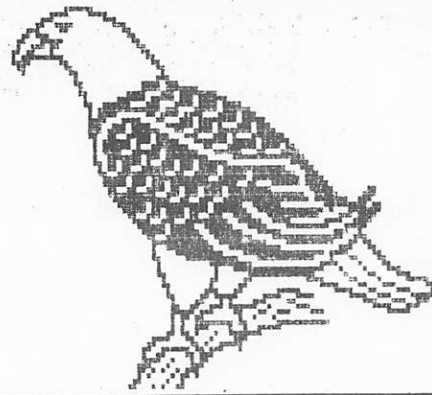


Ogichida Di bah ji mo win



Volume 3, No. 1 FDL Ojibway School, Cloquet, MN 55720 October 14, 1988

Elementary school finally becomes reality

by Yvonne Misquadace

The Fond du Lac Elementary School was thought of years ago, but serious plans were started last spring. It was approved of July 12, 1988 by the RBC.

To make room for the elementary students, 2 mobile classrooms were bought for \$98,000, and when all construction is finished it will have cost about \$150,000. Each building came in two parts. The first building arrived Monday, August 22. The last parts arrived two days later.

To get the spot ready for the building, they had to haul in 3,000 feet of gravel and put 122 concrete pillars in the ground. After the buildings arrived and were put together, they were then connected with the hallways.

Another company hauled the buildings, but a Reservation crew is doing most of the construction work, according to Phil Minkkinen, principal.

The elementary school curriculum will pretty much be the same as public school curriculum, Minkkinen said. He added, "It will

be more culturally aware, and computerized for the future."

They were expecting 80 students, but, Minkkinen said, there are close to 100 now. There are 92 kids enrolled now: Kindergarten has 22 students, grade 1 has 23, grade 2 has 23, grade 3 has 24, grade 4 has 24, grade 5 has 25, and grade 6 has 25.



Evelyn Olson and Loretta Martineau adjust to serving elementary students breakfast.

FDL welcomes several new staff members

by Christine Knowlen and Lisa Northrup

There are several new Ojibway School staff members this year.

CAROL BEARGREASE

The new secretary is Carol Beargrease. She is from Brookston and has two children.

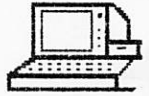
In high school she took classes for secretarial work. After graduating she furthered her schooling with subjects in accounting and nursing.

Beargrease is not really new to some: she was Fond du Lac's secretary a few years ago. After

continued on page 3.



Editorials and Opinions



Going smoke free good idea, QUIT program needed

As you probably already know this year, our school went smoke free. This rule means no cigarettes, chewing tobacco or any product of that sort may be used on school grounds or during school activities. This rule applies to all students and staff.

Going smoke free is really a healthy idea if you think about it. I'm sure we all know about the hazardous substances in cigarettes that cause cancer.

Another good reason to go smoke free is because the older students are suppose to be role models for the new elementary students. It would not be a very

good influence on them if they saw everyone with cigarettes hanging out of their mouths.

Now what about those students that have to have that cigarette. This new rule could be very difficult for them. Maybe something like a QUIT program could be established this year to help them out. And some students have suggested that an afternoon break away from the sight of the elementary students would help the smokers gradually quit. Eventually the QUIT program would help students and staff to become smoke free throughout the whole day.

In the Halls

What do you think of the new smoking policy?



Martin

Gladys Martin (grade 12): "I think it's a good influence on the new elementary kids to see a smoke free atmosphere."

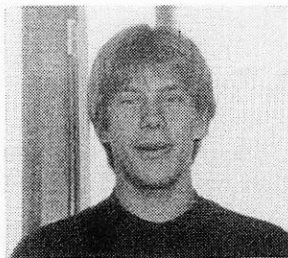
Junior VanNett (grade 10): "Not too bright of an idea because there will be a lot of people in detention."



Barney



VanNett



Houle

Louie Barney (grade 12): "I think it's good and bad. The good part is that the little kids don't have a bad influence. The bad part is the older kids have to sneak."

Pat Houle (grade 11): "I think it's good, so the little kids don't get the idea to smoke."



Greensky

Missy Greensky (grade 10): "It doesn't matter to me. I don't smoke."



