served on the board of the Multi Cultural Center of the South. He served on the FDL Veteran's Committee and Honor Guard. For hobbies, Jerry went hunting, fishing or played cribbage, said his wife, Elaine. He loved going to Vikings games outings in Minneapolis with the Sawyer Community Center. "He just liked being with people," Elaine said. "I called him a social butterfly."

Jerry's artwork was auctioned with proceeds to support the American Diabetes Association. His many talents include drawing, writing, silversmith, beadwork, teaching and speaking. A spiritual person, he was very proud of his Indian heritage and traditions. "Jerry was always comfortable with who he was," Elaine said, adding that he strongly advocated for all Indians, no matter what their tribe. He worked as a registered nurse for most of his working life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jerry Jr.; identical twin brother Joe; brother Hubert and sister Edwina. Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Elaine; son, David; grandchildren Matthew and Jonathan. He is also survived by five siblings, including special sisters Pat and Janis; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends; and his special babies, Margot, Charly and Maggie.

Visitation was held on Jan. 31, and continued until the next day followed by a Funeral Service at the Sawyer Center. Pallbearers were John Roterman, Tom Collier, Raf Blacketter, Wayne Dupuis, Mark Blackwood and Shawn Savela. Interment will be in Saint's Mary & Joseph Cemetery, Sawyer.

Dell Marie (Wuollet) Johanson, 50, of Cloquet, died Feb. 21 in her home.

Dell was born Oct. 24, 1957 in Cloquet and graduated from Cloquet High School in 1975. She earned a business degree from Concordia College in St. Paul. She worked for the Fond du Lac Reservation in Education and Accounting Divisions starting in 1993.

Six years ago she accepted a position as Coordinator of Administration and Finances with the Min no aya win Human Services Division. Dell was passionate about her flower gardening, and was a gifted photographer. Examples of her pictures of an ice storm from last winter are displayed in the Dottie Tibbetts Conference Room of the Min no aya win Clinic.

Dell was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Russell Johanson; her grandparents, Doris Tibbetts, Ben Novacinski, and Charles and Melita Wuollet; great grandparents, Frank and Flora Whitebird.

She is survived by her husband, Gene; daughter, Amanda Johanson (Jeff Kocinski) of Chicago; mother, Bunny (Kenneth) Jaakola; father, James Wuollet; sister, Elizabeth Jaakola; brother, Lance Wuollet, brother-in-law, Jay Johanson, sister-in-law Kathy (Jim) Putman; and nephews, Hunter and Xander of Cloquet; mother-in-law, Donna Johanson of Florida, and grandfather, Sewell Tibbetts of Cloquet.

Dell is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and all of her precious friends. A memorial service was held on Feb. 23 at the FDL Elderly Nutrition Program meeting rooms of the Tribal Center. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorials be made in Dell's name that promote the health and well being of the FDL community. For example, trees and flowers could be planted in Dell's name.

Raymona Ann Ojibway (Hilton) (Krueger), 80, of Cloquet, passed away Jan. 30, at Sunnyside Health Care in Cloquet.

She was born Feb. 5, 1927 in Cloquet to Wilford and Marcelline (Bassett) Ojibway and attended Cloquet High School. Raymona was very active in the Elder groups at Fond du Lac Reservation. She loved to go on trips, do puzzles, crocheting, ceramics and painting, and loved the outdoors. Raymona also liked playing cards and playing with her very special little brown dog, "Risky Brat."



She was a Band Member, and active participant with the Cloquet Moose Club and Eagles Club. Raymona was employed by the Diamond Brand Corporation for 27 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Chester Hilton and her second husband, Victor Krueger; one brother, John Ojibway; and one sister, Winifred Kauppi.

She is survived by two daughters, Heidi Hilton of Cloquet and Joni Hilton of Cass Lake; one sister, Marlys Anderson of Cloquet; three grandchildren, Luke, Shane and Tyler; sister-in-laws, Delores Bohren, Mary Ojibway, Midge Hilton, Aldeline Leritz and Betty Hilton; and very special friends, Greta and Jack Klassen and Joe Nowak.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 5, followed by internment at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Elizabeth "Betty" Vogan, 56, of Cloquet passed away on Feb. 18 following complications of leukemia. She



was born on April 28, 1951 in Cloquet to Joseph and Ramona (DeFoe) Thompson. She attended school at Brainerd Indian School in Flandreau, S.D.

