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Stories from where the water stops



*Jezlyn Abramowski (left) and Justice Paro are two sisters who both received full ride scholarships for their academic success, but it's also the work the two have accomplished outside of school that is so impressive. Read their story on page 3. Photo Courtesy of Jarvis "Chubbs" Paro.*

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# Local News

## FDLOS Honor Roll

With the first quarter of the school year over, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School (FDLOS) released their first quarter honor roll list. Congratulations to all who made this quarter's list.

### A honor roll: (name, grade)

Joseph C. Wichern (9)  
Delamecia T. Saice (12)

### B honor roll:

Olivia M. Boshey (7)  
Onix J. Downwind (7)  
Ariana L. Pemberton (7)  
Jaimie R. Petite (7)  
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Jordell J. Brown (10)  
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Cash N. Herrera (10)  
Tiara E. Kingbird (10)  
Emma M. Lightfeather (10)  
James R. Wichern (10)  
Jordan V. Brown (11)  
Racheal L. Fosness (11)  
Gabriel S. Hudson (12)  
Devin S. Lintgen (12)  
Kiara S. Lockling (12)  
Jazmine M. Ojibway (12)  
Nicholas J. Stapleton (12)  
Gloria E. Yellow (12)

## New FDL PSA for vaccines in children

Dr. Charity Reynolds, Fond du Lac's Medical Director, delivered a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) on Facebook about the safety and importance of the Pfizer vaccine in children ages 5-11.

In her PSA she directs parents of children in the group to get their children vaccinated as over 300 children in this age group have been hospitalized with COVID-19. She also states that thousands of children participated in the age group and that the vaccines are safe for children.

To watch the full PSA visit:  
<https://fb.watch/9DhecSb3zf/>

## FDL honored by IHS

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on all of us for many different reasons, but the ones impacted the most during the last 21 months has been healthcare workers.

Indian Health Services (IHS), therefore, created the COVID-19 Pandemic Heroism Award to honor organizations who have done all that they can to protect their citizens and one of the recipients was our very own Fond du Lac Human Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Team. FDL's PHEP team was honored with this award for all that they've done to help keep our community safe which, as IHS wrote, is why they

began giving this award to organizations.

This Award was created to recognize exceptional, dedicated work and selfless responses in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This Award recognizes service that advanced the IHS mission and vision through work focused on the aims and objectives in the IHS COVID-19 Action Plan.

1. Prevent the spread of COVID-19
2. Detect cases of COVID-19
3. Treat COVID-19 cases and sustain regular operations
4. Manage resources
5. Provide comprehensive situational awareness of COVID-19 activities

FDL was one of many teams that was honored with the award for all the hard work done since March 2020 and we are all grateful for all they've done to keep us safe.

## How to keep safe this winter against Omicron

This winter is already beginning to look a lot like last winter. Rising cases are leading to more people getting vaccinated, but people gathering and gathering indoors is making controlling the virus difficult.

There are still two important things that we can all do to help limit the spread: get tested and boosted. Many people who have been vaccinated, or even boosted, tend to neglect testing, but testing

continues to be an important tool in this battle against the virus.

People who have been vaccinated tend to think they don't need to get tested, but that is not the case. As Vox reports the vaccines aren't going to be perfect and aren't going to hold that immunity forever.

However, the immune protection from vaccines wanes over time, and the rise of variants like omicron stand to erode that shielding further. This leaves even vaccinated people at risk of contracting the virus, sometimes without any symptoms, and potentially spreading it to others. Most of these breakthrough infections have been mild, but some vaccinated people have fallen ill and even died from Covid-19.

The type of test also matters, and as Vox reports, it's very important to have the tests readily available.

Rapid antigen tests take only 15 minutes, you can often self-adminis-

ter them at home, and they're cheap — currently about \$10 per test.

They look for proteins made by the coronavirus. "The great thing with the rapid tests is that they save time, you get results immediately, they're actionable," said Greninger.

To catch potential infections early, researchers say it's worth stocking up and keeping some rapid tests on hand, if feasible. That way the test is ready and available as soon as you need it, and you don't have to go to a store or clinic to get a result.

We are all worn down by this virus and tired of doing all the right things, but we need to continue to do our part to put an end to this pandemic.

Source: <https://www.vox.com/22814390/omicron-covid-19-vaccine-rapid-test-antigen-pcr-vaccine>



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

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

opinion pieces or letters to the editor. There is an abundance of opportunity for the publishing, airing and dissemination of material of personal opinion in other communication vehicles available throughout the area, region and state.

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

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# Local News

## Sisters headed to college on full scholarships

By Zachary N. Dunaiski

Justice Paro and Jezlyn Abramowski are two hard-working sisters who both received full ride scholarships to college next year.

Justice, a two-sport athlete, will be going to the college she most wanted to go to after being accepted to Bethany

College, and the reason she chose Bethany College was to be able to continue her athletic career.

“It was one of the only colleges that gave me both options for basketball and softball and I could never really choose ever between the

two sports,” Justice said about choosing Bethany College.

“That and the program for my major, Communications-Media arts, and the education I want. So it was perfect for me.”

As soon as Justice knew she had the chance to go to Bethany College, which was her first choice because she knew she was going to get to continue her athletic career, the choice became easy.

“Once I saw that Bethany was interested, I just started looking into it and visited them,” Justice

said of the school recruiting her. “Everything was good when I visited there.”

Jezlyn on the other hand had a long process of finding out about her full scholarship, as she had to wait four months until she found out, and still didn’t know right away which college she would be going to.

**“I started the process of applying to the QuestBridge scholarship in August. I just found out that I got picked by Brown University.”**

*-Jezlyn Abramowski*

“I started the process of applying to the QuestBridge Scholarship in August. It is a really competitive scholarship. There is about 16,000 students that applied this year. Those of us that moved to the finalist round, which just means you’re

accepted to the QuestBridge program, sent our QuestBridge application to a list of up to 12 colleges that they’re partners with,” Jezlyn said of the process. “Then after you send your applications in the colleges evaluate them and if they choose you back, then you receive a full ride scholarship to that college.”

Jezlyn on the other hand didn’t choose just one college, she chose from a handful of colleges and then got chosen based on the scholarship program she was involved in.

“You don’t get to pick your college, you just get to pick your list and the college will pick you. Once the college picks you, if they do, it’s binding,” Jezlyn said of the process with QuestBridge. “I just found out that I got picked by Brown University.”

Both young women have accomplished a lot in their lives as both earned academic scholarships. But it is their work outside of school that puts them above most young women their age. Justice, being a two-sport athlete, learned during her youth the importance of balancing time.

“I always had to put away time with friends and everything because growing up I had tournaments and stuff on the weekends or I had practices during the week,” Justice said about how hard it is to get accepted into college for both sports and academics. “Time with friends was always little. But when school was in and it wasn’t summer, I always had to put school, then sports, then friends. It’s always been priorities first. Fun last.”

Jezlyn also learned how to balance her time, but her interests

fell outside the world of sports, but that doesn’t mean she didn’t have a lot on her schedule.

“Most of my extracurriculars are National Honor Society, Youth in Action, a volunteering club, and Upward Bound, a college prep program,” Jezlyn said of her work outside of school.

“I started Youth in Action in 9th grade and just went to bi-weekly meetings and they gave me volunteer opportunities. So things out in the community like Bentleyville, food drives, just stuff like that. I also volunteer with Upward Bound because they’re big on volunteering too.”

The two sisters have a lot of respect for one another and see that their sister works really hard to get where they both are today.

“Justice is hard working. She’ll put her goals before everything else that she does,” Jezlyn said about her sister. “I always see her every weekend, she’s going to her tournaments. She’s always at practice every night, she just dedicates her times to her goals and she makes sure her priorities are straight.”

