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Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

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Gas Station and Grocery Store

On July 12th, representatives from Mansfield Oil gave a presentation to the Tribal Council on changing gasoline vendors, and rebuilding the current gas station and grocery store.

Mansfield Oil representatives presented to eight Council Members including Chairman Tom Maulson, Mike Allen Sr., Liza Diver, Alice Soulier, Butch St. Germaine, Ruben Santiesteban, Frank Mitchell, Sr. and Brooks BigJohn.

Mansfield Oil has been in business for more 55 years,. They shared specific ideas with the Council for increasing revenue at the gas station. From May 15th through June 14th, Mansfield monitored the gas prices the Tribe paid, and estimated that they could have saved the Tribe more than \$9,800 for the one month period.

They shared information on their contracts with major refineries, their redundant systems that insure up-time, and their shipping points and terminals. In addition, they provided a proposal to reconstruct the gas station using a newly created Lac du Flambeau marketable brand.

Mansfield has worked with other Tribes on branding including the Ho-Chunk Tribe's White Tail Crossing stores.

They are seeking a 10 year contract, and would invest \$50,000 in the re-branding of the gas station and offer a generous rebate on gallons sold. The existing gas station and grocery store would remain open during construction. Most re-branding would coincide with the new construction.

Mansfield Oil's proposal included a support plan for the first 90 days that would provide re-branding, management and employee training, implementing a loyalty rewards program, and a grand reopening.

The new gas station would retain the existing eight pumps, add an additional 12 pumps, and add an eatery franchise.

The Council unanimously passed a resolution to show interest and transfer the existing fuel distribution agreement. Chairman Maulson noted that Mike Willms, Chief Financial Officer, and Brent McFarland, Chief Operating Office for the LDF Business Development Corporation, should be involved moving forward and keep the Council updated on the progress of this project.



PCDC Welcomes Dr. Anders

The Peter Christensen Dental Clinic welcomes Dr. Neil Anders to the team!



Dr. Anders, a graduate of Marquette University, currently owns and operates two private practices. One practice is in Florence and the second is in Eagle River. From 1989 to 2007, Dr. Anders practiced in Arizona. While there he worked for the Pascua Yaku Tribe in Tuscan before they opened their own dental clinic.

During his career as a dentist, Dr. Anders discovered that he loved doing root canals. He has dedicated five years of his dental career to exclusively doing root canal therapy.

Dr. Anders grew up in Milwaukee, but spent a lot of time in the Three Lakes and Eagle River area when he was younger. Dr. Anders describes himself as a true sportsman who enjoys time in the woods. He currently resides in Eagle River.

The Peter Christensen Dental Clinic is located at 128 Old Abe Road in Lac du Flambeau. Call (715) 588-4269 to schedule an appointment. Open Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm for your convenience.

Tribal Member John Snow Gives Thanks

Mr. John Snow stopped by the *Inwewin* office last week. He asked that we share this message with you:

"Thank you to Mr. Tom Maulson, Judi Bergquist and Bev LaBarge for your assistance in helping me to stay a couple of nights in Marshfield during my wife's emergency. Many miigwitches!"

Gikendaasowin Center

Inwewin recently met with Joni Theobald, the Director of the Gikendaasowin (knowledge) Education Center, about the exciting things happening within the Education Office. Gikendaasowin houses the Tribal Education Department and their programs, Workforce Development, Nicolet College's Academic Success Lab, and also serves as a satellite Job Center for the State of Wisconsin. Gikendaasowin strives to support community members in their quest for life-long learning by bridging pathways to opportunities that foster self-awareness, self-direction and the necessary skills needed for positive change. The mission of Gikendaasowin is to guide and support the community on their lifelong path to success.

One of the biggest undertakings to date has been the development of the Tribe's broadband initiative. Recognizing the great need for affordable and reliable internet access, Joni took the initiative to bring together a team of students and professionals who would provide our community with high speed broadband internet access. The lack of high speed internet service has been a major obstacle in luring businesses to the area, which has contributed to the lack of job growth. The broadband initiative was launched, and a request for proposal was sent seeking a provider that could conduct a feasibility study. Access Engineering was chosen and, after completion of the study, was selected to partner with the Tribe. The broadband initiative has grown to include the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, Nicolet College and the Town of Minocqua.