Goggleye

Lily Goggleye (grade 7): "I don't like it!"

Oaichida Di bah ji mo win is produced by the Ojibway School Journalism class. Fond du Lac Reservation, 105 University Road, Cloquet, MN 55720.

Staff: Gail DuFault, Lisa Northrup, Christine Knowlen, Mary Olson, Melvin DeFoe.

Advisor: Becky Philipsek

Staff members, continued

After that she worked as a payroll insurance clerk in the accounting office at the RBC (Reservation Business Committee).

Beargrease decided to come back this year. She explained, "I really like the staff here and having my own office."

MINDY CROWLEY

Mindy Crowley, Fond du Lac's first and second grade teacher, is from Cloquet. She is not currently married nor does she have any children. "I do have 2 dogs though," she added.

Crowley graduated from Cloquet Senior High School. After high school she went on to college at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She taught first and second graders at Nettleton in Duluth before coming here.

"I love it here," Crowley said. "The students this year are really great and they're hard workers."

She plans on having a lot of guest speakers, and some fun projects such as hatching chicken eggs in the spring. "We're going to do a lot of fun things!" she said.

DICK DIVER

Dick Diver has taken over Betty Martineau's Substance Abuse Program. Diver has worked at the school before. He has driven bus at the Ojibway School for the past 3 years. Diver lives in the Cloquet area. He is married and has 6 children.

Before becoming a bus driver he was employed at Mash Ka Wisen Treatment Center in Sawyer. "I want to help little people with their problems," Diver explained.

continued on page 5



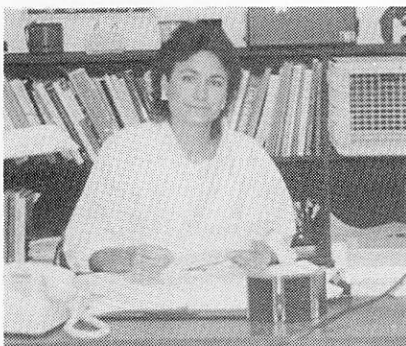
Carol Beargrease



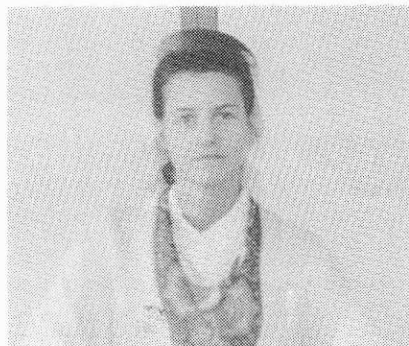
Dick Diver



Mindy Crowley



Cathie Hyopponen



Lisa Pincombe



Charlotte Armajo



Kaye Wohlwend



Billy Martineau



Chris Dickenson

Student council has first meeting

by Gail DuFault

The first student council meeting was held on Thursday, September 15 during 6th hour in Mary Cane's room. Cane is the advisor. During this meeting a variety of issues were discussed. These included fund raising, required behavior of council members, Homecoming and the election of this year's officers.

Each class, before the first meeting, voted on council representatives. This year they are the following:

Grade 7: Richelle Mullen and Billy Morrison,

Grade 8: Chandra Mullen and Lori Northrup,

Grade 9: Shari Morrin and David Head - Alt. Mel Diver

Grade 10: Ardene White and Spud Fairbanks,

Grade 11: Gail DuFault and Dan

Aubid, and

Grade 12: Gladys Martin and Tom Benjamin.

Of these representatives this year's council officers are:

Dan Aubid - President,
Ardene White - Vice-president,
Lori Northrup - Secretary, and
Shari Morrin - Treasurer.

The Council discussed what it means to be a member, and the appropriate behavior that they should have. Cane pointed out that council members should be strong role models for the rest of the students that elected them and have a good attitude and behavior.

Fundraising also will be a part of the council's duties. Homecoming is right around the corner, and like every year the Student Council puts this on for the rest of the school.

Class of '90 takes over school store

by Lisa Northrup

Business at the school store had a good start this year. The eleventh graders opened the store with the help of advisor Panji Gahbow, Ojibway Language teacher.

They need to make money for things such as class rings, prom, and, maybe, a class trip.

