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General elections to be held Oct 1. Your vote counts!

On Sept. 3, the primary election was held in the council chambers at the William Wildcat Sr. Community Center in Lac du Flambeau. The polls opened at 10 a.m., and a light, yet steady, stream of voters filed through the Tribal center doors to exercise their rights as Tribal Members and cast their ballot. Voter traffic picked up as the workday ended, and polls closed at 8 p.m. sharp.

A field of 35 candidates vied for six elected seats. Five candidates sought election to the office of secretary; two candidates sought election to the office of treasurer, and 28 candidates were looking to represent the Membership as council members.

Incumbents Mary Peterson (treasurer), Eric Chapman (council), Alice Soulier (council), Henry "Butch" St. Germaine (council) and Racquel Zortman-Bell (council) all advanced to the general election, with Tribal secretary Liza Diver

deciding not to seek re-election.

A total of 537 votes were cast in this year's primary election, which generally has lower voter turnout than the general elections. The Tribal Election Board monitored and certified the election, and subsequently reported eight (8) ballots to be either spoiled or invalid.

Here is a complete list of the certified primary election results with vote totals: sharp.

Secretary:

Jamie Armstrong - 118, Jerome "Brooks" BigJohn, Jr. - 95, Victoria A. Doud - 118, Nicole Chapman-Reynolds - 60, Juanita Thompson - 116

Treasurer:

Barry LeSieur - 194, Mary F. Peterson - 264

Council member:

Terry "Fred" Allen - 83, Eric Chapman, Sr. - 129, Gilbert L. Chapman - 64, Jacob John Edwards - 20, Betty Jo Graveen - 122, Betty J. Jack - 59, Kenneth L. Jack, Jr. - 55, Richard E. Jack, Jr. - 61, Arthur LaBarge - 32, Jerome A.



"Booj" LaBarge Jr. - 40, John R. LaBarge, Jr. - 23, Neil C. Peterson - 72, Paula Poupart - 44, Robert Mark Poupart - 15, Elmer Rising Sun - 29, Ronda J. Snow - 41, Alice K. Soulier - 154, Henry "Butch" St. Germaine, Sr. - 167, Louis "Lil Guy" St. Germaine - 51, Robert J. St. Germaine - 31, Vincent St. Germaine - 26, George W. Thompson - 62, Sharon A. Thompson - 48, Joseph G. Wildcat, Sr. -

113, Jeanne M. Wolfe - 21, Vivian "Luci" Wolfe - 85, Melinda J. Young - 66 and Racquel Zortman-Bell - 125.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013. The following candidates will be on the ballot for the general election:

Secretary:

Jamie Armstrong and Victoria A. Doud

Treasurer:

Barry LeSieur and Mary Peterson

Council members:

Terry "Fred" Allen
Eric Chapman, Sr. (incumbent)
Betty Jo Graveen
Alice K. Soulier (incumbent)
Henry "Butch" St. Germaine, Sr. (incumbent)
Joseph G. Wildcat, Sr.
Vivian "Luci" Wolfe

Racquel Zortman-Bell (incumbent)

Voting on Oct. 1 will be held at the William Wildcat, Sr. Community Center from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inwewin will share the results as soon as they are available via email and postings on our Facebook (www.facebook.com/LDFtribe.com) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/LDFtribe) pages.

CANDIDATE FORUM

A candidate forum will be held Monday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bingo Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All general election candidates are invited to participate. Each candidate will be offered two minutes for an opening statement, two minutes for a closing statement and two minutes to answer questions.

Candidates who wish to participate should confirm their participation with the Tribal Communications Office no later than Friday, Sept. 27. Call us at (715) 588-4492, or email us at communications@ldftribe.com.

Everyone is invited to submit questions. Due to time constraints at the forum, we ask that you please forward your questions to the Tribal Communications Office, located at the William Wildcat, Sr. Community Center, or email us at communications@ldftribe.com. Questions will be received at the candidate forum, but preference will be given to questions received in advance.

New Tribal Veterans Service Officer

Hi. My name is John Brown and I was recently given the opportunity to better our veterans and their families in our



community. I am the new Tribal Veterans Service Officer, replacing Danielle Montgomery.

I am a Marine Corps veteran, having served from 1975 to 1983. I was honorably discharged as a sergeant and served with a recon unit.

Serving as the Tribal Veterans Service Officer is something I have wanted to do for a long time. I know there are a lot of issues our veterans are facing, including health care benefits, disability claims, veteran home loans and rehab, and more. Please call me at (715) 892-5557, or come and see me at the Veterans Center across from the Bingo Hall. Currently, my office hours are Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. We can make a difference.

TREATY TRACKER: Mining and night hunting are important issues

Mining

Mining is one of the most pressing issues facing tribes in northern Wisconsin. The proposed taconite mine to be located in the Penokee Mountains and at the head of the Bad River watershed has been an ominous figure lurking on the horizon. Concerned about the effects the mine would have on the environment, Tribal Members and environmental activists have established an interpretive learning center and camp just outside of the proposed mine site. The LCO Harvest Camp recently won a battle when the Iron County Board of Directors voted to direct the county's forestry department to work with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe to obtain a camping permit, allowing the camp to remain in operation. The camp was in jeopardy of removal prior to the late July action by the Iron County Board. The county's forestry department had recommended closure and removal of the camp due to lack of proper permits.

The camp drew negative attention in June when a group of non-Native protesters allegedly accosted workers at the mine site. During that incident, one of the drilling workers said that protesters had forcefully taken her video camera and a cell phone from her pocket. An Iron County sheriff's deputy responding to the scene later

found the camera at the LCO Harvest Camp and questioned camp organizers about the incident.

"The people who supposedly did these things were not part of our group and were not sanctioned by our camp," said Bad River Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. One of the protesters, Katie M. Kloth, 26, of Stevens Point, has been charged in circuit court with one count of robbery by use of force and three misdemeanors in connection with the incident. Tribal officials and camp organizers continue to encourage peace and non-violence in their quest to educate the general public about the dangers of sulfide mining.