This initiative includes an apprenticeship program that provides learning opportunities and skill development in fiber optic broadband for Tribal Members. With assistance from Gikendaasowin, hands-on instruction from Access Engineering, and the students' personal motivation and desire to learn, the participants are learning many aspects of the telecommunication industry including planning and logistics, as well as the daily operations of an internet service provider (ISP).



The goal of starting a tribally owned and operated ISP was recently realized with the formation of Ogema LLC. Ogema LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the LDF Business Development Corporation. Utilizing federal grant funds will help subsidize Ogema LLC during the start-up and early stages. The Tribal Council has supported this endeavor by offering guidance and support, recently authorizing the creation of a broadband committee that will act in an advisory role. Tribal Members undergoing the intensive training have the goal of transitioning into various capacities within Ogema when they successfully complete their training.

Meet the Council - Eric Chapman, Sr.

Inwewin recently met with Tribal Council Member Eric Chapman, Sr. Eric works as the Chief Conservation Officer and the Emergency Management program manager for the Tribe. The Emergency Management Program assists Tribal Government with developing a system to respond to, recover from, prepare and train for natural or man-made disasters. The Tribal program has been funded for six years from the general fund, and does not receive state funding. "We did not apply for the state funding because we wanted more control and full decision making on how our program runs," Mr. Chapman said.

The protection of the community is a personal passion for Eric. He has received training with the National Incident Command System, in general law enforcement techniques, and for chemical spill instruction. "Our unique and culturally historic sites need special considerations. We coordinate with other employees who have been trained to help law enforcement and prioritize for our people during an emergency situation." Eric briefly shared the work done during the extended power outage two years ago. The Emergency Management Program setup an emergency shelter at the Lac du Flambeau Public School, and assisted Elders in obtaining hotel rooms. "We have special considerations that are unique to our people, and the Emergency Management Program is ready to serve our Tribal Members and Descendants' needs," he said.

Our program is part of the Wisconsin Tribal Emergency Management Alliance, who meets monthly to share information, resources and provide mutual assistance. Eric and the Wisconsin Tribal Emergency Management Alliance are working to develop a Tribal Emergency Management Team, a group of trained individuals that will provide technical assistance to local programs in times of crisis.

Eric shared the state's emergency preparedness website - www.readywisconsin.wi.gov. There are valuable resources on the website that everyone would benefit from. He also noted that the Tribe is developing emergency action plans, and that the Emergency Management Program will be updating the Tribal Council to insure there are future strategies in place and resources available.

In addition to volunteering his service with the Emergency Management Program, Eric is also a Tribal Council Member. He has been serving on the Council for three and a half years, and is up for re-election this Fall. When asked why he decided to run for Council, Eric replied, "When the Tribe was struggling with bond payments, and people were laid off, and Tribal programs needed funding, I felt it was my time to serve and share my expertise. I realize I've been elected to represent everyone, and I will do what's best for everyone." Eric admitted that serving the People doesn't always concur with his personal beliefs. "I've had a hard time with some issues. There are many things to be concerned about, and to be educated about. As a hunter and gatherer, I had a hard time with the ATV trails that run through the Reservation. (This issue) made me see another perspective - that this could be good for our economy. I have to look at everything. I rely on other Council Member's education and experience, and see our Council working as a team."

Eric has a strong commitment to the People, and readily shared his thoughts on pressing issues including rebuilding the Housing Authority, preserving our natural resources, and education for the next generation. "Taking care of our children, providing them with educational opportunities, and offering our People the best living conditions possible is important. We need to protect and provide our Elders with the most comfortable lifestyle possible. And the strength of a nation is the ability to feed itself. We can sustain ourselves," he said. You can reach Eric at his office at (715) 588-4171.

Notice of Primary Tribal Election

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, notice is hereby given that an election of the Tribal Officials will be held in Lac du Flambeau on the first Tuesday in September 2013, and the Annual Election shall be held on the first Tuesday in October 2013. **The following Officers will be elected:** Secretary, Treasurer and four Council Members, for a term of two years. The following terms expire: Secretary - Elizabeth "Liza" Doud Diver, Treasurer - Mary Peterson, Council Member - Alice Soulier, Council Member - Henry "Butch" St. Germaine, Council Member - Eric Chapman, Sr., and Council Member - Racquel Bell

Nomination papers may be secured from the Secretary, or the Tribal Operations/Enrollment Department in Lac du Flambeau. Nomination papers must be properly filed no later than August 14, 2013, at 3:30 pm.