The store opened on September 2, 1988. It is open every day from 12:15 until 1:20 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

At the store they sell pop for

50 cents, candy for 50 cents, and chips for 50 cents.

They have Coke, Diet Coke, Cherry Coke, Sprite, Minute Maid, and Bar's Root Beer.

Candy items include Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, Plain M and M's, Peanut M and M's, and Snickers.

Chip selection includes Bar-B-Q, Sour Cream and Onion, Cheez Curly, Corn Chips, Au-gratin, Rip L Chips, Plain, Taco, Onion and Garlic, and Nachos.

Summer school serves students from entire area

by Gail DuFault

This past summer twenty-nine students enrolled in FDL's summer school from not only around Cloquet, but also from Carlton, Duluth, Bemidji, and Red Lake.

Summer school was held in three, two-week sessions, which lasted from June 20-July 28. The first two-week session offered science with substitute teacher Steve Marcella, and communications with Becky Philipsek. The second

session offered math with Jeanette Olson, and social studies with Mary Cane. The third session offered art with Dale Sautbine, physical education and health with Joe Curran, and Ojibway language with Panji Gahbow. The third session classes were electives all through summer school except for Health.

Marlys Kilen, librarian, was the summer school coordinator. Most of the teachers agreed attendance
continued on page 8

Volleyball coach pleased with turnout, practices

by Lisa Northrup

The Fond du Lac Ojibway School volleyball team started practice on August 30.

There are 12 girls on the team. Their first game is on September 22. The girls play Bug School there. They play 7 games this year.

Coach Dale Sautbine is optimistic about how they will play. Everyone knows pretty much

what they are doing, though some girls take longer to learn the fundamentals, Sautbine said.

There should be enough girls for an A and a B team, according to Sautbine. That is if everyone shows up and shows how dedicated they are, he added.

OCTOBER VOLLEYBALL GAMES

| | | | |
|----|----------------------|-------|--------|
| 11 | Finlayson | There | 6 p.m. |
| 13 | Navah Shing | There | 1 p.m. |
| 19 | Chief Bug Tournament | There | |

Volleyball team plays well against Bug School

by Lisa Northrup

The first volleyball game was played on Sept. 22 against Cheif-Bug-O-Na-Ge-Shig School at Bug School.

Coach Dale Sautbine was pleased with the girls' first performance. Sautbine thinks the team needs more work on serves.

The scores for A team were

really close. The first game was 10-15, second game was 12-15, third game was 15-11, and the final game was 13-15.

"The Bug School treated our team with respect," Sautbine said.

The B team also played well. Their scores were: the first game 10-15, second game was 13-15, and the third game was 6-15.

Committee established to decide eligibility for letter jackets

by Gail DuFault

Last year three students bought school letter jackets. These students helped develop guidelines for distribution of more jackets this year to eligible students. A four person committee is being established to complete the guidelines and to apply these guidelines. Committee members are Dale Sautbine, Joe Curran, Pami Gahbow, and Beckv Philipsek.

The jackets average in cost from about \$150 for boys, to \$120 for girls. It takes about 4-6 weeks to get them in from the time ordered.

There will be no group effort to raise money. It is the responsibility of the students to buy their jackets. If anyone feels they are eligible for a jacket and wants to order one they should let Dale know.

Art, Ojibway, physical education teachers join elementary staff

by Gail DuFault

The opening of the new school year brought new experiences for three of the secondary teachers. They are Pami Gahbow, Ojibway language, Joe Curran, physical education, and Dale Sautbine, art. This year each of them will be working with elementary students for one hour a day.

The things the new elementary students will learn about are the basic numbers, colors, and animals

in Ojibway language: basic skills focusing on activities and games in physical education, and creativity in the basic areas of art.

All three teachers have had previous experience working with elementary students. When asked how each of them felt about their new tasks, they all agreed it has been and will continue to be an exciting, challenging, and fun job working with the younger kids.

New rules include no smoking, detention, homework policy

by Christine Knowlen

This year at the Ojibway School not only was it different on the outside with the new elementary building added on, but it was different on the inside, too.

First of all the schedule has changed. Both the morning and afternoon 10 minute breaks have been changed back to 5 minute passing times. Also lunches have been shortened to 30 minutes. The main reason for this new schedule is to make it possible for students to leave at 3 p.m. each day instead of 3:20, according to Phil Minkkinen, principal. He explained, "with the elementary students here now, the bus routes would be longer, and in the winter students might be getting home in the dark."