Justice mirrored her sister’s

words while also paying her an impressive compliment when you consider both sisters are receiving full ride academic scholarships.

“I could say pretty much the same thing. She’s always making sure her priorities are straight,” Justice said of her sister’s work ethic. “She’s always just been a hard worker. She always puts school first. I have kind of used that as inspiration to stay on top of school too. She’s always the smarter one I’d say.”

Justice’s accomplishments have also pushed Jezlyn to be better and it was something she wanted to acknowledge too.

“Probably just balancing my life,” Jezlyn said of what she wished she could do as well as her sister. “She is really good at balancing and finding time for all her stuff and just making sure she gets everything done. So I just need some more of that in my life.”

Both of these women have accomplished so much in their life, but also understand that they’ve accomplished so much with the support of their family, friends, teachers, coaches, and so many more in the community.

# RBC Thoughts

## Secretary/ Treasurer News

### Boozhoo,

I have a difficult time getting into the holiday season when it is mid-December and we are having a heat wave. It is going to be 50 this week with rain! I would like to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family and friends and that your home and heart are filled with happiness. May the new year bring you and your family safety, health, and happiness.

The major project under my office has concluded for this year. We have approved our annual budget for the Reservation within the specified timeframe under the constitution. All our programs have their next year's budget approved and ready to start working January 1, 2022. I have to thank all the accounting staff for their persistence in getting the information from our directors. The directors for putting their budgets together on time and the RBC for working diligently to complete the process.

With the budget being finished this year the approval included some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are designated for Band members. You should have received your stimulus payment by now. There is also the energy assistance program that was approved which is

similar to last year's program. You should be receiving an application in the mail soon. We have included the furnace and stove program again so if you need furnace work or a kitchen stove please contact our energy assistance program. We have continued with our food shelf program and given away turkeys and hams again. I have received good comments on all these programs by all participants.

If you have kept up with the news about COVID you will see that we continue to have issues with the pandemic. The infection rate on the Reservation continues to be high as our community is still



Ferdinand Martineau

resistant to taking the vaccine. The low vaccination rate continues in our younger age groups. We also experienced losing some staff when our mandatory vaccination date came. We are trying several different ways to combat the effects of the pandemic. We have increased our minimum wage to \$15 per hour hoping to bring some renewed interest in working for the Band. Our problem seems to be with recruiting new employees and keeping them. Hopefully the increase in starting wages will help with attracting and retaining new staff. Only time will tell if we are moving in the right direction.

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

*Gii ga waa ba min.*

## Brookston News

### Boozhoo,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. I also hope that 2022 will be bigger and brighter than 2021. I can surely attest that 2021 was a very challenging year for many. We know that we have dealt with many losses to our communities and to our families. Some of these losses were very tough to navigate through as there were some that had dealt with more than one loss in their family. We ask to keep these families in our thoughts and prayers in the coming year and to let them know that they are not alone going forward.

We certainly did not think that we would have to be discussing COVID-19 after last year, but it still persists in our communities. We hope that everyone that can get vaccinated, does get vaccinated. Please keep up the precautions of social distancing, wearing a mask, and utilizing hand sanitizer.

I hate to dwell on how challeng-

ing 2021 was, but Fond du Lac experienced some success. We became members of the Intertribal Buffalo Council and received our first grant from them in order to complete our feasibility study which should be completed in the first part of 2022. We have completed the Tagwii Recovery building and will start chemical dependency recovery operations there at the beginning of this year.

We have received the revenue from the agreement with Enbridge. This has enabled us to keep making per capita payments to the Band Membership throughout the pandemic. We were very successful in obtaining CARES funding and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to assist the Band in recovering from the pandemic.

We successfully lobbied to get the Governors Tribal Consultation Executive Order turned into State Law! This will ensure that Tribes of Minnesota will get invited to the table in yearly discussions on Health and Human Services, Natural Resources, Commerce, Education & Higher Education, Agriculture, Economic Development, and Department of Hu-



Roger M. Smith Sr

manities. We have started on the Regional Drinking Water Project with completion at the end of 2022. This will be displayed proudly with a water tower with Fond du Lac's Logo! We have been in discussion with Housing staff and architects about the construction of the NEW Brookston Elderly Building which will be 5 units and I believe available towards the end of 2022.

I know there are several other victories that WE as the Band have had throughout the year. Like I have said before, I did not list any of our amazing accomplishments as "I", but as "WE". I do this for the simple reason that it is the "WE" that accomplishes the very difficult tasks. You may not know that one way or another that you were part of these by making comments during meetings or individual conversations. I also believe in order for us to be successful, it must be "WE" that are successful together.

I again wish everyone the happiest of New Years and I wish you and your families the best of health in 2022!!! Chi Miiigwech!!!

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# RBC Thoughts

## Gichi Manidoo Giizis Traditional Pow Wow

☐ Taking Care of the Land and Community ☐

**Saturday January 15th, 2022**  
**Warm-ups on Friday January 14th 7pm**



**EMCEE**

**Les Gibbs**

**Arena Director**

**Terry Goodsky and Leland Whitefeather Jr.**

**Spiritual Advisor**

**Ricky DeFoe**

**Host Drum**

**Miziwekaamiikiinaan**

**Head Dancers**

**Sarah Agaton Howes & Herb Fineday**

**Registration: 10am**  
**Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm**  
**Feast at 5pm**

**Black Bear Casino Resort**  
**Otter Creek Event Center**  
**1785 Highway 210**  
**Carlton, MN 55718**

**BB Hotel Reservations: 1-888-771-0777**  
**First American Hotel: 1-218-384-3535**  
**Royal Pines Hotel: 218-384-2071**

Join our event on the 13 Moons Ashi niswi giizisoog Facebook page

### Taking Care of the Land and Community

Info booths and displays of Tribal, State, Federal and County programs involved in taking care of the land and community.

Vendor tables available

For more information contact:

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### Cloquet News

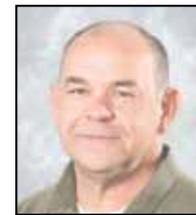
Hello all

I hope you are having a good holiday season and just want to say Happy Holidays to you all.

One of the important things that we have been working on this month is the Lutsen Mountain ski resort expansion that is being proposed. The U.S. Forest Service is contemplating giving the resort a permit to use hundreds of acres of land. This land is in the 1854 treaty area and is a prime hunting and gathering area and is mostly a maple tree stand. This property has a history of Tribal use for maple sugaring. If the U.S. Forest Service does issue this permit the three Bands would lose yet more Ceded territory to use for hunting fishing and gathering. We as well as the other two Bands are watching this very closely.

As you all may know, the State of Minnesota is on top of the chart nationwide for COVID cases right now and it is

steadily climbing. This is very concerning to all of us here at FDL. The RBC looks to our Emergency Response Coordinator as well as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) team for guidance and recommendations on responding to this pandemic. I know at times these decisions can appear inconsistent. However, I assure you they are making these recommendations in the best interest of the community.



Wally Dupuis

On another note, please congratulate Melvin Barney as he has been chosen to lead our police department. Mel has a number of years of experience with FDL and has grown with the department. I am

looking forward to working with Chief Barney and watching as he navigates through the issues that continue to come up.

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



# Etc

## 2022 Regular election calendar

January 7: Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.

January 13: Election Announcement

January 14: 8 a.m. - Opening of period for filing for office.

January 24: Close of filing period

February 3: Selection of Election Court of Appeals Judge (For certification of candidate)

February 10: Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC.

February 14: Challenge certification or non-certification to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.

February 15: Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.

February 15: Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.

February 16: Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by 4:30 p.m.