You Matter! Stay Healthy!

Your family and your community care about you. You are an important member of the Tribe. *Inwewin* recently visited the Community Health Department at the Peter Christensen Health Center to learn how you can improve your health.

Did you know that an estimated 30% of American Indians and Alaska Natives have pre-diabetes? According to the American Diabetes Association, pre-diabetes is "blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Recent research has shown that some long-term damage to the body, especially the heart and circulatory system, may already be occurring during pre-diabetes."

For 15 years, the Peter Christensen Diabetes Management Team has been providing diabetes health services to the community through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). The \$220,990 grant is focused on wellness and decreasing diabetes complications.

Sherry Ashby (left), RN and Diabetes Coordinator, Julie Balocca, RN (center), and Hope Williams (right), Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, are providing services and education.



"It is our hope that consistent diabetes management will become a normal part of caring for the disease in our community to prevent the complications of diabetes and the cost (physically, emotionally and financially) to the patient, their family and the community," said Sherry.

What is diabetes? Diabetes means your blood sugar is too high. Too much sugar in the blood is not good for your health.

What is pre-diabetes? This means your blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for diabetes. People with pre-diabetes are at a higher risk for getting type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

What is type 2 diabetes? Having high blood sugar for some time can lead to serious problems with your eyes, heart, kidneys and nerves. This type of diabetes can happen at any age, even in children.

Can type 2 diabetes be managed? YES! Taking care of diabetes every day will help keep your blood sugar in a healthy range, and prevent health problems that diabetes can cause over the years.

Sherry and Hope are passionate, and committed to your health. Helping you prevent diabetes is an important part of their work, and working together to manage diabetes is a key focus of their efforts. "We're not here to judge. We're here to help you adapt," Hope said. "We have the time to spend with our patients. We have the ability to be an extra hand with our patients, and work with patients when they see the doctors," said Sherry. Hope and Sherry, along with everyone at the Community Health Department, want to insure you are healthy and with our community for many years to come. Call them today at (715) 588-3371 to schedule a personal consultation. To learn more about diabetes, visit the American Diabetes Association website at www.diabetes.org.



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Indian Bowl Donation

On June 28th, the Unity Church in Madison donated tithes collected from members to the Waswagoning Indian Bowl project. This private donation kicks off the Board's fundraising efforts to raise at least \$3.6 million for the construction of a new Indian Bowl facility.

Pictured (L-R) are: Tom Maulson, Tribal President, Monika Ramsey, Treasurer of Unity Church, Madison, Alan Moore, President Lac du Flambeau Research Committee and Employee Assistance Coordinator, and Georgine Brown, President of the LDF Living Arts and Culture Center Board of Directors.



LDF BDC Construction Co.

The LDF Business Development Corporation is starting a construction company with the purpose of employing community members, and to self-perform both residential and commercial construction projects on the Reservation.

The construction company will also sub-contract with local contractors to give local businesses more opportunities to compete on Tribal projects.

For more information, please contact LDF Business Development Corporation CEO Bill Beson via email (bbeson@ldftribe.com) or call (715) 661-4856.

Bear River Pow Wow

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe hosted the 31st annual Bear River Pow Wow July 12 through July 14, 2013, at the Bear River Pow Wow Grounds.



The Bear River Pow Wow is a mid-summer celebration of Native American culture and tradition that attracts participants from across the country. Friends and families gather to share in traditional and contemporary Native American singing, dancing and story-telling. Theresa Mitchell, Director of the George W. Brown Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center and Bear River Pow Wow Committee Coordinator, said the Pow Wow is a significant event for the people of Lac du Flambeau. "The Pow Wow is more of a homecoming for Tribal Members who live away from the reservation. It's a chance for people to reconnect, and many families plan summer trips home to coincide with this weekend."

The Bear River Grounds have long been a gathering place for the Tribe. The first Bear River Pow Wow was organized in 1982 by Tribal Member Donnie Carufel, and has grown steadily since its inception. The location was used by local Ojibwe People, who constructed seasonal camps while harvesting wild rice on the Bear River. Mitchell went on to add, "Both the Pow Wow and the Grounds have deep-rooted meaning and value to the community."

More photos may be viewed at www.facebook.com/LDFtribe. No account is needed to view the page.