The Bad River Tribe hopes to receive approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to allow the Tribe to set water quality standards on its reservation. This designation would put the Tribe in a position to regulate activities that impact the environment upstream from waters that flow into tribal lands. Under the Clean Water Act, Section 404 (c), the Tribe would retain the power to "veto" or "prohibit, restrict, or deny the discharge of dredged or fill material at defined sites in waters of the United States (including wetlands) whenever it determines, after notice and opportunity for public hearing, that use of such sites for disposal would have an

unacceptable adverse impact on one or more of various resources including fisheries, wildlife, municipal water supplies, or recreational areas," according to the EPA's website, www.epa.gov.

Tribal people believe the discharge of waste water from the proposed mine would pollute and irreparably damage the environment, with loss of wild rice beds and other plant and animal life, and otherwise destroy the very source of their existence.

Night hunting

The six Ojibwe Bands continue to await Judge Barbara Crabb's decision on the Tribes' lawsuit requesting a stay on the prohibition of night hunting or "shining" of white-tailed deer. During the LCO Tribe's lawsuit against the state in 1991 (known as the "Deer Trial"), the state successfully argued that night hunting historically did not exist in Wisconsin and therefore should not be allowed.

After a week of testimony by Tribal and state of Wisconsin expert witnesses in late July, Crabb said it may take until October to hand down a ruling due to the time it will take her to review both parties' closing briefs. The action was filed and heard in U.S. District Court Western District.

Dental assistant Renee White honored at Peter Christensen Dental Clinic

This past February, the Peter Christensen Dental Clinic opened and the staff began seeing patients. Prior to the PCDC opening, dental services were offered at the William Wildcat Sr. Community Center. As dental services improved and reached more community members, Renee White has been a steadfast and compassionate dental assistant, serving people for more than three decades.

"Renee is a dedicated individual who is very caring, well liked and well re-

spected by the community and staff. She has served the community for 32 years, expanding her education and responsibilities, and we have chosen to honor her by naming our conference room the Renee White Conference Room," said Dr. Paco Fralick, PCDC health director.

"Renee knows how to handle stress. She helps our patients and our staff, and works through that. She's been a tremendous influence on our younger staff. The average career of a dental assistant is approximately

10 years. It's so rare to find someone who has the longevity and commitment that Renee gives," continued Dr. Fralick.

Renee began her work at the Tribal center in 1979. "I was the first assistant. We had two chairs and I worked closely with the dentist. It was on the job training, and I found it very interesting. It was challenging and every day was different," said Renee.

What has kept her working in dentistry for 33 years? "I enjoy going to work every day. I enjoy interacting with the people. There are many new things happening, and I'm not ready to quit yet. By expanding, we're hoping to offer more services in the future so we won't have to send people out. The new services and the dental assistant and dental hygiene programs offer new jobs for the people."

Renee said she was surprised by the honor of having the PCDC conference room named after her. "I was shocked. It was very nice, and I didn't expect it," she said.

Thanks to people like Renee, Dr. Fralick and other dedicated PCDC staff, the clinic is experiencing rapid growth. When Dr. Fralick took over the program in 2010, an average of 5,000 people visited the clinic each year. Since opening in February, the clinic has already welcomed 15,000 patients. The clinic serves Tribal Members and non-members, and now works with Nicolet College to offer two dental programs that include a two-year dental hygienist associate degree and a dental assistant diploma.

Recently, Nicolet College received its initial accreditation approval from the national Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The partnership allows

students a hands-on educational experience in a state-of-the-art dental facility.

"This is great news, especially for the students currently in, or looking at entering, the dental hygiene program," said Dr. Lenore Mangles, Dean of Health Occupations at Nicolet College. "In order for students to take their licensure exam to work in the dental hygiene field, they must graduate from an accredited program. We are thrilled students in the Northwoods will now have that opportunity."

"We offer clinicals and academics in the same facility, and that is not always the case. The educational opportunities we are now able to provide give us the ability to offer new career choices to Tribal Members and people in the Northwoods," said Dr. Fralick.

What's next? "We continue to grow in the number of patients we serve," he said. "Our fees are competitive with area dental offices, and we accept Medicaid. We have state-of-the-art equipment and our services continue to grow. We expect to have an oral surgeon on staff this fall, are planning to have a pediatric dentist and orthodontics in the near future and are increasing the development of our dental lab."

For Paco Fralick, an LdF Tribal Member, the vision is becoming a reality. "Now that the dust is settling, I can see we are reaching our goals," he said. "I feel really good about our future."



Welcome to the Tribe's new monthly newspaper

The Communications Office is pleased to have the opportunity to provide you with *Inwewin*, the Tribe's monthly newspaper. "*Inwewin*" is an Ojibwe word that means "Voice." Asema (tobacco) was passed and the name came forth out of thoughtful deliberation. The word "*Inwewin*" is an all-inclusive term. Just as we humans (Anishinabe) have a voice that conveys our thoughts, desires and emotions, so does all of Creation. When we hear the whistle of an eagle, the cry of a loon or the call of the wolf, this is "*Inwewin*."

In addition to the Tribe's monthly newspaper, you may also keep current on Tribal news by following us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LDFtribe) or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/LDFtribe).

Subscribe to our weekly *Inwewin* e-newsletter to keep up with new developments, birth announcements and the other exciting happenings with the Tribe.

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ELDERS SPEAK: Billy Schuman looks back

Inwewin recently caught up with Tribal Elder Billy Schuman over lunch at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant and enjoyed great conversation with a colorful piece of Lac du Flambeau history. Learning and sharing in these "small" moments are priceless. It's something we can all do, something we should take advantage of, and definitely something we shall treasure. Talking with our Elders can really bring us back to earth and can certainly put our own thoughts of "hard times" in better perspective. Bill and his wife, Rosetta, have six grown children and 10 grandchildren. Active in the community, Bill keeps busy by serving on the Tribe's Constitution Committee, and he and Rosetta spend a good deal of time caring for a teenage granddaughter.

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: I was born in Hayward, Wisconsin, at the Indian hospital. It is quite a ways away, 90 miles or so. That's where a lot of the kids were born back then.

Question: Did you go to school at the "Indian" school (government school) or did you go to the public school?