February 18: Answer to challenge from the person whose certification is being challenged to the MCT by 4:30 p.m.

February 22: Deadline for Decision of certification or non-certification by Tribal Court of Appeals.

February 24: Notice of Primary Election and Posting.

February 28: TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.

March 31: Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.

**April 5: Primary** (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.) 2

April 6: General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results. (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)

April 7: General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.

April 8: Deadline for Request for

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

April 8: Deadline to Post Regular Election Notice without Primary

April 12: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election.

(Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).

April 13: (Results, if Allowed or 11th or 12th If earlier request)

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

April 22: Deadline for Decision on Contest

April 25 (or within 3 days of decision on Contest) 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).

April 28 (at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date): Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.

May 2 (hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal). Last Day for Hearing on Appeal

May 12 (10 days from hearing on appeal). Last Day for Decision on Appeal

May 13: Notice of General Election (or earlier if no appeal).

May 13: TEC provides ballots for General Election (or earlier if no appeal).

**June 14: General Election** (Polling Places open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.)

June 15: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election. Prior to 8 p.m.

June 16: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.

June 17: Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)

June 21: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for

Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)

June 22 (or 21, if request for Recount is filed before deadline): Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.

July 1st: Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.

July 5th (or within 3 days of decision on Contest): 4:30 p.m.

- Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).

July 8th (at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date): Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.

July 12th (hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal). Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.

July 12th: Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.

July 22 (or Ten days from Hearing on Appeal): Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.

Day following Decision of Appeal: Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.

## National Tribal trial college open admission: 6-month legal advocacy certificate

The National Tribal Trial College, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Law School and the United States Department of Justice, is now accepting applications for a free, 6-month Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy. Now in its eighth year, this innovative and highly acclaimed legal education model addresses the critical shortage of attorneys in Indian

Country and Alaska by training laypersons to litigate the most urgent legal needs: divorce, custody, domestic violence protection orders, child support, and victim rights.

In just 6 months, graduates master the legal skills necessary to practice law in Tribal Courts across the United States. No undergraduate degree is required to gain admission to this highly competitive program. Priority of admission is given to applicants with demonstrated experience serving American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

To date, 177 Legal Advocates from 72 Tribes in 24 states have completed the rigorous, 240-hour course. NTTC graduates have gone on to represent thousands of clients who otherwise would have no access to justice. “Our graduates are actually more qualified to provide legal representation in Tribal Courts than most attorneys”, says the Dean of the National Tribal Trial College, Hallie Bongar White. “They can live and work in their own communities while completing the 20 week/200 hours of online study before completing a hands-on, 40 hour ‘trial skills bootcamp’ at the University of Wisconsin Law School. The faculty are Indian law and litigation experts with real world expertise advancing safety and justice in Tribal courts.”

For more information about the National Tribal Trial College and to access the application, please visit [www.nttconline.org](http://www.nttconline.org).

## Mid-year assessments

From Nissa Whipple (math coach), Deanna Fosness (math coach), Dawn Liimatainen (reading coach)

Boozhoo!  
The FDL Ojibwe School’s math and reading coaches want to

remind all our families that mid-year assessments have started and will continue through January. We are excited to see how much our students have grown already this year, but we need your help.

During this time, please be sure your student gets plenty of rest and also eats a healthy breakfast if they choose to eat at home. Please remind your child to take his or her time and to read questions and answer choices carefully before selecting their final choice. It also helps to remind students of how much they have learned this year and how proud we all are of their growth.

We love to help our students learn and succeed. Regular attendance is critical for our students’ progress and testing completion. For our online students, having a quiet place to work with minimal distractions is very important.

## LUC notice

The Land Use Committee (LUC) is seeking an individual from the Cloquet District to serve on the committee.

The purpose of this committee is to advise, assist, and oversee the use, protection, and development of land within the boundaries of the Reservation. Interested individuals should contact Jack Bassett at (218) 878-8043 or by email [Jackbassett@fdlrez.com](mailto:Jackbassett@fdlrez.com).

Requests must be received by February 1, 2022.

## Nov. 2, 2021 Zoom school board meeting minutes

Called to Order: 12:08 pm

### Roll Call:

Present: Deb Johnson-Fuller, Robert Peacock, Michael Diver, Jeffrey Tibbetts, Carol Wuollet, Dawn Ammesmaki and Naomi Northrup

# Etc

Others present: Superintendent Jennifer Murray, School Principal Valerie Tanner, Grants & Accountability Manager Maria Defoe, Assistant Principal Tara Dupuis, Guidance Counselor Vicki Oberstar, Athletic Program Manager Earl Otis and Jason Brown.

Reading of Mission Statement and Vision: Jennifer Murray  
Add September 7, 2021 meeting minutes to agenda that were tabled

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

Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2021: motion made by Michael Diver, 2nd by Jeffrey Tibbetts, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 5, 2021: motion made by Jeffrey Tibbetts, 2nd by Naomi Northrup, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

### Review of Ledger:

Jennifer Murray reviewed for school board

### New Business:

COVID 19 update:

- CUE rapid testing in place
- Testing students prior to re-entering the building
- Lost 4 staff to COVID mandate
- Sharon will look at contracting a nurse through Health Pro to help out school nurse
- Carlton County will start vaccinations next week for children 5-11 years old.

### COVID Guidance for Basketball Season:

- Players will vaccinate or quarantine
- More girls than boys are currently vaccinated because the girls played volleyball
- The basketball team will follow the volleyball protocol with the addition of weekly testing of athletes

Motion made by Jeffrey Tibbetts, 2nd by Naomi Northrup, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried.

### MN American Indian State Aid Grant:

• Need signature from School Board Chairperson  
Student Request for Headphones Letter:

• The school board would like the teacher's views/opinions and have them establish guidelines with students

• Thank You Kiara for the nicely written persuasive letter.

This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting so the board can follow up on the request

### Old Business:

Strategic Plan Review:

- Leadership meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.
  - 90-day template with goal setting was sent so the action road map can be completed for 2022 School Board Sub-Committee:
  - Safety Committee meeting Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.
- 2021 Superintendent Evaluation

• Robert and Deb met with Jennifer Murray and it will contain 2 parts: FDLOS Strategic Plan and FDL Reservation evaluation form

• Board would like to have Strategic Plan ready for December school board meeting to vote on it.

### Supervisor Reports:

Superintendent Jennifer Murray- Reviewed; Building Principal Valerie Tanner Reviewed; Education Grants and Accountability Manager Maria Defoe- Reviewed; Transportation Supervisor Michael Quam- Reviewed; Cook Supervisor Mace Fonoti- Reviewed; Wellness Coordinator Daniel DuPay- Reviewed and School-wide Community Activities Supervisor Antonio Flores-Reviewed; Special Education Coordinator Sharon Belanger-Reviewed; Athletics Program Manager Earl Otis- Reviewed.

### Other:

Motion to adjourn made by

Naomi Northrup, 2nd by Carol Wuollet, all in favor, 0 opposed, motion carried to Adjourn. Adjourned at 1:26 p.m. Recorded by Julia Lintgen

### LEGAL NOTICE – JANUARY 2021

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

### BAND MEMBERS WITH UNCLAIMED PER CAPITA ACCOUNTS:

BLACKWELL, Mary Therese  
CICHY, Gerard  
CICHY, Leslie  
DEFOE, Jackie Ann  
DURFEE, Thomas  
FIOLEK, Bernice  
FRIEDMAN, Ann Lorraine  
LAPRAIRIE, Robert  
MARRONE, Elizabeth Ann  
MARTIN, Travonti Josh  
MARZINSKE, Larry  
OLSON, Emmanuel Samuel  
RUSSEAU, Cordell George  
SAVAGE, Mark  
SHABAIASH, Kevin L. Jr.  
SIMON, Stella  
SOULIER, Gary  
TIESSSEN, Melissa Lee  
WESAW, Joze R.

