

Ogichida Di bah ji mo win



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French Voyageur visits school, shares tales of old

by Susie LaCroix

He came out with a bright red shirt, tattered hat with feathers, a thick strap that carried a moose hide bag, and beaded boots to his knees. He was singing jolly songs that the French voyageurs sang in the 1700's. He told interesting stories about these voyageurs who traveled 2000 miles in birch bark canoes to trade manufactured goods with the Indians for furs.

This voyageur visited the Ojibway School Wednesday, Jan 20th. His real name is John J. Rivard. He is recently retired from the Minnesota Historical Society where he was district manager. He now makes appearances at schools, universities or any kind of related organizations.

While giving his demonstration of the voyageurs, he showed Indian artifacts, trade goods, fur pelts, maps, a miniature birch bark canoe and old guns. Along with the presentation he showed a film made in Canada to give students a little better idea of how it was for the

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John Rivard

Principal awards BEST Kid Awards to six students

by Jean Skinaway

Principal Phil Minkinen announced the BEST Kid Awards for the month of December.

The winners were seventh grader Fred Isham; eighth grader Mel Diver; ninth grader Spud Fairbanks; tenth grader Don Petite; eleventh grader Jean Skinaway; and

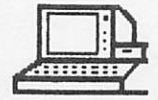
twelfth grader Junior Bird.

Students were nominated by each teacher for their good behavior, school attendance, and promptness to class.

Each of these students was awarded \$25 for meeting these expectations.



Editorials and Opinions



Bell system controversial

The school has a bell system. This system is to help us with promptness and responsibility. Responsibility is a must in the coming years. Is the bell system working? Sometimes yes, sometimes no.

The bell rings and we get out of class, five minutes later it rings again and we are suppose to go back to class. When you look down the hallway would you see anyone roaming? Yes, you would. For some reason some students say, "I have to talk to so and so (just to waste time)," and the famous one "Well, I have to go to the bathroom."

Put yourself in the teachers'

position. They spend all day in a certain room going over material and a student or students come in late saying, "I had to talk to so and so" or "I had to go to the bathroom." They sit down and all of a sudden they say "Could I get my book?"

If you have to go to the bathroom couldn't you wait for the 10 minute break or lunch hour?

On the other hand maybe we really do have to go and talk to someone, or wait for someone to get out of the bathroom.

The bell system is controversial. It could help with teaching responsibility or it could just be a pain in the neck.

In the Halls

What do you think of the school's new bell system?



Olson



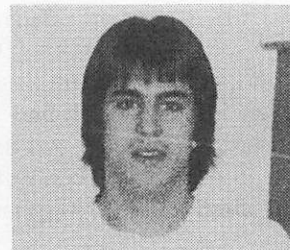
LaFave

Teri LaFave (grade 12): "It's alright! I enjoy not being tardy so I can get my incentive money."

Jeanette Olson (math teacher): "I like it, it makes things a lot easier, if students would start following the schedule a little better."



VanNett



Lewis

Renee VanNett (grade 12): "Too loud and too annoying, otherwise it's o.k."

Chad Lewis (grade 11): "I like Elaine better. You can't talk back to a bell."

Fred Isham (grade 7): "It's kind of loud, especially when you're trying to sleep."

Loretta Martineau (cook): "It's too loud!"



Isham



Martineau

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New library finally opens doors for business



Senior Teri LaFave checks out the card catalog in the new library. Books were stacked on table until the new book cases were finished.



Librarian Marlys Kilen finally has her own desk and work area. A room off the library is used to store audio visual equipment and library materials.

Ugandan visitor shares thoughts on homeland with social classes

by Susie LaCröix

During January, the Ojibway School had an interesting visitor. His name was Aloysius Ssemckula Lwami and he was from Uganda, Africa. He spent the day in the social studies room discussing his country with the students.

Lwami first came to the United States in 1964. He attended East High School in Duluth for one year, then went to Cathedral and graduated in 1967. After graduating, he attended U.M.D for five years.

In 1973 he returned to his

country and taught in a secondary school for five years before moving on to a teacher training college where he taught from 1978-1986.

He came back to the United States to attend UMD. He will graduate from UMD in May and then will return to his country.

While watching this man talk it appeared that he was so full of enthusiasm and was so eager to tell everyone of his home. He said, "You are all lucky" compared to the people of Uganda.