Answer: I went to school where the casino is now; it was a big school. All the white kids went to where Simpson's is. I remember on Thursdays they used to have movies at the school. Us kids would go down there. They always had cowboys (laughs) and The Three Stooges anyway; they had western shows and I remember the Indians would have the wagons surrounded, really shooting the heck out of them and

then all of a sudden, you would hear that bugle in the distance, over the hill would come the cavalry. You know, all us kids stood up (claps his hands together in applause); you know that's what those teachers taught us. What that did was try to make us live the white way more. They took the whole class to the Indian Hospital in Hayward, probably the second or third grade. Took all of us, about 32 kids, on a bus over there and cut our tonsils out.

Question: Everybody? Why did they do that?

Answer: I don't know. Never had a test or anything, never seen a doctor or anything before that. Took us over there and carved them out. Another thing they did was took us all to Bayfield to a TB (tuberculosis) sanitarium. Took a bunch of us up there right to the hospital and we were exposed to TB. We could look there in the bed and see people laying there half-dead. I think one of the kids caught TB, Mary Ella Big John. But that was the government, to see if we would catch it. That was dirty, you know. If a kid had head lice, caught it, they would shave their hair, everything off. They put DDT (dichlorodiphenyl trichlo-



roethane) powder right on our heads, it was just white. You'd breathe it in. We didn't know, though.

Question: What was it like here growing up as a kid?

Answer: Oh fun, a lot of fun. We didn't do drugs, you know. We used to go to school barefoot, in the spring time anyway. I grew up where Mary Ashe lives now. Mary's my sister. We had base-

ball teams; I think we had three of them. We were the Mud Lake Hens. We couldn't think of a name. But we played baseball. We'd meet two, three times a week and play at the old baseball field. Everybody had an outhouse. We had woodstoves in the kitchen. I cut wood with one of them old saws, all winter long.

Question: I heard there were hard times here years back. What did you do for work?

Answer: I was a roofer, worked for a roofing business. I worked for old man Maulson, Alex Maulson. And I cut pulp in the winter. We didn't have no hard times. If there were hard times, I didn't notice because I was too busy working. The hard times were for the people who weren't working or didn't want to work. You'd find there was always a job someplace. I think the social system, the welfare department, is too lenient now.

Question: I know you've run your own business for a number of years. What did you do? What was the name of your company?

Answer: In 1971 I started my own business, Schuman Logging. We had \$1 million worth of equipment. We had three

trucks and we covered five states: Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. I don't know how in the hell I could go in there and BS my way, but I did it. The insurance on each truck was \$5,000 and I never saw them, but it was great. The business went on until 2003 or 2004, probably. We started out logging with one chainsaw. I borrowed a saw from Tom Maulson for one month. As we made money, I bought a new saw. When I gave the saw back, I put a new chain on and sharpened the blade. That's how I started it.

Question: I know you are on the Constitution Committee. What made you want to become involved with the Constitution Committee?

Answer: Time to change the government for the better, to get rid of the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs). The U.S. government gives the BIA billions of dollars and they keep it. Those billions of dollars could go directly to the tribes. We're working on Article VIII to get rid of the Secretary of Interior, who has to approve every issue. I think we need to change the whole constitution. I try and explain that to people, but sometimes they don't understand.

Question: If you could give a message to the young people today, what would it be?

Answer: Not to drink and use drugs. Right now, it's everything is OK for them (to use drugs and alcohol). It's no good for them; it causes a lot of trouble. Alcohol is a big factor, too. I used to drink a lot and never knew how much that affected my family until I went to a treatment center and they taught me that. It's really a shame.

Question: In closing, what are your hopes for the Tribal Membership?

Answer: There are a lot of answers, too many almost. I would say to get rid of the drugs, that having our young people get an education, and to have strong leadership.

Boxing Club takes part in American Indian National Boxing Tournament



The Lac du Flambeau Tribe sponsored a group of young men, led by coaches Jerome "Booj" LaBarge, Ira Frank and Gabe Thompson, to participate at the American Indian National Boxing Tournament in Milwaukee on Sept. 7, 8 and 9. The tournament was held in conjunction with this year's Indian Summer Festival at the Henry Maier Festival Grounds on the shores of Lake Michigan. "Boxing helps in all areas of life. The majority of boxing is psychological, with the biggest obstacle being preparing and getting up the nerve to get in the ring," said Coach Booj LaBarge. A total of 14 youth attended the tournament - and as a bonus, got to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Indian Summer Festival. Pictured from left to right, back row, are head coach Jerome "Booj" LaBarge Jr., Edmond Broeffle, Estabon Beson, Jesse Armstrong, Dennis Thompson Jr., John Allen Jr., Christopher Houle, M'sabe LaBarge, Evan LaBarge and assistant Ira Frank. In front are Jerome Thoms and Richard Allen. Not pictured are Allizay Doss, Alvarado Doss, Gabe Thompson and Jamison Thoms.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to our Elders who are celebrating October birthdays.

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| Michael Starr 10/2 | Carl White 10/20 |
| Colin Hockings 10/3 | Wallace Christensen Sr. 10/20 |
| Marilyn Daley 10/3 | Eleanor Denning 10/22 |
| Emery Potvine Jr. 10/10 | Katherine Hamilton 10/22 |
| Marshall Teschner 10/10 | William Kuckkahn 10/22 |
| Rose Dowd 10/10 | Margaret Chosa 10/23 |
| Marjorie Greene 10/11 | Roberta Wildcat 10/25 |
| John Chapman 10/14 | Daryl St. Germaine 10/25 |
| Phillip LaBarge Sr. 10/14 | Edith Clement 10/26 |
| John Thompson 10/14 | Camille Poupart 10/27 |
| Roberta LaBarge 10/16 | Linda LaBarge 10/27 |
| Frank Young 10/16 | Glen Wewasson 10/28 |
| Vera Perry 10/18 | Frank Meshigaud 10/29 |
| Frederic Poupart Sr. 10/19 | Patricia Hrabik-Sebby 10/30 |
| Philip Saglin 10/19 | Bernard Williams 10/31 |
| Bernice Scott 10/20 | |

CONSTITUTION UPDATE: Rebuilding Native Nations

Rebuilding nations is a theme that is sweeping many Native communities across the country and Canada. Boilerplate constitutions that the United States government delivered to Indian Tribes in the 1930s and 1940s have proven to be a colossal failure for the people they were supposed to protect. Many Indian people believe that these constitutions were nothing more than a tool in the federal government's attempt to assimilate Native people into mainstream society. Many Tribes are realizing the effects of the outdated documents and are determined to reform their constitutions to reflect the needs of their people.