# Health

## January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

**D**id you know that Pap tests and HPV tests can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early? These are the most reliable and effective cancer screening test available to women? Depending on your age, your doctor may recommend you have a pap test, or both tests together. It can help to prevent cervical cancer and/or find it early when treatment would be the most effective. Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early. According to American Indian Cancer Foundation, American Indian women are nearly 2x more likely to develop and die from cervical cancer and are diagnosed at later stages than white women.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common cause of cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers. The HPV vaccine protects against types of HPV that is most often the cause of cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers. The HPV vaccination is recommended for young girls and boys 9-26 years of age.

Update: CDC now routinely recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for 9-15-year-olds to prevent HPV cancers. Teens and young adults who start the series at ages 15 through 26 years are suggested to receive three doses of HPV vaccine.

According to the American Cancer Society, smoking raises a women's risk for cervical cancer. Remember to start getting your regular Pap test at age 21.

Cervical Cancer Screenings are recommended for 21-29-year-olds every 3 years. All women are at risk for cervical cancer. It occurs most often in women over the age of 30 each year, around 12,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer.

For those 30-65 years old the recommendation is suggested to be screened:

- Every 3 years with a pap test alone
- Every 5 years with HPV testing alone OR
- Every 5 years with HPV and pap testing together (co-testing).

Always remember to talk with your healthcare provider.

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Center for Disease Control and Prevention; The Office on Women's Health. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF) [Americanindiancancer.org](http://Americanindiancancer.org), and American Cancer Society (ACS) [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

A message from your Fond du Lac Cancer Prevention Program

## Radon Awareness in Our Homes and Lung Cancer

**W**e can't see radon gas. We can't smell it. But radon gas is very dangerous. Breathing in large amounts of radon can raise our risk of lung cancer.

Radon is naturally occurring in rocks and dirt from the ground. There is always some radon in the air around us. The problem is when radon gas form underneath a home leaks in through cracks or gaps too much can build up inside the home and become dangerous to breathe.

Any home can have a radon problem- old or new houses. A house with or without a basement. Houses in any state. One house next to another may have different radon levels.

One out of fifteen homes have high radon levels \*Source: U.S Environmental Protection Agency.

If a house uses well water, it needs to be tested for radon too. The well water can sometimes carry radon gas into the home.

In the United States, radon is the #2 cause of lung cancer after smoking and it is estimated to cause over 200,000 deaths per year.

Smoking makes radon even more dangerous if you live in a house with high radon levels.

This could raise the levels to a risk of 10 times higher than non-smokers who live in homes with high radon levels. Radon and tobacco smoke from cigarettes (and cigars and pipes) can damage your lungs. When they're combined, smoking and radon are more dangerous than either one on its own.

If a person breathes in radon gas, the radioactive particles can get trapped in the lungs. Over time, they can cause lung cancer. The risks from radon depend on two things:

**How long:** The more contact you have with radon gas, the greater your risk.

**How much:** High radon levels are more dangerous.

Testing is the way to find out if you have a radon problem. It's easy, low cost, and can save a life. Every home is encouraged to be tested. Testing in the home can be easy to do yourself or to hire someone to check. Finding out that your home has higher radon levels can be scary. There are steps to make your home safe:

Get a radon test kit from a hardware store or order one by calling: (1-800-767-7236) or the National Radon Program Services website (<http://sosradon.org/test-kits>).

Set up the testing device to check the air for radon.

Some take a few days or many months to finish the test.

Send the device to a lab and wait for the results.

If the test shows a radon level of 4

pCi/L or higher, test your home again.

If the 2nd test is also high, you need to fix the problem.

If test results show high levels of radon, take action by contacting your state radon office to get the name of a local expert who can give advice. There are ways to fix some radon problems with simple low-or no-cost solutions. For bigger radon problems, a specialist, called a mitigation contractor may be needed to fix the home.

Mitigation contractors can help by sealing cracks where radon gets in. They can put in pipes that help suck out radon from underneath the home. The radon then will go outside rather than in the home.

Radon in homes can be serious for health risks. The problem can be prevented by getting a test kit to check the radon in your home.

To learn more about radon visit: Center for Disease Control and Prevention/[cdc.gov/radon](http://cdc.gov/radon) or Radon Programs and Initiatives <https://epa.gov/radon/state-indoor-radon-grants-sirg-program-and-resources>

A message from your Fond du Lac Cancer Prevention Program

IF FULLY VACCINATED, YOU ARE AT  
**10 TIMES LESS**  
 RISK OF BEING HOSPITALIZED WITH OR  
 DYING FROM COVID-19

TOGETHER WE HAVE A SHOT

# Health

## Self-confidence and health goals

**S**elf-confidence. According to the dictionary, the definition of self-confidence is a feeling of trust in one's abilities, qualities and judgment. Having self-confidence is important in reaching goals. So, as you set your 2022 health goals, don't forget your self-confidence!

Improving your overall health will reduce your risk for cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Here are a few nutrition and health ideas to keep in mind when setting your goals.

- Focus on fruits and vegetables. Strive to eat more, daily. Try different colors, textures, and shapes.
- Eat less red meat and avoid processed meats (hotdogs, lunch meat, bacon, sausage). Consider having more fish, beans, or poultry.
- Drink more water. It's calorie-free, sugar-free, and our bodies

need it!

- Engage in physical activity. Just move more. Research has been released that even a few minutes of activity, several times a day, can be beneficial.
- Don't use tobacco.
- Watch your portion sizes. Use a smaller plate or take smaller amounts than you usually do and fill the empty space with veggies.
- Aim for a healthy weight. A combination of healthier eating and an increase in physical activity can help get you to a healthy weight for you.
- Limit or avoid alcohol.
- Get the recommended screenings and immunizations you need for your age. This might include a mammogram or a colonoscopy. Discuss what you need with your healthcare provider.
- Protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays year-round.

Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen, even in the winter months.

- Keep a journal. Feel free to enter anything and everything in it. Not only will it be good for your mental health, it will also help with evaluating your diet, activity, and weight loss.
- Avoid negative comments to yourself. Negative self-comments will reduce your self-confidence and that is NOT what we are doing in 2022! Find a positive in everyone, including yourself. Remind yourself that you are important and your health is important too.

Now grab your self-confidence, head into 2022 and achieve your health goals!

\*Sources include AICR, American Heart Association, Mayo Clinic, American Cancer Society, World Health Organization

## WHO official says Omicron cases are mild

**W**ith the recently discovered Omicron variant of COVID-19, many things are still unknown about it and won't be known for awhile.

What we do know currently, however, is that it reportedly has 40 different mutations, and the most concerning being the mutations to the spike protein as Medical News Today reports.

*Omicron (B.1.1.529) has an unprecedentedly large number of mutations in the part of its genome that encodes a key section of its spike protein, which the virus uses to infect host cells. This suggests that Omicron may be able to evade some of the immune protection afforded by vaccines, many of which are based on the original spike protein, and past infections.*

As of now however, early reports indicate that the infections may be mild. But as Sky News, a British news network, reports, it may be awhile before we truly know how dangerous this variant is.

*Giving evidence at the government's science and technology committee on Wednesday, Professor Neil Ferguson, said it could be towards "the end of the month" before there is a clearer picture of how worrying Omicron is.*

Sky News also reported that at least in one county the cases were mostly mild.

*A top official in Botswana's health ministry said on Tuesday that 16 out of the 19 cases of the Omicron variant detected in the country were asymptomatic.*

Those medical experts still recommend that people get vaccinated, get a booster shot, social distance, and wear masks indoors, but they're also saying that we don't need to panic.

