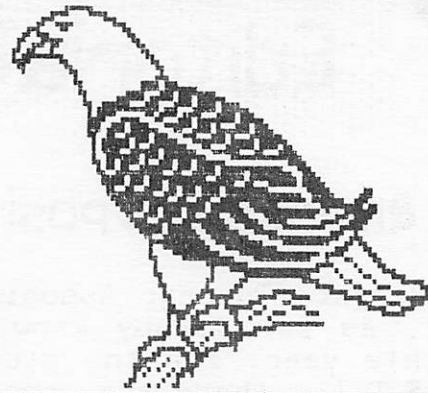


Ogichida Di bah ji mo win



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Fundraisers sweep across Ojibway School

by Chris Knowlen

A lot of fundraisers have been done so far this year at the Fond du Lac Ojibway School. The fundraising was done for various reasons, including student activities, end-of-the year trip, and next year's prom.

Student council is having a raffle which will be on December 23. Some of the prizes are food and gift certificates from surrounding stores.

Special Education had a donut sale and, later, a popcorn sale. They made the donuts and the popcorn. They were raising money for a ski trip.

The ninth grade had a raffle and Christmas sale on Dec. 2. Gifts, jewelry, and food were for sale. They raffled off a ceramic Indian bust, a ceramic eagle, a shawl, and a remote control car. A lot of the gifts were donated by Bev Gitzen.

The ninth grade also sold candygrams for 25 cents each. They were delivered the same day.

Winners of the ninth grade raffle were: Eagle - Panji Gahbow; shawl - Panji Gahbow; remote control car - Shirley Barney; Indian bust - Dick Diver.

The 10th and 11th grades' raffle was also Dec. 2. Prizes included a Nintendo game, \$50 Savings account, bingo packet, food processor, wild rice, and beaded barrette.

The winners were: Nintendo - Kevin Hansre; \$50 savings account -

Gloria Henwood; bingo packet - Dan Aubld; food processor - John McMillen; wild rice - Shirley Blacketter; and beaded barrette - Fran LaFave.

The money raised was divided between the two grades.

Groups present programs

by Lisa Northrup

The Headstart and grades K-6 will be having Christmas programs the week before Christmas break.

The elementary students will perform on Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. in the gym.

There will be songs, poems, and readings by the different grades.

Headstart will have their program on Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. in the gym.

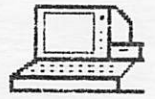
They will be singing songs and Santa Claus will be there to give out candy. After the program, there will be a potluck.



First and second graders practice with teacher Mindy Crowley.



Editorials and Opinions



PTA emphasizes positive aspects

A Parent/ Teacher Association (P.T.A.), as we already know, was formed this year. For the students here at F.D.L., there are some good and bad points about P.T.A.

Some think that P.T.A. is a way for parents to always know what we are doing in school. Some are afraid that someday a student might actually bump into his or her parent in the hallway. Going to school has been a way for students to get away from their parents, to be on their own for awhile. We

don't want to be bumping into them in the hallways or hear what they had to say to staff at P.T.A. meetings.

On the other hand, P.T.A. could be a great idea. It is a way of bringing students and parents closer together by having parents involved in school activities.

The P.T.A. could help develop school spirit and promote it among the students. They could help with school activities such as the annual Pow Wow or at basketball games.

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In the Halls

What are you going to do over your shortened Christmas vacation?



Blue



Aubid

Tim Blue (student teacher): "I'll be working out at the Y, making pipes, and eating. Also sliding and skating, and of course working out math problems."

Dan Aubid (grade 11): "I'm gonna open presents at 3:30 a.m. then I'm gonna wrap them back up. Then about 2:30 p.m. I'll be able to sleep cuz I know what I got. If you really want to know, ask me."

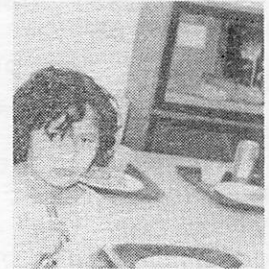
Darlene Martin (grade 4): "I am going to open presents and see my uncle from California. Then I am going to go outside and build a snowman."