War on Drugs Continues

The Lac du Flambeau Tribal Police Department, in conjunction with numerous law enforcement agencies, carried out sweeping raids on June 26th on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation.

Code named "Operation Pandora", Tribal Police led a team of approximately 40 officers and agents in early morning raids at local residences, serving seven search warrants and making more than 20 arrests resulting from an ongoing investigation into synthetic and prescription drug trafficking on the Reservation.

In a multi-agency effort, 11 law enforcement agencies from seven counties were involved including the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Department, Price County Sheriff's Department, GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission), Red Cliff Tribal Police, Ho-Chunk Tribal Police, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Police, Oneida Tribal Police, Bad River Tribal Police and NADGI (Native American Drug and Gang Initiative).

"Today's events were the first wave of a continuing effort to combat the use and distribution of synthetic marijuana and prescription drugs," said Bob Brandenburg, Chief of Police of the Lac du Flambeau Police Department. "Our department received cooperative support from several Indian reservations throughout the course of this investigation. Our goal is to greatly impact the availability of drugs on our streets," said Tom Maulson, Chairman of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

"When our Tribe declared a State of Emergency in April, we made it clear to our community that we would take on those who use and sell drugs on our Reservation. We made it public knowledge that we will deal with this epidemic. Hopefully the actions of our law enforcement community send a strong message that drug abuse is not acceptable on our lands. We have resources and support for our people who need help with addictions," continued Maulson.

"Operation Pandora" is an ongoing, multi-agency effort, and will continue its efforts in Lac du Flambeau.

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PCDC Receives Futuremakers Partner Award

"Dr. Fralick had the vision to not only improve the dental health of area residents, but to offer use of the clinic's modern facilities to partner with Nicolet Area Technical College in training future dental professionals," Petersen said. "Today, Nicolet offers outstanding programs that create opportunities for graduates to launch careers as dental hygienists and dental assistants."

Petersen praised the partnership between the college and the Tribal enterprise as the first of its kind in the nation. Ten students were in the first graduating class and the clinic plans to include more students in future classes. "The clinic's efforts will benefit this region for many years to come," Petersen concluded. "Students add a whole other feel and dynamic to our clinic," said Dr. Fralick. "Being there to help them and mentor them is a great feeling and very rewarding. We've already hired four of the students."

Dr. Fralick graduated from the School of Dentistry at Marquette University in 1993. A Member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, he is one of only 150 Native American dentists in the United States. In 2007, Dr. Fralick had two dreams about the clinic. In January 2008, he was approached by the Lac du Flambeau Tribe to help build the Clinic. The Clinic opened in the gymnasium at the William Wildcat, Sr. Tribal Center and began serving Tribal Members and the community. During a challenging period, Dr. Fralick left the project for a time but was invited back by Tribal Chairman Tom Maulson three years ago.

Dr. Fralick remained committed to his vision, and re-established relationships to move forward in bringing his dreams to fruition. "Jim Brown with Nicolet College was pivotal in reaching my goal of including education in the Clinic," Dr. Fralick said. "This is a great model to be used by other tribes that will change lives."

The project required great personal sacrifice, and Dr. Fralick acknowledged Penny Lewandowski, the Business Manager at the Peter Christensen Dental Clinic, for her commitment and efforts. He also thanked Penny's husband Tom, for supporting Penny while she worked many hours. Dr. Fralick thanked his family for their support, noting that "my wife and kids gave up a lot over the past couple of years." He admitted that there were times when he didn't think the Clinic would become a reality. He thanked Tribal Chairman Tom Maulson for his support and shared, "My greatest feeling is fulfilling what the Spirit showed me in my dreams, and my greatest reward is in the giving. I had faith to get me through the last three years."

Chairman Maulson said a few words to the group, noting Dr. Fralick's steadfast commitment to the project. "This wasn't easy. It was something new for our community and I want to thank Paco and my colleagues for taking in Paco's dream. He sacrificed much for his family. He took the initiative based on his vision and on our culture. It is great to see what this Indian man has done for his people. Gitchi Miigwitch to Paco," said Maulson.



Highway 47 Construction

Highway 47 from Bolton Lake Road to Lake of the Torches Resort Casino is currently undergoing a major reconstruction project that will continue through the end of September. As part of this project, a section of Highway 47 from Sterns Lake Road to just short of the Highway H intersection will be closed to traffic for 10 days beginning on July 27 (depending upon weather, etc.).