But Dr. Ferguson also said that the trend in these variants hasn't been better for humanity with each new mutation, but rather worse. Now, it's just that we know more about the virus and how to treat it as he told Sky News.

*"What we have seen is Alpha has been more severe than the previous strain, a little, and Delta more severe again, so the trend we've seen is greater severity not less severity - thankfully countered by better treatment by monoclonal antibodies, antivirals and all the other drugs, that mean people have a better chance of surviving severe COVID today than they did at the start of the pandemic."*

It may not be until 2022 until we truly know how this variant impacts us, so until then, please stay socially distant and wear masks so that you and your family can celebrate a safe and healthy holiday season.

Sources: <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/covid-19-why-the-omicron-variant-has-scientists-worried> and <https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-most-omicron-cases-are-mild-and-theres-no-evidence-to-suggest-vaccines-may-be-less-effective-against-the-variant-says-who-12483729>



# Continuing on with the Area Forts

Research by  
Christine Carlson

**T**his series of local forts began in the June issue of this paper. That fort was most commonly known as the Norwest Fur Post but had several other names during the years. Previously stated was that there were five names for this same place. They were Northwest Fur Post, Fort St. Louis-(King Louis XIV?), Fort Cadotte-(Benjamin Cadotte), Fort Roy-(Vincent Roy) and Fort Fond du Lac because it was part of the Fond du Lac Department. Just recently saw another name for the fort which was Sayer's Fort- (John Sayer and wife Obemau-unoqua). That is a total of six different names. This has taken several years to figure this all out. Surely learned a lot along the way.

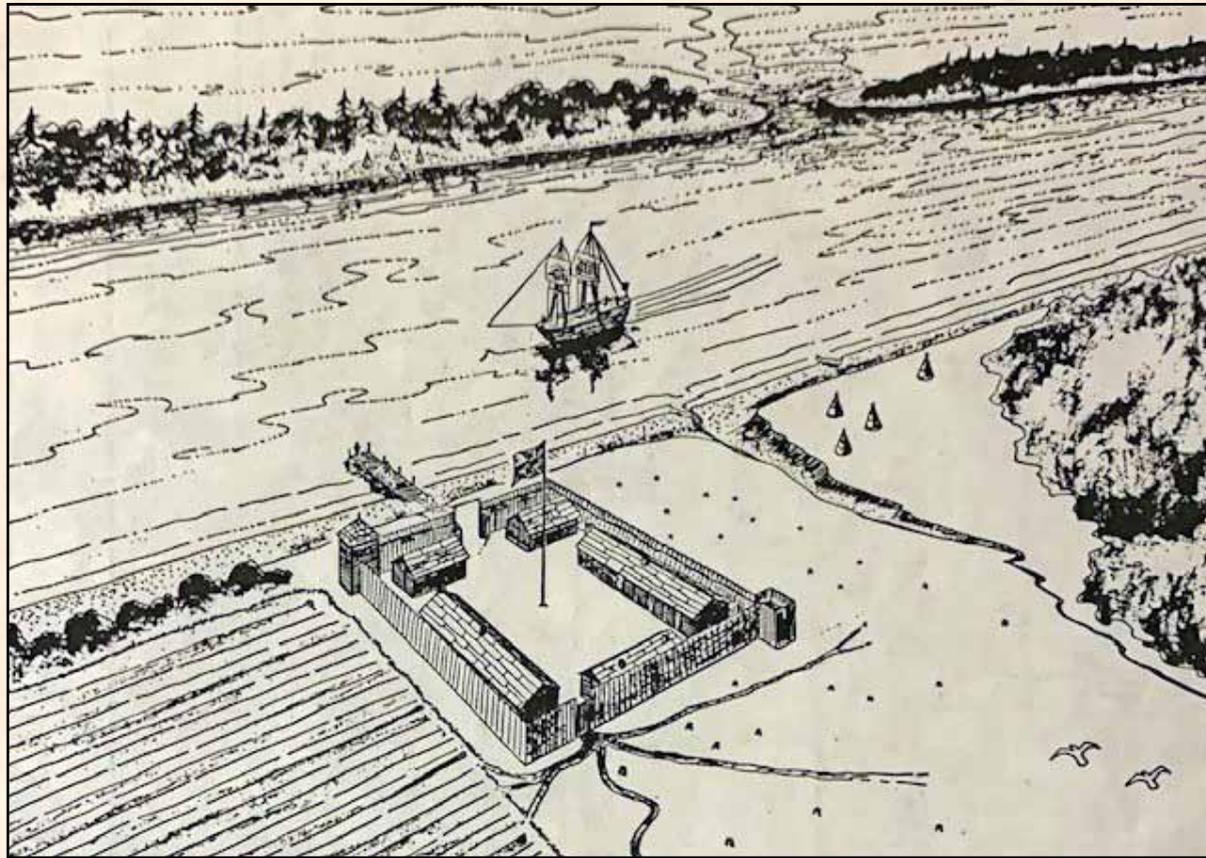


Illustration Called the Fort with Many Names

The fort with many names was located on the Wisconsin side in the place earlier known as Conner's Point-(Benjamin Conner) or now Superior. It was across Minnesota Point. Teepees were located on both sides of the St. Louis Bay or Entry.

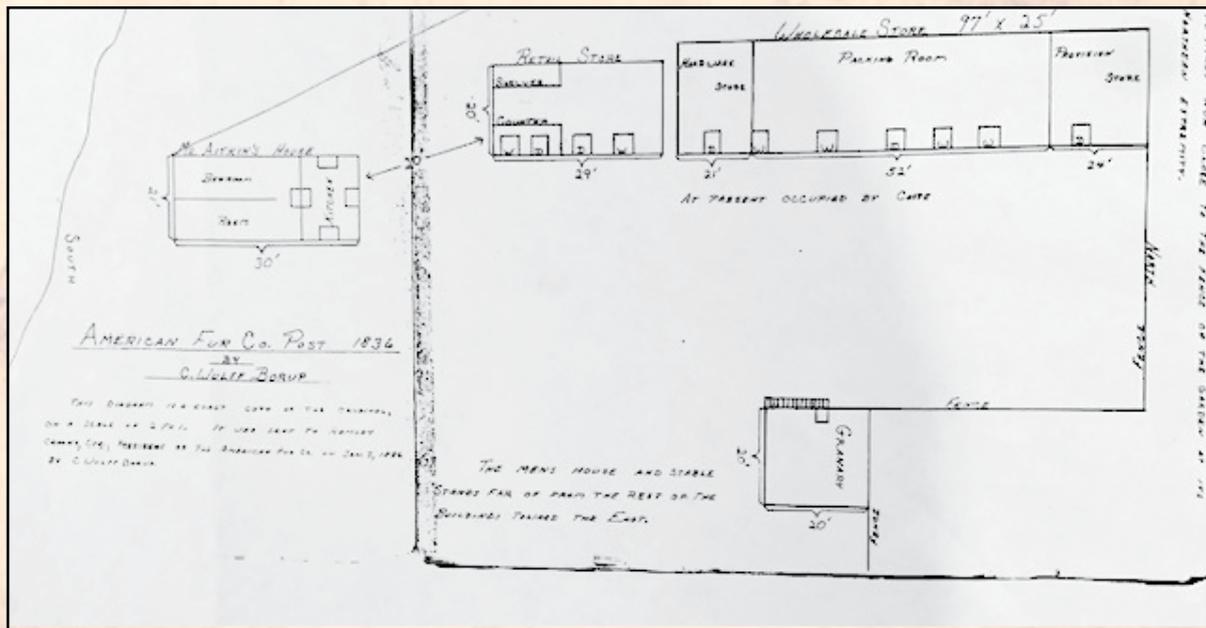


Illustration of Inside the Second Fort Circa 1836 in the old village of Fond du Lac

The 1836 illustration of the American or Astor Fur Post dwellings was drawn by Charles W. Borup who visited old Fond du Lac in that year.