Federal Indian policy has long been a game of control, divide and conquer. Blood quantum, organizational structure and policy are issues on nearly every tribal reservation where boilerplate constitutions are still used. Tribes are becoming more sophisticated, having reaped the benefit of years of gaming revenue and increasingly educated memberships. With the success of financial independence come increased responsibility and a myriad of issues which arise out of those successes. Often, questions that arise in one particular section of the constitution spill over and affect other areas of Tribal government and operations, consequently hindering progress of the Tribe as a whole and causing contention among the Membership.

Constitution Committee on a mission

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe and the Constitution Com-

mittee have been working to educate the Membership on how the current constitution has created issues related to class, citizenship and government functionality. The Tribe's Constitution Committee has held a series of educational sessions, working diligently with attorneys from the Rosette Law Firm (which is a Native American owned and operated firm employing Native lawyers) to inform the community and gather public opinion on the proposed changes to the constitution. The goal is to create a living document that will more closely reflect the needs of the membership.

The committee, after several years of researching problem areas of the current Tribal constitution, has developed a roadmap to change. The Constitution Committee clearly identifies those areas of concern and lays out an easy to understand, step-by-step plan to make the proposed changes in a concise, timely manner.

Why is an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution needed?

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a sovereign Indian nation that has a natural, inherent right to create, draft and amend the Tribal Constitution. Currently, federal approval is required to amend the Constitution. Under the existing Constitution, the federal government must approve an election to amend the Constitution. Once an election is held, the federal government must then approve (or deny) the

amendment - even if the Membership voted to approve the amendment.

The current process for amending the Constitution is very lengthy and costly because cost of the election is borne solely by the Tribe, and final approval for the amendment and the election must be approved by the federal government. Moreover, the current process of federal approval (or denial) is repugnant to the inherent rights of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe and its Members' right to self govern as a sovereign nation.

The proposed amendment to Article VIII was created by the Constitution Committee and revised after five community educational sessions. The Constitution Committee understands the challenges and would like to acknowledge all of the participants and community members who offered opinion, guidance and support in drafting the proposed changes. A new round of educational sessions will help to finalize the proposed amendments and solidify a timeline for which the process will follow.

The next educational session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the LOTC Convention Center. Sign-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. All Tribal Members and Descendants are invited. Members who are 21 years and older will receive \$20 free play; Members under 21 will receive a free buffet ticket. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Jack at (715) 892-8728.

LdF Construction Company is focused on profitability, growth and sustainability

On Sept. 3, LdF Construction Company LLC began working on its inaugural projects. Just days earlier, the organization also took steps to join the carpenters and laborers unions.

Bill Beson, president of LdF Construction Company LLC, explained, "Becoming a member of the unions adds credibility to our firm, gives us a larger reach, provides structured skill enhancement training and will make it easier for us to compete for state and federal contracting opportunities. It makes good sense."

Competing for state and federal projects is part of LdF Construction's business plan. "We want to be a major player in the commercial and industrial

construction marketplace," said Beson. "We will begin by performing all of the Tribe's capital improvement projects. This will help us build the company's balance sheet and our capacity to enter into new markets."

Robert Elm, LdF Construction's project manager, is excited about the new business, and his passion and experience in the construction field are evident. "Our mission statement is to deliver the best value, quality and service in the construction industry," he said. "Having a Tribal construction company has been a dream and vision of mine. I ran my own business. The ups and downs can be hard to handle. I want the stability this is offering



LdF Construction Company's initial field crews completing their employee information packets. Left to right: Frank Schuman, Karl Theobald, Cody BigJohn, Gabe Thompson, Ryan St. Germaine, Fritz Schuman, Nick Chapman, Joel Cobb and Gary Maki. Not pictured: Robert Elm (Project Manager), William Krause and Ray Zimmerman.



Left to right: Lorraine Smith, Gerald Yarie, Bill Beson, Joni Theobald, Mark Kramer, Robert Elm and John Higham at the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

me, and now I can concentrate my efforts on a few things I can be good at."

"Bob is a key member of our management team. Any business needs top talent if we're going to meet our goals. We've selected quality field personnel that possess the work ethic, skills and experience we need. This isn't just a job - we're providing career opportunities," said Beson.

The projects that LdF Construction LLC started in early September included renovating three Tribal homes that will be used for emergency housing for Tribal

Members.

"We are exploring MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) and DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) status, which will give us a competitive advantage. We will be well positioned to capture future opportunities. We are a for-profit business unit of the LdF BDC, and we are focused on profitability, growth and sustainability," Beson explained.

"The Tribe has never had a construction company; we are setting a precedent. This is history in the making," said Elm.

Data shows lower instances of child abuse in families whose children attend Early Head Start

FROM ZAASIJWAN TRIBAL HEAD START



Researchers from Portland State University and Harvard University uncovered data showing that children who attend Early Head Start were far less likely to be victims of abuse.

The study, published a couple weeks ago in Medical Xpress, pored over 13 years of data involving 1,247 low-income families, half of whom attended Early Head Start and half of whom did not. The researchers analyzed the amount of times that the families were reported to child welfare agencies over the 13-year period. What they found is that families whose children attended Early Head Start were significantly less likely to be reported to the agencies.

The Early Head Start program was established in the mid-1990s to serve children ages 0-3 years. Like with the traditional Head Start program that began in 1965, Early Head Start goes far beyond just educating young children on their ABCs, but instead focuses on the whole child philosophy. That philosophy aims to involve the entire family in the development of the child. The program includes training on topics such as nutrition, stress-

reduction, physical health and mental health.

What this study suggests is that Early Head Start helps families overcome some of the challenges that can lead to child abuse, such as ignorance, stress and extreme poverty. So when families leave the program, they are set on a positive path for the future that lasts many years.

Head Start is based on the "whole child" philosophy that embraces several areas: nutrition, physical and mental health, parent involvement, social services for families and early childhood education.

Nutrition

Like air and water, food is a basic necessity of all living things. But it's not just food that's important, but also which food. Without proper nutrition, we can't even start on any other facet of the whole child philosophy. Children who are fed a poor diet can find it difficult to concentrate and may exhibit behavioral problems. The Head Start program is often the first opportunity for a child to learn about and receive proper nutrition. And it's the ideal time to refresh parents on the topic as well, something they may not have thought about since grade school health class.