Betty worked at Severson Fishery, the FDL Furnace Factory, Construction Company and Housing, Black Bear Casino and Fingerhut. She had a big heart and enjoyed her family, friends, nieces and nephews. She collected newspapers from other states and Betty Boop Collectables. She really enjoyed Harley Davidson items. She had little, but shared what she had with friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers Lawrence and Riley "Juggie" Thompson. She is survived by her son Edward Kearns of Rochester, Minn; granddaughter Brandi; six brothers, Emmett (Abbie) of Calif., Joseph (JoAnn), Frank, Bruce, Chico (Neva) and Dennis Sr. all of Cloquet; four sisters Betty (Robert) Skull of Calif., Nancy (Henry) Seppala of Duluth, Gail (J.R.) Thompson and Bonnita (Glen) Osceola both of Cloquet; many nieces, nephews and other relatives. She is also survived by her special friend Sister Carmalida, who cared for Betty in her younger years and stayed in contact with Betty until her passing.

Visitation was held on Feb. 21; a funeral service was held at the Handevitd Funeral Home on Feb. 22. Burial was at the New Holy Family Cemetery, Cloquet.

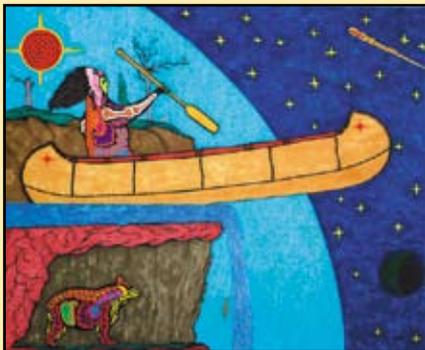


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 *The Brookston District did not have calendar information available in time for the newspaper publication deadline.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Tribal Primary Elections 1	Open Gym 2	Drum Group 6-8 CPR & First Aid-CAIR 8:30-4:30 Conferences- Early release Men's Night 6-8pm 3	Youth Movie Night 5-8pm 4	Movie Night Swimming Class 2-6pm (Family Movie Day) 5
Community golf 12-4pm Swimming Class 4-5pm 6	GED 6-9pm Women's Night 6-8pm Open Gym 7	Drum Group 6-8pm CAIR - WIC 12-3pm- School Brd. Mtg. Sewing 5-8pm (Story Telling) 8	Craft Night 4:30-6pm Open Gym 9	Drum Group 6-8pm Swimming OJS girls basketball 3-5pm 10	GED 6-9 Headstart PowWow 2-6pm Youth Game Night 5-7pm 11	Swimming Class 2-6pm (Ice Cream Social 2-4pm) 12
Community golf 12-4pm Swimming Class 4-5pm 13	GED 6-9pm OJS girls basketball 3-5pm Open Gym 14	Drum Group 6-8pm MNAW - WIC 12-3pm Sewing 5-8pm (Potluck) 15	Craft Night 4:30-6pm Parent Mtg. Open Gym 16	Drum Group 6-8pm RBC Open Mtg. Brookston Center 1:30pm Men's Night 6-8pm 17	GED 6-9pm Diabetes Support Group 9:30-11am Youth Movie Night 5-8pm (Adult Movie Night) 18	Family Night Adult b-ball tourney 9am Swimming Class 2-6pm (Air Hockey Tourney 2pm) 19
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Swimming Class 4-5pm Adult Cribbage/pool tourney 1-done 27	GED 6-9pm No School Open Gym 28	Drum Group 6-8pm Sewing 5-8pm 29	Craft Night 4:30-6pm Open Gym (Sobriety Feast) Health Services Sawyer Center FDL Ojibwe School Cloquet Center (Drop In) Brookston 30			

Ojibwe artist William Wilson's art is on exhibit at the Tweed Museum of Art at the University of Minnesota Duluth. The Museum address is 1201 Ordean Court, Duluth. The exhibit runs through April 27 and is free and open to the public.



Wilson was raised in Ontario, Canada and now lives in Missouri's Ozark foothills. The exhibit, called

Ojibwe Inabandamowin (Ojibwe Dreams), includes 40 drawings in the Woodlands style. Many of the works depict an inner spirit and an outer form. Wilson's art is inspired by dreams, visions and the stories he heard from his elders. He also makes traditional Ojibwe beadwork, baskets, cradleboards, snowshoes, moccasins and pipes.

Cookie Monster took a break from Cookie's busy schedule to teach Brookston's Head Start children about healthy snacks. Seems Cookie had a toothache, so the children heard about eating fewer sweets and the importance of brushing teeth. The kids made their visit to the Min no aya win Dental Clinic in February. Each child got to sit in the dental chair and become familiar with dental equipment so when they make for-real visits to the clinic, they'll feel less fear. Shown here on the left is Dental Assistant Beth Howe. On the right is Brookston Head Start teacher "Miss Trish."