The occupants who lived at the fort at that time were the Cotte Family. Pierre and Margaret (Roussain) Cotte were local traders at Fond du Lac during the greater part of the American Fur Company's operations at the Head of the Lakes.

# Ashi-niswi giizisoog (Thirteen Moons)

## Namebini-giizis

*The new Namebini-giizis begins February 4. This is the Sucker Fish Moon. Other names for this moon are Migizi-giizis, Eagle Moon and Makoonsag-gaa-nitaawaadi-giizis. When the bear cubs are born moon.*

## Anishinaabemowin Lessons

### Double Vowel Chart

This is how to pronounce Ojibwe words.

All consonants sound the same as in English.

“Zh”- sounds like the “su” in measure

“a”- sounds like the “u” in sun

“aa”- sounds like the “a” in father

“i”- sounds like the “i” in sit

“ii”- sounds like the “ee” in feet

“o”- sounds like the “o” in go

“oo”- sounds like the “oo” in food

“e”- sounds like the “ay” in stay

### Biiwan blizzard

Ningwaanakwad cloudy

Awan ..... foggy (be)

Zasakwaa ..... frost (heavy)

Mashkawadin .....frozen (be)

Dakaanimad .....wind (cold)

Waabani-noodin wind (east)

Giiwedin..... wind

(north)

Zhaawani-noodin wind (south)

Goon..... snow

Maajipon..... snow (start to)

## Ashi-niswi giizisoog BIGADA'WAA WORD SEARCH

Find the Ojibwe words in the puzzle below

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

- WIIJIW/ACCOMPANY
- GIZHAADAAWASO/BABY SIT
- BIMIWANAAN/BACKPACK
- GICHIANIIBIISH/CABBAGE
- ZHAAGANAASHIIWAK/CANADA
- NANIIZAAANAD/DANGEROUS
- DEWITAWAGE/EARACHE
- MAKADEWAABIKIZI/ECLIPSE
- ANOKIIWIGAMIG/WORKSHOP
- ZIIGWEBINIGAN/GARBAGE
- MIKWAMIKAA/HAIL
- MIKWAM/ICE
- BISKANE/IGNITE
- ZIIBAASKAIGAN/JINGLE
- MANIDOOBIIWAABIK/MAGNET

# Community News

## Happy Birthday

**Mino Dibishkaan Nimaamaa, Tara Dupuis** (Jan. 12). We love you so much. We are so thankful for all that you do for us! *Much love from your favorite daughter Aliza, Clayton Sr, Clayj, and Jax*

Happy 11th birthday to our son, **Clayton Kettelhut Jr.** (Jan. 19). We are proud of the young man you have become! We love you Clayj! *From Dad, Mom, and brother Jax*

Happy 18th birthday to my baby sister, **Talayah Martineau** (Jan. 15). We love you, Lay and wish you all the happiness and success in your adulthood journeys! *Love, Court, Trav, and kids!*



## Obituary

**Lori F. Skog-Gourley**, age 62 of Cloquet, passed away unexpectedly Sunday December 5, 2021, at her home, peacefully in her sleep. She was born April 12, 1959, in Minneapolis, MN, the daughter of Alf "Ole" and Patricia (Mercer) Skog. Lori was a kind soul full of love for all around her. She cherished her time with her family, especially her grandchildren whom she adored. Lori loved gardening, camping, sewing, berry picking and making her



own jam, traveling and spending time with friends. She was a member of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and worked as a lead pharmacy technician for the Fond du Lac Reservation at the Min No Aya Win Pharmacy for 23 years.

Lori was preceded in death by her father, Alf "Ole" Skog; and one brother, Darrell Skog. She is survived by her husband, Fred; mother, Patricia Skog; daughters, Ashley (Timothy) Laveau and Stephanie (Dustin) Shearer; stepson, Thomas (Ansidhy) Gourley; brothers, Frank (Annette) Skog, Daniel (Kathy) Skog, Gary Skog, and Brett (Michelle) Skog; grandchildren, Tyler, Griffin, Elizabeth, Connor, Baby Shearer, MacKenzie, and Ezra; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-laws.

**Rose Marie Green**, Age 66, of Duluth, Minnesota received her miracle, surrounded by her children, November 26, 2021.

She was born August 19, 1955 to Nestor and Helen Heinonen in Cloquet, MN. She married the love of her life, Raymond Green on December 27, 1975 and celebrated 38 anniversaries together.

Throughout her life she worked at Duluth Laundry and lastly at Fon-du-Luth Casino where she was known as "pitbull Green." She retired this past August after 23 years in Players Club on the same day she started.

Rose was a lifelong resident of



Duluth, Minnesota where she was known for her hearty laughter, witty humor, kindness, but most of all her big heart.

She was the youngest of 7 children and spent many years with her cousins, who became like siblings to her. You never had to guess when they were over for coffee reminiscing because the laughter of those memories rang throughout the house. On her days off, she often spent them with her brother Bobby and sister Esther looking for the garage sales in the neighborhood. When they weren't sure where they were, Bobby would tell her, "follow that car to the next garage sale" as they were leaving.

She loved greatly, but gave even greater. If someone had a need, she was right there to help, sometimes to her own detriment. It's difficult to find the words to encompass such a beautiful (but sassy) woman. All who have had the privilege of knowing her can be sure to hold a funny memory of her or story she shared because even on her hardest days you would find her laughing. She was a strong woman, who raised her children to be just as strong, while finding joy in the journey. Her laughter was contagious and filled with life, even when someone "accidentally" scared her. As her kids grew up, she reminded them she was still their mom, whether through a magnet for the fridge, "Call your mother, she worries," or a wall hanging, "you're never too old to need your mother." She always looked out for her family and her friends, even until the end. She held on until everyone got the opportunity to say,

"Love you, see you later."

After retirement she began to tenaciously seek God because she knew God had something special for her and she didn't want to miss out on that. We find hope in the assurance that she's received the ultimate reward, an eternity with the Lord.

Rose is survived by her children, Jennifer (Chad) Walkowiak, Jessica (Robert) Peterson, Eric (Katrina) Green, Erin (Eric) Williams, Kelly Green; adopted daughter, Jessie Anderson; and her dog, Cooper; grandchildren, Chelsie (Anthony), Robert (Alex), Caleb, Wyatt, Jordan, Ean, BraeLynn, Amara, Faith, Henry and Edison; great-grandchildren, Hazel, Jackson and Paisley, siblings; Esther, Harold, Violet and Walter; best friend, Gloria Solots and many friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; parents, Nestor and Helen; and siblings, Clifford and Veino.

**Julian Fredrick Hvezda-Tiessen, Baa Daash "Arrived with the Wind"**, age 14 of Cloquet passed away on Saturday, October 30, 2021, in his home. He was born on August 28, 2007, in Bemidji to Kelly Tiessen and Grace Hvezda.

Julian was member of Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. He attended Cloquet Middle School. Julian enjoyed basketball, riding his 4-wheeler, and hanging out with family and friends. His favorite food was pizza. Julian will be greatly



missed by his family.

Julian was preceded in death by his mother, Grace Hvezda. He is survived by his father, Kelly (Edie) Tiessen of Cloquet; sisters, Savanna Bryant of Bagley and Sierra Tiessen of Cloquet; and his maternal grandmother.