Physical health

Children today spend more time sedentary than any other generation before them. Going hand-in-hand with lessons about nutrition are lessons about the im-

portance of physical activity. Luckily, most children love to be active and play with other children. They just need to be given the opportunity.

Mental health

Head Start teachers can often recognize behavioral problems that might be dismissed or go unrecognized at home. It's important to bring concerns to a parent's attention immediately so that steps can be taken to help the student as early as possible. Also, each Head Start program should advise teachers on how to recognize bullying and how to intervene.

Parental involvement

One study has already confirmed that parental involvement is one of the most enduring benefits of the Head Start program. What we want to do is make sure that we are continuing to engage parents directly in their child's education as much as possible.

Social services for families

Head Start programs across the country are on the front lines of social struggles at the most micro-level possible, the family unit. While sweeping declarations like "a down economy" might be the headline on the nightly news, Head Start programs see the direct effects on children and their families. As a result, Head Start is the logical funnel through which access to social services can pass.



Early childhood education

That's right, the one thing that Head Start programs are known for is actually just one part of their overall mission in the community. But it's certainly an important part. For the last several decades, Head Start has shown 27 million families the "window of opportunity."

For more information, contact Zaasijwan Tribal Head Start at (715) 588-9291 or visit the website at www.ldfheadstart.com.

Tribal Early Childhood Program for Expectant Families, Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers

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VSGRG program helps families

Raising a second family is not easy. When balancing your life, you are presented with financial, physical and emotional challenges, and you may get the feeling that you have no time for yourself.

The Volunteers Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (VSGRG) program offers services for grandparents and for any Tribal Elder who is raising extended family members. This includes aunts and uncles raising nieces and nephews.

The VSGRG program offers a variety of services for Tribal Elders including respite care, assistance with housework and assistance with transportation. VSGRG also helps connect Tribal Elders with other services including child welfare, counseling and screenings.

The program is grant funded and coordinated by Kim Moser at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. A key component of the program is volunteers.

If you are a Tribal Member and serve between 10 and 40 hours per week, you are eligible to receive the following benefits while serving the community:



- \$3 per hour honorarium,
- mileage reimbursement,
- paid training and
- recognition at dinners, community events and recreational gatherings.

This is your opportunity to develop lasting relationships, enjoy new experiences, help your community, keep active and involved, and put your compassion into action.

For more information on how you may receive services or volunteer with the VSGRG program, call Kim Moser at (715) 588-1002 or email her at kmoser@glitc.org.

Continuing an ancient tradition



Biskakone ricing on an area lake.



"While Simpson Electric Company, chartered in 1934, is a firm with a distinguished past, it is just as much a firm with a bright future. The famous 260 Volt-Ohm-Milliammeter put Simpson on the map and cemented a reputation for quality and reliability.
From the company's website, www.simpson.com

As we met dozens of the 70 employees located in the main building and at the plastics facility, it became evident that the workers truly take pride in their work.

The majority of employees at Simpson Electric have been with the company at least 25 years, several transferring to Lac du Flambeau when the Elgin, Ill., facility closed. "In 1985, Simpson Electric was purchased by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. The Tribal Council made the purchase to preserve the existing work force and to create a more diversified economy for north central Wisconsin." From www.simpsonelectric.com.



Simpson Electric has a proud and illustrious history. "The development of a special two-movement, cross-pointer instrument... they became known in Simpson plants, were built during the war... equipment where dependability was crucial, and by prim... film, released in the summer of 1995, needed to replica... contacted Simpson and obtained permission to use our... readings were critical for the safe return of the Apo...



as importantly an organization with a dynamic present and a definite reputation for quality that still defines Simpson in the marketplace today." www.simpsonelectric.com.



In the 1960s saw Simpson Electric as part of the American space program by demand for the Apollo missions. In all, 14 different types of 'the NASA meter,' as part of the Apollo program. They were used in the spacecraft, for ground support by the contractors working on the aerospace frontier. The makers of the Apollo 13 ground control rooms and training facility locations with historical accuracy. They are now products. Some controllers were shown in a panel and an ammeter, whose Apollo 13 crew, was displayed in close-ups." *From www.simpsonelectric.com.*



Inwewin toured Simpson Electric and met many of the loyal, long-term employees who maintain the standards set by Ray Simpson. This Tribal business continues to serve businesses throughout the world, providing quality products and excellent customer service

Lauranne Poupart, director of operations, led the tour of the company which is located in the former Lac du Flambeau Public School building. "Ray Simpson always had an affinity for the Lac du Flambeau area in Wisconsin and held a special interest in the Chippewa Indian residents. In 1946, Simpson purchased the old school in Lac du Flambeau and converted it into the Simpson Electric main plant." *From www.simpsonelectric.com.*



Today, Simpson Electric has customers around the world. Orders are received from Africa, Australia, Canada, China, Japan and the United States. The intricate work done by employees is an art, requiring a steady hand and complete precision. "We are still one of the major meter manufacturers in the market," said John Popenhagen, the plant supervisor at the plastics facility and a 20-year employee.

When asked why they have stayed with Simpson Electric for so many years, several longtime employees shared the same answer: "I like the work. I like the people - we're like a family," said Lauranne Poupart.

GETTING TO KNOW THE COUNCIL: Gus Theobald

Council members, like many of us, lead extremely busy lives and have many daily obligations. So when Gus Theobald stopped by the Inwewin office, we took the opportunity to lock the door behind him and ask him a few questions.

Charles, or Gus as many of us know him by, is always on the go. Whether he's working with young people at his day job as cultural activities coordinator, practicing traditional Ojibwe hunting and gathering in his off time, or taking care of his family at home, Gus seems to understand the daily struggles of the average working family.

"I would say supporting our Tribal Members, especially those Members who are out there contributing to our community in whatever they can, whether it be ceremonially, health and wellness, education, employment or housing, is one of my main objectives as a council member. Our directors and supervisors within our tribal enterprises need the support of our Tribal council. Our employees are our homemakers so to speak, but we do also have Tribal Members who are struggling with certain vices and they need our support too, and when they come to us, we help them if we are able to."