Juniors open student store to earn money for class rings, prom

by Jean Skinaway

The Fond Du Lac Ojibway School juniors opened a student store on November 9, 1987.

The students opened the store as a fundraiser to pay for class

rings and the Junior and Senior Prom. A little over \$2000 is needed to pay for these activities.

Math teachers Jeanette Olson and Frances Wabaunsee have helped in the preparations. Olson has to contact a wholesaler once every week and a half to order the supplies needed. Wabaunsee gets the ice and pop.

The store is located in the math room. Two juniors volunteer each day to do the selling, while the two teachers supervise.

The store is open in the afternoon from 2:25 to 2:35. Pop, chips, and candy are available.

Letters welcome

Ogichida Di bah ji mo win welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed, and may be edited for length. We'll gladly help with spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Contact any newspaper staff person for more information.



SPORTS



Basketball teams participate in tournament

by Jean Skinaway

The boys' and girls' basketball A-teams traveled to Leech Lake for the First Annual Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-shig Christmas Tournament held on December 22-23, 1987.

Eight teams were invited including the boys' and girls' teams from Red Lake, White Earth, Fond Du Lac and the hosting Bug School.

The games began on Dec. 22. The Ogichida girls' took on the White Earth Warriorettes in the first game of the tourney. The Ogichida were in control of the game, while the Warriorettes had a slow start. At half-time, leading 27-7, the Ogichida headed to the locker room. Acting coach Joe Curran gave the girls a pep talk, and told them what to expect in the

next half. Sure enough, the Warriorettes began to hit, but the Ogichida stayed in control and won 52-39.

The Ogichida would face the winner of the Bug School vs. Red Lake game the following day. White Earth would face the loser for the consolation game. The Red Lake Warriorettes defeated the Silver Eagles 34-22. Both teams played remarkably well. The Ogichida girls would face Red Lake for the championship on day two.

The Ogichida boys were defeated by the Red Lake Warriors in the first game of the boys' tournament. Both teams played very well. At the half, the score was 35-28 in favor of the Warriors. In the third period, the Ogichida pulled together and came within 2 points, but Red Lake held on and led 47-39 at the end of the third. In the fourth quarter, Red Lake spurred ahead and won 68-52.

The F.D.L. Ogichida boys would
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Coach pleased with girls' BB

by Karen Martineau

The final record for the girls' basketball team is 7 wins and 9 losses. Coach Dale Sautbine said the 87-88 year was the best record they have ever had since playing in the Minnesota State High School League.

Two of the Ogichida's starting players were eighth graders Mel Diver and Shannon Mullen. Both girls accepted the challenge and proved to be beneficial to the team, according to Sautbine.

Seniors Brenda LaFrairie and Renee VanNett also contributed along with the rest of the team to achieve our improved record, he continued.

The girls took first place in the Bug School Christmas tournament on December 22 and 23.

Both Sautbine and assistant coach Junior Diver are optimistic about next year's team.

Boys Basketball



The boys' basketball team ended the season with 1 win, 15 losses.

tournament, continued

he in the consolation game and meet the loser of the Bug School Silver Eagles and White Earth Warriors game. The winner of this game would play Red Lake for the boys' championship trophy.

The Bug School - White Earth game started close. Both teams strived to get their name on the line on the bracket. The game had people sitting at the edge of their seat. Bug School led at half-time and maintained the lead to win the game 60-58.

The first game of day two began at 2 p.m. The girls of White Earth met the girls of Bug School. The game was intense, both teams wanted the third place trophy. At the half, White Earth led 15-14. It was another close game but White Earth came out with the third place trophy. Bug School didn't give up without a good fight, but went down in defeat 34-31.

In the boys' consolation game, the F.D.L. Ogichida boys took on the White Earth Warriors. Team members sat in awe and butterflies raced in their stomachs. The Ogichida pulled ahead in the first quarter 19-10. Both teams stayed in control at the half, but F.D.L. led 32-25. The Ogichida stayed together and won by a close margin, 57-53.

Next came the girls' championship game featuring the Red Lake Warriorettes against the F.D.L. Ogichida girls. This would be the first meeting between the two teams. The Ogichida scored first and led at the end of the first period 9-8. F.D.L. strived hard to maintain the lead. The Warriorettes tried to double team 6 foot senior Renee VanNett and succeeded.