**Lee David Roy, "Gizhi-iyaaanakwad" (fast moving clouds)**, age 37 of Duluth and a member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa passed away Friday, November 26, 2021, at Essentia-St. Mary's in Duluth surrounded by family and friends. He was born August 29, 1984, in Minneapolis, MN. He moved to the Fond du Lac Reservation as a young man prior to moving to Duluth.



Lee worked for CHUM-Duluth as a support staff member assisting young and elderly people who needed assistance. He enjoyed photography, fishing, camping, and attending Pow Wows. He loved being with his family and friends and loved family gatherings. Lee was fiercely protective of his loved ones. His laugh and smile was contagious and he had an amazing aura that touched everyone he met. Lee was remarkable and unforgettable.

Lee is survived by his wife, Ashley Ammesmaki; son, Isaiah Roy; daughter, Zoe "Naazhe" Roy; sisters, Lorna Roy and Lorene Bosto; father, John Roy (Joyce); mother, Lori Bosto; and numerous friends and relatives.

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Pallbearers were Anthony Braveheart, Mike Stewart, Thurston Owen, Jarvis Percy, Junior "Bugg" Fineday, and Koda Aanenson. Honorary bearers were Kenneth Warren Bosto, Sequoyah James Bosto, Reno Alexander Goodsky, and Nick David Braveheart.

**Gerald Thomas "Jiggs" La Breche** was born May 1, 1932, in Cloquet and passed away November 17, 2021, in Floodwood. He was better known to his family and friends as "Jiggs". His parents were Edward and Evaline La Breche.



Jiggs grew up in Cloquet along with his two brothers and one sister.

He graduated from the Catholic Sacred Heart school, the Cloquet high school and UMD. He served in the US Army and played on the Army golf team.

Jiggs was a high school teacher; he taught one year in Los Angeles, California and had a short stint in the insurance business in San Diego California. He returned to Cloquet and taught high school at Cromwell until his retirement. While in Cromwell he also taught summer drivers education and later, was a substitute teacher in Floodwood and always enjoyed watching the school's athletics.

Jiggs was never married, his love was golf, gardening, birds, reading the morning newspaper, and working the crossword puzzle. He made many golfing friends over the years and won numerous golf championships. In 2019 the members of the

Cloquet Country Club presented him with the lifetime achievement award in recognition for his outstanding promotion, dedication, competitiveness, and respect for the game of golf. The last ten years Jiggs became a Snowbird spending winters at his place in Mercedes, Texas. He would play golf, give free golf lessons, and relax.

Jiggs was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Bette Romanek; and his brother, Eugene "Scrub". He is survived by his brother Jack; brother-in-law, Adolph Romanek; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Military honors will be presented by Cloquet Combined Honor Guard.

## **Cotee Lee Hoffman "Bimi ba too Maingan" - Running Wolf**

, age 27, passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 in his home. He was born June 5, 1994, in

Detroit Lakes, MN to Josephine DeFoe and Curtis Hoffman. Cotee graduated from the FDL

Ojibwe school class of 2012. He was an amazing young man that could light up any room he walked into. Cotee was a very easy person to be around because he was always smiling and making everyone around him laugh. He loved being outside walking around by the lake with his child dog, Luckii. Cotee was always surrounded by lots of loved ones due to growing up with and having a huge family. He was never afraid of being himself and didn't have any issues with letting anyone



and everyone know who he was and how he enjoyed living his life.

Cotee is survived by his parents, his brothers, Richard Stiffarm, Kristopher Stiffarm, Jeremy DeFoe, Brian Wichern, Jr., and James Wichern; his nephews, Aidon Stiffarm, Ty Stiffarm, and Lukuh DeFoe; his nieces, Jessica Stiffarm, I'liana Stiffarm, Mariah Holm-DeFoe, Ellianne King, Aviana Stiffarm, Allibelle Northrup, Aubry DeFoe, and Audry DeFoe, his special friend, Josh Barney, and his dog, Luckii. Pallbearers will be Ty Stiffarm, Aidon Stiffarm, Anthony Fairbanks, Javon Smallwood, Jerome DeFoe and Derrick DeFoe, Jr.

**Linda L. Wise**, age 71, of Ladysmith, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Linda was born on June 6, 1950, in Solon Springs. She graduated from the Flambeau High School Class of 1969.

She went on to marry Rod Wide on June 12, 1971, in Sheldon. Together they had two children, Dawn Wise of Haugen and Trent Wise of Bruce. She was an amazing grandmother to grandchildren Taylor Wise of New Vineyard, Maine, and Jaycee Wise of Pine Island, Minn. and great-granddaughter, Evelyn Wise of New Vineyard, Maine.

Linda had many passions: camping with family and friends, county music festivals, her Packers, snowshoeing, travel and was a very avid walker.



Linda was a founding member of the Women With Courage Foundation, serving on the board for 15 years.

Linda was employed by Rusk County Memorial Nursing Home for 45 years as a ward clerk.

Linda will always be remembered for her kind heart, accepting nature and always being up for an adventure.

Linda is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchild; brother, Maynard Plahuta (Yvonne) of Richland, Wash.; brother, Robert Plahuta (Sue) of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; sister, Mary Jo Schindler (John Vacho) of Ladysmith; sister, Joyce Taber (Ron) of Sheldon; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Florine Plahuta; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Delbert and Gerri McClintock and nephews, Kevin and Stephan McClintock.

**Kevin Lee Lind**, 62 of Cloquet, MN, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. He was born on January 20, 1959, in Cloquet, MN to John

and Leatrice (Petite) Lind. Kevin was employed at various places over the years as a laborer, most recently with Fond du Lac Housing until retiring in 2007. He loved his family and friends. Kevin was always the go to guy. He was painfully truthful, brutally honest but always a listener and there when you needed him the most. Kevin always had a spot in his heart, whether you needed help or a



home. His favorite place was the Black Hills and a couple of years ago he took his dream trip with Mike and JJ. They rode their motorcycles through the hills. Kevin said a lot of crazy comical stuff over the years and left us all with some great memories and laughter. Goodbye my friend. You were everything to me, Love, Linda.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Keith, Kim, Troy, and Hal Lind. He is survived by his wife, Linda; his brother, Mike Lind; his sister, Loretta (Darrell) Brown; his bonus children, Joe (Dana) Billings and Jody (Bill) Moe; his bonus grandsons, Cullen, Andrew and granddaughter, Hayley; numerous nieces and nephews and his dog, Izzy.

A special thanks to all the doctors, nurses, paramedics throughout the years at the advanced wound clinic, FDL clinic, CMH and St. Luke's Hospitals. Without your skills we would not of had all the extra time with him. God Bless you all.

## **Dale Edwin DeFoe, "Aane-kwad - Cloud"**

, age 66 of Cloquet, MN, started his journey to the Spirit World on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at his home. He was born March 24, 1955 to his parents, Edward DeFoe and Josephine Smith DeFoe where he lived on the

Fond du Lac Reservation. Dale lived in Minneapolis and on the White Earth Reservation before moving back home.



# Community News

He went to school in Minneapolis for carpentry and Detroit Lakes for Auto Tech. Dale was employed with Fond du Lac in construction for many years. He enjoyed visiting, laughing, sharing stories of the good old days with family and friends, and he also enjoyed fishing, hunting, winning at the casino, and raising hell with his sisters!