Jana Martineau (grade 4): "I will open up presents and go to my Dad's house."

Jean Skinaway (grade 12): "I am going to visit my mom and family over the week. Also I am going to open presents."



Martín



Martineau

Mike Petite (grade 12): "I am going to open up presents and celebrate the new year and make a resolution not to drink next year."



Petite



Skinaway

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Concentrated efforts can help decrease Indian youth dropout rate

by Jean Skinaway

"The only good Indian is a dead Indian." This was the remark of General Philip Henry Sheridan when he was assigned to command an army in the West against Indians between 1867 to 1869.

Whenever there was close contact between Indians and whites, efforts were made to make Indians conform to the white ways of behaving, including the way they dressed, how they worshipped, and in what kind of house they lived.

School and education were other ways of assimilating the Indian into the dominant society.

Today, the Indian is very much assimilated into the white man's dominated society. And today, education would definitely be considered a prerequisite to achieving and maintaining a life in the modern world. Despite this, the Native American school dropout rate is among the highest in the United States.

In the November 1985 issue of The American Indian Magazine some surprising statistics have been stated. The magazine explains that of the 25-year-old adults, 57 % have not graduated, 27 % of "reservation" Indians are unemployed, and 45 % of the Indians nationwide live below the poverty line.

In Minnesota alone, 40 % of the enrolled Indian students dropout of high school.

The dropout problem has become a serious concern, but there are steps that can be taken to help curb the trend.

First students need to look at themselves. Students seem to be lacking motivation. This lack of motivation ends up in low levels of achievement. A poor self-concept or cultural differences may contribute to these problems. The students can change these negative

attitudes by developing a strong self-concept and building self-esteem. With both of these improving, they may see a reason to try. When they want something they find they have to work for it.

When asked about motivation, one Ojibway school senior replied, "The education and the fact that there is nothing ahead for you unless you have that education."

Several other seniors felt that just the diplomas motivated them to go to school.

Poverty, alcoholism, home problems and even lack of community support tend to deprive the student of the education he/she deserves.

Any sociology student can tell you that children look to their parents or anyone they love for guidance and support. Therefore parents should train their children at an early age to learn to live in society and influence their attitude about themselves and school.

Parents are considered to be the child's first teachers. Child development begins in the prenatal period, so the mother's health is critically related to the child's learning process. Infants born to chemically addicted mothers or fathers are less alert and less responsive to the stimuli they hear or see. It is also related to the child's temperament, which is tied to the learning process. These could hurt the physical and emotional well-being of the child.

Efforts are being made to help student stay in school. There are support groups and even a Minnesota State law.

The Compulsory Attendance Law came into effect this school year. This law states that the kindergartners of the 1988-89 school year are to finish school, that is complete 12 years or

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dropout rate, continued

receive a diploma. According to this law the students cannot dropout. If the students do attempt to dropout, charges will be brought against the parents or guardians, social service intervention will begin and/or court action will be initiated.

However this would not affect the other grades, just the kindergartners. Students from the first grade through twelfth could still dropout upon reaching the age of 16.

According to a 1987 evaluation of the FDL Education Division, it was found that 13 students dropped out of the Ojibway School during the 1986-87 school year.

The rate dropped to 4 students in the 87-88 school year. "We try

to encourage them to come back," Principal Phil Minkkinen said.

In the 86-87 school year the school had an incentive program that actually gave students money as an incentive to attend school. After evaluating the program, staff found that the program did not have a great deal of affect on the students, so it was dropped.

There are still some incentives used at the Ojibway School. They include the B.E.S.T. Kid Program and Project B.A.D.

All these problems can be addressed and minimized by parents, teachers, or even politicians. However, the final choice is up to the individual student; the choice if he or she wants to succeed in life or not.