The new rules this year include no smoking or use of tobacco, a homework policy, and after school detention instead of in-school suspension.

The no smoking rule was originally discussed two years ago. "After the elementary school was added on, it gave us an even better reason to follow through this year," stated Minkkinen.

The homework policy says that there will be one homework assignment per week, per class. The reason for this rule, Minkkinen

said, was "because homework builds on what was taught in the classroom and makes sure students are learning by understanding rather than by rote."

The biggest reason Minkkinen thought detention would work better than in-school suspension was that kids thought in-school was fun rather than punishment.

Detention lasts for an hour after school. Students are given detention for excessive tardiness, misbehaving, and skipping.



Third and Fourth grade students



First and Second grade students

Summer school, continued

could have been better, but most of the students who showed up did complete their work.

Next year principal Phil Minkkinen wants to set up a new program for summer school that will involve using computers for an accelerated program in the areas of environmental science, Ojibway language, and computers. The purpose would be for kids to get a stronger and better understanding of their environment, Ojibway language, and computers. It is only an idea Minkkinen has, but he is hoping he can have it ready to be offered for summer school 89-90.



Fifth and Sixth grade students

Staff members, continued

THIE HYOPPONEN

This year FDL has a new Early Childhood Program. It is a home based program for children ages 0-6 that are at risk. These children receive special aid, help from social workers, and help with speech problems. This program also involves Headstart.

The new coordinator of this program is Cathie Hyopponen. She is from Duluth, is married and has 3 children.

She went to school at Bemidji State University for 2 years and UMD for 2 years.

Her experiences include a Teen Mom program in Duluth involving the parents and the child. At this point she states "I like it here a lot!"

LISA PINCOMBE

Lisa Pincombe is the third and fourth grade teacher at Fond du Lac School. She is married, but has no children. Pincombe resides in Duluth.

She attended UWS. After school she substituted for 4 months in the Duluth School District. "I want to learn more about the Ojibway Culture." Pincombe said. "The job is a challenge, it was my first job offer, and I was anxious to get my career started."

She was expecting only about 10 students, but she received 24.

CHARLOTTE ARMAJO

Charlotte Armaio is the new kindergarten teacher. She is married and has 4 children.

Armaio went to school at UMD. She has 4 years of teaching experience in Wyoming, but she decided to come back home where her family is. She resides in Cloquet.

"The kids are good and I really enjoy working here with them," she explained.

KAYE WOHLWEND

The new elementary Chapter I teacher is Kaye Wohlwend. She is married and lives in Duluth.

She wanted to work at Fond du Lac because it was a new program and because it is a small school, too. She will be able to start things the way she wants to. There

will be a lot of parent-teacher involvement she hopes.

She went to school for 4 years at the University of North Dakota for Elementary Education. She then went to Bemidji State for 1 year for her Kindergarten Certificate.

Wohlwend added, "He (Minkinen) wants it to be the best program in the state, and I will see that it is."

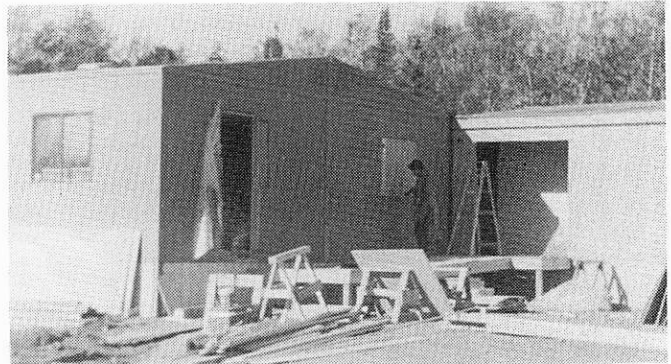
BILLY MARTINEAU

Since there is a new addition onto the school this year, there also is an added maintenance person, too. His name is Billy Martineau. He is married to Loretta Martineau, food service coordinator at Fond du Lac Ojibway School. They have 8 children and reside in the Cloquet area.