People traveling from the Minocqua/Woodruff area are encouraged to take Highway 70 west from Minocqua to Highway D, and then travel Highway D to Lac du Flambeau. Please drive safe, and remember to slow down in construction areas.



Lund Blanket Presentation

On Friday, July 12, 2013, Dr. Arthur Helgerson, Dr. Adrienne Laverdure, Tribal Chairman Tom Maulson and Randy Samuelson, Peter Christensen Health Clinic Director, presented John Lund (center) with a Pendleton blanket.



As Chairman Maulson cloaked Mr. Lund with the Pendleton, he noted John's service as a volunteer to the Lac du Flambeau Tribe and his work in forming the Youth Leadership ILI (Interculture Leadership Initiative). "John has been an advocate of Indian people. We thank him for his service. John, I hope you wrap yourself on cool days," said Chairman Maulson.

Randy Samuelson reflected on John's service to the Tribe and the Lakeland area, noting his involvement in recruiting Dr. Lavendure to the Peter Christianson Health Clinic, his involvement with the Howard Young Medical Center and the Howard Young Foundation, and his work in founding the Lakeland Food Pantry.

When asked why he was so committed to the Lac du Flambeau people, John humbly replied, "The people of Lac du Flambeau and all people are made in the image of God, and all should be treated with respect. The health care effort at the time wasn't doing that."

John spoke of his involvement with the Howard Young Medical Center, the Howard Young Foundation, and in founding the Lakeland Food Pantry. He said, "We learned that the cultural differences were not understood, and the importance of the cultural differences was not understood. I believed we could do better for all of our communities."

Chairman Maulson thanked John for his efforts, as do many of the Tribe's people, who receive the services that John helped make a reality here in Lac du Flambeau.

August Elder Birthdays

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to Our Elders Who Are Celebrating August Birthdays:

Dolores Kuckkahn	8/3
Kenneth Timm	8/4
Verna LaBarge	8/4
Rhonda Potts	8/4
Marilyn Daniels	8/4
Verdelma Jarvis	8/7
James Gray	8/8
Lydia Scudder	8/8
Gertrude Goodwin	8/10
Carol Kasper	8/12
Julie Chapman	8/12
Mary Rociola	8/13
Byron Peterson, Sr.	8/14
Norma Soulier	8/16
James Nokes	8/17
Anthony Poupart, Sr.	8/18
Marcia Madosh	8/19
Robert St. Germaine	8/20
Patricia Vernon	8/21
Leroy White	8/21
Henry St. Germaine, Sr.	8/26
Carl Chapman, Sr.	8/29
Patricia Swoboda	8/29

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Gaming Commission Explores Online Gaming

On July 2nd, the Tribal Council received a proposal from attorney Jeffrey Nelson at the law firm of Kanji & Katzen, PLLC regarding the formation of a Tribal Internet Gaming Alliance (TIGA). The purpose of TIGA would be for Tribes to unite under a treaty agreement to begin free online gaming, with the goal of eventually moving to real pay for play gaming.

Following the presentation, the Tribal Council directed the Gaming Commission to research the formation of TIGA and report back to the Council in one month. *Inwewin* met with Daniel Chapman, Gaming Commission Administrator, to learn more about this opportunity.

Daniel explained that the Gaming Commission is responsible for enforcing the Tribal Gaming Ordinance regulations. The Commission is comprised of Tribal Members including Michael Allen, III, Mary Ann Armstrong, John LaBarge, Jr., Elliott Rising Sun and Elmer Risingsun. "The Council recognizes that internet gaming is very lucrative, and offers the Tribe another venue for revenue - but they did not want to enter into anything hastily. They charged the Gaming Commission with due diligence, and we will be reporting back to them in early August," said Chapman.

The Gaming Commission is researching existing business models and how this may affect the Tribe. According to Chapman, a feasibility study and business plan needs to be done. "We are right on track for our deadline to report to the Council in August," Chapman continued.

The Gaming Commission staff is also keeping busy. James Chapman (left) and Daniel (right) recently welcomed Carri Chapman (center) to their team. For more information on the Tribal Internet Gaming Alliance (TIGA) proposal, you may contact Daniel at (715) 588-4457.



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