School presents awards

by Chris Knowlen

The B.E.S.T. Kid Award, which means Behavior, Effort, Scholastic, Achievement, and Timely, were selected for September and October.

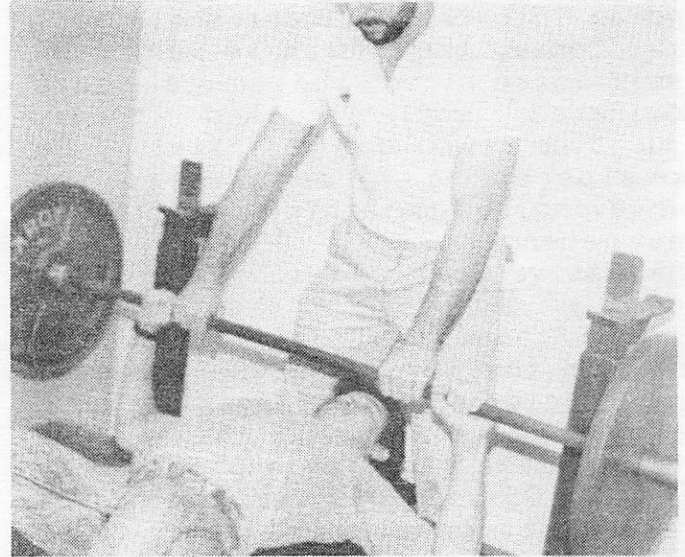
A student from each grade is nominated by each teacher. The student with the most nominations wins. Only High School students were elected for September. In October both high school and elementary students participated.

September Winners were:

- 7th Richelle Mullen
- 8th Nikki Reynolds
- 9th Melody Diver
- 10th Tony Longclaws
- 11th Chris Knowlan
- 12th Gladys Martin

October Winners were:

- 1st Brooke Blue
- 3rd Lanesse Baker
- 4th Josie Virnale
- 5th Azhibik Aubid
- 6th Robie Fairbanks
- 7th Ira Aubid
- 8th Lori Northrup
- 9th Mel Diver
- 10th Tony Longclaws
- 11th Lisa Northrup
- 12th Gladys Martin



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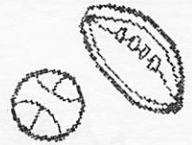
Teacher Joe Curran has definitely put the physical in physical education for the 11th and 12th grades elective classes. Curran advises some of the class in weight lifting on Mon., Wed, and Fri. morning. "Anyone in the 11th and 12th elective class who sincerely wants to learn can join," Curran stated.

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If parents are going to be involved with school, it is better to have them involved with the positive side rather than just when a student is in trouble.



SPORTS



F.D.L handles Grand Marais

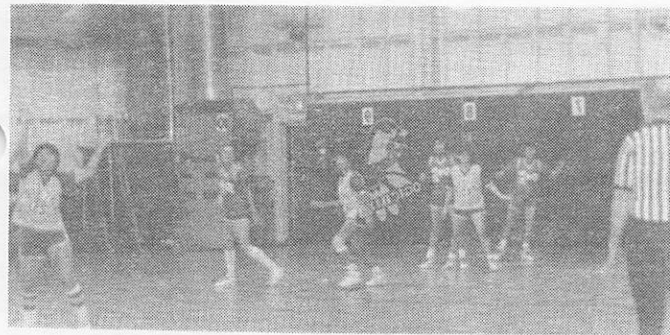
by Lisa Northrup

In their latest action, the FDL boys' basketball team played against Grand Marais and won.

The final score was 59 -54. The Ogichida had been ahead at half time by 20 points, but Grand Marais came to life in the second half.

The leading scorer was senior Deron Decorah with 27 points.

The B team was not as lucky. They lost 23-31. They were helped by two new players, sophomore Eric Berglund and junior Mike Miller.



Cards defeat F.D.L girls

by Lisa Northrup

The girls' basketball team played the Cotton Cardinals on Nov. 22.