Knowing the issues in the community is key when carrying out his responsibility as a council member. When it comes to the needs of the community, he refers to the current Tribal constitution and how it should reflect the people it governs. "We need constitutional reform. It is important that people understand the need to make changes that will improve our tribal government and strengthen our self-sufficiency," said Theobald.

When focusing on his duty as a legislator, Gus has his sights set on several initiatives, with one being more jobs for young adults. "I would like to see



more job opportunities for our youth, especially in the natural resources area, others as well, but specifically natural resources because that's where we live, in the Northwoods," Gus shared. Treaty rights are another priority in his position as a council member and he isn't shy in expressing his feelings on the matter. "We need to support continued gathering in the ceded territory and make sure that the state, as well as the U.S. Government, abide by and obey every character in our treaties." His concern for treaty rights and interest in the environment have led him to become involved on a larger scale, having been appointed as a representa-

tive to serve on the Voight Intertribal Task Force.

The Voight Task Force is a committee that researches and recommends policy regarding treaty harvest seasons, resource management issues and budgetary matters to the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Board of Directors. In addition to his work on the Voight Task Force, Gus is also a tribal representative on the Wisconsin Tribes Conservation Advisory Council.

Theobald believes many of the answers to issues facing the Tribe and Tribal government lay within the minds of the membership. "I was at one of the

last tribal budget meetings and one of the attendees brought up the idea of having a three-year budget or multi-year budget plan." In doing so, Theobald believes much of the turmoil and tumult surrounding the annual budget process can be alleviated by instituting a mid- to long-range budget cycle. He says a longer budget cycle would lead to improved financial management, the ability for long range-strategic planning, and better program monitoring and evaluation. Theobald spoke of linking operative and capital activities in financial planning as a key to success. He thinks a longer timeframe between budgets would be beneficial in maintaining reserve funds, identifying structural imbalances between revenue and expenditure trends and would free up Tribal government so they can focus on what their ultimate job is: creating and instituting policy.

"I also believe the budget should be handled by an administrative team and then brought to the council for approval. Maybe we need to create an administrative team to handle it. Even if it means our administrators and directors get together in one big room and get their budget together and then bring it to the council and membership to look at, instead

Student writers wanted



Inwewin invites middle school, high school and college students who have a passion for writing to join us in sharing the good news happening in Lac du Flambeau. We are seeking volunteer students to share their writing ability with our readers and submit their stories for publication. We are seeking students interested in covering sporting events, Tribal Council meetings and events occurring in our community.

If you are interested in joining us, send a letter of interest explaining why you would like to write for Inwewin. You may email us at communications@ldftribe.com, or mail to the Tribal Communications Office, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, P.O. Box 67, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

of having the council doing it. I've researched different places that do that, both tribes and big companies, and they seem to be doing really well. Our tribal enterprises are like one big company," added Theobald.

Aside from his day job and the complexity of being a council member, Gus is an avid outdoorsman who tries to live as close as he can to traditional practices and ceremonies. He is active in many cultural activities such as hunting, spearing, ricing and gathering. For the past several years he has worked with Jerry LaBarge in constructing a spring sugar camp where students and young people can learn and practice this traditional form of making maple sugar and syrup. He is also a seasonal wild land firefighter for the Department

of Interior and has battled wildfires in Alaska, California, Montana and other states.

When asked what the one thing was that he'd like to see more of in the Lac du Flambeau community, Gus responded, "In one word, positivity. I went to a football game here in Lac du Flambeau at the grade school and it was beautiful. Things like that are what make our community great!" He understands how easy it is to dwell on the negative but also would like people in the community to look at the good things Lac du Flambeau has going for it. Reflecting on the football game he attended, Gus said, "There were four different teams out there, everyone was having a good time. Things like that are what we need to focus on."



Thunderbird Park update

Most of the site prep has been completed and the asphalt for the new basketball court has been poured. The installation of the new playground fixtures has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of September. It is extremely important that no one enter the area during this time. The equipment will not be safe to play on and no safety base will be installed until the end. Safety fencing will be installed around the area until the park is safe to use. We appreciate your help with ensuring none of our children try to play before it is safe. If you have any questions, please call Nicole or George at the Tribal Roads Department at (715) 588-9630.

Anishinaabe Manoomin Ikidowinan

THE LAC DU FLAMBEAU OJIBWE LANGUAGE PROGRAM



- 1.) Manoomin _____ rice _____
- 2.) Anishinaabe Manoomin _____ wild rice _____
- 3.) Jiimaan (an) _____ canoe(s) _____
- 4.) Bawa'iganaatig (oog) _____ ricing stick (s) _____
- 5.) Gaandakii'iganaatig (oon) _____ push pole (s) _____
- 6.) Abwi (in) _____ paddle (s) _____
- 7.) Agonde-apishimon (an) _____ boat cushion (s) _____
- 8.) Manoomin mashkimod (an) _____ rice bag (s) _____
- 9.) Nooshkaachinaagan (an) _____ fanning basket (s) _____
- 10.) Woshkaachinaagan (an) _____ fanning basket (s) _____
- 11.) Manoominikaang _____ In the rice bed (place) _____
- 12.) Manoominikaaning _____ In the rice bed (place) _____
- 13.) Manoominashk (oon) _____ rice stalk (s) _____
- 14.) Manoominikeshiihn (yag) _____ rice bird (s) _____
- 15.) Gid ayaan _____ ina? [_____ Do you have? _____]
- 16.) Hehn, Nind ayaan _____ [_____ Yes I have _____]
- 17.) Gaawiin Nind ayanziin _____ [_____ No I don't have _____]
- 18.) Nim bawa'am _____ I am knocking rice _____

- 19.) Gi bawa'am _____ You are knocking rice _____
 - 20.) Bawa'am _____ He is knocking rice _____
 - 21.) Ni gaandakii'ige _____ I am push poling the boat _____
 - 22.) Gi gaandakii'ige _____ You are push poling the boat _____
 - 23.) Gaandakii'ige _____ He is push poling the boat _____
 - 24.) Gi gii bawa'am ina bijiinaago? _____ Did you knock rice yesterday _____?
 - 25.) Hehn, nin gii bawa'am bijiinaago _____ Yes I knocked rice yesterday _____
 - 26.) Gaawiin nin gii bawa'anziin bijiinaago _____ No I didn't knock rice yesterday _____
- dakobijigan(an) = bundles of tied rice stalk

Geodesic greenhouse is an example of how aquaponics works

If you've driven past the Tribal Natural Resources building, you probably noticed "the dome" next to the beach at the campground. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), led by Annie Radke and a group of dedicated individuals, has been constructing a geodesic, off-grid, greenhouse.