During his younger years, he attended Sawyer School and also Carleton High School. His work includes any repairs needed in the building and bathrooms, vacuuming, and cleaning, etc.

CHPIS DICKERSON

Chris Dickerson is the new fifth and Sixth grade teacher. She recently moved to Duluth from Bemidji. She is "married to a great guy named Jim." Dickerson said. "So far it has been interesting. It can be fun, but also difficult." Dickerson has 25 fifth and sixth graders in her class. Dickerson commented, "working here has been challenging and demanding, but I try to take it one day at a time."



After the portable classrooms were moved in, much work was needed to complete the project.



SPORTS



Injuries plague Warriors at Bug School game

On Tuesday, September 13, the Ogichida Warriors traveled to Chief Bug School to face a fierce rivalry. Both teams hit hard and the game proved to be the toughest defensively played football game of the season as to date. John Lapraire, a senior and wide receiver, and John England, a junior and quarterback, teamed up for the first score of the game: a well executed pass play that covered 18 yards, but the two point conversion failed. As time ran out in the first half, a penalty allowed Bug School another chance to score; and with no time left on the game clock they scored on the 3 yard line; the conversion failed

and both teams were locked into a tie at the end of the first half.

Injuries plagued both teams in the second half. Dan Aubid, a junior and utility player, suffered a broken shoulder bone; John England reinjured an ankle injury; and Lonnie Bighead was held over-night for observation at the Grand Rapids hospital. Chief Bug School lost (unofficially) 4 players to back and knee related injuries. The final score ended 18-14 in favor of Chief Bug School.

Here are the results of past FDL action: Littlefork-Bigfalls 59-0, Bigfork 36-0, Hill City 48-0, and Wrenshall 48-22.

Every player important for Fond du Lac football team

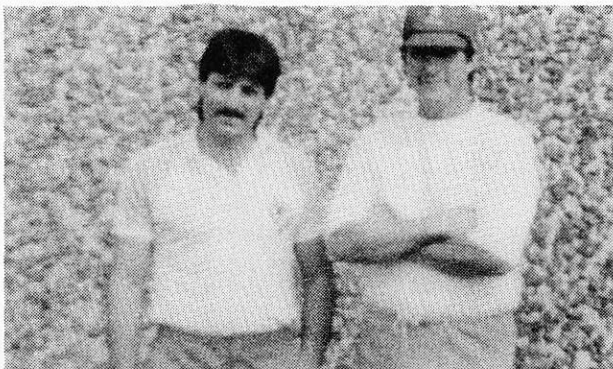
by Christine Knowlen

Football practice this year at Fond du Lac started on August 15. The students who are participating in this sport include seniors Louis Barney, Lonnie Bighead, John LaPrairie, and Mike Petite; juniors Dan Aubid, John England, Pat Houle, Chad Lewis, and Donnie Petite; sophomores Eric Berland, Jerrad Oilbway, and Paul Smekofske.

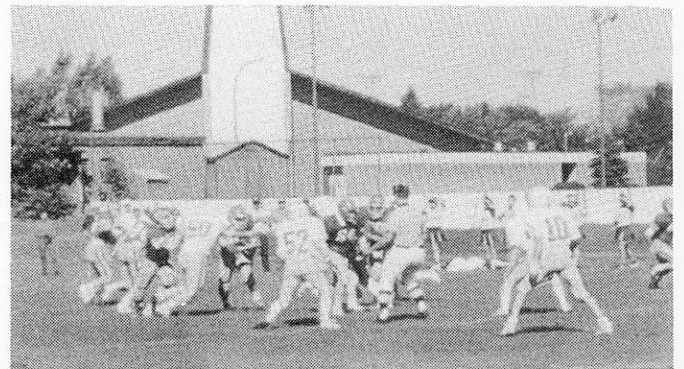
Joe Curran, physical education teacher, and Mike Rabideaux,

Chapter I Communications teacher, are the coaches again this year. Curran has coached a total of 5 years of football and Rabideaux has coached 2 years. When asked about their most valued and strongest players, the coaches' answer was, "anyone who shows up to practice regularly!"

Overall they agree they have the ability to have a good ball club.



Football coaches Joe Curran and Mike Rabideaux are optimistic.



FDL and Bigfork battle during the September 9 game.