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jeffery DeFoe. He is survived by his sons, Dale, Louis, and Andrew DeFoe; his daughters, Tara Tiessen, Stephanie DeFoe, Kendra Boswell, and Laci Martin; his lifelong partner, Barbara Wichern; his siblings, Smokey Kier, Debbie Anderson, Patsy Knight (Richard), Arlene Londo (Corvin), Anita DeFoe, Bonnie DeFoe (Delmar), Pam DeFoe, Rosemary DeFoe (Edward), Barbara LaChapelle (Ken), Lee DeFoe, Josa DeFoe, and the youngest, Ted (Lurinda) DeFoe; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A Traditional Wake began at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at The Fond du Lac Language and Cultural Learning Center, 1713 Mizhaki Road, in Cloquet and continued until the Traditional Service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, also at the Cultural Center. Spiritual Advisor was Ricky DeFoe. Pallbearers were Jeff, Derrick, and Jeremy DeFoe, Joe Wichern, Chucky Senogles, and James Summers. Honorary bearers were D.C. Roy, Donny Roy, Ken LaChapelle, and Delmar DesJarlait. Burial was held in Old Holy Family Cemetery.

**Gerald 'Jerry' F. Johnston**, 86, of Superior, died Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in his home surrounded by family.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1934, in Duluth, MN. He married Lois Rae in 1961, and together they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Jerry worked as a clerk for DM&IR for many years. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed going for rides, to the movies, and the casino. Jerry also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, David Johnston; daughter, Linda Johnston; and son-in-law, Randy Craven.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Lois; children, Donna Craven and Michael Johnston, both of Superior; grandson, Travis Johnston, who they raised as a son; granddaughters, Nicole, Jamie, Carrie Sue, and Ashley; great grandchildren, Joseph, Emma, Julie, Johnnie, Violet, Ryan, and Elijah; and his nieces and nephews.



#FDLSTRONG

## How to become a FDL delegate to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Reform Process



An interested person must write a **Letter of Interest** to request to be a delegate and email to:

[delegate@fdlconstitution.org](mailto:delegate@fdlconstitution.org).

Current delegates will review and keep the **Letter of Interest** on file.

**The Letter of Interest** will be reviewed at the next Executive meeting. If a strong objection is given by a current delegate and accepted as valid by the rest of the delegation, the **Letter of Interest** may be rejected.

The announcement of the filled position will happen at the next Community Input meeting. Delegate positions will be filled in the order **Letters of Interest** are received.

Alternate positions will be filled after Delegate positions and would be filled first come first serve as well.

Please consider volunteering on this important endeavor!

Time required is:

Community Input weekly meetings (1-2 hours)

Convention Meetings - 3rd Friday of the month, 9 - 4

Executive Meetings (FDL) as needed.

Additionally, any time spent on any subcommittees (usually held on Zoom 1-2 hours/month)

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## FDL job listings

FT: Full Time PT: Part Time  
For more information about any of these permanent posting positions contact the Fond du Lac Human Resources Department at (218) 878-2653.

## FDL Reservation

- Substitute Teacher FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Cook Helper FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Secretary/Receptionist FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Reading Buddies FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Instructional Assistant FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Custodian FDL Education On Call/Sub
- Transportation Driver FDL Transportation FT/PT
- Nursing Assistant FDL Assisted Living FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 1, Sawyer SCC FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 2, Sawyer SCC FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 1, Brookston BCC FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 2, Brookston BCC FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 1, Cloquet CCC FT/PT
- Recreational Aide 2, Cloquet CCC FT/PT
- Clinical Pharmacist MNAW, CAIR & Mpls On Call
- Pharmacy Technician MNAW, CAIR & Mpls On Call/Sub
- Transit Dispatcher FDL Transit FT/PT/On Call
- Head Start Substitutes FDLHS On Call
- Deli Clerk FDLGG PT
- Transit Driver FDL Transit FT/PT/On Call
- School Bus Driver FDL Education FT/PT/On Call

- Health Care Assistant MNAW, Assisted Living, Home Care FT/PT
- Store Clerk FDLGG PT
- Convenience Store Gas Attendant FDLGG PT

## Black Bear Casino Resort

- Golf Youth Cart Attendant PT Seasonal
- Cook I FT
- Cook II FT
- Cook III FT
- Beverage Server FT/PT
- Groundskeeper FT
- Buffet Runner FT
- Table Games Dealer PT
- Vault Cashier FT/PT
- Bus Person FT/PT
- Gift Shop Clerk FT
- Buffet Host/Hostess FT/PT
- Golf Course Groundskeeper

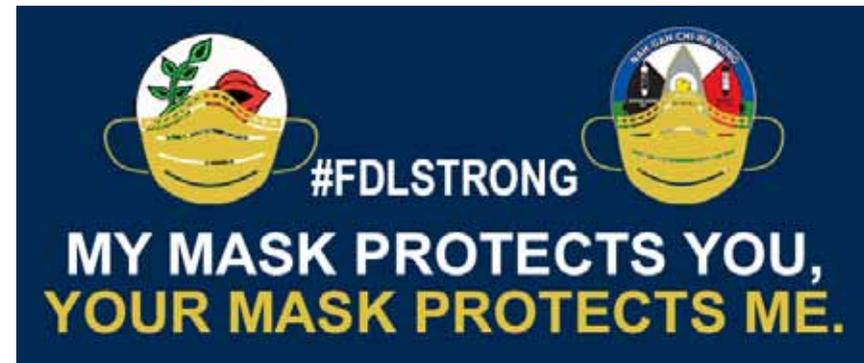
- FT/PT Seasonal
- Steward FT
- Arcade Attendant PT
- Golf Pro Shop Sales Rep PT
- Golf Ranger/Starter FT/PT Seasonal
- Golf Concession Sales Rep FT/PT Seasonal
- Golf Cart Attendant PT
- Slot Attendant FT
- Custodial Associate FT
- Bell Staff PT
- Sage Deli Cook FT
- Bingo Vendor/Floor Worker PT
- Players Club Representative PT
- Restaurant Wait Staff FT/PT
- Hotel Laundry Worker/Hauler FT
- Hotel Room Attendant/

- Housekeeper FT/PT
- Drop Team Worker FT

## Fond-du-Luth

- Security Guard/Dispatch FT
- Janitor FT/PT
- Clean up Worker FT/PT
- Beverage Waitperson/Bartender FT/PT
- Cage Cashier FT/PT

- Players Club Representative FT/PT
  - Slot Attendant FT/PT
  - Slot Technician FT/PT
- FDL Minneapolis listings
- Clinical Pharmacist On Call
  - Pharmacy Technician On Call/Sub



**JANUARY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>**

# AVALANCHE OF CASH

**DRAWINGS SATURDAYS 6 - 9 PM**

**SATURDAYS, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>**

- Start earning entries on Sunday, December 26, 2021.
- Three (3) each hour, twelve (12) winners each night.
- Winners can win up to \$1,500.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> - GRAND PRIZE NIGHT**

- Three (3) each hour, twelve (12) winners on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Winners can win up to \$5,000.

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\*Slots, Blackjack & Bingo Players Club Members earn one (1) entry for every five (5) points earned on game play.  
See official details & rules on blackbearcasinoresort.com or at the Players Club.

STARTS JANUARY 6, 2022

SEVEN FIRES  
STEAKHOUSE

the Buffet  
BY THE BEAR

SAGE DELI  
FAST. FRESH. DELICIOUS.

## DEAL of a MEAL

Thursdays in 2022 from 8 am - 9:59 pm  
earn 50 points and swipe your Players Club  
card at any kiosk to choose a meal:

- One (1) FREE Buffet
- \$15 to the Seven Fires Steakhouse
- \$10 to the Sage Deli

*Meals earned during the week must be redeemed by 8 pm on the following  
Thursday (valid 7 days) or they will be voided out of the system. A  
maximum of four (4) meals per player per day.*

**MY PLACE**  
*for selection!*

MAKE THE BEAR YOUR PLACE!

#MyPlaceForBuffet #MyPlaceForSelection #MyPlaceForDining

LIVE IN THE OTTER CREEK EVENT CENTER

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>



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