VanNett had sat out because of foul trouble. That had little affect, however. The Ogichida led at the half 29-17.

In the third quarter, the Warriorettes came within 3 points. The Ogichida rallied and led 39-34 at the end of the third quarter. The Ogichida maintained the lead and defeated the Red Lake Warriorettes 53-40 and clinched the championship!

While the girls were heading into the locker room, members of the boys' team stalked and dumped water over the girls' heads. What a day and what great support the boys showed. It was a day to remember.

The Boys' championship was yet to be decided. Both the Red Lake Warriors and the Bug School Silver Eagles wanted the championship trophy. Red Lake won 75-62.

The awards presentation immediately followed the games. They gave five all-team awards. These went to Theresa St. Clair of White Earth, Iris Parker of Bug School, Renee VanNett of FDL, Francine Kingbird of Red Lake, and an honorable mention to Tara Graves. The Most Valuable Player of the tournament went to Fond Du Lac's senior Brenda LaPrairie.

Trophies were presented to White Earth for third place, Red Lake for second and first place to the Ogichida girls.

The boys all-team awards went to Brad Weaver of White Earth, Damion Suttin of FDL, Dave Chase of Bug School, Don Wright of Bug School, and Willy Morrison of Red Lake. The Most Valuable Player of the boys tourney went to Mike Cobenais of Red Lake.

Students meet to consider letter jackets

Junior Louis Barney successfully arranged a meeting on March 16. This meeting was based on an idea of varsity letter jackets.

The meeting was held second hour in the social studies room.

Students and several staff set up a committee to handle most of the details of finding the right type of jacket.

Fundraisers are going to be a major part of this project.

Outdoor recreation writer gives pointers to senior science class

by Susie LaCroix

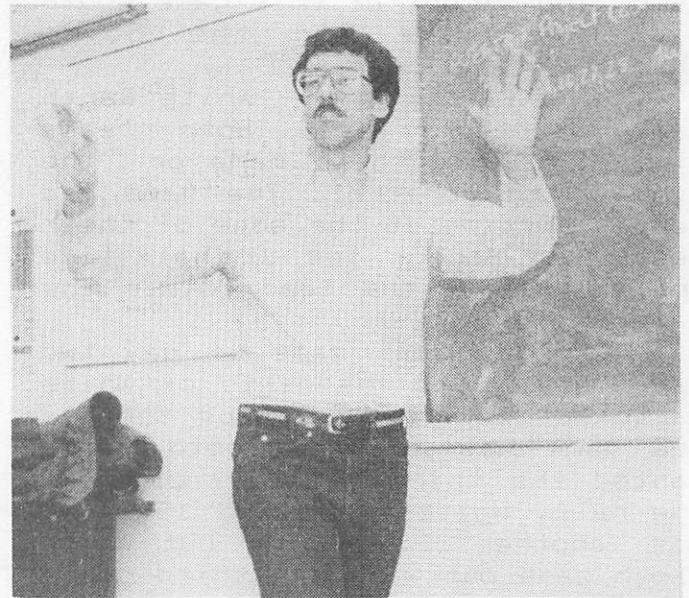
Outdoor recreation writer Sam Cook visited the senior science class February 9. Cook writes for the Duluth News-Tribune. He came to help the seniors get a better look at how to write a science article for The Winds of Change magazine.

The seniors will write the article after conducting several tests on area lakes. Cook gave pointers on gathering information, organizing notes and coming up with an interesting way of presenting the gathered information.

This article will explain what kinds of chemicals are found in nearby lakes. Also in this article, the seniors will tell about temperatures and depths.

Cook visits high schools about once a month. He says he likes it because it keeps him in tune with his work.

His work involves writing stories on hunting, fishing and wildlife.



Sam Cook

Voyageur, continued

courageous voyageurs. Using his paddle as a pointer, he showed the route that the Frenchman took on their long journey to Minnesota. At the end of his presentation he had everyone join him while singing

a French Voyageur song.

John not only appears as a French voyageur, but also as a lumberjack, one of America's founding fathers, Lindbergh and many others.

At the end of his presentation, Voyageur John Rivard encouraged everyone to join him in singing an old French voyager song (left). Some members of the audience took him up on the invitation and sang, clapped hands and stamped their feet (below).