The A Team put up a good game. In the first half, they held the girls, but in the second half, the cardinals pulled ahead and beat the Warriors 30-60.

Eagles outscore F.D.L

by Lisa Northrup

On November 30, the Ogichida girls' basketball team played Bug School.

The A Team played hard and led by at least one during most of the game. But Bug School pulled through and won with the score of 45-44.

The high scorer was Mel Diver with 23 points.

The B Team played well, but there were a lot of turnovers. They lost 6 - 47. Lisa Northrup scored 4 points and Chandra Mullen scored 2 points.

Revised Basketball Schedules

DECEMBER

GIRLS

19 Floodwood Away 6 p.m.
22 Red Lake Tournament Away

JANUARY

5 Albrook Home 6 p.m.
6 White Earth Away 1 p.m.
10 Heart of the Earth Home 4 p.m.
12 Tower Soudan Away 6 p.m.
19 Heart of the Earth Away 3 p.m.
26 White Earth Home 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2 Nay Ah Shing Home 1 p.m.
7 Nay Ah Shing Home 1 p.m.
9 Bug School Away 1 p.m.
14 Nay Ah Shing Away 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

BOYS

20 Cromwell Home 6 p.m.
22 Red Lake Tournament Away

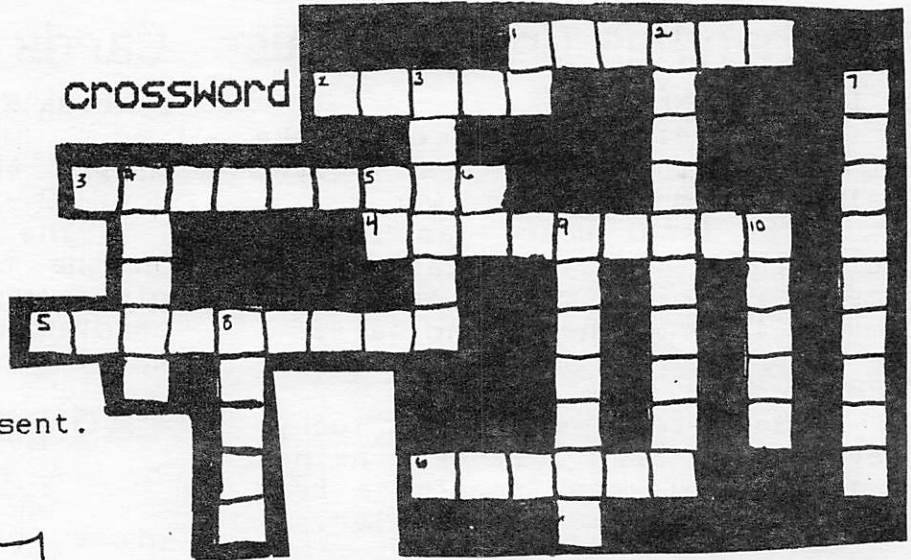
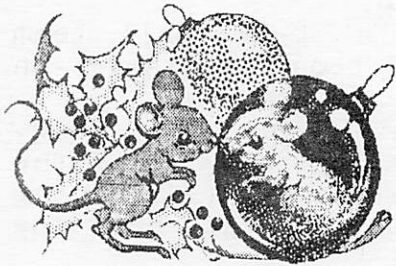
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17 Grand Marais Away 6 p.m.

Happy Holidays



Help the elf get to the present.

Maze



Across:

1. Deer with red nose
2. Round ornament
3. Hung from fireplace
4. Merry time of year
5. These are exchanged
6. Hung on door

Down:

1. Abbv. right side
2. Things hang on tree
3. They flash on and off
4. Cut down in the boonies
5. Abbv. North Carolina
6. Abbv. for senior
7. Hang in the door opening
8. Santas helpers
9. Frosty the _____.
10. The guy who flies around over rooftops.

Word Scramble

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| phpigwar | pprea | msarsithc |
| mntsenaro | | aanst ulseac |
| gtshil | | antsepre |
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