The geodesic greenhouse will focus on growing native fish and plants. Implementing aquaponics, the dome will cultivate perch and walleye, as well as native plants that will be relocated to areas damaged by invasive species.

Why a geodesic greenhouse?

"This will help people understand that there are economical, sustainable methods for food security. This is a community that incorporates sustainable technologies. If people want to do this themselves, they now have an example," said Annie.

With changing climates and concerns about food purity, aquaponics offers an alternative to outdoor gardens. Aquaponics is the combination of aquaculture (fish farming) and hydroponics (growing in a



cycling water system). The fish fertilize the water, the bacteria convert the ammonia into nitrogen for plant food, and the rocks and plants in the grow bed filter the water for the fish. The system uses about

10 percent of the water normally used in soil gardening.

The dome is built with long-lasting materials, is powered by a windmill and will have geothermic heat, allowing the entire

facility to be self-sustaining (off-grid). The dome is covered in SolaWrap, an innovative bubble film for greenhouses that transmits 83 percent of light. Domes circulate air well, reducing the need for fans, and allow year-round growing.

The geodesic dome is being funded through grants received by the LdF Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. In collaboration with Harvest Pathways, LLC, the TNR hosted a "Build Your Own Small Scale Aquaponics System" seminar in August. Approximately 50 people attended the seminar and received small aquaponics systems to take home. When asked about the seminar, Annie said, "We hosted this seminar to get people talking about food purity and food security. Aquaponics is simple – it's all about water, fish and food. We wanted to share with people the long-term benefits of self-sustainability and how easy it can be to start."

To learn more about the dome or the aquaponics system, email Annie Radke at aradke@ldftribe.com. You may also learn more about aquaponics by visiting www.aquaponicseasy.com.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Boozhoo,

The start of school signals the end of one season and the coming of another. As summer draws to a close, our thoughts turn from long, sunny days to crisp mornings and the colorful display Mother Earth puts on this time of year. Time goes by so fast that sometimes we forget to stop for a moment to appreciate all the good things we have to be thankful for. I am lucky that I have a family to go home to at night. Let's start living more like we should - like we are - as family.

Your youth are one of our most precious resources. This is why our Tribal council has made education one of our top priorities. From Kindergarten through 12th grades and our college students, our Membership deserves every opportunity to succeed in this world. We are working with the public school here in Lac du Flambeau and Lakeland Union High in Minoqua to ensure our children are attending regularly, meeting the expectations of the learning institution and receiving the very best education they can. Each family's obligation is to create leaders for tomorrow and we want to help do that. Giikendasowin Education Director Joni Theobald is doing a fantastic job at making higher education attainable for our Members and Descendants. She continues to work tirelessly and is putting together a series of skill trades classes here in Lac du Flambeau. The final details are being ironed out for the Youth Build Program, which will offer technical training right here on our reservation.

Our LDF Construction Company is in full operation. Bill Beson, Jr. and Robert Elm have assembled a crew of qualified, dedicated construction workers to take on the first of many projects for the company. You may have seen them working on the old Johnson-Wewasson home on the corner across from the casino. They are also rehabbing the old Bobidosh Point home as well as a home on Arnold Stock Road. Once these homes are complete, the Tribe and its programs will work with families in crisis to provide a suitable living environment for those in emergency situations.

Some of you who live on our reservation may have seen we have a new park being constructed. Thunderbird Park behind the post office, between WaSawGon Street and Chicog Street across from the Chippewa Housing Authority, has been completely redone. A new lighted basketball court is complete and the playground area is nearing completion. The project began in July and is expected to be



done by the end of September.

The council is working with administration on presenting a new budget for Membership approval. There are many concerns out there about our Tribal finances, and rightfully so. Our council continues to fight in the "bigger" world to hold state and federal officials to their word. We, along with other Tribal leaders, recently met with Governor Walker's secretaries and members of his administration in Milwaukee to make sure our voices are heard at the state level. No one has ever moved forward in life by sitting at home, and the same is true for our Tribe. Our council is continually trying to expand our businesses and find new ways to better the lives of all of our Tribal Members. The Menominee Nation has been granted federal approval to proceed with their plans to build a casino in Kenosha. This is great news as we continue to pursue a gaming complex in Shullsburg. We need to support each other as Indian people and find ways that we can all benefit from expanded off-reservation gaming. No one Tribe should stand in the way of another Tribe's prosperity.

Our Tribe is close to finalizing plans to market our own brand of gasoline. You may have read previously about the possibility of building a new store and gas station here in Lac du Flambeau, and this is just

one piece of that plan to increase our revenues. We are also planning on meeting with the City of Elgin to see what possibilities there are for business opportunities in northern Illinois. The Tribe owns land in Elgin and we want to make all of our investments work for us.

I also want to mention that the Tribal Council supported a group of youth boxers from Lac du Flambeau in attending a Native American boxing tournament at Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee this past month. Our boys did a good job in representing the Tribe and conducted themselves like true gentlemen. We look forward to seeing these young men move upward in the world and in life, and encourage them to follow their dreams.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that winter isn't far away. We have to make sure to stay diligent in our ways: ricing, hunting, gathering and sharing the fruits of our labors with one another. It's the traditional way. Sometimes we stray from that path, but we always seem to find our way back home. It's up to all of us, every Tribal Member and Descendant, to make our Tribe successful. In doing so, we all can live happier, healthier lives. And remember, take some time to slow down and enjoy these last warm days of the year!

Miigwitsch,
President Tom Maulson

Affordable Health Care Act

FROM THE HEALTHCARE.GOV WEBSITE:

On Oct. 1, 2013, there will be a new way to get health coverage: the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Plans in the new marketplace will be offered by private companies, and every health insurance plan will cover a core set of benefits called essential health benefits. You'll be able to compare your options based on price, benefits, quality and other important features. More people than ever will qualify to save money on private insurance coverage.

You'll also learn whether you qualify for free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Fill out one marketplace application and you'll see all the programs you qualify for.

Whether you need health coverage or have it already, the health care law offers new rights and protections that make coverage fairer and easier to understand. Some rights and protections apply to plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace or other individual insurance, some apply to job-based plans and some apply to all health coverage.

These rights and protections provide even more choice and control over your health coverage when key parts of the law take effect in 2014.

How the health care law protects you:

- Creates the Health Insurance Marketplace, a new way for individuals, families and small businesses to get health coverage
- Requires insurance companies to cover people with pre-existing health conditions
- Helps you understand the coverage you're getting
- Holds insurance companies accountable for rate increases
- Makes it illegal for health insurance companies to arbitrarily cancel your health insurance just because you get sick
- Protects your choice of doctors
- Covers young adults under 26
- Provides free preventive care
- Ends lifetime and yearly dollar limits on coverage of essential health benefits
- Guarantees your right to appeal

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBAL MEMBERS?

If you have not been able to obtain health insurance, you will now receive free health insurance coverage. In addition to the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act, there are now more things in place to help you.

The Peter Christensen Health Center and the Tribal Economic Support Office are working together to assist Tribal Members in applying for the Affordable Health Care Act coverage. Lea Morgan, Hilary Valliere and Mary Chapman participated in training in September to serve as navigators for the new program.

At this time, it is unknown what coverage will be available for Descendants. As more information becomes available, the PCHC, Economic Support and the Tribal Communications Office will update you.

Tribal Election Board

The Tribe's Election Board has been keeping busy! In August, they coordinated the budget referendum. On Sept. 3, they coordinated the primary election, and on Oct. 1, they will coordinate the general election. In addition to their election duties, they are also working with Richard Jack and the Tribe's Constitution Committee.

The Election Board is currently comprised of eight Tribal Members including Kristin Allen (secretary), Jamie Armstrong (chair), Germain Chapman, Ardella "Tula" Christensen, Myra Doud, Marsha Poupart, Ernestine Rodriguez and Jeanne Wolf.

The mission statement of the Election Board is to conduct fair and impartial elections in accordance with Lac du Flambeau's constitution and election code, to coordinate all primary and general elections, and to coordinate referendums.

Members of the Election Board are appointed by the Tribal Council for a term of three years. When a term is complete, Members can re-apply to continue their service. Members receive a stipend for attending meetings and for their work during elections.

Inwewin had the opportunity to talk with three Election Board Members – Myra Doud, Kristin Allen and Tula Christensen. When asked why they chose to serve on the Election Board, each had a common drive to serve the Tribe. "I started going to council meetings and getting involved with people that I missed over the years. I guess I started to care when things began to affect my children and grandchildren," said Myra Doud.

"I wanted to serve the people by being on committees. I found this very interesting and challenging, and know we have a lot of responsibility. We must be fair and honest, and keep our personal feelings to ourselves. We were selected to do a job," added Tula Christensen.

"I didn't know much about the Election Board, but I wanted to learn about the process and contribute to my community," said Kristin Allen.

In addition to election duties, the Board is working with the Tribal Constitution Committee on Article VIII. The Election Board will be conducting the secretarial election for the amendment of Article VIII to the Constitution now overseen by the BIA. The amendment of Article VIII will take away oversight of the constitution from the BIA, and the Election Board will oversee all referendum elections when amending the Constitution. Rosette Law Firm, LLP, is acting as advisors for updating the elections code, as well as assisting the Constitution Committee in updating the Tribe's constitution.

"The goal in updating the elections code is to have a code that works for the Tribe; to have a more explanatory and better working document for the community. These documents should last longer than us – three to four generations into the future. We serve as the drafters, and the Election Board serves as the policymakers," said Ken Akin, a lawyer with Rosette.

"I love the challenge. It's very interesting and very important," said Tula.



NOTICE OF

TRIBAL GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that a **GENERAL ELECTION** will be held in the Village of Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, on **October 1, 2013** for the purpose of electing Tribal Officers:

SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND FOUR (4) COUNCIL MEMBERS
(This is for a two (2) year term).

According to the Constitution and By-Laws: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Any member of the Tribe who is eighteen (18) years of age or over and who presents himself at the polls on Election Day shall be entitled to vote.

Tribal Code, Chapter 11.112(1), states: (2) The winning candidates in the primary election shall be the candidates for Tribal Council with the eight (8) largest vote totals and the candidates for each officer position with the two (2) largest vote totals. The candidates winning the primary election shall be placed on the ballot for the general election. The following candidate names will appear on the Official Ballot for the General Election:

SECRETARY:

Jamie Armstrong

Victoria A. Doud

TREASURER:

Barry LeSieur

Mary Peterson

COUNCIL MEMBER:

Racquel Zortman Bell

Terry "Fred" Allen

Betty Jo Graveen

Eric Chapman, Sr.

Joseph G. Wildcat Sr.

Alice K. Soulier

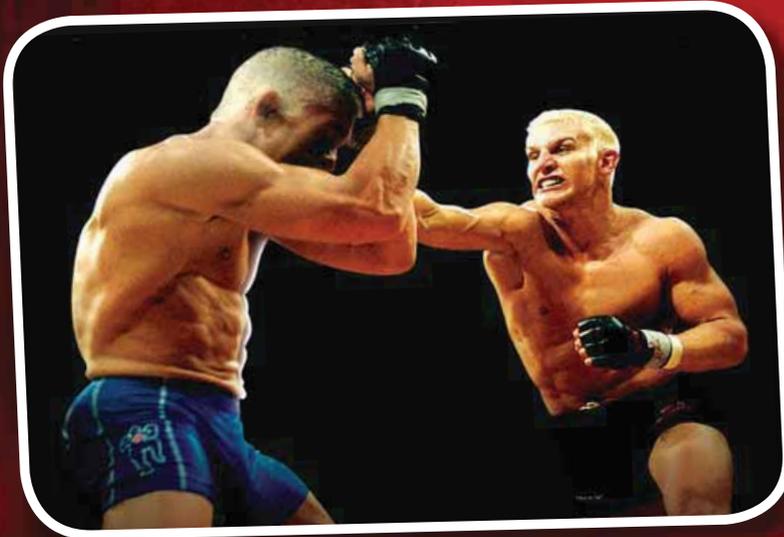
Henry "Butch" St. Germaine Sr.

Vivian "Luci" Wolfe

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